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Board Approves \$6 Million for Fort Washington Ice Center

Program Open Space Funding Used to Rebuild Facility

By PRESS OFFICER
MD Dept of Natural Resources

ANNAPOLIS, MD (October 31, 2018)—The Board of Public Works unanimously approved a Maryland Department of Natural Resources item that provides \$6 million to Prince George's County for the development of the Tucker Road Ice Skating Center in Fort Washington. The board is comprised of Governor Larry Hogan, Comptroller Peter Frapp and Treasurer Nancy Kopp.

The county plans to use Program Open Space Local funds to rebuild the center that was damaged in a January 2017 fire. Program Open Space Local provides financial and technical assistance to communities and municipalities for the acquisition, development and planning

of recreation facilities, and open space areas. The program has been managed by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources since 1969.

"We are very proud of our partnership with Prince George's County and our work to promote recreation and sports," Maryland Natural Resources Secretary Mark Belton said. "Working with our local communities we can identify and pursue construction and renovation projects that meet their unique goals, improving the quality of life of every Marylander."

The new 48,860-square-foot facility will have an NHL-sized ice rink with bleachers and seating, a class/party

room, dance studio, skate rental space, snack bar and other amenities, like locker rooms and family-friendly changing areas. The Tucker Road Ice Skating Center, home to the Tucker Road Ducks, is the only ice rink in the southern portion of Prince George's County.



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Former Tucker Road Ice Skating Center

"We are pleased by the state's significant support of our effort to rebuild an improved ice center facility," Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation Acting Division Chief of the of the Park Planning and Development Division Alvin McNeal said. "This funding is an affirmation of the importance of a facility, of this caliber, for the community."

More than 6,000 conservation and recreation projects throughout the state have been assisted by Program Open Space Local grants.

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Local Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity to Recognize Community Leaders, Students in "Achievement Week" Program

By PRESS OFFICER
Gamma Pi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD (Oct 27, 2018)—Several distinguished members of the greater Prince George's County community will be honored for their service by Gamma Pi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Those who have made important contributions during the past year in such areas as religion, education and volunteerism will be recognized. The program will be held on Saturday, November 10, 2018, at 2 p.m. at the Ernest Everett Just Middle School in Mitchellville.

This year's program will feature a keynote address by Dr. Theodore R. Johnson, Fellow at the Brennan Institute for Social Justice and a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Gamma Pi, the local chapter of this 107-year-old African American men's Greek fraternal organization, sponsors the Achievement Week program. The chapter conducts regular community social and civic service projects consistent with its founding principles. Achievement Week is observed

annually throughout Omega Psi Phi during the week of the founding date, which was Nov. 17, 1911.

"This is our 45th annual program. As Prince George's County changes and grows into a more vibrant community in the 21st century, we want to make sure we pause and take note of those who have achieved and helped steer and define this progress," said Tony Lee, President of the Gamma Pi chapter. "Throughout this year, we have been privileged to partner with many people in the Prince George's County community. We want to make sure we highlight those persons who are making a positive difference in the community."

In addition to the address by Dr. Johnson, the Achievement Week program will also feature a performance by the Omega Chorale Ensemble, an acclaimed group of fraternity members who perform in the metropolitan area. Community awards will be presented in the following categories: International Citizen of the Year, Educator of the Year, Religious Leader of the Year and Student Athlete of the Year; and fraternal awards to members of Omega Psi Phi.

In Wake of Football Coach's Firing, University of Maryland Remains in Turmoil

By ZACK SELBY
Capital News Service

COLLEGE PARK, Maryland (November 1, 2018)—A tumultuous two days of statewide outrage directed at the University System of Maryland Board of Regents' handling of the probe into football player Jordan McNair's death climaxed on Thursday as the board chairman resigned and hundreds packed the McKeldin Mall here to support student-athletes.

James Brady, who is close to Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan, resigned after a closed-door meeting of the regents Thursday afternoon, just a day after University of Maryland President Wallace Loh defied the board and fired head coach DJ Durkin.

The rally, which was originally organized by university's Student Government Association, shifted its focus from

protesting the board's recommendation to retain Durkin to backing the athletes, whose program is reeling from 48 hours of shocking twists and turns.

"I think it's important for people to acknowledge how important we are," said track and field runner Jewel Smith. "We are just as important as the other students. And of course Jordan, the whole situation is very sad and we need to give our tribute because he was part of this campus as well."

Students, faculty, players and government officials voiced their anger over the board's decision to keep Durkin. Three players walked out of a Wednesday meeting with the coach. Some donors also threatened to withdraw support from the university.

While there were many in the rally who were in support of the football program, there were others who wanted to boycott the

upcoming game against Michigan State.

"We are not in opposition to the football team," said junior Al-ice Smith. "We do not hate those people, we know they are students too. But we want to see change for them. We want things to get better for them. And I do not think going to the games is going to help that."

Others wanted to hold the Board of Regents more accountable.

"Go up there and demand that this Board of Regents answers to you," said former football player Akil Patterson to counter-protesters. "This Board of Regents calls on you. Answer their call. You are the future, not them."

Karen Levenson, co-chairwoman of a \$1.5 billion fundraising effort for the College Park campus, told the regents in a letter obtained by The Baltimore Sun that she was holding up fu-

ture support over the board's "unacceptable" handling of the McNair controversy.

Indeed, Geoff Gonella, chairman of the University of Maryland College Park Foundation Board of Trustees, wrote in a letter to the regents board chairman before Brady resigned that the regents' action "may have dealt our efforts a fatal blow."

The board had undermined "the authority of the campus leadership" and violated "the integrity of shared governance principles, including autonomy and independence," he said.

The board's move also "has caused serious damage to the reputation of the Board of Regents and to all of Maryland higher education," Gonella wrote. "The board's actions will seriously harm the ability of all Maryland campuses to recruit future presidents and faculty if this is the governance climate they will face."

The university's provost, Mary Ann Rankin, and deans from every academic department released a joint statement Thursday morning, charging that the board overstepped its authority in recommending Loh keep the head coach, who had been on administrative leave since Aug. 11.

It was reported by The Washington Post hours before Tuesday's press conference by the regents that Loh had "no option" but to keep Durkin if he wanted to remain in his position.

"We have been extremely alarmed for weeks by the interference of the University System of Maryland's Board of Regents into the university governance matters," the joint statement read. "Through its intervention, the

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Maryland State Trooper Rescues Victim From Burning Vehicle

By COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER
Maryland State Police

BOWIE, MD (November 1, 2018)—A trooper is credited with saving the life of a man by rescuing him just before his vehicle burst into flames Wednesday (October 31) afternoon in Prince George's County.

Shortly after 12:40 p.m. on Wednesday, Trooper Warren Thompson, who is assigned to the Forestville Barrack, was on patrol when he came across an SUV that had crashed on Maryland Route 214 and Church Road in Bowie. According to a preliminary investigation, the victim, a 66-year-old man, suffered a medical emergency when he hit a guardrail that subsequently caused the vehicle's engine to catch fire.

Trooper Thompson was able to remove the victim from the vehicle right before it erupted into flames. Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department responded to the scene to extinguish the fire and transported the victim to University of Maryland Prince George's Hospital Center for treatment of his injuries.

The incident remains under investigation.



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COLLEGE PARK, Maryland—At a rally November 1 on the campus following two days of turmoil over the football program, members of the University of Maryland Student Government Association ask for a minute of silence in memory of Jordan McNair.

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To Be Equal:

Urban League Movement Mourns Ntozake Shange, "One of the Original Conjurers of Black Girl Magic"

The Urban League Movement mourns the loss of the poet and playwright, who passed away this week at the age of 70.

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Local 13-Y.O. Author Inspires Business Leaders In "Glowstone Peak"

Though "Glowstone Peak" is a fantasy book written for children, it is generating buzz among adults as the message promotes empathetic leadership and encourages readers to be agents of change—a topic increasingly important in today's political climate.

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Movie Review:

Hunter Killer

After an American submarine is torpedoed in Russian waters, the Navy calls in the best man they have, a maverick named Capt. Joe Glass (Gerard Butler) who didn't go to the Naval Academy and doesn't always play by the rules but gets the job done, if you can imagine such a type.

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Earth Talk

Dear EarthTalk:

Considering all the well-publicized problems with plastic in our oceans, do you think that plastic has any kind of future?

—Lea Mauduit, via EarthTalk.org

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TOWNS *and* NEIGHBORS

In and Around Morningside-Skyline

by Mary McHale 301-735-3451

Faith United Ministries offers free clothing, hot meal and more, Nov. 10

Faith United Ministries is hosting a Community Outreach on Saturday, Nov. 10, beginning at 11 a.m. They invite those in need to be their special guests at the Annual "Spreading Cheer This Time of Year" event.

They will be giving away free clothing, toiletries, snacks and a hot home-cooked soul-food meal. They'll also offer workshops and other activities that offer hope and inspiration.

Faith United Ministries is at 7905 Fernham Lane, in District Heights. For information call 301-736-2383 or go to Faithunited7905@yahoo.com.

Changing landscape

A new speed camera has been installed on Indian Head Highway, considered the most dangerous stretch of roadway in the area. Slow down!

The Nice Bridge has been renamed by Governor Hogan. It is now the Senator Thomas "Mac" Middleton Bridge, named for a Maryland State Senator from Charles County. The 77-year-old bridge had been named for Harry W. Nice, the 50th Maryland Governor who served 1935-1939. The bridge connects Charles County and King George County, Va., on U.S. 301.

The Tucker Road Ice Rink design is being finalized and a great new rink is planned to open the winter of 2020. The Tucker Road Ducks Hockey Team can't wait.

The Kmart on Oxon Hill Road is closing. "Everything priced to sell."

