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## The Lessons of 9-11

ANNAPOLIS, MD (September 11, 2018)—If you listen to the news these days, you would think America's going to hell in a handbasket. We don't seem to agree on anything. Even worse, many politicians on both sides of the aisle seem to have forgotten how to govern with grace, and disagree with civility. They attempt to ignite personal slights or minor disputes over policy into full blown crises, and the media is only too happy to pour fuel on the fire. It's gotten out of hand.

So on this anniversary of 9-11, it's fitting for all American's to take a deep breath, and remember a few simple things about who we are. First, the strength of America comes from our people, not from our politicians. On 9-11, you didn't see many politicians at ground zero; you did see thousands of "ordinary" Americans rushing to the aide of their fellow citizens, without any thought for their own safety. Second, whenever the chips have been down, "ordinary" Americans have never failed to do the extraordinary things necessary to ensure our country not only survives, but prevails. And finally, we ordinary Americans are extraordinarily dedicated to the safety and well-being of each other, and the love of liberty that unites us all.

First, last, and always, the strength of America is us; ordinary Americans who've always risen to the occasion to do extraordinary things. That's been true throughout our history; it was never more apparent than on 9-11; and it's still true today.

Keep the Faith. America is us, and America is strong. We won't let each other down. We never have.

Warm regards,

*Del. Herb Mcmillan, an airline captain, represents Annapolis in the House of Delegates.*



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## Advocates Ask Hogan to Revise Animal Antibiotics Regulations

By HARRISON CANN  
Capital News Service

ANNAPOLIS, Maryland (Sept 4, 2018)—Representatives from more than a dozen public health and environmental organizations met in Annapolis Tuesday to deliver public comments urging Gov. Larry Hogan to revise and strengthen regulations on the routine use of antibiotics in animals.

The 2017 Keep Antibiotics Effective Act was enacted, without Hogan's signature, to curb the use of "medically im-

portant" antibiotics on animals that aren't sick, according to the legislation. The Maryland Department of Agriculture, however, opposed the bill and this year released draft regulations that some health advocates say don't clearly define routine use.

Advocates from the Maryland PIRG, Sierra Club, Nurses Association and more, concerned about antibiotic resistance, submitted more than 1,000 public comments asking Hogan to maintain and bolster the regulations from the 2017 bill.

Tuesday was the last day of the public comment period for draft regulations. Regulations could be finalized as early as Sept. 18, advocates said.

"We must act now to protect these lifesaving drugs for fu-

ture generations," Emily Scarr, Maryland PIRG director, said. "Governor Hogan should strengthen the Department of Agriculture's proposed regulations to ensure antibiotics are reserved for when they are needed most: for sickness and surgery."

Hogan's press office was not able to be reached for comment, and the state agriculture department did not return a request by press time.



PHOTO BY HOWARD FLETCHER/  
CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE

**Pat McLaine, member of the Maryland Nurses Association, speaks at Lawyers Mall in Annapolis on Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2018. McLaine and other public health advocates spoke out against the routine use of antibiotics in animal agriculture.**

## 2018 CIAA Football Report Week #1

By GREGORY GOINGS  
Bowie State Sports Information

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (Sept 4, 2018)—The Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) along with the conference head football coaches and Sports Information Directors released its first Weekly Honor Roll of the season and **Bowie State sophomore John Robinson** along with seniors Amir Hall and Lansana Sesay were three of those selected. **Johnson was voted as Offensive Lineman of the Week**, Hall was tabbed Quarterback of the Week and Sesay was named Receiver of the Week.

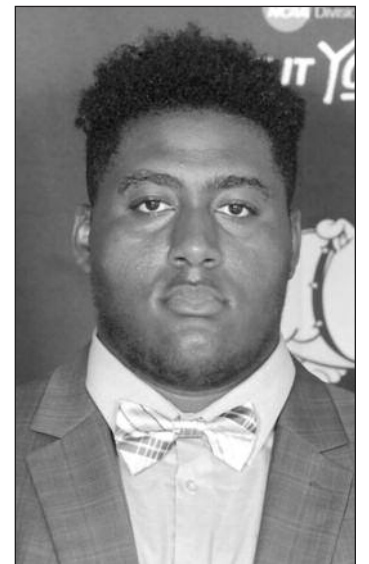


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SPORTS INFORMATION

For the week ending September 2, 2018.

**OFFENSIVE LINEMAN OF THE WEEK**

**#66 John Robinson, Bowie State (So, OL—Uniondale, NY)**

**Robinson graded out as Bowie State's top offensive lineman versus Wagner College, helping the Bulldogs account for 456 yards of total offense on Thursday (8/30) night.**

## Gov. Larry Hogan Announces School Accountability Initiatives

*Vows to Reintroduce Accountability in Education Act of 2019, Create Education Accountability Office to Increase Oversight of School Systems*

By PRESS OFFICE  
Office of the Governor

ANNAPOLIS, MD (Sept 4, 2018)—On the first day of school in classrooms across Maryland, Governor Larry Hogan announced a series of initiatives to ensure accountability in state school systems, including an executive order creating an Office of Education Accountability. The governor also vowed to reintroduce legislation in the 2019 session of the Maryland General Assembly to create an independent Investigator General to investigate allegations of corruption, mismanagement, and criminal conduct in Maryland school systems. The governor was joined by Lt. Governor Boyd Rutherford and Dr. Karen Salmon, State Superintendent of Schools, to make the announcement, as well as education advocates and school officials.

"Our state spends more than \$6.5 billion dollars every year on K-12 education. With that kind of state taxpayer money invested in the local systems, our taxpayers, parents, teachers, and especially our students have the right to expect—and they deserve—more accountability, better local management, and the strongest oversight possible," said Governor Hogan. "We are continuing our fight to improve Maryland local schools, as well as our fight for accountability in local school systems because the status quo simply is not good enough for Maryland's children."

During the 2018 legislative session, Governor Hogan introduced the Accountability in Education Act of 2018 to address widespread accountability concerns from parents, students, and teachers involving school systems across the state due to recent and repeated allegations of wrongdoing, corruption, and mismanagement. Despite the administration's efforts and the strong backing of parents and education advocates, the proposed legislation was never brought to the floor for a vote.

On the first day of the 2019 legislative session, the governor will reintroduce legislation to create an Office of the State Education Inspector General, an independent unit of the Maryland State Department of Education that will be independently chosen by a commission consisting of appointments made by the governor and the presiding officers of the General Assembly. The new office will be charged with investigating complaints of unethical, unprofessional, improper, or illegal conduct in our schools, and will have the ability to obtain information by subpoena and hold hearings.

To take immediate steps toward attaining the transparency, integrity, and accountability that Maryland parents, teachers, and students deserve, Governor Hogan signed Executive Order 01.01.2018.21 establishing the Office of Education Accountability, an independent watchdog that will be housed in the Governor's Office for Children. The governor named Valerie Radomsky, a former Baltimore County Public Schools teacher, as director of the office. Most recently, Radomsky served as the chief advisor

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If nothing else, *Dog Days* is proof that funny people can turn a bland formula into something watchable, even jaunty.

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#### Earth Talk

Dear EarthTalk:

You never hear anything about ozone depletion anymore. Have we solved this problem and if so why can't we get a handle on global warming as well?

—Lia Smith, Reno, NV

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# TOWNS and NEIGHBORS

## In and Around Morningside-Skyline

by Mary McHale 301-735-3451

### 20th Annual Women's Conference at Suitland Road Baptist

Suitland Road Baptist Church invites the women to their annual Women's Conference on Saturday, Oct. 20, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Minister Beatrice Y. Smith and Sister Sheila Hayes will be speakers.

The 2018 theme is The "I Am" God. (*"I am The Almighty God; walk before me."* Genesis 17:1)

The fee is \$30, which includes materials and lunch. Make checks payable to SRBC and mail to 6412 Suitland Rd., Suitland, MD 20746. Payment deadline is Sat., Oct. 13. For more information, call 301-219-2296 or go to [www.srbcoutreach.org](http://www.srbcoutreach.org).

Come, be blessed by God's Word, Praise and Worship, Thoughts of Encouragement, and Lunch.

### Welcome Baby Corbin!

Deon and Ana Roberts, of Skyline, have a new son, Corbin Allen, who was born Aug. 9 weighing 7.3 oz. He is the little brother of Cortez and Cory Little.

Ana is not only Corbin's mom, but she is a teacher and Skyline's new Social Media Manager. She will create a website, email account and a Facebook account for the Association. Her family moved to Skyline two years ago. She writes, "Since our move my husband and I have been pleased with the community, the people, and are looking forward to being active members."

### People

The Redskins came to Joint Base Andrews on August 23 for the fifth annual Walk-through Practice session. Team memorabilia was sold, later to be signed by favorite players.

Hugh Gardiner IV, Vincent "Cap" Mona and J.R. West will be the honorees at a reception & silent auction, dinner and recognition program at the Greater Waldorf Jaycees Community Center on Oct. 13. All proceeds benefit Loyola on the Potomac Retreat House in Faulkner. To secure a Sponsorship or reservation, call Alice Case, 301-392-0819.

Stan Holmes continues as President of the Skyline Citizens as they head

into their 49th year. (Whoever thought we'd be around so long?) Other officers are Dennis Loufik, 1st vice president; Kenia Spivey, 2nd vice president; Ashby Harmon, treasurer; Alice G. Ward, corresponding secretary; Betty Cottrell, recording secretary and Suzanne Kenney, administrative assistant.

### Academia

County Exec Baker joined Dr. Monica Goldson for lunch with the students on the first day of school, Sept. 4, at Dr. Henry A. Wise Jr. High School in Upper Marlboro. Dr. Goldson is the new Prince George's County Public Schools Interim C. E. O.

Dr. Henry A. Wise Jr. is now the high school for Morningside and Skyline. Probably Morningside's first high school was Suitland, followed by Crossland and Central. (There might have been others.)

### Bomb call, overdose, auto fire are all in the report

For the month of August, the Morningside Volunteer Fire Department responded to 589 calls. Included in those stats were 11 house fires, 90 auto accidents, 15 assaults, 6 hit & runs, and at least a dozen other kinds of calls. They do great—and remember, they are all volunteers, well-trained volunteers. We are proud of them.

