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At a University of Maryland conference on women, sports and media, panelists discuss life in the locker room after watching an excerpt of the film *Let Them Wear Towels*. From left to right: Bonnie Bernstein, sports journalist and entrepreneur; Melissa Ludtke, sports journalist and author; Claire Smith, news editor at espnW; Beth Mowins, ESPN sports analyst; and Juliet Macur, New York Times sports reporter.

Women Sports Journalists Face New Challenges On and Off the Field

By JULIA KARRON
Capital News Service

COLLEGE PARK, MD—Decades of pioneering sports coverage by female journalists has put them in the locker rooms and on the field, but research shows it's still daunting to be a women's sports reporter.

That research helped shape discussions about how female sports reporters can move forward at the first-ever "Women, Sports and Media: Careers, Coverage, and Consequences" conference at the University of Maryland. The conference was organized by a partnership of espnW and the Shirley Povich Center for Sports Journalism at the Philip Merrill College of Journalism.

"Progress in America is undefeated," Beth Mowins, a sports analyst for ESPN, told the conference when asked how far women have come in the field. Lucy Dalglish, dean of Merrill College, said one reason the event came together was through conversations with John Skipper, former ESPN president, who wanted to know more about women athletes, sports journalists and audiences based on research.

That research showed how far women's sports coverage has

to go, despite the progress that's been made. Cheryl Cooky, an associate professor at Purdue University, explained that when it comes to broadcasting women's sports, "the media coverage tends to center on men's sports," with women's sports coverage hovering around 3 percent of total air

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Governor Larry Hogan Enacts Legislation to Bring Amazon HQ2 and 50,000 Jobs to Maryland, Fix Metro

By PRESS OFFICER
Office of the Governor

ANNAPOLIS, MD—Governor Hogan called Amazon HQ2 "The single greatest economic development opportunity in a generation" and vowed to commit an aggressive legislative package to bring Amazon to Maryland. "Amazon sent a clear signal that Maryland truly is open for business by selecting Montgomery County as one of an elite group of contenders for this transformative project," said Governor Hogan. "HQ2 is the single greatest economic development opportunity in a generation, and we're committing all of the resources we have to bring it home to Maryland. I look forward to continuing to work closely with Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett and all county leadership as we do everything possible to secure this incredible opportunity." (press release, "Governor Larry Hogan Announces Amazon Incentive Legislation," Office of the Governor, 1/22/18).

The Governor's proposal to attract Amazon incentive package designed to lure Amazon included a potential \$5 billion in targeted investments and transportation improvements. "The legislation is one component of a major incentive package that includes a budget allocation of \$10 million per year to the state's Sunny Day Fund over 15 years and billions of dollars in road, transit, and infrastructure up-

grades. The state's package for Montgomery County totals over \$5 billion in incentives and transportation improvements." (Robert McCartney and Ovetta Wiggins, "A \$5 Billion Carrot: Larry Hogan's Historic Offer To Win Amazon HQ2," *The Washington Post*, 1/22/17).

Amazon HQ2 will provide Maryland with an additional \$17 billion a year in economic activity and support over 101,000 jobs.

An Independent economic analysis determined that HQ2 would support over 101,000 total jobs, add an additional \$17 billion a year in economic activity. "Amazon's second headquarters project (HQ2) would contribute \$17 billion per year in additional activity to Maryland's economy and \$7.7 billion in annual wages when fully operational, according to a new economic impact study commissioned by the Maryland Department of Commerce and Montgomery County. Furthermore, the project would support 101,000 total jobs and would produce \$280 million in additional county tax receipts each year and \$483 million in annual state tax receipts according to the analysis, which was conducted by Baltimore-based Sage Policy Group, Inc." (Press Release, *Projected Impact Of Amazon HQ2 To Maryland Exceeds \$17 Billion Annually*,

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Council Chair Dannielle Glaros Issues Statement on Full Funding of Metro

By PRESS OFFICER
PG County Council

UPPER MARLBORO, MD—Governor Larry Hogan today signed into law HB0372, the *Maryland Metro/Transit Funding Act*, fully supporting Maryland's share of dedicated funding for Metro, including \$167 million in FY 2019.

The Prince George's County Council celebrates this vital investment in our region's transportation system, which promises a better quality of life for

our residents, and economic prosperity for Prince George's County, our region and the state of Maryland. We commend the leadership and partnership of the Prince George's County Delegation in this achievement, and appreciate the opportunity to collaborate in the best interests of our residents.

We congratulate our Council colleagues and Metropolitan Washington Council of

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Last Day of School for Students

By PRESS OFFICER
PGCPS

UPPER MARLBORO, MD—On April 25, 2018, The Prince George's County Board of Education voted to extend the school year by three days to make up instructional time lost to inclement weather.