ShopSmart Outlet and the adjoining pawnshop have closed in Andrews Manor Shopping Center.

But there is good news for the shopping center: The Cafe Allentown restaurant, damaged in a recent windstorm, has been repaired and is now painted Halloween orange, with black corner stripes. I saw a workman up on a very high ladder last week, removing the letters of the name. The site has changed owners and I guess a new name will be posted soon.

Urban Barbeque is now open on McDonnell Drive in Forestville. It has had great reviews by Skyline President Stan

Holmes and my grandson Conor McHale.

People

Happy 74th (!) anniversary to Dorothy and Darrell Bush of Camp Springs. They were wed October 23, 1943 when Dorothy was 17 and Darrell was 18. He went off to war, fought in the Battle of the Bulge and was injured. After WWII, he worked 30 years for Pepco. They are active members of Bethany Christian Church in Fort Washington, where family and friends held an anniversary celebration for them.

Ramona Britt is moving to South Carolina, near Charleston. She called to let me know how sad she was to leave. She was born in Washington, graduated in 1950 from Eastern High School, and since then has lived in Prince George's—Forestville, Suitland and most recently in Laurel. She is a longtime reader of this column and said she will continue to read it, in South Carolina.

Ernest Pendelton Magruder, a Washington Surgeon who grew up in Upper Marlboro, son of the clerk of the Court of Appeals, is one of those whose name is on the Peace Cross, which has been threatened for removal. Dr. Magruder died in the early years of World War I.

The Knights of Columbus in Forestville has named their Knight of the Month for September, Amin Reeves; for October, Dave Cropper. They also named their Family of the Month for September, Tom Corbett Family; for October, Robert "Jake" Jacobs Family.

Four teachers have been honored by the Archdiocese for their years of teaching at Bishop McNamara High School: Mary Mitchell-Donahue, for 35 years, and Anthony Johnson, Patricia Imes and Paul O'Brien, who have been teaching there for 25 years.

Ever wanted to be an archer?

Adult archery classes begin in January at William Beanes Community Center in Suitland. Classes are open to ages 18 & up, and will be held Mondays, 7-8 p.m., Jan. 14 through Feb. 18. The fee is \$60. For information, call 301-568-7719.

Help wanted at the VFD

The Morningside Volunteer Fire Department seeks administrative members. From their web page: "Seeking admin volunteers of any age, any education level, any experience, any background. Here are some examples: community engagement, mentoring young members, recruitment, program management, data entry, data evaluation, supply requisition and monitoring." For more information, go to morningsidevfd27.com.

Morningside Memories: 60 years ago

In the fall of 1958, Hope Tickell reported on the first meeting of the season for the Women's Civic Group. President Arletta Jennings was handed the gavel by retiring Helen Hooper. Other new officers were Frances Johanson, Gertrude Langford, Eleanor Snyder and Betty King. Regular meetings were held the first Monday of the month, 8 p.m. at the old Town Hall. "Visitors welcome."

Kenneth Scott, Sr.

Kenneth Andrew Scott, Sr., 75, a math teacher in Prince George's for 38 years, died Aug. 18. He was a native of North Carolina, earned a degree from the University of Maine and a master's from Bowie State. He taught at Thurgood Marshall Middle and Crossland High School, and coached basketball. Survivors include two children.

Milestones

Happy birthday to Davey Capps, Jr., Nov. 9; Linda Fortner Jumalon, Nov. 10; Cindy Lewis, Nov. 12; Robin Brown, Nov. 13; Tyrell Boxley, Nov. 14; Michael Spenard, Ty Poe, Bob Davis and Carolyn Holland Bennett, Nov. 15.

Happy 55th anniversary to Becky and Dave Capps, Nov. 9; and to Roseann and Franny Rohan, on their 55th anniversary Nov. 9.

Happy 70th anniversary to the Auxiliary of VFW Post 9619, chartered Nov. 13, 1948.

Around the County

Circuit Court for Prince George's County Celebrates 'Diversity In Adoption'

National Adoption Day ceremony will recognize the unique blend of love and family

By PRESS OFFICER
Prince George's County MD

UPPER MARLBORO, MD (October 25, 2018)—On Thursday, November 15, 2018, the Circuit Court for Prince George's County will celebrate diversity in adoptions during its annual National Adoption Day ceremony. The event will be held at the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, 14735 Main St., Upper Marlboro, Md. in Courtroom M3400 at 10:30 a.m. Presiding will be the Honorable Sheila R. Tillerson Adams, Administrative Judge of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, the Honorable Beverly J. Woodard and the Honorable DaNeeka Varner Cotton.

This year's keynote speaker will be Ms. Barbara Harrison, NBC 4 Anchor. As a noted journalist and adoption advocate, Ms. Harrison is nationally renowned for creating the segment, Wednesday's Child, which highlights the importance of adoption and applauds the successes of adoptive families. Her features have served as a platform and support system for many new and prospective families.

"I'm elated to celebrate the beauty of families during the National Adoption Day ceremony,"

says the Honorable Sheila R. Tillerson Adams, Administrative Judge of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. "This ceremony truly reflects the love and joy a child can bring to one's heart and home. I would like to thank Judge Woodard and her amazing team for spearheading this memorable event."

During the ceremony, two families will share their adoption stories. Charles and DaRel Barksdale adopted a baby boy in July 2018. As a single mother, Monica Spruill, adopted Aspen Arielle Lewis. Subsequently, she married Darryl Spruill, who in September 2018, adopted Aspen Arielle Lewis-Spruill to become a forever family. The couple also adopted a younger child.

National Adoption Day, which formally became National Adoption Awareness Month in November 1995, "is a collective national effort to raise awareness of the more than 110,000 children in foster care waiting to find permanent, loving families. In 2016, approximately 4,700 children were adopted by their forever families during the 17th annual National Adoption Day celebration in more than 400 cities across the United States," according to the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption.



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(from left to right) Co-Pastor Katina Holmes, Minister Tenickia Polk, and Pastor Jerome Holmes at Bethel Church in Bowie, MD during Bethel's Domestic Violence Awareness Day.

Local Pastors Presented With the Thrive Award For Work With Domestic Violence Victims, Survivors and Thrivers

By TENICKIA POLK
Community of Thrivers, Inc.

MITCHELLVILLE, MD (October 27, 2018)—On Sunday, October 28, Pastors Jerome and Katina Holmes were presented with the Community of Thrivers, Inc. annual "Thrive" award for their pastoral courage, dedication and support of victims, survivors and thrivers who have experienced the pitfalls of domestic abuse.

Results from a 10-Year Study of Christian Church Support for Domestic Violence Victims, conducted by the NIH indicate that change is slow. "Members want their clergy to become more educated in counseling and in speaking about domestic violence from the pulpit. Clergy felt comfortable in making referrals for professional counseling, while the majority of members would prefer counseling with their pastor if they were in a violent relationship." (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/29400149>).

Tenickia Polk, founder of Community of Thrivers, Inc. and minister at Bethel Church, explains "It was my then bishop's voice that gave me the strength to leave my abusive marriage several years ago. Unfortunately, most of the stories I hear from survivors concerning the church isn't as positive as mine. Unfortunately, many victims of domestic violence are told to pray and stay in the relationship. I came to

Bethel because I knew it wasn't an abusive church."

The non-profit is honoring Pastors Jerome and Katina Holmes for their bold stance and commitment to help fight domestic violence from the pulpit. On Sunday, October 21st, Bethel held a Domestic Violence Awareness Day where Pastor Jerome Holmes preached against the dangers of domestic violence, and Min. Tenickia Polk held an educational session to educate parishioners. In addition, Pastor Holmes has issued the following resolution within Bethel Church:

1. First, we as a church stand against any type of domestic violence, and that we will not tolerate it in our midst.

2. Secondly, we hope and pray that victims, survivors, and thrivers of domestic violence will experience healing from all your wounds—those seen and unseen.

3. Lastly, as a church family, we will not harbor nor hide abusers in our church.

Let's ensure that Bethel remains the "SAFE HOUSE" that it is. Let's be a church of HOPE AND LOVE.

Bethel Church worships in the Lake Arbor Elementary School each Sunday starting at 11 a.m. Lake Arbor school is located at 10205 Lake Arbor Way, Mitchellville, MD 20721.

October is domestic violence awareness month. Domestic violence affects 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men.

Brandywine-Aquasco

by Audrey Johnson 301-888-2153

BADEN COMMUNITY CENTER

Cosmetology classes will be offered at Baden Community Center from January 14-February 10, 2019 Mondays and Wednesdays (Activity #: 20612-104A). Fee: \$68 Residents/\$98 Non-Resident. You will learn basic safety and sanitation in all areas of cosmetology. Hair Care Course includes hair styling, braiding, and cutting services. You can also learn nail and skin care, and salon management essentials. The address is 13601 Baden-Westwood Road, Brandywine, Maryland 20613. Telephone number is 301-888-1500; TTY 301-699-2544.

HAPPY 100TH DAY DR. GOLDSON

In July 2018, Dr. Monica Goldson took over the leadership of Prince George's County Public Schools. A 27-year P.G.C.P.S Veteran, she marks her 100th Day as Interim Chief Executive Officer on October 30, 2018. Happy 100th Day, Dr. Monica Goldson.

HOMECOMING CELEBRATION

Grace United Methodist Church Annual Family and Friends Day Homecoming Celebration "(God's Promise (Faith, Love, Joy))" will be Sunday, November 11, 2018 at our 8:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Worship Services. Our Pastor is Rev. Robert E. Slade. The church is located at 11700 Old Fort Road, Fort Washington, Maryland 20744. Telephone number is 301-292-7828.

The Guest Speaker at the 8 a.m. worship service is Minister Earl Wallace from Gethsemane Community Fellowship Baptist Church, Norfolk, Virginia. The Guest Speaker at the 10:45 a.m. worship service is Reverend Margo M. Gross, The Remnant Hope International Church, Great Mills, Maryland.