### Campfire, hot cider and scary tales

The Great Jack O'Lantern Campfire will warm you at Darnall's Chance Museum in Upper Marlboro on Saturday, Oct. 20, at 6 p.m. You are invited to bask in the campfire, enjoy marshmallows, popcorn and hot cider, and listen to haunted Halloween tales. The fee is \$5 (cash only) per person, under 4 free. Reservations are not required. For information, call 301-952-8040. Rain date is Oct. 21.

### Halloween in Morningside

Halloween will be celebrated on Oct. 31 with Trick 'r Treating, followed by the traditional Morningside Halloween Costume Contest.

### Teacher, tennis player, patron of the arts, Betty Lepesqueur dies at 86

Visitacion "Betty" Lepesqueur, 86, who taught 28 years in the Prince George's Schools, died May 17. She was born in Manila, Philippines, one of 13 children. With a Fulbright scholarship, she earned her master's at Columbia University. It was there she met her future husband, Raymond, at a Valentine's Day dance in 1967. As the obit says, "He pursued, she resisted, he persisted." Last May 4 they celebrated their 50th anniversary.

They settled in Tantallon and Betty began teaching, ending her career with ten years at Francis T. Evens, next door to Joint Base Andrews. She was Sodality Prefect at St. Mary's of Piscataway, President of the Southern Maryland Arts & Antiques Assn. and a host at the Surratt House in Clinton. She had many more interests including tennis, culinary arts, theater and world travel.

Betty is survived by her husband Raymond August Lepesqueur, daughters Michele and Eloise; two grandsons and seven siblings. Mass of Christian Burial was at St. Columba in Oxon Hill, with burial at Resurrection Cemetery.

### Milestones

Happy birthday to Kenny Clark, Sept. 14; Elnora McCall, Sept. 15; Dolores McDonald, Steven Warren and Yolanda Dooley, Sept. 16; Kimberly Brewer, Everett Mason, Jr. and Joan Stakem, Sept. 17; Lee Burkhart, Sept. 20; Linda Holbart Van Meter, Karen Rooker and Teresa Kessler, Sept. 22; Elizabeth Long, Mary Kilbride and Raymond Short, Sept. 23; Dottie Arehringer, Amy Schlor and Peg Richardson, Sept. 24; Alice Lucke, Sept. 27 and Judy Hansel Waby, Sept. 27.

Happy 15th anniversary to Sal and Kathy (Blankenship) Biberaj on Sept. 14, and to Ken and Janet Kaye on their 64th, Sept. 25.

Mary McHale will be away. Her column "In and Around Morningside-Skyline" will resume in two weeks.

## Brandywine-Aquasco

by Audrey Johnson 301-888-2153

### DESTINATION UMES

On October 24, at 5:00 p.m., join the UMES National Alumni Association, and the Greater Annapolis, and Washington Metropolitan Area Alumni Chapters. You will learn more about navigating your future at UMES. Destination University of Maryland Eastern Shore 29th Annual Meet and Greet for admitted and interested students will be held at Bowie Comfort Inn Conference Center, 4500 Crain Highway, Bowie, Maryland 20716. Be the one to SOAR HIGHER.

Our graduates take it to the next level by pursuing careers that drive our economy and support our communities. With a University of Maryland Eastern Shore Degree in aviation, business, construction management, criminal justice, engineering, health professions, hospitality, tourism and more, you can be prepared to soar. Visit [www.umes.edu](http://www.umes.edu), or call UMES Admissions at 410-651-6410 for more information.

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday to Jane Perry, Osayi Omoregbe, Chidinma Mbakwe, Nancy Curtis, Mariama Davies, Kamille Sims, Ronald Jones, Pam Stahl, Donna Cain, Norman Noel, Alexis Proctor, Clarkie Kinard, Elijah Knight, Kirk Samuel, Beonie Pearson, Idena Thomas, Karen Taylor, Curt Falby, Annie Cokes, James Dorsett, Kizzy Savoy, Umaru Davies, Rebecca Mosley and Paul Jeffrey Kerrick who are Clinton United Methodist Church members celebrating birthdays in September.

### SEPTEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Wedding Anniversary to Kevin and Jazzmyn Simons, Franklin and Joyce Isaac, Jose and Daphne Rojas, Wade and Gloria Garrett, Ted and Rebecca Mosley, Ronal and Evangeline Crawford, Owen and Audrey Johnson, Adrian and Shellie Sims who are Clinton United Methodist Church members celebrating Wedding Anniversaries in September.

### BADEN DAY

Come celebrate Baden Day at the Baden Branch Library Saturday, September 29, 2018 from 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. There will be a Book and Bake Sale, Sneaks the Cat, entertainment, super heroes, and more. The library will be open. Age group Elementary (5–12 years). The Library is located at 13603 Baden Westwood Road, Baden, Maryland 20613.

### INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY

Clinton United Methodist Church Annual Revival hosted by the Evangelism Ministry will be Friday, September 21

through Sunday, September 23, 2018. Our theme this year is "Refreshing God's Household". Our guest Speaker for Friday, September 21 will be Brother James Smith. Saturday will be praise and worship with our very own Clinton United Methodist Men. On Sunday we will have guest preachers for both services 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Clinton UM Church is located at 10700 Brandywine Road Clinton, Maryland 20735. Rev. Dorothea is our Pastor. Church office number is 301-868-1281.

### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

New Hope Fellowship United Methodist Women welcome Bishop Latrelle Easterling, our very own Resident Bishop of the Baltimore Washington Conference as keynote speaker for their Annual Prayer Breakfast on October 27, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Donation is \$30.00.

The Breakfast will be held at their Family Life Center, 15601 Brooks Church Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772. Rev. Constance C. Smith, Pastor. For additional information please call 301-275-2544 or email Wanda Contee: [wandacontee201338@gmail.com](mailto:wandacontee201338@gmail.com) or Debra Proctor: [deeproctor3@gmail.com](mailto:deeproctor3@gmail.com).

### NOTTINGHAM MYERS CHURCH

Birthday greetings to Catherine Brown, Corbin Parker Toombs, Todd Johnson, Matthew Montgomery, James Wilkerson, Pamela Parker Toombs, Jasmine Pinkney, Catherine Watkins, Alicia Young, Alice Brooks and Alexis Champion who are Nottingham Myers Church members celebrating birthdays in September.

Happy Wedding Anniversary to Cary & Kim Montgomery, James and Katie Wilkerson who are Nottingham Myers United Methodist Church members celebrating wedding anniversaries in September.

### CHANGE THE WAY YOU AGE

You can obtain a free community Center/Fitness Room ID card if you are a resident in Prince George's County. There are six senior activity centers in Prince George's County. The Senior Activity centers offer a wide range of services and programs for age 60 and older. Recreation classes, social activities, day trips, special events, educational classes are offered during operating hours. For details about senior activities, visit [pgparks.com](http://pgparks.com) or send an email to [seniors@pgparks.com](mailto:seniors@pgparks.com).

## Around the County

### Prince George's County Family Justice Center Receives Forensic Medical Examination Equipment From Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

The equipment will assist with examinations for sexual assault and rape victims

By PRESS OFFICER

Prince George's County MD

UPPER MARLBORO, MD (August 31, 2018)—With a united commitment to serving the citizens of Prince George's County, four local alumnae chapters of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., donated medical examination equipment to the Prince George's County Family Justice Center, an initiative of the Circuit Court. The state of the art equipment will allow the Prince George's County Family Justice Center to provide Sexual Assault Nurse Examinations (SANE) to survivors of rape and sexual assault.

On Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at 5:30 p.m., the organizations officially unveil[ed] the forensic examination room at the Prince George's County Family Justice Center located at 14757 Main Street, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772.

"While the overwhelming majority of victims of domestic violence and sexual assault are women, these issues cannot be viewed solely as a gender-based problem," says Denise C. McCain, Director of the Prince George's County Family Justice Center. "Men play a significant role in this fight and are vital to efforts toward change. I applaud the men of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. for their leadership and commitment to making a difference."

With the state of the art equipment located on-site in the Prince George's County Family Justice Center, clients will be able to receive

services immediately. Moreover, it furthers the Prince George's County Family Justice Center's goal of facilitating services in an efficient and holistic manner.

"I would like to thank the members of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. for outfitting the examination room with the forensic medical examination equipment," adds Ms. McCain. "These instruments are critical in providing comprehensive services to our clients. We look forward to this ongoing partnership as we continue to support the Prince George's County community."

The Prince George's County Family Justice Center (PGCFJC), an initiative of the Circuit Court, is a multi-disciplinary service center. The PGCFJC provides a full array of co-located services for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking and elder abuse. Identified as a best-practice, this new and innovative model enables local government and private community-based organizations to collaborate and provide coordinated case management services designed to address the immediate and more systemic social welfare needs frequently encountered by survivors in the aftermath of abuse. Services are provided through a coordinated, collaborative and holistic model by a team of 22 on-site partners. This approach enhances a survivor's access to critical resources and streamlines the process by bringing services together in a practical way, one that makes the path to safety for survivors and families clearer.

### Bowie State Volleyball Opens Season with 3-1 Road Win at Washington Adventist

By GREGORY GOINGS

Bowie State Sports Information

TAKOMA PARK, Md. (Sept. 5, 2018)—It is good wins don't have to look good because Bowie State volleyball had a battle on their hands in the season opener, edging Washington Adventist 3-1 (23-25, 25-21, 26-24 and 25-20) on Wednesday night.

The non-conference match featured 12 lead changes, 30 ties and tremendous hustle play on both sides of the net. Bowie State begins the season 1-0 while Washington Adventist is even at 1-1 on the early season.

Sophomore Oladia Menchaca (Largo, Md.) and fellow sophomore Chelsea Beaudoin (Upper Marlboro, Md.) paced the Bulldogs with 12 and six kills each. Menchaca had a match-high 27 attacks and added eight digs and one block while Beaudoin chipped in a match-high five service aces and added seven digs. Junior Shalom Omo-Osagie (Baltimore, Md.) contributed five kills and a block in the win and

freshman Madison Marshall (Albany, N.Y.) tallied five kills on 19 attacks to go along with five digs.