Maryland elected officials recently passed emergency legislation that enables school dis-

tricts to add up to five days beyond the state-mandated last day for students (June 15) to make up for days lost due to inclement weather.

The last day of school for students will now be Wednesday, June 20. There will be a two-hour early dismissal on June 19 and June 20. For more information, visit the website at www.pgcps.org/school-calendar-process.

Maryland's Chesapeake Bay Underwater Grass Exceeds Record 60,000 Acres

By PRESS OFFICER
MDDNR

ANNAPOLIS, MD—The Maryland Department of Natural Resources reports 2017 was the third consecutive record-breaking year for underwater grass abundance in Maryland's portion of Chesapeake Bay.

An annual baywide survey showed 62,356 acres of underwater grasses were mapped in Maryland's tidal waters, a 5 percent increase from 2016. This is the fifth straight year of expansion for Maryland's underwater grasses, which surpassed the 2017 restoration goal of 57,000 acres in 2015 and continues to rise.

Baywide, the total acreage of underwater grasses exceeded 100,000 for the first time, reaching 104,843 acres.

"The continued record growth of underwater grasses shows tremendous progress for Maryland and our partners in improving and restoring water quality throughout the Chesapeake Bay watershed," Maryland Natural Resources Secretary Mark Belton said.

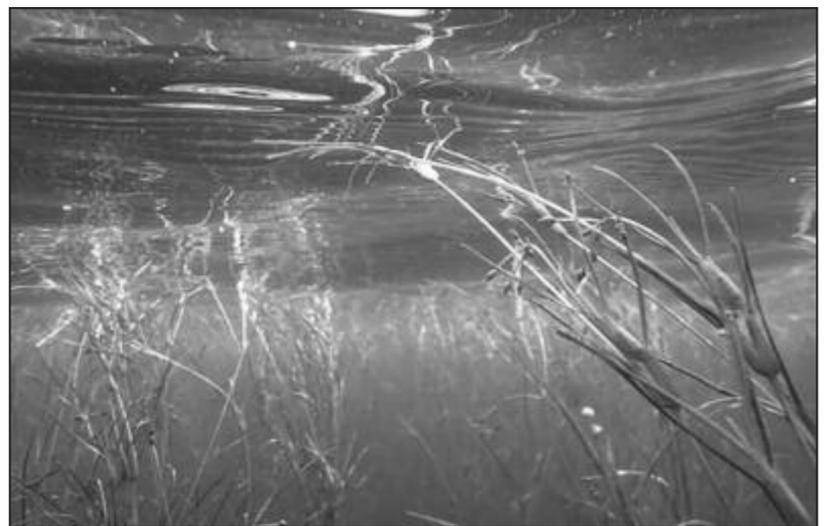


PHOTO COURTESY MDDNR

Grasses are thriving in the Chesapeake Bay.

"Knowing that the hard work by many Marylanders has gotten us here should provide the incentive to keep moving forward to a cleaner, healthier and more resilient bay."

Underwater grasses respond quickly to improvements in water quality condi-

tions, making them a critical indicator of restoration progress. Less nutrient pollution leads to improved water clarity, which in turn, allows for increased underwater grass growth. Also known as submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV), underwater grasses are

a critically important bay habitat that remove nutrients and sediment from the water column, reduce shoreline erosion, provide nursery habitat and protection for species like

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Comprehensive Bipartisan Crime Legislation, Tougher Sentences for Repeat Violent Offenders

In December 2017, Governor Hogan proposed a series of crime initiatives to address repeat violent offenders and criminal gang enterprises terrorizing communities across the state.

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No Turning Back

A new Government Accountability Office (GAO) report released last month, "K-12 Education: Discipline Disparities for Black Students, Boys, and Students with Disabilities," reminds us once again that suspensions and expulsions continue at high rates and offer grave risks to students.

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Governor Larry Hogan Addresses Business, Education Leaders at Maryland Technology Transfer Summit

The summit kicked off with remarks from Dr. Walter Copan, Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology and NIST Director, and Maryland Commerce Secretary Mike Gill.

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Movie Review:

The Hurricane Heist

Though it sounds bombastic and ludicrous, the film is actually rather unassuming for its genre. It's not trying to be the BIGGEST or LOUDEST action-weather-destruction-heist movie, just a good one. It keeps its head down and gets to work.

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Earth Talk

Dear EarthTalk:

What are suitable materials for making biodegradable plastic besides corn and sugarcane? Is pineapple or peanut suitable?