COFFEE OR TEA

You are invited to join Board of Education Member (BOE) Sonya Williams for monthly coffee or tea November 17, 2018 at Starbucks in the Brandywine Safeway, Saturday, November 17, 2018 from 8 a.m.-9:30 a.m. Current Board events/matters. Sonya3.Williams@pgcps.org.

TRASH TO TREASURE: A GREEN CRAFT FAIR

Join us for our 10th annual green craft fair Saturday, No-

vember 10 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The Fair will feature vendors selling items made from recycled, organic, or sustainable materials. This indoor craft fair will feature local artists, non-profit environmental groups, and crafts for kids. All ages are free. The fair will be held at Watkins Nature Center. Telephone number is 301-218-6702.

OPEN HOUSES AND INFORMATION SESSIONS

Learn about academic programs, research opportunities, support services, and student life at Bowie by attending our Open Houses and Information Sessions. You will also receive valuable information on the admissions process, scholarship opportunities, and financial aid. Tours of the campus, as well as opportunities to meet with faculty advisors, staff, and students, are also available.

Bowie State University will offer Undergraduate Open House Saturday, November 17, 2018 from 9:00 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Martin Luther King Jr. Communication Arts Center (morning), Student Center Ballroom (afternoon). Register for the Open House. If you have any questions or concerns, contact us at 301-860-3415 or toll free 1-877-77Bowie.

Transfer information session will be November 28, 2018 from 1-3 p.m. in the Center for Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Nursing Beacon Room. Join us for Bowie State University's Fall Transfer Information Sessions. Come meet and speak with faculty and members of the Bowie State University's transfer enrollment team to gain insight on the transfer admission process, academic programs, transfer scholarship opportunities and student organizations. Space is limited. Be sure to RSVP! Register for a Transfer Information Session.

WATKINS TENNIS BUBBLE

Watkins Park year-round heated and air-conditioned facility includes clubhouse, party rental room and five indoor courts. Adjacent outdoor, lighted courts available on a first come, first served basis. Private instruction and group instruction are available for juniors, adults and seniors.

Watkins Park is located at 301 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20774. Telephone number is 301-218-6870.

COMMUNITY

The American Counseling Association's Counseling Corner

Mid-Life Dating Can Actually Be Fun

As we reach the holiday season, it's not uncommon for someone not in a relationship to feel a need to be with a significant other, or at least to have someone to take with him or her to that office party or family gathering. If you're in your twenties, the stress to make this happen is often pretty low. But if you're a bit older, it can sometimes produce lots of anxiety.

Today, mid-life dating has become much more common. Divorce, a partner's passing, or simply a career-based decision to wait on getting into a serious relationship are a few reasons why an older person is on his or her own.

Take, for example, the decision to get married. In 1980 the average marriage age for a woman was 22 years. By 1990 it had climbed to 24 and today the Census Bureau reports that women marry at an average age of 27.4 years and 29.5 years for men.

Waiting on marriage is one reason for dating at an older age, but another change that has promoted more dating, especially for those well past 30, is the availability of numerous Internet services promising to find your perfect match. While that promise may only sometimes come true, millions are using such services to more easily enter the active dating pool.

But while online apps may make it easier to locate someone to date, mid-life dating still can be a stressful proposition. One reason is that dating when older can easily upset an established life. You have a career, friends, regular routines and activities that hopefully you enjoy. Then, suddenly, a new romantic interest can affect many of those established things.

Instead, you can limit some stress by maintaining much of your normal life, rather than suddenly changing everything for that new person. If that someone has you cancelling plans and changing schedules, it sends a message about how little you value your current life.

Similarly, you want to hold on to existing friends. When you focus only on that new person, you can eventually leave yourself feeling guilty and anxious over how you've treated, and possibly lost, trusted friends.

The key is to view mid-life dating as an enjoyable, interesting adventure that's an addition to your existing life, not a replacement for what you already have. When mid-life dating isn't an "all or nothing" proposition, it will be much less stressful.

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

Student Voices Responding to Our Times

By DR. MICHAEL S. GLASER
World Artist Experience

ARNOLD, MD (October 29, 2018)—The 2018-19 World Artists Experience Writing Project encourages all Maryland students, grades 3-12 to join in thinking about how we might break through the barriers that separate us and build stronger, more compassionate communities.

Here is an excerpt from a composite poem with selected lines from many of the 2018 submitted works:

A Delicate Thread

The world is tied together by a delicate thread
If we let go of fear and open our humanness
We can learn to be comfortable in our own skins
What choice do we have but to recognize that we
are all one?

Let us work together, help each other, stand up,
and say how we feel.

Let us not be chameleons hiding in the shadows.
Individuality, uniqueness and diversity are what
make us strong.

Not everyone has the same point of view and
there are many things

I still can't understand, but if we are to make the
world a better place,

We must turn to kindness and joy.

At the end of the day, we are all world citizens.
Hand in hand, shoulder to shoulder, we must put
aside our differences.

May we live in the light of truth and discover the
beauty of one another.

Students are invited to submit a poem or first person narrative about their experiences with cross-cultural differences, and their thoughts on how we might bridge the divides in our increasingly fragile world. This year's topic is "Breaking Barriers, Building Communities: Connecting, Cooperating, Caring" and the deadline for submissions has been extended to November 27, 2018. Details and complete

submission forms can be found at www.worldartists.org. Click on "International Education" and "2019 Writing Project."

Teachers find that students who participate in the writing project—especially those students from other countries, delight in the opportunity to share the stories. "I believe the act of writing about the kindness of strangers also helped provide some closure for my refugee students while affirming their new beginnings," one teacher wrote.

Kennedy Jade-Watkin Myrie, a student at Garrison Forest School said, "I like knowing that my poems are being read by people all around." Her teacher, Erin Hirsch Viana expressed her delight that project's yearly themes fits into her teaching goals of "fostering compassion, kindness and inclusiveness" in the classroom, as well as "giving students an opportunity to write for a real audience."

Submitted writings are screened and selected for publication by a distinguished group of poets and teachers. Those students whose works are selected for publication, as well as those whose works are awarded an honorable mention, are invited to a Publication Celebration—usually at an Embassy in Washington D.C.—or some other exciting venue. Parents, teachers and principals are also invited to attend.

The final celebration ceremony involves not only recognition of the students, but also offers them exposure to art and artists from other cultures—thus affirming, as Rachel Smith, co-director of the Writing Project, put it, "the value of learning about, respecting and building relationships with people whose lives are different from their own."

Students may enter this project through their schools or on their own. Complete information can be found at www.worldartistexperiences.org

World Artist Experience is a non-profit organization based in Arnold, MD, which seeks to promote increased understanding and respect between all peoples of the world.



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Student writers receive congratulations and copies of the anthology from (left to right) Betty McGinnis, Founder and President of WAE, John Wolensmith, Maryland's Secretary of State, Rachel Smith, Professor at the College of Southern Maryland and Michael S. Glaser, Poet Laureate of Maryland, 2004-2009.

The Children's Guild of Prince George's County Names Abby Brandt Principal

By ANDREW ALDRICH
The Children's Guild

CHILLUM, MD (Oct 29, 2018)—The Children's Guild of Prince George's County, a nonpublic school serving children and youth with behavioral, emotional and learning disabilities to include children on the autism spectrum, named Abby Brandt principal. Brandt previously served as principal in residence at The Children's Guild.

"Brandt has gained a wide range of experience in both teaching students and leading schools and has a heart for special needs students," said Andrew L. Ross, president and CEO of The Children's Guild. "Her talent and experience will make her a tremendous leader at our campus in Prince George's County."

Brandt brings more than eight years of experience in education, special needs and school administration. She also provides professional development and coaching services to school leaders and teachers as a consultant with Ed Partners in Washington, D.C.

Prior to joining The Children's Guild, Brandt was assistant principal at Lt. Joseph P. Kennedy School in Washington, D.C., where she supervised staff serving special education students, provided classroom support and developed school policies and procedures.

Previously, she was an administrator of academic and transitional services at the National Children's Center in Washington, D.C., where she also served as a special education teacher. She was a special education mathematics teacher at New Visions Academy in Maryland, a mathematics teacher at Area Learning Center in Minnesota and a long-term mathematics substitute teacher at Mounds View High School in Minnesota.

In addition, Brandt has worked with adult services programs in the District of Columbia and Maryland, including the Rehabilitative Services Administration, Developmental Disabilities Administration and Department of Rehabilitative Services to refer students



PHOTOGRAPH CREDIT: THE CHILDREN'S GUILD
Abby Brandt

and ensure they have programming in place after graduation.

She holds a board certification from the American Academy of Special Education Professionals and serves on the board of the Epilepsy Alliance for Young Adults in Washington, D.C. She also was a member of the Maryland Association of Nonpublic Special Education Facilities.

Brandt is pursuing her Doctor of Education in educational leadership and administration from The George Washington University. She holds teaching and school administration certifications through the Maryland State Department of Education and the Office of the State Superintendent of Education. She earned her Master of Science in school administration and supervision from Johns Hopkins University and her Bachelor of Science in secondary education from the University of Wisconsin.

The Children's Guild is an affiliate member of the *TranZed Alliance*, a nonprofit organization serving children, families and child-serving organizations and dedicated to transforming how America educates and cares for its children through education, behavioral health and national training and consultation services.

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WSSC's #InYourNeighborhood Open Houses Return This Fall

Customers Invited to Ask, Listen and Learn

By PRESS OFFICER
WSSC

LAUREL, Md. (October 26, 2018)—Continuing a commitment to transparency, public outreach and education, WSSC is hosting more #InYourNeighborhood open houses this fall. The community-based events provide opportunities for customers to ask, listen and learn about projects, programs and initiatives, including WSSC's plans

to implement a new rate structure in July 2019.