Bowie State sophomore Bianca Tucker (Edgewood, Md.) led both teams with 27 assists to go along with nine digs and three service aces. Senior Kilana Jenkins (Bridgeport, Conn.) paced the Bulldogs on defense with a match-high 11 digs.

Amber Morman led the Washington Adventist Shock in kills (13) on 31 attacks, service aces (4) and blocks with three. D'Shane Blake was the Shock's setup artist, accounting for 14 of the teams 21 assists and tied for team-high dig honors with nine.

Bowie State begins conference play on Saturday (September 8) with a trio of games over the weekend. The Bulldogs open the CIAA Round-Up at 12 p.m. against Johnson C. Smith followed by a 6 p.m. matchup versus Livingstone. The Bulldogs will closeout the weekend with a Sunday (September 9) tilt against Winston-Salem State at 12 p.m. All matches will be hosted by Lincoln (Pa.) University.

### Preteen/Teen Girls Launch Businesses Through the GEMZ STE(A)M & Entrepreneurship Camp

The GEMZ is a leadership and mentoring program for young ladies between the ages of 11 and 18.

By PRESS OFFICER

The GEMZ, Inc

WASHINGTON (Sept. 5, 2018)—The GEMZ is fostering the growth of our young female generation with the latest installment of STE(A)M and Entrepreneurship Camp. The three-day camp, hosted July 19–21st in Greenbelt, MD, provided a unique program structure that integrates art, science, entrepreneurship and technology skills.

Several studies show that learning about entrepreneurship at a young age instills self-confidence and creativity, and ultimately pre-

pares them for the future. Programs like THE GEMZ provide exposure for young ladies to entrepreneurial adults, promote self-regulation skills, financial risk tolerance, and instills an innovation orientation in youth.

Sessions & workshops included as part of The GEMZ STE(A)M & Entrepreneurship Camp include:

- Fragrance Science Lab
- Introduction to Software Coding Workshop
- Business Development/Youth Entrepreneurship Workshop

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# COMMUNITY

## The American Counseling Association's Counseling Corner

### Talking About Drugs Is Part of Being a Parent

With the new school year just underway, it's an excellent time for parents to have a serious discussion with their children. No, not that awkward sex talk but a conversation even more important, one about illicit drugs and the dangers they represent.

With marijuana now legal, either medically or recreationally, in all but four states, it has helped reduce the negative stigma, especially for young people, that once applied to all drugs. For many teens, these changes in society may have them thinking that other drugs, whether illegal street drugs or stolen prescription pills, are probably okay as well.

With virtually every child exposed to illicit drugs these days, talking about the issue is a critical part of parenting. And it's a conversation that experts recommend starting as early as age five.

A five year old can understand, when given clear explanations by a parent, why substances like cigarettes, alcohol and household products can all be harmful, and why to never swallow a pill or anything else that mom and dad haven't given them.

For older children, parents should help a child develop a "plan of action" about what to do when confronted with drugs. Ask questions such as, "What would you do if a friend wanted you to try drugs?" "How would you feel about that person?" Listen to your child's responses without being critical. Try to gently lead him or her into thinking in appropriate ways about the situation, without criticizing or forcing your own ideas on the child. You want to ensure that your child has thought about drug-related issues, rather than being shocked or overwhelmed when drugs are encountered in the real world.

With teenagers, try questioning what drugs might mean to their lives. If a child is considering college or military service, discuss what effect drugs might have on achieving those goals.

Basic education about the problems and dangers that drugs can bring is an effective tool in helping your child, especially in light of the current opioid epidemic and increasing numbers of illicit fentanyl deaths.

Parental behavior also matters. Discard those left-over pain pills in your medicine cabinet. Keep tabs on prescribed medications. Be a good model. When children are aware that parents use drugs or drink heavily, it is hard for them to see why they can't do the same themselves.

*Counseling Corner is provided by the American Counseling Association. Send comments and questions to ACACorner@counseling.org or visit the ACA website at www.counseling.org.*

### GEMZ Camp from A2

- Voiceover Technology
- Introduction to TV Production
- Personal Branding

Some of the girls have already taken the skills from the camp to launch their ideas and set their business plans in motion.

Abby, 12, launched a business where she sells back-to-school supplies to parents who are busy. She's also working on building a website to provide information and resources for teenagers who are seeking volunteer opportunities in their community.

Another GEMZ participant, Tam, explained, "I learned that I can use what I love to do now to provide a solution to a problem I have noticed, and decided to start a business providing all-natural deodorants for kids. This helps to protect other teens like me from harmful chemicals and substances currently in most deodorants in the stores."

Several community partners and organizations stepped up to support the girls, including New Wave Foundation, BEACON DC, Walmart, Greenbelt Community Foundation, Music in Film and TV, and the City of Greenbelt.

*The GEMZ is a leadership and mentoring program for young ladies between the ages of 11 and 18. GEMZ's mission is to empower girls and young ladies through mentoring and programs focused on developing their self-esteem, life and leadership skills. Visit <http://www.makemegem.org/>*

### Accountability Initiatives from A1

for education policy to Comptroller Peter Franchot, and she has built extensive relationships with teachers, students, parents, board members, and education advocates across the state.

The office will be responsible for analyzing, coordinating, and providing recommendations on matters including procurement, child abuse, neglect, safety, grading, graduation requirements, assessments, educational facilities, and budgets. The director will also develop criteria for investigating matters based on systematic concerns related to fraud, abuse, waste, and unethical conduct. This includes the establishment of an anonymous electronic tip program to allow reporting of violations, which can be found at [governor.maryland.gov/school-survey-form](http://governor.maryland.gov/school-survey-form), which will be active when Radomsky assumes her position on September 12.

"Our children cannot and should not have to wait until next year—they deserve action right now," said Governor Hogan. "As we continue our fight for accountability in local education systems, our children desperately need someone to fight for their civil rights, and that is exactly what we intend to continue to do."

## Here Comes the Bus: PGCPS Introduces New Tracking App

*Download the new mobile app*

By PRESS OFFICER  
Prince George's County Public Schools

UPPER MARLBORO, MD (September 5, 2018)—Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) is encouraging parents to download the new Here Comes the Bus mobile app for bus locations and transportation updates.

"In today's technology-driven world, we want to provide parents with more information at their fingertips," said Dr. Monica Goldson, Interim CEO. "When you're wondering if your child's bus made it to school or when the bus will arrive, there's an app for that."

Here Comes the Bus uses global positioning system (GPS) technology to locate and track buses and offers real-time information on the exact location. Parents can track multiple buses and find out exactly when children arrive at school or home.

Parents can customize settings in the app to receive push notifications alerting them when the bus is near or advising of a delay or schedule change.

### How to Get Started:

- Download the Here Comes the Bus app from the App Store or Google Play.
- Once in the app, select "Sign Up" and enter PGCPS School Code: 87674.
- Create account.
- Add student(s) by last name and Student ID.
- Customize settings under 'Notifications'
- From desktop computers and mobile devices, log on to [herecomesthebus.com](http://herecomesthebus.com).
- For technical assistance, contact [herecomesthebus@pgcps.org](mailto:herecomesthebus@pgcps.org).

El sistema de las Escuelas Públicas del Condado de Prince George (PGCPS) alienta a los padres a descargar la nueva aplicación para celulares llamada Here Comes the Bus (Allá viene el autobús) para localizar las paradas de autobús y recibir actualizaciones relacionadas con el transporte.

"En el mundo de hoy que tan regido por la tecnología, queremos brindar más información a los padres, y queremos que esta información esté a mano", afirmó la Dra. Monica Goldson, directora ejecutiva en funciones. "Existe una aplicación para los momentos en los que se

esté preguntado si el autobús llegó a la escuela o cuándo llegará a la parada".

Here Comes the Bus cuenta con tecnología de sistema de localización global (GPS) para localizar y seguir los autobuses, y ofrece información sobre la localización exacta en tiempo real. Los padres pueden localizar múltiples buses y determinar exactamente cuándo sus hijos llegarán a la escuela o al hogar.

Los padres pueden personalizar la configuración en la aplicación para recibir notificaciones instantáneas que les avisarán cuando está cerca el autobús o si se produce una demora o cambio de horario.

### Cómo empezar:

- Descargue la aplicación Here Comes the Bus de la Tienda de Aplicaciones (App Store) o Google Play.
- Una vez accedido a la aplicación, seleccione "Sign Up" e introduzca el código de PGCPS: 87674.
- Crear cuenta.
- Agregue los estudiantes según su apellido y número de identificación estudiantil.
- Personalizar la configuración en "Notificaciones."
- Desde las computadoras y dispositivos móviles, también puedes acceder a [herecomesthebus.com](http://herecomesthebus.com).
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*September is National Preparedness Month*

## Marylanders Encouraged to Get Prepared; Get Involved By Joining Maryland Responds Medical Reserve Corps

By OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS  
Maryland Department of Health  
Office of Preparedness and Response

BALTIMORE, MD (September 5, 2018) — Now in its 15th year, National Preparedness Month, held annually in September, encourages families, businesses, and communities to prepare and plan for emergencies. In addition to general emergency preparedness, the Maryland Department of Health Office of Preparedness and Response encourages Marylanders to take steps toward public health preparedness.

**Be Informed.** The first step of preparedness is to be informed. There is no time like the present to learn what to expect and how to respond in emergency situations. The Office of Preparedness and Response website offers 24 fact sheets in nine languages to provide information on preparedness topics ranging from making a family emergency communication plan to preventing injuries after a storm or flood. Marylanders should become familiar with alerts, warnings, and local emergency services, and are encouraged to follow the Office of Preparedness and Response on Facebook and Twitter for critical updates and information.