Customers are encouraged to attend any of the following #InYourNeighborhood open houses:

Bi-County

Tuesday, November 13, 2018, 6–8 p.m., WSSC Headquarters, 14501 Sweitzer Lane, Laurel, MD 20707

Prince George's County

Thursday, November 15, 2018, 6–8 p.m., Southern Re-

gional Technology and Recreation Complex, 7007 Bock Road, Fort Washington, MD 20744

Representatives from WSSC's customer service, design/construction, utility services, finance, water quality and community outreach divisions will be at all meetings. The open house format means customers can attend at a time that is convenient for them. No formal presentations will be made. Customers with specific billing concerns are encouraged to attend and bring their most recent bill and valid government-issued ID.

The M-NCPPC, Department of Parks and Recreation to Host 21st Annual Teen Cotillion: 2019 Recruitment Application Process Begins

By PRESS OFFICER
P.G. County Dept. of Parks and Recreation

RIVERDALE, MD (October 23, 2018)—Parents and youth ages 15–18 are invited to participate in the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Department of Parks and Recreation's 2019 Teen Cotillion. The recruitment process is underway for high school students in Prince George's County to participate as Debutants and Beaus.

The Teen Cotillion is a 16-week co-ed comprehensive program. From December 2018 through May 2019, teen participants attend a series of workshops, special events and service learning projects focused on leadership and growth. Career development, etiquette, social skills and team building activities are all part of the program.

The program, designed to promote positive leadership skills and inspire youth to take the steps needed to attain their dreams, ends with a spring Cotillion ceremony at Martin's Crosswinds. This formal, coming-out gala is where these young adults make their debuts before families and friends.

The application requires participants to write a biographic profile. The profile includes questions about the teen's interests, in and outside of school, positive influences, and inspiring quotes. M-NCPPC, Department of Parks and Recreation is now accepting applications for participation in the 2019 Teen Cotillion until Monday, December 3, 2018. For additional details and to apply, visit <http://www.mncppc.org/2393/Teen-Cotillion-Program> or call 301-446-3400; TTY 301-699-2544.

MPT Series Maryland Farm & Harvest Visits Six Locations Across the State and Washington, D.C. In New Season's First Episode

Popular TV series takes viewers to Hope Honey Farm in Prince George's County

By PRESS OFFICER
MPT

OWINGS MILLS, MD (November 1, 2018)—Maryland Public Television's (MPT) popular original series Maryland Farm & Harvest, entering its sixth season, will feature farms and locations in Allegany, Charles, Frederick, Howard and Prince George's counties, along with Washington, D.C. on its season premiere episode airing Tuesday, November 13 at 7 p.m.

Maryland Farm & Harvest takes viewers on journeys across the state, telling stories about the farms, people, and technology required to sustain and grow Maryland's number one industry: agriculture. During the past year, MPT's production team has filmed episode segments at more than four dozen farms in preparation for the new season. [The Prince George's County] segment featured on the upcoming episode [is]:

Breeding Bees (location: Prince George's County). Maggie Mills of Hope Honey Farm isn't your ordinary beekeeper. She raises bees and bottles honey, but her specialty is breeding bees—specifically, a process called grafting queens. Through the use of macrophotography, this segment delivers a unique up-close look at how a queen bee

ascends to the throne, while explaining to viewers why much of the food we eat relies on healthy colonies.

Agriculture continues to be Maryland's largest commercial industry, contributing more than \$17 billion in revenue each year. The state currently has some 12,200 farms—84 percent of them family-owned—and nearly 6,000 full-time farmers. These farms account for more than two million acres, which translates into 40 percent of Maryland's land being used for agriculture. Approximately 350,000 Marylanders are employed in some aspect of agriculture.

More than six million viewers have tuned in to Maryland Farm & Harvest since its fall 2013 debut. The series has taken MPT viewers to nearly 250 farms, fisheries, and other agriculture-related locations during its first five seasons, covering every Maryland county, as well as Baltimore City and Washington, D.C.

Maryland Farm & Harvest airs on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. on MPT-HD and is rebroadcast on Thursdays at 11:30 p.m. and Sundays at 6 a.m. Each show also airs on MPT2 on Fridays at 7:30 p.m. More information about the series is available at mpt.org/farm, and viewers can join the conversation on social media at the hashtag #MDFarmHarvestFans.

The Maryland Department of Agriculture is MPT's co-production partner for Maryland Farm & Harvest. Major funding is provided by the Maryland Grain Producers Utilization Board.

Additional funding is provided by Mid-Atlantic Farm Credit; Maryland's Best; the Maryland Agricultural Resource-Based Industry Development Corporation; the Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation; and the Maryland Soybean Board.

Other support comes from the Maryland Association of Soil Conservation Districts; Wegmans Food Markets; the Maryland Nursery, Landscape & Greenhouse Association; the Delmarva Poultry Industry, Inc.; the Rural Maryland Council; the Maryland Seafood Marketing Advisory Commission; the Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc.; Mar-Del Watermelon Association; and the Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission.

Launched in 1969 and headquartered in Owings Mills, MD, Maryland Public Television is a non-profit, state-licensed public television network and member of the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS). MPT's six transmitters cover Maryland plus portions of contiguous states and the District of Columbia.



Maggie Mills of Hope Honey Farm
PHOTOGRAPH CREDIT MPT

COMMENTARY

Marc Morial

President and CEO, National Urban League



To Be Equal:

Urban League Movement Mourns Ntozake Shange, "One of the Original Conjurers of Black Girl Magic"

*"somebody/ anybody
sing a black girl's song
bring her out
to know herself
to know you
but sing her rhythms
carin/ struggle/ hard times
sing her song of life
she's been dead so long
closed in silence so long
she doesn't know the sound
of her own voice
her infinite beauty
she's half-notes scattered
without rhythm/ no tune
sing her sighs
sing the song of her possibilities
sing a righteous gospel
let her be born
let her be born
& handled warmly."*

—Ntozake Shange, for colored girls who have considered suicide/ when the rainbow is enuf

The story of the civil rights movement in America is very much the story of Black women in America. Yet their stories are seldom afforded the celebration they deserve. It was into this cultural shadow that Ntozake Shange's groundbreaking work, for colored girls who have considered suicide/ when the rainbow is enuf, flashed like a bolt of lightning in 1976.

The Urban League Movement mourns the loss of the poet and playwright, who passed away this week at the age of 70.

Just 27 years old when for colored girls opened on Broadway, Shange coined the term "choreopoem" to describe the combination of poetry, dance, music, and song. It was only the second play by a Black woman to reach Broadway, after Lorraine Hansberry's Raisin in the Sun in 1959.

It's impossible to overstate the impact of Shange's work on Black girls and young women, many of whom saw their experiences reflected artistically for the first time.

"For those of us who arrived at her words, whether as young girls or fully grown women, we found an altar erected in tribute to our stories, our traumas, and our particular way of being in the world," recording artist Maiysha Kai wrote in The Root, calling Shange "One of the original conjurers of what we now know as black girl magic."

Shange was born Paulette Williams to a physician and professor of social work in Trenton, New Jersey. The Zulu name she chose as an adult, Ntozake, means "she who comes with her own things," and Shange, means "one who walks like a lion". She grew up in St. Louis and was one of the first black children to integrate the city's public schools. She was deeply influenced as a teenager in the 1960s by the Black Arts Movement, but felt the voices of women were missing. "Sojourner Truth wasn't a big enough role model for me," she told the Village Voice. "I couldn't go around abolishing slavery."

She was the author of 15 plays, 19 poetry collections, six novels, five children's books and three essay collections.

Performing in for colored girls—she said she used the outdated term so her grandmother would understand—has been a right of passage for black actresses for four decades. Nominated for or winning every major theater award, it has been adapted for television and film and performed all over the world. It has been set in beauty shops and prisons, and in different historical periods.

"I write for young girls of color, for girls who don't even exist yet, so that there is something there for them when they arrive," she said. In her honor, let us all remember that we are writing, working, speaking and creating a world for the children yet to borne so there is something here when they arrive.

Council Leadership Responds to Retirement Announcement of University of Maryland President Dr. Wallace Loh

By PRESS OFFICER
P.G. County Council

UPPER MARLBORO, MD (November 1, 2018)—Prince George's County Council Chair Dannielle Glaros (D)—District 3, and Vice-Chair Todd M. Turner (D)—District 4, have expressed disappointment following the announced retirement of University of Maryland president Wallace Loh in June.

Dr. Loh's visionary leadership has been marked by professionalism, integrity, compassion, and decency, important leadership character traits that have guided the University of Maryland through its recent challenges. Dr. Loh is a talented executive, and he has been an effective corporate partner with Prince George's County, leading the university through unprecedented community en-

agement to the great benefit of us all. Council leadership stands in solidarity with Dr. Loh and hopes that both he and the University of Maryland Board of Regents reconsider the decision for Dr. Loh to retire.

Council Chair Dannielle Glaros is a University of Maryland, School of Public Policy graduate. Council Vice-Chair Todd Turner is the parent of a University of Maryland student.

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BUSINESS AND FINANCE

Social Security Matters

Ask Rusty:

Father Seeks Benefits For Disabled Adult Son

By RUSSELL GLOOR,
AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor
Association of Mature American Citizens

Dear Rusty:

We have a 100% disabled son, disabled from birth. He is now 35 years old and receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI). My wife and I plan to retire in the next two years and start drawing our Social Security benefits; my wife intends to apply in January of 2020 and I will apply later that year, probably in August 2020. When can our son start receiving Social Security Disability benefits? Will it be half of the parent's benefit? My wife's benefit is less than mine, so will his be based on her amount or my amount? If we start his SS disability in January when my wife applies, will his benefit increase when I claim my benefits? What is our best strategy?
Signed: Anxious Father

Dear Anxious Father: Your son is eligible for Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits as soon as either of you claim your Social Security benefit, and he will be entitled to 50% of the amount you are due at your full retirement age (subject to the Family Maximum). If your wife files for her Social Security benefit first, when she files her application (about 3 months before she wishes benefits to start) there is a section where she will be asked to list any dependent(s) who are either minors or disabled, and she should put your son's full name in this section. When your wife files, she should separately file an SSDI application on your son's behalf. Even though it is a new SSDI application, your son will not need to go through the normal SSDI determination process; they will adopt his existing SSI determination as evidence of his disability. But if his SSDI benefit is more than \$770/month, his SSI will stop; if it's less than \$770/month he'll draw both to receive that total. Then when you apply for your own Social Security benefit in August, you should file another SSDI application for your son to switch him to his increased benefit based upon your record.

As an FYI, the "Family Maximum" applies whenever 2 or more people are receiving benefits based upon the same worker's record, which will be the case if your wife also will get a spousal benefit from your record when you apply in August 2020. She will get a spousal benefit if 50% of your benefit at your FRA is more than her own SS benefit at her FRA. The formula for the Family Maximum is somewhat complex, but to simplify, the total benefits from your work record for all beneficiaries can't be more than 150% to 180% of your "Primary Insurance Amount" (or "PIA"—your benefit amount at your full retirement age). If the usual dependent benefits exceed the Family Maximum, the family maximum amount is proportionally divided among your dependents.

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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Nov. 12–19: Prince George's County Opens Drop-Off Sites For International Christmas Project

Local Families Make Global Impact Through Operation Christmas Child

By PRESS OFFICER
Samaritan's Purse

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD (November 2, 2018)—This month, 3 sites in PG County will be among 5,000 U.S. drop-off locations collecting shoebox gifts for children overseas during Operation Christmas Child's National Collection Week, Nov. 12–19.

PG County families, churches and groups are busy transforming empty shoeboxes into fun gifts filled with toys, school supplies and hygiene items. The Samaritan's Purse project partners with local churches across the globe to deliver these tangible expressions of God's love to children affected by war, disease, disaster, poverty and famine. For many of these children, it will be the first gift they have ever received.

This year, PG County residents hope to collect more than 10,083 gifts to contribute to the 2018 global goal of reaching 11 million children.

"We are honored to be linking arms with our community to help children around the world experience the true meaning of Christ-

mas," said Bowie volunteer Jo Ann Burton, who has participated in Operation Christmas Child for 15 years. "These simple gifts show God's love to children facing difficult circumstances."

P.G. County collection sites:
Jireh Place

3121 Trinity Drive
Bowie, MD 20715

Grace Bible Church

9920 Lanham Severn Road
Lanham-Seabrook, MD 20706

Berwyn Baptist Church

4270 Cherokee Street
College Park, MD 20740

For more information on how to participate in Operation Christmas Child, call 410-772-7360, or visit samaritanspurserg.org/oc. Participants can donate \$9 per shoebox gift online through "Follow Your Box" and receive a tracking label to discover its destination. Those who prefer the convenience of online shopping can browse samaritanspurserg.org/build online to select gifts matched to a child's specific age and gender, then finish packing the virtual shoebox by adding a photo and personal note of encouragement.

Local 13-Y.O. Author Inspires Business Leaders In "Glowstone Peak"

A Tale of Leadership & Collaboration Through the Eyes of Children

By ARDEN IZZO
Farrow Communications

When 13-year old Sebastian Hurt, a native of Laurel MD, wrote the picture book "Glowstone Peak" with his parents, he intended it to be for his peers. After the picture book was released in July, it became clear the message resonated with business leaders across the country.

Though "Glowstone Peak" is a fantasy book written for children, it is generating buzz among adults as the message promotes empathetic leadership and encourages readers to be agents of change—a topic increasingly important in today's political climate. With different social, political, and economic opinions in today's society, it is important to be open to other perspectives and not be biased or judgmental. This book offers these important life lessons through the eyes of children.

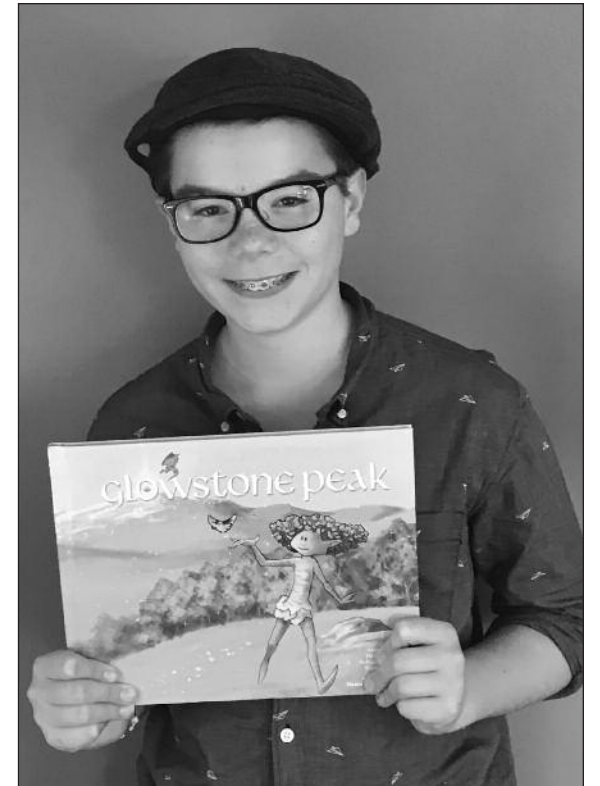
"I can't believe adults like my book! A lot of the story is told through the drawings and adults don't usually read picture books," says Sebastian, who wrote the book to help kids communicate better.

Many of us were raised with the notion that children were to be seen and not heard. We were taught to be respectful, to follow the rules, and to be compliant with authority. But after childhood we discover chal-

lenging the status quo is what brings new thought and possibilities into the world. It's not easy to forge a new path and go against the grain. It is an art that should be taught.

Non-conformists are pejoratively thought of as rebellious and difficult—and they often are—but perhaps it is because these change agents never learned the fine art of questioning and leadership in childhood. This book encourages readers to question the status quo respectfully and peacefully. With lessons that resonate with both children and adults, Glowstone Peak is an amazing tool to teach necessary life skills on leadership and collaboration.

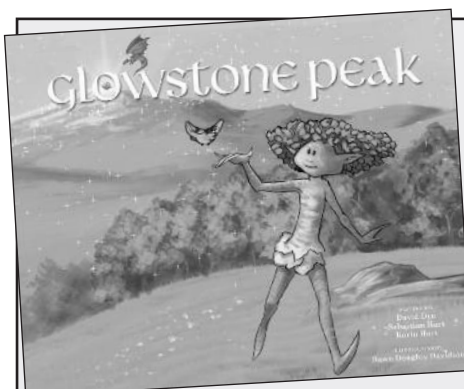
The book itself is a tangible representation of the leadership lessons within; it is a product of a family collaborating and working together to accomplish a common goal. Sebastian (a 13-year old lover of science-fiction and magic) created the characters, the fantasy plot, and the concept drawings for the book while his parents, Karin Hurt, David Dye, provided the foundational lessons based on their family values.



PHOTOGRAPH CREDIT DAVID DYE

Sebastian Hurt, holding a copy of his book with cover illustration by Dawn Davidson.

The book provides lessons on multiple platforms; it includes a section of questions and talking points in the back, and it also comes with access to enrichment activities online. Books on leadership and collaboration are often dry (if presented to adults) or have a syrupy-sweet, after-school-special tone (if presented to kids.) Sebastian Hurt has found a way to push the boundaries and created a story that's entertaining and educational for readers of all ages.



and hope that challenges young and old readers alike to question what "everybody says."

When magic disappears from the Brightwood Forest, Selvia decides she must do something to bring it back. No one trusts the Gnomes and fearsome creatures that live in the mountains,

More About the Book:

Visit: <https://www.amazon.com/GlowstonePeak>

A defining tale of our time, "Glowstone Peak" is a moving story of courage, influence,

but Selvia wonders if they're really to blame. She sets out on an adventure to restore the life she has always known but discovers a new magic along the way. Richly illustrated, this moving and beautiful story will inspire readers of all ages to question what "everyone says" and find a new magic of their own.

About the Hurt-Dye Family:

Sebastian Hurt and his parents Karin Hurt and David Dye are the authors of "Glowstone Peak". The family wrote this book to help both kids (and now adults) learn about collaboration and leadership. Hurt and Dye are internationally recognized leadership and employee engagement experts and the founders of Let's Grow Leaders.

Like his parents, Sebastian is also a leader and entrepreneur. He loves to make ordinary days magical with an illusion and entertainment business he created called Laughter and Magic.

Council Member Deni Taveras Announces Opening of Northern Gateway Business Assistance Services

By PRESS OFFICER
Prince George's County Council

UPPER MARLBORO, MD (October 26, 2018)—Prince George's County Council Member Deni Taveras (D)—District 2, in partnership with the Prince George's County Multi-Service Center, Maryland Small Business Development Center, Northern Gateway Community Development Center and FSC First, announces the opening of Northern Gateway Business Assistance and Outreach Services in Langley Park and College Park.

Services will be provided at the Maryland Small Business

Development Center, 7100 Baltimore Avenue, Suite 400, in College Park on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Northern Gateway businesses will also receive assistance at the Langley Park Multi-Service Center, 1401 East University Blvd., Suite G1, in Langley Park, on Mondays and Wednesdays, from 2–4 p.m.