**Make a Plan.** Knowing how to evacuate from your home, office, or school, and determining where to meet if your family becomes separated are crucial things to know in an emergency situation. Making a plan can prevent confusion and save valuable time during an emergency. Steps like writing and posting emergency phone numbers on your refrigerator, asking a friend or relative to be your out-of-town contact, choosing a shelter-in-place location inside your home, and talking to your child's school about family reunification plans are all additionally recommended by the Office of Preparedness and Response to ensure your family, coworkers, neighbors, and friends know your disaster plan. Residents should also practice their emergency plans on a regular basis.

**Build a Kit.** Creating an emergency kit for your home and vehicle enables residents to be prepared should they lose power or become stranded. Kits should include enough food, water, and medical supplies to last three to five days without help from others. Prescription and nonprescription drugs should be replaced regularly to ensure they are not expired. In case of flooding, insect repellent can be critical for preventing the spread of mosquito-borne diseases. Import-

tant documents, including prescriptions and medical records, should be kept in a waterproof portable container. If you have a pet, their supplies should also be included in the emergency kit.

**Get Involved.** One way Marylanders can take action in the community is by joining the Maryland Responds Medical Reserve Corps (MRC). This volunteer program enhances emergency preparedness and response capabilities across Maryland. The growing MRC has more than 5,000 members, including physicians, nurses, pharmacists, dentists, veterinarians, chaplains, students, retirees, and more. Membership is open to anyone 18 years and older who is willing and able to assist during an emergency, participate in annual exercises and drills, and support ongoing public health outreach initiatives. For more information and to volunteer, visit [mdr.health.maryland.gov](http://mdr.health.maryland.gov).

**Emergency preparedness is a shared responsibility.** Having prepared citizens allows first responders to focus their efforts on the most critical life-threatening situations. This September, please join the Maryland Department of Health in creating, reviewing, or growing your own personal public health preparedness plan.

## Cirque Dreams Unwrapped To Debut at Gaylord National Resort This Holiday Season

By RACHEL A. DINBOKOWITZ  
Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center

(NATIONAL HARBOR, MD (September 6, 2018)—Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center announced today that a brand new permanent holiday show, Cirque Dreams Unwrapped, will be added to its Christmas On The Potomac celebration from November 16, 2018 through January 1, 2019.

The show will take place in the center of the resort's 19-story garden atrium, surrounded by thousands of twinkling lights and its majestic 55-foot suspended Starlight Christmas tree.

Cirque Dreams Unwrapped is a spellbinding production of the holiday season's dreamings combining breathtaking artistry, music and showmanship from around the world. Composed by Cirque Dreams founder and Broadway director, Neil Goldberg, viewers will experience a 25-minute dazzling journey into the holiday-inspired dreams of a child. Audiences of all ages will be mesmerized as Cirque Dreams Unwrapped reveals a vibrant Christmas fable including spectacular costumes, soaring imagination, gravity defying feats and on-the-edge-of-your seat excitement.

"We are thrilled to be including the highly acclaimed entertainment show Cirque Dreams Unwrapped as part of our Christmas On The Potomac celebration," said Jenna Buck, director of special events at Gaylord National Resort. "Its visual and theatrical creativity set in our stunning Christmas-themed atrium will

create an even more spectacular holiday experience for guests of all ages."

An elaborate dream-scape and stage set surrounds each unique presentation of aerialists, acrobats and whimsical characters awakened by compelling music and spectacle. Presented with the Broadway flair and innovative theatrics Cirque Dreams is known for, this new addition to Christmas On The Potomac makes for the perfect holiday gift for the entire family.

Tickets are on sale now for guaranteed, up-close seating at \$19.99. There are limited free seats available on a first come, first served basis. Show times vary by day. Visit [www.ChristmasOnThePotomac.com](http://www.ChristmasOnThePotomac.com) for the complete schedule.

The addition of Cirque Dreams Unwrapped to Gaylord National's entertainment line-up continues to make Christmas On The Potomac

the Washington, D.C. area's largest resort Christmas celebration—including its famous ICE! attraction, featuring more than 2 million pounds of colorful ice sculptures.

For more information and to book tickets to Cirque Dreams Unwrapped at Gaylord National Resort, visit [www.ChristmasOnThePotomac.com](http://www.ChristmasOnThePotomac.com) or call 301-965-4000.

*Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center is the largest, non-gaming hotel and entertainment center on the East Coast, located along the banks of the Potomac River in National Harbor, Maryland and part of Marriott International, Inc.*

*About Cirque Dreams & Neil Goldberg: Since 1993, Cirque Dreams has integrated a robust knowledge platform combining theatre, circus arts and imagination into quality family entertainment and shows for Broadway, Norwegian Cruise Line, Gaylord Hotels, Armed Forces Entertainment, theatre tours, theme parks, casinos and venues worldwide.*



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# COMMENTARY

## Benjamin L. Cardin

United States Senator for Maryland



### I Will Vote Against the Confirmation Of Judge Kavanaugh as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court

*"I am as confident as the extreme groups that put forth his name for nomination that Judge Kavanaugh is inclined to turn back the clock on civil rights and civil liberties, voting rights, reproductive choice, equality, the Affordable Care Act, workers' rights, clean air and clean water, and protection from the abuses of corporate and political power."*

WASHINGTON (September 7, 2018)—U.S. Senator Ben Cardin (D-Md.) released the following statement at the conclusion of Judge Brett Kavanaugh's testimony in the Senate Judiciary Committee on his nomination to fill the Supreme Court vacancy left by Justice Anthony Kennedy. Senator Cardin was a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee for the hearings of both Justice Elena Kagan and Justice Sonia Sotomayor.

"What I have witnessed over the last few days has been a struggle between Republican efforts

to ram through a Supreme Court nomination—brushing off any and all criticism of the process and the nominee—and legitimately fulfilling a constitutional responsibility to provide 'advice and consent' to presidential nominees for the highest court in the land. Based on what I saw and heard—and more often, did not hear from Judge Kavanaugh—as well as his record as a judge and his writings, any reasonable person would have cause to be concerned, even fearful, of what lays ahead for the Supreme Court and individual civil liberties in this country.

"This entire process has been rushed and the hearing should have been postponed. I had joined my Senate Judiciary Democratic colleagues in asking that these hearings be postponed until we, the Senate, could have adequate time to review Judge Kavanaugh's full record, just as we did

during the confirmation process for all other Supreme Court nominees. I requested a meeting with Judge Kavanaugh before the hearings began so that I could talk one-on-one with him about my policy concerns. But the request was denied by the White House. The 42,000-page document dump the night before the hearings started was an especially egregious display of contempt for the constitutional process. Much of the documentation that should have been provided to the Senate still was not provided. I also agree with Ranking Member Dianne Feinstein that no Senate or committee rule grants the chairman unilateral authority to designate documents committee confidential and keep them from the American people. I was on the Judiciary Committee for the Sotomayor and Kagan hearings and I heard the calls from my Republican colleagues for more information and a need for full disclosure, which was provided. Those same colleagues now turn a deaf ear to the idea that the Senate should treat all nominees the same regardless of who controls the process.

"I do not and would not oppose Judge Kavanaugh's nomination simply on the basis that I am a Democrat and he is a Republican nominee. But I have spent the last few weeks talking with Marylanders about my concerns about this nomination, especially the hypocrisy of a confirmation process that is disconnected from Senate precedent. I cannot support Judge Kavanaugh based on (1) his judicial track record, (2) his partisan epiphany about whether presidents should

be investigated while in office after he investigated President Bill Clinton for Independent Counsel Ken Starr, and (3) what little we have seen of his White House record. I am concerned that Judge Kavanaugh is inclined to turn back the clock on civil rights and civil liberties, voting rights, reproductive choice, equality, the Affordable Care Act, workers' rights, clean air and clean water, and protection from the abuses of corporate and political power, including the President of the United States. President Trump himself promised a litmus test for his Supreme Court nominees, including reversing *Roe v. Wade*.

"Our Constitution created the Supreme Court as an independent check and balance against both the executive and legislative branches of government. It should not be a rubber stamp on presidential efforts to undermine the rule of law or the independence of the judiciary, self-pardon, or derail Special Counsel Mueller's investigation into Russian interference in our 2016 presidential election. The next Justice of the Supreme Court should not be predisposed to enrich corporations over consumers, or hollow out protections against abuses of power, as Judge Kavanaugh's record as an appellate court judge reveals.

"This confirmation process is a turning point in American history. I will be voting no on Judge Kavanaugh for the Supreme Court. I urge all my colleagues to think carefully, before they cast their vote, about the future of our nation and the American people. The consequences of their actions will effect this nation for the next generation."

## Marion Wright Edelman

President, Children's Defense Fund



### ChildWatch:

### We Must Stop Destroying Our Children

*"There is no doubt that it is around the family and the home that all the greatest virtues—the most dominating virtues of human society—are created, strengthened and maintained."*

Joseph Miles is 51 years old, but says he spends a lot of time today thinking about this quote by Winston Churchill because it helps him understand everything that was missing in his own childhood. Joseph is currently incarcerated and serving a life sentence. He is a regular participant and leader in SALT: Schools for Alternative Learning and Transformation, a participatory educational community inside Riverbend Maximum Security Institution in Nashville, Tennessee. Many SALT classes include students from local universities coming into the prison to learn alongside students who are residents of Riverbend. Rev. Janet Wolf, a Children's Defense Fund organizer, is one of SALT's founders.

In a recent workshop Joseph joined others in discussing the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) research which tracks the impact children's stressful and traumatic experiences can have on their adult health and opportunity including future violence victimization and perpetration. These experiences are an important public health issue, too often ignored.

Many incarcerated students spoke about how difficult it is for any student to fully capture the trauma and terror that defined many of their childhoods. And as importantly, what if the right resources had been available to help them then? Several shared their stories. This is Joseph's.

Joseph's father left his mother while she was pregnant with him, claiming the baby wasn't his. As he says, "It is my belief that my daddy's disloyalty to their marriage left my mother broken and blaming me for ruining their marriage. Over time, I believe she developed a hatred for me." His father alternated between refusing to see him at all and taunting him: "He would trick me by talking nice to me, and once I went to him with that little boy smile on my face, he would say to me 'you little ugly mother\*\*\*, get away from me, I ain't your goddamn daddy,' and he would continue that verbal assault until I was standing there crying and shaking in fear. Just imagine this big man with this strong voice yelling those words down on the little friable boy... The only time my mother ever hit me was when I cried after my daddy or for something he had promised me and did not do, and that was every time he picked up [Joseph's older siblings] and left me standing there crying. Eventually, to hear my daddy's voice would start my little body to shaking with fear."

As a child Joseph tried hard to stay on his best behavior because he thought that might make both parents finally love him. But he says everything changed on Christmas Eve, 1980, when he was 13. "My daddy had never given me anything but a

hard time, and a promise that I knew he would not keep. Nevertheless, he was promising to buy me a bike for Christmas, a bike that I wanted very much... My mother told me to stop talking about that damn bike because he was not going to get it, but I was so excited about it because he had bought my sister a bike, and I could not stop talking or thinking about my bike, or wait for Christmas Day. I needed to see my bike before I went to sleep." Joseph went to his father's house to try to peek at the gift he was so sure was waiting—but there was no bike, just his drunk, enraged father.

"He woke up and saw me through eyes red as fire and his voice was louder than I had ever heard it before and his words were terrifying as he called me all kinds of little ugly nappy head mother\*\*\*. Those words cut through my little heart unmercifully, paralyzing me with fear; I stood there shaking with tears streaming down my face. He got up off the bed, took me by my arm, walked me to the front door, opened it, and pushed me out of his house."

Then Joseph's mother found him walking home distraught. "I got in the back seat of the car and momma said to me, 'Shut your mother\*\*\* mouth!' I tried my best to stop crying but I could not. We got home and she told me to go to the back room and shut the door... My mother had a club that she carried around in her pocketbook. It was approximately 13 inches long and about 6 inches round at the bottom and it got smaller as you moved up to the top of it; it was shaped like a baseball bat. (How do I remember it so well? That night is forever etched in my mind)... Now, one would have thought this is where my mother would have consoled me as her child, but she attacked me as if I were her enemy.

"Momma said, 'Didn't I tell you to shut your mother\*\*\* mouth?' Before her words ended, she had hit me twice with that club. I crawled to the corner of the bed, and put my arm up to block the blow and she beat it down. I lay on that bed with my head taking every blow. 'Pop, pop, pop' was the sound the club made inside my skull as it struck my head. My sister stood in the door yelling for my mother to stop. The club continued striking my head, 'pop, pop, pop, pop... My eyes locked with my sister's eyes, and whatever she saw in me caused her to let out a loud piercing scream, and she grabbed the club from my mother's hand."

He says: "I realize now that all of my mother's rage toward me came out in that room that night, and if my sister had not followed my mother down that hall to that room that night, there is not a doubt in my mind that my mother would have beaten me to death. That beating left me traumatized and afraid of my mother, and determined to never again be anyone's victim."

In an instant Joseph's response to a lifetime of rejection and abuse switched from that of a child desperate to please to a young man determined to harden and protect himself at all costs. It was a life-altering moment—and one that put him on a destructive path for the next 15 years that ended with his incarceration and life sentence at age 28. That was 23 years ago.

Joseph looks again now at Winston Churchill's words: "That statement helped me to understand why there was so much trouble in my life as a child. Moral excellence was not taught in the house I was raised in... As a child [I was] beaten by my mother and bullied by my daddy for no other reason than loving my daddy. My parents' actions left me deeply scarred in my heart. I would carry this pain and suppress it with any and all other adversities that touched my young life. Eventually, that pain would be unleashed on the people in those streets and I would be judged as a bad child, with no one under-

standing, not even myself understanding that pain that was destroying me from within.

"I wish I could have met the person that coined this phrase: 'Sticks and stones will break my bones, but words will never hurt me.' I would like to tell him or her how detrimental that phrase became to many children, children who really needed help from people or the person who was bullying them, children who consciously or unconsciously, verbally or silently, to no avail, called on that rhyme as if it had some kind of mystical power that would fend off the verbal assault that was being inflicted upon them. Many children lost their way because of words that were so emotionally damaging and penetrating much deeper than a child understands, and in some cases, those words were directly responsible for children committing suicide, or the taking of human life. Sticks and stones will break your bones; however, words used in a destructive manner have and will continue to destroy lives."

How many children's lives are being destroyed right now without attention and help from any caring adult? How many children face teachers who don't know their students or stop to explore what they may be experiencing and instead focus only on their behavior, leading them to suspend or expel children from the classroom for days or weeks at a time? How many social workers or detention staff who welcome new children in their case-loads have the expertise and take the time to look at experiences that brought children into what we at the Children's Defense Fund call the Cradle to Prison Pipeline™ and then find them the help they need? How many of us as parents see friends of our children who we sense are hurting but don't ask why or try to get them help?

We must never give up on any child. It is never too late. Caring and love are always needed.

### Schools Need to Put a New Emphasis on American History

*'Ask yourself: Could my middle and high school students pass a citizenship test?'*

By JOHN GRIMALDI  
Grateful American Book Prize

WASHINGTON, DC (August 2, 2018)—Numerous news reports indicate that elementary, middle, and high schools are giving little attention to the study of American history, according to education consultant John Danielson.

Professor Katy Swalwell teaches courses in elementary social studies methods at Iowa State University. In an article she published at the National History Education Clearinghouse Web site, Dr. Swalwell noted that "the condition of history in the elementary classroom is one of great concern. History is rarely included as part of the curriculum and, if it is taught, relies upon a conventional and canonical perspective that ignores historical scholarship and excludes multiple perspectives. Our best hope is that current and future teachers become critical consumers of state standards and district-sponsored materials and see themselves as 'smugglers' of good history back into the school day."

It's shameful but true that less than 20% of young learners are proficient in U.S. history. More disturbing is a report issued by the Annenberg Public Policy Center that shows nearly 75% of Americans cannot name the three branches of government.

"There is a general lack of knowledge about our history; perhaps, that is the reason why political dissent has become more violent in recent times," says Danielson, a long-term colleague of former Secretary of Education Lamar Alexander. He also served as Chief of Staff for Education Secretary Rod Paige.

"Dissent, in itself, is not a bad thing. Skeptics like George Washington, John Adams and the other Founding Fathers put our nation on the road to a unique style of governance—a federation of states with a Representative Democracy. And, it took non-conformists such as Abraham Lincoln, Susan B. Anthony and Martin Luther King, Jr. to incorporate their visions of a better world to bring about much

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# BUSINESS AND FINANCE

## Social Security Matters

Ask Rusty:

### Social Security “Notch Baby” Seeks Restitution

By RUSSELL GLOOR,  
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Association of Mature American Citizens

**Dear Rusty:** My husband was a “notch baby” and has been collecting less Social Security than his brother-in-law who had a lesser profession. Is there any hope for correcting this? **Signed: Wondering and Hopeful**

**Dear Hopeful:** Well, the whole “notch baby” controversy has been simmering for a lot of years now and has even gotten the attention of Congress several times in past years. The term “Notch Babies” refers to Social Security beneficiaries who were born between 1917 and 1921 because they, as well as those born earlier, were caught up in an error made by the Social Security Administration when transitioning to automatic Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA) in 1972. An error in the new COLA computation, which resulted in beneficiaries being overpaid wasn't discovered until a few years afterwards. In an effort to resolve the issue Congress ruled that for those born before 1917 the higher (incorrect) COLA formula would continue to be used, and COLA for those born in 1917 or later would use a new corrected COLA formula. But bowing to public pressure, Congress later created a transition period which said that anyone born between 1917 and 1921 would get COLA according to a special formula which was not as generous as the incorrect one used for those born before 1917, but more generous than the corrected formula used for those born after 1921. And those born between 1917 and 1921 are referred to as “notch babies” (some lobbying groups have even expanded the term to include those born up to 1926). Nevertheless, most “notch babies” feel they are losing out because they didn't get benefits using the old incorrect COLA formula as did those born prior to 1917, even though the formula used to compute their COLA is more generous than for those born after 1921. Obviously, your husband falls into the “notch baby” category while his brother-in-law apparently benefited from the higher (incorrect) formula used for those born prior to 1917, presumably accounting for the disparity in their benefits. As for any “hope for correcting this,” Congress' view over the years has consistently been that there is really nothing to correct because those born between 1917 and 1921 are/were receiving COLA increases using the special formula which is more generous than for those born after 1921. Currently H.R. 867—The Notch Fairness Act of 2017 has 8 cosponsors and has been referred to the Subcommittee on Social Security, but little progress has been made in today's political climate focused more on reducing program costs than on raising them. So, I'd have to say that I doubt if legislation addressing this issue will be successful anytime soon.

The Association of Mature American Citizens (A.M.A.C.), <https://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 <https://amac.us/join-amac>.

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## Governor Larry Hogan Applauds \$504 Million End-of-Year Budget Closeout

\$144.2 Million Saved By State Agencies

By PRESS OFFICE  
Office of the Governor

ANNAPOLIS, MD (August 30, 2018)—Governor Larry Hogan today applauded the end-of-year budget closeout report showing that Maryland finished the fiscal year with \$503.8 million in unassigned fund balance. \$144.2 million of the total comes from money saved by state agencies, which is \$54.6 million more than estimated, reflecting the Hogan administration's careful management of state agency budgets. Additionally,

the state benefited from \$339.3 million in higher-than-anticipated revenues in the 2018 fiscal year, according to data released today by Comptroller Peter Franchot.

“These strong revenue and budget results are great news for our taxpayers and provide further proof that we are continuing to make living in our state more affordable and changing Maryland's economy for the better,” said Governor Hogan. “We are proud to be responsibly managing our state agencies, resulting in nearly \$150 million in savings that will benefit all Marylanders.”

In addition to the funds saved by state agencies, Maryland's revenues also performed better than projected in all four of the largest categories: personal income, corporate income, sales, and lottery.

“Our revenue growth, especially in the personal income, corporate income, sales, and lottery categories, show that both Maryland citizens and businesses are making and spending more money, illustrating our growing economy and further affirming that we have our state on the right path moving forward,” said Governor Hogan.