"We are working together to help Northern Gateway businesses, especially those affected by construction of the Purple Line along University Boulevard. I encourage these businesses to access important business and outreach services by dropping in to a center, or registering by email for a free consultation to prepare for major opportunities and challenges, especially around the pending Purple Line."

The Business Assistance and Outreach Centers will provide information about financing opportunities and grant programs, improving business operations, marketing tools, building credit, and more.

Target Invests in Greater D.C. Area With New Oxon Hill Store and Nine Store Remodels

By PRESS OFFICER
Target

(October 31, 2018)—Today, Target is announcing plans to open a store in Oxon Hill, MD, in 2020 located in the River-towne Commons Shopping Center. At the same time, Target is completing work on nine D.C.-area stores undergoing a full-store remodel in 2018. Both investments allow Target to deliver an even easier and more inspiring shopping experience to guests throughout the greater D.C. area.

Target has signed a lease with Wharton Realty Group for the approximately 85,000-square-foot Oxon Hill store, which will offer a robust assortment, including apparel and accessories, kids' and baby care products, toys and sporting goods, electronics, fresh grocery, home décor, health and beauty essentials, and more. This store will also offer Order Pickup, giving guests even more convenience and added security with the ability to buy online and pick up in a store within an hour. This Oxon Hill store will hire up to 75

team members to help deliver a great shopping experience.

Nationwide, Target plans to renovate more than 1,000 stores by the end of 2020. The reimagined stores will feature Target's most ambitious store redesign to date, featuring modernized design elements and bringing more technology and digital experiences to our stores to give guests an experience that's easy and inspiring. D.C.-area stores undergoing a full-store remodel in 2018 include:

- Bowie
- Forestville
- Germantown
- Leesburg
- Sterling
- Fairfax
- Gainesville
- Lanham
- Potomac Mills

"Target is committed to investing in D.C. by reimagining existing stores and opening new stores throughout the market," said Robert Sexton, Target group vice president. "The greater D.C. area is a pri-



IMAGE COURTESY OF TARGET

An artist's rendering of the Oxon Hill store.

ority for Target, and we look forward to providing D.C. area residents and visitors a convenient and inspiring shopping experience with the latest store enhancements Target has to offer."

"We look forward to welcoming Target to the Oxon Hill community, and are excited about what this store and the Target brand will add to the surrounding neighborhood," said Isaac D. Massry, vice president, Wharton Realty Group.

OUT on the TOWN

Honor Our Veterans

First Annual Green Bowie Veterans Day 5K

Date and time: Saturday, November 10, 2018, Group stretch at 7:50 a.m., Flag ceremony at 8 a.m., Race at 8:15 a.m., Keynote speaker and commemoration at 9:45 a.m.

Description: This fun run and walk will start and end at Bowie Town Center. It will feature special guest speakers and have a variety of community groups and Green Bowie businesses present. This is a fun and active way to honor veterans and support Green Bowie. **To register, go to www.active.com and search Green Bowie.** All participants will receive an event T-shirt and a race bib. Veterans and active duty service members will receive a special gift. The course starts at the fountain at the Bowie Town Center, goes through Centennial Park, passes by Allen Pond and the Dog Park, winds a bit through one neighborhood and ends just about where we start. Green Bowie businesses will be present, as will many City community organizations, Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Sport Fit of Bowie and more!

Cost: FREE

Ages: All ages are welcome

Location: Bowie Town Center, 15606 Emerald Way, Bowie, MD 20716

Contact: 301-809-3044

Veterans Day Observance (Armistice Day)

Date and time: Saturday, November 10, 2018, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Description: A century ago, in 1918, on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, the guns fell silent as the "Great War" came to an end with an Armistice. In just a year of combat "Doughboys" and Marines of the American Expeditionary Force that sailed to France "to make the world safe for democracy" in the "war to end all wars" would suffer 53,402 combat deaths. To honor these and all veterans of all American wars, and veterans of military service who were non-combatants, a display of World War I artifacts will be on exhibit at the Ranger Station.

Cost: FREE

Ages: All ages are welcome

Location: Greenbelt Park, 6565 Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770

Contact: 301-344-3944

Veteran's Day Celebration at Robin Hill

Date and time: Saturday, November 10, 2018, 11 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Description: Join us for our Veterans Day Celebration! We will have live music, a food truck, and our seasonal mulled spiced wine. All Military—retired and active—receive 10% off all purchases. Event is open to the public, no tickets needed. Cheers!

Cost: FREE

Ages: All ages are welcome

Location: Robin Hill Farm and Vineyards, 15800 Croom Rd, Brandywine, MD 20613

Contact: 301-643-5619

11th College Park Free Blues Festival—

Red, White and Blues Dance in honor of Veterans

Date and time: Saturday, November 10, 2018, 6–11 p.m.

Description: Enjoy bands, vendors, dancing, craft beer. Turn your favorite pics into buttons! Bring pictures and cliparts of your favorite musicians or anything you enjoy to convert them into wearable 2-inch buttons! Made for you by the College Park Arts Exchange volunteers while you enjoy the music.

Cost: FREE

Ages: Adults

Location: UMD Ritchie Coliseum, 7675 Baltimore Ave, College Park, MD 20742

Contact: www.facebook.com/CollegeParkBluesFest

Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs Ceremonies

Date and time: Sunday, November 11, 2018, 11 a.m.

Cost: FREE

Ages: All ages are welcome

Location: Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery, 11301 Crain Highway, Cheltenham, MD 20623

Special Veterans Day Tour at The Medical Museum

Date and time: Sunday, November 11, 2018, 1 p.m.

Description: "The Nation's Medical Museum—Meeting Challenges through Innovation." This docent-led introductory tour highlights the remarkable changes in American medicine over the past 150 years, with a special focus on military medicine.

Cost: FREE

Ages: All ages are welcome

Location: National Museum of Health and Medicine, 2500 Linden Lane, Silver Spring, MD 20910

Contact: 301-319-3303

SONOS Armistice Concert

Date and time: Sunday, November 11, 2018, 7–9 p.m.

Description: SONOS is Chamber Music with a Twist. Led by acclaimed pianist Rachel Franklin and featuring the consummate talents of violinist Christian Tremblay and fretless bass player Jonathan Miles Brown, SONOS is a unique classical and jazz ensemble that blurs the edges between classic chamber works and jazz improvisation. SONOS is delighted to present a sizzling program to commemorate the centenary of the Armistice that ended the First World War. Signed at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, this momentous event halted five years of devastation and ushered in the extraordinary post-1918 period in Paris known as the Crazy Years—Les Années Folles.

Cost: Voluntary donation.

Ages: All ages are welcome.

Location: College Park Arts Exchange, The Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road, College Park, MD 20740

Contact: 301-927-3013

Maryland State Parks are Free for all Veterans

Year-round Recreational Programs

Active-duty military and all veterans (both resident and non-resident) enjoy free entry to parks managed by the state of Maryland, including Antietam National Battlefield, Sharpsburg; Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine, Baltimore; Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Monument and Scenic Byway, Cambridge; Sandy Point State Park, Annapolis; Thomas Stone National Historic Site, Port Tobacco and more. Visit <https://www.visitmaryland.org/list/national-and-state-parks>.

See page A7 for information on the National WWI Memorial events.

Calendar Spotlight

Meet Maryland's First Veterans Saturday, November 10, 12–4 p.m. Meet Maryland's First Maryland Regiment

Cost: FREE

Ages: All ages welcome.

Location: Belair Mansion, 12207 Tulip Grove Dr., Bowie, MD 20715

Contact: 301-809-3089 or museumevents@cityofbowie.org

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Belair Mansion

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Belair Mansion, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, offers a look at Bowie's earliest history. Built circa 1745 for Provincial Governor Samuel Ogle and his wife, Anne Tasker Ogle, the Mansion later became one of the homes of William Woodward, noted American horseman of the 20th century. Enlarged by Woodward in 1914, the Mansion today reflects its 250-year use as a residence. Today, the Mansion interprets the lives of residents from 1747–1950. Open Tuesday through Sunday 12 noon to 4 p.m. Tours for groups of 10 or more are available by appointment. Admission is free; donations are welcomed. The Mansion is also available for rentals for groups of 75 or less persons. For more information call 301-809-3089.

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ERIC D. SNIDER'S IN THE DARK

.... Movie Review

Hunter Killer

Title

Grade: B-

Rated R, four F-words, a lot of bullets to the head
2 hrs., 1 min.

The rather arbitrarily titled "Hunter Killer" is a submarine movie for dads, based on a novel called "Firing Point" (another random title) that looks like it is probably only for sale in airports. The dividing line on movies of

this nature is thin and extremely subjective, but for me "Hunter Killer" is just simple-headed enough to hit the spot, not quite so ludicrous that it pulls me out of it.

After an American submarine is torpedoed in Russian waters, the Navy calls in the best man they have, a maverick named Capt. Joe Glass (Gerard Butler) who didn't go to the Naval Academy and doesn't always

play by the rules but gets the job done, if you can imagine such a type. Glass and a crew take the USS Arkansas ("hunter killer" is the class of submarine it is) to investigate, leading to an exciting skirmish with a different Russian sub, not the one that torpedoed one of ours. That sub, the initial aggressor, is found sunk, but there are survivors aboard whom Glass and crew have a moral obligation to rescue and hold as POWs.

Meanwhile, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gary Oldman, advised by the Navy's Adm. Common, dispatches a covert Navy SEAL team to Russia to spy on a meeting between Russian president Zakarin (Alexander Diachenko) and minister of defense Adm. Durov

(Michael Gor), hoping to find out why the crap the Russians torpedoed us in the first place. The SEALs, led by one Bill Beaman (Toby Stephens), are your standard group of young military hotshots with girlfriends back home, etc., and they observe Durov perpetrating a coup against Zakarin, executing his men and taking him hostage. Durov wants World War III, and he's going to get it unless the Americans—working with the rescued Russian submariners, including their Capt. Andropov (Michael Nyqvist)—can extract Zakarin and take out Durov before the missiles start flying.