## Practical Money Matters:

### Is Credit Monitoring Enough To Keep Your Identity Safe?

By HUGH NORTON

Identity theft can be a time-consuming and costly hassle, but there are measures you can take to protect your personal information and avoid the headache. One tool that can help is credit monitoring. But what exactly does credit monitoring do? And more importantly, is it enough to keep you safe?

What is credit monitoring? There are a three primary national consumer credit bureaus, and you may have a credit report with more than one. Although the reports are often similar, they're not necessarily identical because some financial institutions only report data to one or two of the bureaus, and some don't report data to any of them.

At their simplest, credit monitoring services will look for potentially suspicious changes in your credit reports based on your prior activity and send you an alert if they detect an issue. These could include a new hard inquiry (when you apply for credit and a creditor checks your report) or a new account. Either could be an indication that someone is using your information to fraudulently open financial accounts.

They may also alert you to new public records, such as a bankruptcy, and to changes to the personal information section, such as a new name or address on your report.

Credit monitoring services can range in price and function. You can find the basic monitoring and alert services for free. However, they may only monitor one or two of your credit reports, so you could have to sign up for several to get full coverage.

Services that have a monthly or annual subscription fee may monitor your credit reports from all three bureaus. More robust identity monitoring services include additional features, such as fraud resolution assistance, reimbursements for lost funds or expenses related to identity theft and scanning the internet for your personal information. They may alert you if your info is used to open financial accounts that aren't generally on the major three consumer credit reports, such as a bank account or payday loan.

An alert may be too late, but it can still be helpful. Credit monitoring services are reactive by nature. If you're alerted that someone has tried to use (or successfully used) your personal information, then in a sense it's too late—you're already a victim of identity theft.

However, being able to react right away can help limit the damage because you can contact the companies to have the fraudulent accounts shut down. Additionally, there are steps you can take to help

minimize your risk of identity theft.

Ways to protect yourself before something happens. Unless you decide to live off the financial grid, you may not be able to completely protect yourself from large data breaches. But here are a few things you can do to help keep your personal information secure:

- Don't carry your Social Security card in your wallet, and only carry other documents with sensitive information (such as a Medicare card) when you know you'll need them.
- Generally, don't share your personal information if you receive an incoming call, even if the person claims to be from your bank or a government agency. Instead, tell the caller you will call them back and use the entity's actual number (which can usually be found on a bill, statement of account or website) to do so.
- Learn how to safely and properly dispose of computers, mobile phones and other electronics that may have your personal information on them.
- Place fraud alerts or credit freezes on your reports to make it more difficult for someone else to open an account in your name.
- Before throwing it out, shred or cut up material that has personal information, including old bank statements, credit cards and insurance forms.
- Install antivirus software on

your computer and keep it up to date.

- Avoid logging into financial accounts while using public Wi-Fi networks, including those at cafes or airports.
- Set and regularly update your password for your phone and computer.
- Use different, long passwords for your online accounts.

The Federal Trade Commission also has helpful articles and resources that you can explore to learn more about identity theft prevention and recovery.

**Bottom line:** At a minimum, having some form of free credit monitoring or making a practice of regularly checking your credit reports for suspicious changes could help you avoid major problems down the road. If you're concerned about identity theft, taking steps to secure your personal information and paying for a service that includes restitution assistance and reimbursements could be a good idea.

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## HEALTH & WELLNESS

### September is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

By COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE  
Mens Health Network

Prostate cancer is the most common form of cancer in men, striking approximately 165,000 men each year with about 30,000 dying of the disease—making it second only to lung cancer as the deadliest cancer in men.

Caught early, prostate cancer can be treated, usually successfully. But remember, in early stages, prostate cancer has no symptoms, so don't wait for “something bad” to happen to Get It Checked.

For almost 30 years, doctors have had a powerful weapon in their arsenal for detecting prostate cancer. In addition to the DRE (a physical exam allowing the doctor to feel the prostate), patients can have a simple blood test called a PSA (which stands for prostate specific antigen) that will detect a majority of prostate problems early. Since the PSA has been used, prostate cancer deaths have declined and the number

of successfully treated prostate cancer cases has risen.

During September—Prostate Cancer Awareness Month—Men's Health Network is urging men to talk to their healthcare providers about prostate cancer. They also encourage women to get involved and urge their husbands, fathers, brothers, and other loved ones to talk to their healthcare provider about prostate screening, including the PSA and DRE tests.

Let others know about the risks of prostate cancer and the potential benefits of screening. Posters, fact sheets, and a social media tool kit, for use at your place of worship, where you work, and for your fraternity or sorority, can all be downloaded for free at the [www.ProstateCancerAwarenessMonth.com](http://www.ProstateCancerAwarenessMonth.com) web site.

A federally staffed panel of experts, the U.S. Preventative Services Task Force (USPSTF), makes recommendations about screenings that healthcare providers look to for guidance.

At its meeting in May of this year, the Task Force recommended that men age 55–69 should speak to their healthcare provider about using the PSA test to screen for prostate cancer. But Men's Health Network, many other patient advocate organizations, and many healthcare providers don't think that goes far enough.

Men's Health Network urges the following men to talk to their healthcare provider about routine prostate cancer screening:

- All men over age 50, and at age 40 for African Americans
- Men with a family history of prostate cancer
- Veterans exposed to Agent Orange, and
- Men exposed to pesticides and certain other chemicals.

If you are on Medicare, prostate cancer screening is a part of your Welcome to Medicare physical, the free comprehensive physical exam you receive in your first year of eligibility. But you may have to ask for the “Welcome” physical since many healthcare providers don't seem to know about it. And, Medicare continues to cover

prostate cancer screening in following years.

For younger men, over 30 states require that insurance companies offering health insurance in their state provide coverage for prostate cancer tests. Insurance companies may offer prostate cancer screening in the remaining states, but are not required to do so.

And, know your numbers! When you receive your PSA test results, ask the healthcare provider what your PSA number is, write it down, and compare it against future tests. If the number goes up in future tests, talk to your healthcare provider.

The bottom line? Having an annual prostate exam, including a PSA test, just might save your life. No matter what age you are, that annual PSA test creates a benchmark to judge future tests against.

And ladies, if the men in your life don't want to make an appointment, do it for them—and drive them to the healthcare provider's office if you have to.

No insurance and limited funds? Watch for free screenings in your area. Many healthcare providers, hospitals, clinics,

and health fairs offer free prostate screenings in September and at other times during the year.

Take any opportunity you can to Get It Checked ([www.GetItChecked.com](http://www.GetItChecked.com)).

**Resources:**  
**Prostate Cancer Awareness Month:** [www.ProstateCancerAwarenessMonth.com](http://www.ProstateCancerAwarenessMonth.com)

**Prostate Health Guide:** [www.ProstateHealthGuide.com](http://www.ProstateHealthGuide.com)

**Get It Checked** (screening guidelines for men and for women): [www.GetItChecked.com](http://www.GetItChecked.com)

**Men's Health Network:** [www.MensHealthNetwork.org](http://www.MensHealthNetwork.org)

*www.ProstateCancerAwarenessMonth.com is managed by Men's Health Network (MHN), an international non-profit organization whose mission is to reach men, boys, and their families where they live, work, play, and pray with health awareness messages and tools, screening programs, educational materials, advocacy opportunities, and patient navigation. Men can learn more about their health through MHN's online resource center, [www.MensHealthResourceCenter.com](http://www.MensHealthResourceCenter.com).*

### Free Screenings On Mobile Health Clinic

By PRESS OFFICE  
Doctors Community Hospital

LANHAM, MD (September 4, 2018)—Visit the Wellness on Wheels (WOW) mobile health clinic to receive free screenings (diabetes, cholesterol and blood pressure) as well as medication reviews and education. For updated care locations, call 301-324-4968 or visit [DCHweb.org/WOW](http://DCHweb.org/WOW). (Most times are 10 a.m.–4 p.m.)

**September 17**—Shoppes at New Carrollton, 7898 Riverdale Road, New Carrollton, MD

**September 18**—Langley Park Senior Activity Center, 1500 Merimac Road, Hyattsville, MD (9 a.m.–1 p.m.)

**September 19**—Powder Mill Village Apartments, 3625 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, MD

**September 20**—Harmony Hall 10701 Livingston Road, Fort Washington, MD (10 a.m.–2 p.m.)

**September 21**—Victory Housing Inc. Health Fair One Veterans Place, Silver Spring, MD (9:30 a.m.–3 p.m.)



# OUT on the TOWN

## Get Healthy and Have Fun at Bowie's Annual Health Fair

*A day of fun and education for the entire family!*

By LISA DUAN, EDITOR

Free screenings, giveaways, lectures, activities, food, and entertainment are in store for you at the annual Bowie Health Fair, on Saturday, September 15 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The fair will be held at the Bowie Health Center, 15001 Health Center Dr., plus at other host sites. City of Bowie buses will transport attendees to the various fair sites.

The University of Maryland Capital Region Health in conjunction with their community partners will offer free health screenings, educational workshops, music, and a kids' fun zone. Many free health screenings are available on a first-come, first-served basis, including blood pressure, body mass index, cholesterol, EKG, glaucoma, glucose, hearing, and skin cancer. Interested in acupuncture, yoga, or Chinese tongue

reading? You'll find these offered, as well as cooking demonstrations, flu shots, and foot exams. For the kids, don't miss the magic show, the fun zone, and the Touch-a-Truck event.

Healthy cooking demonstrations and free samples will be available at Brookdale Woodward Estates. Or buy lunch at the grand tent or at the City of Bowie Gymnasium. Free smoothies will be available at Larkin Chase Center.

Free parking is available at the Bowie Gymnasium, Bowie Senior Center, Woodward Estates, UM Dimensions Surgery Center (back of Medical Office Building), Larkin Chase Center, with overflow parking available at the Bowie Town Center.

For more information, including a complete list of screenings, exhibitors, and activities, visit <http://www.bowiehealthfair.com/>.

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At the 2017 Bowie Health Fair, attendees browsed the exhibits, gained knowledge, and took advantage of free health screenings.



### Bowie Health Fair At-a-Glance

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## ERIC D. SNIDER'S IN THE DARK ... Movie Review ...

### Dog Days

Dog Days  
Grade: B-  
Rated PG, a little mild profanity  
1 hr., 53 min.

You know those Garry Marshall ensemble comedies like *Mother's Day* and *New Year's Eve*, where various strangers' lives intersect around a particular theme? *Dog Days* is like that, only not terrible! Not great, either, but it's sunny and tame and aimed at families, and at least the theme is dogs instead of something boring like mothers.

Here's what we're dealing with. Newly single Liz (Nina Dobrev), host of *Wake Up L.A.*, clashes on the air with a guest, ex-NFL player Jimmy Johnston (Tone Bell), and the public reaction is so great that Jimmy is instantly hired as her co-host. Liz objects—but then again, her dog was depressed after the breakup and has rebounded since meeting Jimmy's dog. (No, they don't bring their dogs to the morning show. What kind of sense would that make?? They coincidentally run into each other on a dog beach.)

Meanwhile, a slacker musician named Dax (Adam Pally) must tend his sister (Jessica St. Clair) and her husband's (Thomas Lennon) big shaggy dog while they recover from having twins. The experience teaches Dax a thing or two about responsibility, let me tell you. He lives in the same building as Tara (Vanessa Hudgens), a barista

who has the hots for a veterinarian (Michael Cassidy) who works across the street from her coffeeshop and whose schlubby affiliated animal-rescue coordinator (Jon Bass) has the hots for Tara.

Also meanwhile, Rob Corddry and Eva Longoria have adopted a sweet but quiet little girl named Amelia (Elizabeth Phoenix Caro) who only starts to come out of her shell when they find a stray pug. Unbeknownst to them, however, the pug belongs to a lonely old man named Walter (Ron Cephas

Jones), who misses his Mabel. A teenage delivery boy, Tyler (Finn Wolfhard), offers to help Walter search for Mabel when he's not busy studying (he's in school even though it's summertime, just go with it), and as it happens, the very subject Tyler is struggling with—English literature—is the very subject Walter used to teach!

The story is garbage, obviously, full of shameless contrivances and rom-com tropes, and the movie in no way subverts them. All crises are resolved happily, no dogs die, everyone gets what they deserve. But a funny thing happened when Elissa Matsueda's original screenplay was rewritten by Erica Oyama, veteran of absurdist television like *Childrens Hospital* and *The Eric Andre Show*: it got funny. Directed by familiar comic actor Ken Marino (who's

married to Oyama), the movie now has goofy throwaway lines, amusing peripheral characters (Tig Notaro as a deadpan dog psychologist, David Wain as a no-nonsense clown), and an air of general silliness.

And it does this without ever becoming a parody or stretching the PG rating. In fact, Marino and co. use the limitations to their advantage, mining comedy in one scene by having two characters talk about a pot-laced brownie in discreet terms because a child is listening. (You can picture that being the directive from the studio when they hired jokesters like Marino and Oyama: "Be as 'edgy' as you want, just pretend you're doing it in front of your kids.") If nothing else, *Dog Days* is proof that funny people can turn a bland formula into something watchable, even jaunty.



ROTTENTOMATOES.COM

From acclaimed production company LD Entertainment (*The Zookeeper's Wife*, *Jackie*, and *Megan Leavey*) and Director Ken Marino comes *Dog Days*. *Dog Days* is a hilarious and heartfelt ensemble comedy that follows the lives of multiple dog owners and their beloved fluffy pals around sunny Los Angeles. When these human and canine's paths start to intertwine, their lives begin changing in ways they never expected.

### Calendar Spotlight

#### Family Day and Read Aloud Saturday, September 15, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

Come celebrate National Family Literacy Month by joining us in the Douglass Reading Room for an educational "read aloud" and back-to-school giveaway. This program promotes literacy, cultural experiences, and historic preservation. Service-learning hours will be available for participation.

FREE, Register at <http://bdmuseum.maryland.gov/events/>

All ages welcome!

Banneker-Douglass Museum  
84 Franklin Street, Annapolis, MD 21401

410-216-6193, [Sabriyah.Hassan@maryland.gov](mailto:Sabriyah.Hassan@maryland.gov)

### OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



#### Banneker-Douglass Museum

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Located in Annapolis, the **Banneker-Douglass Museum** is the state's official museum of African American heritage. The facility works to promote African American history and culture, with a particular look at Maryland connections, through lectures, workshops, performances, and various exhibits to engage the community at large. The museum is open Tuesdays through Saturdays, from 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Admission is free, with scheduled guided tours and site rentals available for a fee. 2018 marks the "Year of Frederick Douglass," a celebration of the bicentennial anniversary of the birth of Frederick Douglass featuring special exhibits and events.

The Banneker-Douglass Museum:  
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410-216-6180 • <http://bdmuseum.maryland.gov/>



## Calendar of Events

### September 13– September 19, 2018

#### Cop for a Day

Date and time: September 15, from 10 a.m.–4 p.m.  
Description: Experience a day in the life of a Bowie police officer! Enjoy a thrilling vehicle pursuit, foot chase, conduct traffic stops, building search, and more! All proceeds support Special Olympics. Lunch provided by Mission BBQ.  
Cost: The registration fee of \$15 (if you want a shirt) or \$10 (no t-shirt) provides access to all of the events and light refreshments.  
Ages: 9 years and up  
Location: Bowie Town Center, 15606 Emerald Way, Bowie, MD 20716  
Contact: For information and registration: 240-544-5792 or www.bowiecopforaday.com

#### Montpelier Farms Fall Festival

Date and time: September 15, 2018 through November 4th, September Saturdays: 10 a.m.–1p.m., Sundays: 11a.m.–7pm  
Description: Join Montpelier Farms for a fall adventure for the whole family including hayrides, pumpkin patch, corn maze, tractor races, petting zoo and more.  
Cost: \$12.00 general admission, kids (2 and under) FREE  
Ages: All ages welcome  
Location: 1720 Crain Highway North, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774  
Contact: (410) 320-0464, http://www.montpelierfarms.com/

#### Dinosaur Park Open House

Date and time: Saturday, September 15, 2018, 12 p.m.–4 p.m. (This event is held monthly, every 1st and 3rd Saturday.)  
Description: Meet paleontologists, learn about Maryland prehistory, and search a real fossil quarry for 110 million-year-old fossils.  
Cost: FREE  
Ages: All ages are welcome  
Location: Dinosaur Park, 13100 Mid Atlantic Boulevard, Laurel, MD 20708  
Contact: 301-627-1286; TTY 301-699-2544

#### Hispanic Heritage Month Opening Reception

Date and time: Saturday, September 15, 2018, 2:00–4:00 p.m.  
Description: Bring your family and join us as we host an opening reception to kick off a month of celebration. Honor Hispanic Heritage and culture with food, entertainment by the Triflilio Tango Trio, and the introduction of the new 2018 Hispanic Heritage Month poster.  
Cost: FREE  
Ages: All ages welcome  
Location: Publick Playhouse, 5445 Landover Road, Cheverly, MD 20784  
Contact: 301-277-1710

#### Crab Feast & Bull Roast

Date and time: Sunday, September 16, 2018, 3–7 p.m.  
Description: Crab Feast & Bull Roast to benefit Gold Star Mothers Maryland Chapter, Inc., Laurel. Free draft beer, cash bar available, 50/50 raffle, DJ Services by The Karaoke Queen.  
Cost: \$55/per person  
Ages: Adults 21+  
Location: American Legion Post 60, 2 Main Street, Laurel, MD 20723  
Contact: http://marylandgoldstarmoms.com

#### Mountain Gorilla Field Talk

Date and time: Sunday, September 16, doors open at 6:30 p.m. Field Talk is from 7 to 9 p.m.  
Description: Get a glimpse into the rarely seen world of mountain gorillas. The September Field Talk features a presentation by Dr. Mike Cranfield, the Africa director of Gorilla Doctors, formerly known as the Mountain Gorilla Veterinary Project. Dr. Cranfield has led the Gorilla Doctors team for 15 years, splitting his time between overseeing operations in Africa, fundraising on the road, and administering the project from his base at The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore. Light refreshments included; a cash bar is available.  
Cost: \$20 for non-members and \$10 for Zoo members.  
Ages: Adults  
Location: The Maryland Zoo, historic Mansion House porch, 1876 Mansion House Drive, Baltimore, MD 21217  
Contact: 410.454.1333, www.marylandzoo.org

#### CASA Volunteer Information Session

Date and Time: September 17, 2018, 6–7:30 p.m.  
Description: Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children Prince George's County, MD is hosting an information session for committed and compassionate individuals who are interested in serving as an advocate for children in foster care.  
Cost: FREE  
Location: Hyattsville Administrative Building, 4310 Gallatin St., Hyattsville, MD 20772  
Contact: Montré Dupree, volunteer@pgcasa.org, for additional information

#### Tail Waggin' Tutors

Date and time: Monday, September 17, 3:30 p.m. and Tuesday, September 18, 4 p.m.  
Description: Beltsville Branch's own canine bibliophile welcomes children to read to him.  
Cost: FREE  
Ages: Ages 6–12  
Location: PGCMLS Beltsville Branch, 4319 Sellman Rd., Beltsville, MD 20705  
Contact: 301-937-0294

#### Ready 2 Read STEM: Volcanoes!

Date and time: Wednesday, September 19, 11:00–11:30 a.m.  
Description: Join us for another fun STEM program as we explore volcanoes and see what happens when baking soda and vinegar are combined! Each child will make their own volcano, and watch it erupt!  
Cost: FREE  
Ages: Young Children (0–5 yrs)  
Location: PGCMLS Baden Branch, 13603 Baden-Westwood Rd, Brandywine, MD 20613  
Contact: 301-888-1152

## Success in Critical Communications Tests for NASA's James Webb Space Telescope

By PRESS OFFICE  
NASA

BALTIMORE, MD (September 5, 2018)—When NASA's James Webb Space Telescope launches in 2021, it will write a new chapter in cosmic history. This premier space science observatory will seek the first stars and galaxies, explore distant planets around other stars, and solve mysteries of our own solar system. Webb will be controlled from the Mission Operations Center (MOC) at the Space Telescope Science Institute in Baltimore, Maryland.