So we have action on two fronts, Glass underwater and the SEALs on the ground, which lets director Donovan Marsh maintain momentum by cutting back and forth between them. The screenplay, by Arne L. Schmidt and Jamie Moss, offers the customary submarine jargon and militaristic barking of orders, with ample opportunities for manly men to get up in each other's faces and whisper-growl. No one has ever accused Gerard Butler of being a good actor, and accusations aren't going to start flying now, but there's a certain charm to his roguish smile and sloppy, drunk-sounding American accent, and to the way Capt. Glass keeps talking about how he's spent his whole life underwater and what a drag it is. In a couple years, FX or TNT or somebody will bleep out the F-words and show it constantly as comfort food for people who find "The Hunt for Red October" too intense.



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Deep under the Arctic Ocean, American submarine Captain Joe Glass (Gerard Butler, *Olympus Has Fallen*, 300) is on the hunt for a U.S. sub in distress when he discovers a secret Russian coup is in the offing, threatening to dismantle the world order. Captain Glass must now assemble an elite group of Navy SEALs to rescue the kidnapped Russian president and sneak through enemy waters to stop WWII.

PLAN AHEAD

"Reel and Meal" film series: Not Business as Usual

Date and time: Monday, November 19, 2018, 7 p.m. (optional buffet served from 6:30 p.m.)

Description: "Reel and Meal" is a monthly film and discussion series sponsored by local nonprofits Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group, Prince George's County Peace and Justice Coalition, Green Vegan Networking and Utopia Film Festival. The film features stories of several U.S. entrepreneurs who want their business to have a cause beyond profit, to also take in account social and environmental goals—the "triple bottom line." Lawrence Le Lam and Institute B. highlight enthusiastic pioneers in a new social movement known as "conscious capitalism," who aim to combine making profits and doing social good.

Cost: FREE

Ages: Adults

Location: New Deal Café, 113 Centerway, Greenbelt, MD 20770

Contact: 202-549-5574, justpeacepg@earthlink.net

6th Annual Trot for a Turkey:

Winter Festival of Lights Preview

Date and time: Saturday, November 17, 2018, 6 p.m.–9 p.m.

Description: For more than 30 years visitors to the annual MNCPPC, Department of Parks and Recreation Winter Festival of Lights were dazzled by the twinkling displays as they drove through Watkins Regional Park. This year continues the new tradition, of helping families in need, with the 6th Annual Trot for a Turkey sneak peek! Participants in the Trot for a Turkey event walk or run through the 3.1-mile course and witness the incredible displays up close. The registration fee of \$30/person includes a long-sleeve commemorative t-shirt and provides a turkey for a local family in need. **Registration is available online through November 15 via Parks Direct.**

Cost: \$30; **Pre-registration required.**

Ages: All ages are welcome.

Location: Watkins Regional Park, 301 Watkins Park Drive Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772

Contact: 301-699-2456; TTY 301-699-2544

Find more events by
visiting www.pgpparks.com/Calendar.aspx

Calendar of Events

November 8–November 14, 2018

2nd Annual Adult Disabilities Wellness Expo

Date and Time: Saturday, November 10, 2018, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
Description: Prince George's Community Resources presents this opportunity to meet and speak with providers of health, education, financial and future planning services. Presentations during the event include: 9:50 a.m.: Music from AWDMG, 10:15 a.m.: S.P.I.R.I.T Club Demo, 10:45 a.m.: Vanda Pharmaceuticals Non-24, 11:30 a.m.: The Arc PGC Financial Literacy "Why Take Control?" Food will be available to purchase. Door Prizes!
Cost: FREE
Ages: All ages are welcome
Location: PGCR (Prince George's Community Resources), 12010 Woodmore Road, Bowie, MD 20721
Contact: 301-442-3708

Trash to Treasure Green Craft Fair

Date and Time: Saturday, November 10, 2018, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
Description: Join us for the 10th annual Trash To Treasure Green Craft Fair. Explore local crafters and artists who create treasures made from at least 50% recycled, organic, fair trade or sustainably-harvested materials. There will be food vendors, face-painting, a kids craft table and more!
Cost: FREE
Ages: All ages are welcome
Location: Watkins Nature Center, 301 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774
Contact: 301-218-6702

Beer, Blues, & Burgers at Marietta House Museum

Date and time: Saturday, November 10, 2018, 1–6 p.m.
Description: Enjoy various styles of beer from the Calvert Brewing Company, along with the sounds of blues musicians: Higher Standards Jazz (1–3 p.m.) and The Lovejoy Group (4–6 p.m.) Bring a lawn chair and blanket and enjoy a relaxing autumn afternoon!
Cost: \$10/person
Ages: 21 & older
Location: Marietta House Museum, 5626 Bell Station Road, Glenn Dale, MD 20769
Contact: 301-464-5291; TTY 301-699-2544

Career Kickstart: Resources for Veterans

Date and time: Saturday, November 10, 2018, 1 p.m.
Description: Are you a veteran? Are you looking for a job? Come explore different employment and job related resources to help you kick start your career.
Cost: FREE
Ages: Adults
Location: Accokeek Branch Library, 15773 Livingston Rd., Accokeek, MD 20607
Contact: 301-292-2880

Ray, Goodman & Brown

Date and time: Saturday, November 10, 2018, 8–10 p.m.
Description: Known as one of the most soulful R&B groups of the 70s, this trio originated as "The Moments", who formed in the mid-1960s and whose greatest successes came in the 1970s with hits including "Love On a Two-Way Street," "Sexy Mama," and "Look at Me (I'm in Love)." In 1979, for contractual reasons they changed their name to Ray, Goodman & Brown. The group consisted of the late Harry Ray, Al Goodman (deceased) and the current leader of the group Billy Brown. The legacy continues with current members Kevin "Ray" Owens, Larry Winfree and original member Billy Brown. They are one of the most sought-after groups on the ever popular "70's Soul Tour." Calling all "Special Ladies" for an evening of being serenaded by this incomparable trio of balladeers!
Cost: \$40/person; \$35/person for seniors, students, and groups of 20 or more. **Purchase your tickets through PARKS DIRECT!**
Ages: All ages are welcome.
Location: Publick Playhouse, 5445 Landover Road, Cheverly, MD 20784
Contact: 301-277-1710; TTY 301-699-2544

Art & Business Breakfast

Date and time: Tuesday, November 13, 2018, 8–9:30 a.m.
Description: Angela Alsobrooks is to be the featured guest at Joe's Movement Emporium's Art & Business Breakfast. All are invited to join for what promises to be an invigorating conversation between Alsobrooks and Brooke Kidd, Joe's Founder and Executive Director, about the value of arts and culture in creating successful business communities.
Cost: Tickets are \$25 per individual. Organizations, tickets for four for \$75. **Tickets can be purchased online at www.joesmovement.org.**
Ages: Adults
Location: Joe's Movement Emporium, 3309 Bunker Hill Road, Mt. Rainier, MD 20712
Contact: 301-699-1819

10th Annual Teens & Jeans 5K Walk for the Homeless

Date and time: Saturday, November 17, 2018, 9 a.m.–11 a.m.
Description: **From Monday, October 15 through Thursday, November 15**, residents are encouraged to donate clean, gently worn jeans of all sizes to any Department of Parks and Recreation community center. Donated jeans will be given to service organizations and shelters throughout the area. Walk or run 5K on the Anacostia Tributary Trail System, and help bring awareness to hunger and homelessness in our community. Donations can also be dropped off during the Teens & Jeans Walk. The 5K Walk is a free family-friendly event that features activities, live entertainment, and refreshments. Families interested in participating in the Walk can register the day of the event on site. Prince George's County Public Schools students who participate can earn student service learning hours by participating in the Walk. This outdoor event will take place rain or shine. Walkers should dress appropriately and bring a refillable water bottle for use at provided water stations throughout the day.
Cost: FREE
Ages: All ages are welcome.
Location: Bladensburg Waterfront Park, 4601 Annapolis Road, Bladensburg, MD 20710
Contact: 301-779-0371; TTY: 301-699-2544

The U.S. World War I Centennial Commission Presents a "First Look" at the National World War I Memorial, Washington, DC

By PRESS OFFICER
The World War One Centennial Commission

WASHINGTON, DC (October 11, 2018)—The World War One Centennial Commission invites the public to visit the site of the National World War Memorial, Washington, DC between November 8 and 12 for a "First Look at the National World War I Memorial." The Memorial site will be open to the public beginning with a presentation of colors at 9 a.m. and concluding with "Taps" at sunset daily, November 8–12. Visitors will see the memorial design, learn where the memorial will be constructed, and learn how to be part of the project. The World War One Centennial Commission was created by Congress in 2013 to: Educate the American people about the importance of WWI and why it matters today; Honor the more than 4 million Americans who served during WWI and the 116,525 men and women who sacrificed their lives; and Commemorate the WWI Centennial across the United States and Territories. The "First Look" program will also include a series of special events as noted below. For the full schedule of events, visit ww1cc.org, "A First Look".
Location: National World War I Memorial, Washington, DC, Pershing Park, 14th St and Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. 20045

Date and time: Saturday, November 10, 2018, 11:00 a.m.
Description: **Bravest of the Brave: The Native Americans of WWI.** When the United States entered World War I, Native Americans were not yet citizens. Though they could not be drafted, Native American men volunteered to serve. This event recognizes the courageous contributions Native Americans made on behalf of our nation throughout World War I.