To prepare for launch, the flight operations team recently conducted two successful communications tests. The first simulated the complex communications among numerous entities in the critical period of launch through the first six hours of flight. The second demonstrated that the MOC could successfully communicate with the telescope.

#### A Complicated Dance

From the moment Webb launches, and through the first six hours of flight, five different telecommunications service providers located around the world will alternately convey command and telemetry data to the mission operations team in the MOC. The first exercise demonstrated the complex exchange among these facilities.

These different providers are needed because of the geometry of Earth in relation to Webb's orbit and altitude. "Whereas most low-Earth missions can use TDRS (Tracking and Data Relay Satellite) or some other kind of communications satellite in orbit around Earth to relay data, we are so far away that we have to use other facilities," explained NASA's Carl Starr, the Mission Operations Manager, or "MOM," for Webb at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Maryland.



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**The Mission Operations Center for the James Webb Space Telescope is located at the Space Telescope Science Institute in Baltimore, Md. In preparation for launch, the flight operations team recently conducted two critical and successful communications tests.**

By six hours after liftoff, Webb will be about halfway to the Moon and six times higher in altitude than the geosynchronous Earth orbit (GEO) where TDRS and many communications satellites dwell. When the telescope reaches its destination, it will be nearly a million miles from Earth—about 45 times farther away than GEO.

"It's a lot of going back and forth," said Starr. "You have to change configurations, you need a stable connection with Webb at each change, you have to establish the network connections, you have to process the data—and you have to do it multiple times with different stations and make it seamless."

"And to make things even more complicated," Starr continued, "everyone we are talking about is in different places. You have the Space Network out in New Mexico, the Deep Space Network in California, and the European Space Agency's Malindi station

in Kenya and European Space Operations Centre in Germany. It becomes a very complicated test to do, because no one is in the same time zone—and all of that data comes in and out of this building."

This test was a major step in demonstrating the flight operations capabilities and processes to support launch-day communications. After the first day, the team moves to a normal setup with just the three Deep Space Network terminals around the world.

"The teams were able to talk with the external entities, and prove the concept that we can manipulate the communications on the day of launch here in the building for the mission," Starr said. "We'll have other proficiency exercises later, but this was the first time that we did it, and it was very successful."

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## Earth TALK™

## Applying the Lessons of Ozone Depletion To Fight Global Warming

Dear EarthTalk:

*You never hear anything about ozone depletion anymore. Have we solved this problem and if so why can't we get a handle on global warming as well?*

—Lia Smith, Reno, NV

Global warming is certainly a hot subject in the news right now, what with all the oppressive weather we've been having, but it doesn't mean we've solved the myriad other environmental problems facing us.

That said, ozone depletion, while still problematic at certain times of year (especially in extreme southern latitudes like Antarctica) is a shining example of how we could be working together to make things better.

Researchers first noticed four decades ago that the ozone layer in the stratosphere above the clouds was starting to shrink. A 1974 research paper by Sherwood Rowland and Mario Molina from the University of California at Irvine detailed how a class of synthetic chemicals called chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs)—then widely used in refrigerators, air conditioners and aerosol spray cans—were working their way up to the stratosphere where the sun's rays would break them down into their constituent parts. One of these parts, chlorine, reacts with the sun's rays and breaks down ozone molecules, thinning the ozone layer that all life on the planet has evolved to depend upon for protection against harmful ultraviolet-B (UV-B) rays.

Less stratospheric ozone means more UV-B rays from the sun get through to the Earth's surface, causing skin cancer and cataracts in humans and myriad problems for wildlife as well. Extra UV-B also inhibits the growth of phytoplankton, the lowest

ring of the marine food chain. Researchers fear this culling of phytoplankton could reverberate with negative population impacts up the food chain.

Recognizing that outlawing CFCs could solve the problem, the nations of the world came together in 1987 in Montreal and agreed to phase out the production of CFCs altogether. While it will likely take another half century for the extra CFCs to filter out of the atmosphere and stop causing seasonal damage to the ozone layer, at least we're moving in the right direction. The Montreal Protocol, ratified by 197 nations, still stands out to this day as perhaps the most successful international environmental agreement the world has ever known.

So what can we learn from our efforts to solve problems like ozone depletion that we can apply to fighting global warming? The major takeaway from the ozone depletion solution is the fact that working together across partisan lines and national boundaries is key. In 1987, the governments of the world came together, played nice and got down to business crafting an international treaty with some teeth that forced an international weaning off CFCs.

Of course, we have tried addressing global warming this way, with mixed success. Like the Montreal Protocol three decades earlier, 2016's Paris Climate Accord was a landmark agreement where virtually all of the nations of the world agreed to cutting pollution (albeit voluntarily). But the fact that national leaders can easily pull their countries out of the climate

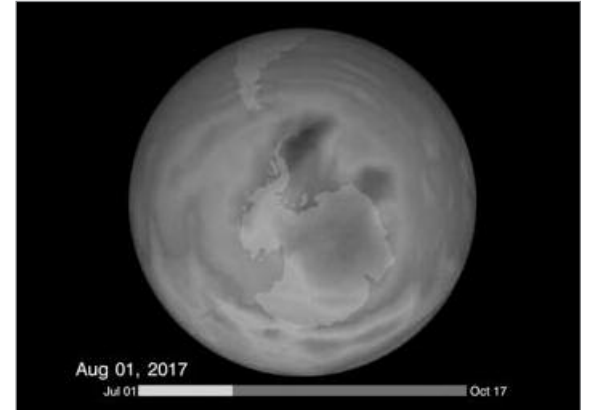


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**Data from NASA shows a decrease in the seasonal ozone hole above Antarctica over the last decade thanks to the phase-out of CFCs and other ozone-depleting chemicals as called for under 1987's landmark Montreal Protocol.**

agreement—as Trump did with the U.S.—or just simply reduce their commitments (given its non-binding terms) means that only time will tell if the Paris Accord will go down in history as the turning point in the battle against global warming—or just a footnote in the longer history of our environmental demise.

**CONTACTS:** "Stratospheric sink for chlorofluoromethanes: chlorine atom-catalyzed destruction of ozone," nature.com/articles/249810a0; United Nation's Ozone Secretariat, ozone.unep.org; Paris Agreement, unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/the-paris-agreement/the-paris-agreement.

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#### American History from A4

needed reforms to the American way—which actually—permanently influenced the world for the better. They were our revolutionary role models," said Danielson.

Is the country losing faith in the values and ideals that made it great, because of its historical illiteracy?

"The late Dr. Bruce Cole, former chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities, and history education advocate David Bruce Smith thought so. And, that is why the Grateful American Book Prize was established. It occurred to them that if kids were not learning history in the classroom, perhaps they could be enticed with stories of adventure, romance and ingenuity. The Prize is aimed at

encouraging authors and their publishers to produce more historically accurate fiction and nonfiction for middle schoolers. Regaling our kids with exciting tales that capture their imaginations can hook them on history."

As columnist Karol Markowicz put it in an OpEd in the New York Post: "We talk often about how fractured our country has become. That our division increases while school kids are taught less and less about our shared history should come as no surprise."

If that's the case, says Danielson, we need to do whatever it takes to "re-capture" the kids. It would help, too, if parents petitioned the education authorities in their communities and states, requesting them to reinstate the importance of history in the classroom.

"How can we expect America's younger

generations to learn how to be responsible and productive citizens without informing them of the events and personalities that shaped the nation? How can they make knowledgeable, intelligent choices without knowing the critically important decisions of the past?" Danielson said.

Fact: for those newly arrived in the U.S. seeking to become citizens, a thorough knowledge of American history is a requisite. They need to know about the Constitution, the workings of our three branches of government and more. There are no less than 100 questions on the examination they must take in order to qualify for citizenship.

Says Danielson: "ask yourself, could my middle and high school students pass a citizenship test?"



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**Telescope from A7**

The flight operations team in Baltimore recently did that for the first time, talking to the actual Webb spacecraft on the ground while it's being integrated and tested across the country at the Northrop Grumman facility in Los Angeles, California.

"We treated Webb as if it were a million miles away," said Starr. To do this, the flight operations team connected the spacecraft to the Deep Space Network. However, since Webb isn't really in space yet, special equipment was used to emulate the real radio link that will exist between Webb and the Deep Space Network when Webb flies.

"We can command and control the vehicle now, and run tests with it from here, without having to travel to Northrop Grumman," Starr explained. "It really is making use of technology to stay on schedule."

It didn't really matter where Webb was during the test. "As far as we're concerned, it could be in the basement of this building, and we wouldn't know any different," Starr added. "You're just at your console, you've got a data line, your screen...it's all very much remote. I could imagine it must be how drone pilots feel. They're not anywhere near where their vehicle is."

During the exercise, the team executed non-operational commands and initiated a recorder playback. This important test demonstrated the flight operations team's ability to command Webb from the MOC in Baltimore.

Throughout most of commissioning, the MOC will be in constant communication with Webb. After commissioning, approximately 180 days after launch, the team will communicate for 8 hours a day with the telescope. During that time, operators will send up packages of commands for the telescope to run autonomously and downlink the science data.

**More to Come**

More tests will follow, but these were the first to show the MOC's successful communication with Webb and with the many command and telemetry service providers. The fact that these exercises were carried out flawlessly is a testament to the hard work of the flight operations team, as well as teams across the country and around the world.

The James Webb Space Telescope will be the world's premier space science observatory. Webb will solve mysteries of our solar system, look beyond to distant worlds around other stars, and probe the mysterious structures and origins of our universe and our place in it. Webb is an international project led by NASA with its partners, the European Space Agency (ESA) and the Canadian Space Agency (CSA).

For more information about the Webb telescope, visit: [www.nasa.gov/webb](http://www.nasa.gov/webb)

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