Date and time: Sunday, November 11, 2018, 10 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
Description: 10 a.m. **Veterans Day Sacred Interfaith Service**, Washington National Cathedral—Open to the public
11 a.m. **Nationwide Bells of Peace:** This event invites everyone nationwide to toll bells in honor and remembrance of the 1918 pealing of bells for the World War I Armistice.
2 p.m. **Military and Veterans Salute (Open House).** The World War One Commission provides the opportunity to give long overdue recognition to America's sons and daughters who served in the

Great War, including the more than 204,000 Americans who returned home wounded and the 116,516 who never returned. This day honors the veterans of World War I and all the conflicts that followed. The event reminds us of the service and sacrifice of military members and veterans will never be forgotten.

Date and time: Monday, November 12, 2018, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Description: **WWI Armistice Film Festival.** The film festival will showcase a diverse collection of World War I-themed films to enrich viewers' experience and bring to life this momentous time in our nation's history.

National World War One Memorial "First Look" and Armistice Centennial

These commemoration events, in addition to providing a "First Look" at the future National World War I Memorial being built in Washington, DC, are designed to honor the more than four million Americans who served in uniform in WWI, and those who gave the ultimate sacrifice. Women joined the ranks of the U.S. armed forces for the first time, gaining the right to vote two years later. More than 350,000 African Americans served with distinction, as did Native Americans and immigrants. The U.S. experienced a casualty rate of 375,000—far greater than in World War II—and 116,516 fatalities, more than during the Korean and Vietnam Wars combined. It was a remarkable time in the history of our nation, with results still felt today.

The U.S. World War One Centennial Commission was created by Congress in 2013 to provide education programs, public outreach, and guidance for commemorative events regarding America's involvement in WWI, which many see as *The War That Changed the World*. Honorary Chairs include all five living former U.S. Presidents; the Honorable Madeleine Albright; and the Honorable Colin L. Powell, among others. *The World War One Centennial Commission is creating the National WWI Memorial in Washington, DC through private donation. No public funds may be used. Visit ww1cc.org to learn more about the World War One Centennial Commission and its work; ww1cc.org/memorial for America's WWI Memorial in Washington DC; ww1cc.org/veteran for veteran resources; connect with *WWICC on Facebook.com/ww1centennial*; [instagram.com/ww1cc/](https://www.instagram.com/ww1cc/); and [@WWICC](https://twitter.com/WWICC).*

Go Green This Halloween and Compost Your Pumpkin

By PRESS OFFICER
Prince George's County MD

LARGO, MD (October 25)—The Prince George's County Department of the Environment (DoE) is pleased to announce that it will collect pumpkins for composting on Monday, November 12 and Monday, November 19, 2018. In addition to pumpkins, dried corn, hay and straw will also be picked-up for composting along with yard trim.

Items should be placed curbside for pickup. Pumpkins are not required to be

bagged, but paper lawn/leaf bags must be used if residents choose to bag their items for collection. Pumpkins should be free of inorganic materials such as candles, wax, artificial lighting, loose decorations, etc.

Residents may also drop off pumpkins and other yard trim at the County's Public Convenience Centers:

Brown Station Road Public Container Pad and Recycling Area
3501 Brown Station Road
Upper Marlboro, Maryland

Monday–Saturday and holidays: 7 a.m.–6 p.m., Sunday: Closed

Missouri Avenue Solid Waste Acceptance and Recycling Center
12701 Missouri Avenue
Brandywine, Maryland
Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 6:30 a.m.–3 p.m., Tuesday, Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Saturday and holidays: 7:30 a.m.–4 p.m., Sunday: Closed

For more information, contact County Click at 3-1-1.

Earth TALK™ Plastic Waste: Are We Stuck With it Forever?

Dear EarthTalk:
Considering all the well-publicized problems with plastic in our oceans, do you think that plastic has any kind of future?

—Lea Mauduit, via EarthTalk.org

As much as environmentalists shudder at the proposition, it looks like plastics are here to stay. Most experts agree that there's no way to get humans to stop using plastic even if it would benefit the environment. This modern petrochemical-derived material is inexpensive to make, easy to form into various shapes and sizes, and is tough and strong enough to be used in a wide range of applications. We all make use of it in various forms hundreds of times a day just going about our business.

"Plastics are the workhorse material of the modern economy," reports the consulting firm McKinsey & Co., adding that global production has surged from 15 million to 311 million metric tons yearly between 1964 and 2014. That number is projected to double to over 600 million metric tons in the next 20 years.

But the functional benefits of plastic come at a steep price, mostly as non-recyclable waste. Single-use plastics represent a quarter of the total volume of plastics produced and around 95 percent of the value of plastic-packaging material. McKinsey estimates that the single-use plastics industry is worth some \$80-\$210 billion annually. Plastic's useful life is often less than a year, yet the material lives on for centuries.

Sadly, only 14 percent of plastic, single-use or otherwise, is recycled, even though

much more of it could live another life if recycling processors were equipped and willing to handle it. Europeans manage to re-use a third of their plastic waste; the U.S. has only been able to re-use 10 percent.

Some are looking to so-called "bioplastics" made from plant wastes instead of petroleum as one solution, but experts worry that even these nouveau greener formulations still won't break down and go away, especially out at sea. "A lot of plastics labelled biodegradable, like shopping bags, will only break down in temperatures of 50°C and that is not the ocean," says Jacqueline McGlade of the UN Environment Programme. "They are also not buoyant, so they're going to sink, so they're not going to be exposed to UV and break down."

According to McKinsey, we need to start applying "circular-economy" principles to global plastic-packaging if we want to stem the tide of plastic waste. To get this ball rolling, UK-based sailor Ellen MacArthur, who set the world record in 2005 for fastest solo circumnavigation of the globe, is using her personal foundation to fund the Circular Design Challenge to inspire creative solutions in reducing plastic packaging. Ten early-stage ideas will each receive \$10,000

in funding to help get their concepts into production, while bigger operations with more established solutions already in the works can apply for one of three \$100,000 awards to further prototyping and production goals. While this funding may represent a drop in the bucket of the kind of resources we'll need to beat the problem of plastic waste, it sets the wheels in motion to thinking sustainably about the future of plastics and the long term health of our environment.



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Getting rid of plastic across the board is unrealistic, but learning how to use less—and recycle the rest—may be our best hope.

CONTACTS: McKinsey & Company, www.mckinsey.com; UN Environment Programme, www.unenvironment.org; Ellen MacArthur Foundation, www.ellenmacarthurfoundation.org; Circular Design Challenge, challenges.openideo.com/challenge/circular-design/brief.

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Board of Regents usurped the president's authority and intervened in the ability of the president to carry out his full duties and responsibilities."

Former University of Maryland System Chancellor William "Brit" Kirwan and former regents board chairman James Shea issued a joint statement condemning the current regents' actions.

"To the best of our knowledge, in the 30-year history of the University System, no board of regents has ever made decisions about campus personnel, except those involving the president," they said. "The Board of Regents should not be in the business of hiring or firing a football coach, or any faculty or staff."

They also urged Loh to reconsider leaving the university in June. "We believe Dr. Loh's leadership is critical for the university at this challenging time and we call upon the Board of Regents to publicly affirm its support for Dr. Loh continuing leadership of the state's flagship university," Kirwan and Shea said.

Rep. Steny Hoyer, D-Mechanicsville, said Loh "took the appropriate action" in firing Durkin and said the head coach's actions ultimately led to McNair's death.

"President Loh took responsibility for this tragedy and assured the McNair family that a full investigation would be pursued, which he initiated and the University System of Maryland Board of Regents took over," Hoyer said in a statement.

Hoyer also added he believes Loh should reconsider his retirement and continue to focus on putting the athletic department on "a path worthy of respect and dignity."

Other politicians, including Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Baltimore, took to social media to question why the leadership at the university was still intact.

"The tragic death of Jordan McNair showed that there is a toxic climate at UMD," Cummings said via Twitter. "I am not satisfied with the remedies enacted by the University System of Maryland to ensure this never happens again."

The board ended its four-month investigation into Maryland's football program by concluding that it did not have a "toxic culture" as was previously alleged by an ESPN story written by Heather Dinich. This contradicted a previous investigation that found Maryland culpable for McNair's death.

However, the board did find that there were "problems that festered" within the athletic department, Brady said Tuesday, and it did not give Durkin, a first-time head coach in his third year, the tools to succeed.

The board recommended that Durkin retain his job, saying that while he shared "some responsibility" in McNair's death, the head coach was "unfairly blamed" for what happened.

The board also recommended that athletic director Damon Evans keep his job. Loh announced his retirement at the end of the academic year in the same press conference.

Despite the recommendation from the board, Loh fired Durkin one day later, after listening to concerns from the university's Student Government Association President Jonathan Allen and the majority of university stakeholders, all of which wanted Durkin gone.

"This is not at all a reflection of my opinion of Coach Durkin as a person," Loh said in a statement. "However, a departure is in the best interest of the university, and this afternoon Coach Durkin was informed that the university will part ways."

(Capital News Service Washington bureau reporters Jared Goldstein, Samantha Rosen and Morgan Caplan contributed to this story.)

Bowie State 49 - Elizabeth City State 7

By GREGORY C. GOINGS
Bowie State Sports Information

BOWIE, MD (November 3, 2018)—Bowie State University played its regular season home finale on Saturday afternoon, sending 23 seniors out on top with a convincing 49-7 victory over the Vikings of Elizabeth City State University. With the win, Bowie State claims the CIAA Northern Division Crown and advances to the conference championship game next Saturday (November 10) and will face Southern Division Champion Fayetteville State. Senior quarterback Amir Hall set a new CIAA All-Time Passing Touchdown Record at the 8:21 mark of the second quarter, ending the game with 333 passing yards and was pulled at the start of the fourth quarter. Hall's new record of 98 passing TD's surpasses the old mark of 96 set by Kameron Smith of Winston-Salem State.

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