—Yu Hong Yap,
Malaysia

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Towns and NEIGHBORS

In and Around Morningside-Skyline

by Mary McHale 301 735 3451

Oxon Hill Pantry invites you to the Annual Walk to Feed the Hungry, May 5

For 22 years Interfaith Community Action Council has sponsored the Oxon Hill Food Pantry Walkathon. This year participants will be walking—or running—he Henson Creek Trail. It runs two miles out from the starting point, so you can do up to four miles or any lesser distance you desire.

To participate, fill out a registration form and donate a minimum of \$10 or 10 pounds of non-perishable food. Make checks out to ICAC Oxon Hill Food Pantry Walkathon.

If you have not already registered, you may do so on the day of the Walkathon at the Tucker Road Ice Rink, 1770 Tucker Road in Ft. Washington. The Registration Table will open at 9 AM and close at noon. Parking is available. For more information, go to www.ohfp.org or email oxonhillfoodpantry@gmail.com.

Walkers under 18 require parent or guardian signature.

This is a great opportunity to feed the hungry and get some really good exercise.

Also coming up

• Darnall's Chance House Museum, in Upper Marlboro, is offering free Mother's Day Tours to mothers and grandmothers when accompanied by a paying child or grandchild who'll also have the opportunity to make a Mother's Day card for their mother. Hours on Mother's Day, May 13, will be noon to 4 PM. Information, 301-952-8010.

• The Surratt House Museum, in Clinton, invites you to a free program, "Buffalo Soldiers: Mappers, Explorers, Park Rangers, and Protectors of the West" on Saturday, May 5,

4 PM. Historian Hardrick Crawford will discuss these African American men "who were tempered by the Civil War and moved west to serve as our country expanded." Info: 301-868-1121

Churches needed to host Warm Nights

The Warm Nights program is in desperate need of churches to house guests weekly for the next several months. Kathy Gabrielsen has sent the following report:

"Warm Nights/Bridges of Hope is a faith-based emergency shelter program for homeless women, children and men. Guests are housed for a week in a church from 7 PM–7 AM daily, with shelter staff on site the entire 12-hr. period. Cots, bedding, towels, hygiene articles and transportation are provided by the staff. Church members are responsible for providing breakfast, bag lunches and dinner, although exceptions can be made in order to provide the facility for housing. Space is needed for approximately 25 cots, which can be in rooms or open space, if necessary.

"The shelter program improves the probability that guests will attain self-sufficiency and become contributing members of the community. Contact Deidre McCalaster, Shelter Director, 301-864-7095 ext. 429 or deidrem@ccsimd.org."

So, do you know a church willing to host Warm Nights for a week? It's a remarkable program that some of our area churches have offered for years.

People

John and Emily Tierney were married April 15, 1950 at St. Ann's Church in West Springfield, Mass. On this latest April 15 many of their five children

and nine grandchildren came to town to help them celebrate their 68th anniversary with Mass followed by a gathering at the Tierney home in Camp Springs.

Lt. Gov. Boyd Rutherford visited Joint Base Andrews March 22 for a special tour of the base, by Col E. John Teichert and other base leaders. The purpose was to strengthen military-community relations.

Morningside Memories: 30 years ago

Morningside-Skyline Parks & Recreation Council (M/S PARC) was named Recreation Council of the Year 1989 by the Prince George's County Federation of Parks and Recreation. President Debra Balint and Vice-President Juanita Hood were present to accept the plaque. M/S PARC began as the Morningside Recreation Council in the 1940s.

May they rest in peace

Liz Maruca, formerly of Camp Springs and Dunkirk, has died. I will remember her in a future column.

Rose Tiller, 91, a native of Saskatchewan, Canada, who came to the U. S. during WWII with The British Air Commission, died June 1, 2017. She was a member of Forest United Methodist Church in Forestville, where services were held. She was the mother of Roger, David and Barry Tiller and Linda Cromwell; grandmother of four and great-grandmother of seven.

Sister Haregu, of Skyline, a member of the Daughters of St. Anne, died April 25. Her parents have flown in from her native Eritrea. Sister worked with the students in St. Philip's School and in the daycare where I volunteer

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Neighborhoods

Hoyer Remarks at the Installation of Bowie State University President Dr. Aminta Breaux

BOWIE, MD—Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-05) attended the installation of the tenth President of Bowie State University, Dr. Aminta Breaux, this morning. Dr. Breaux was named President of the University in July 2017. Below are his remarks as prepared for delivery:

"Good morning. I'm honored to be here representing our state's Congressional Delegation. Congratulations to President Breaux, to the faculty and staff, to the students, and to the Board.

"When I first met President Breaux, just a few days after she began in her new role, I told her how impressed I was to learn about her success at Millersville. As people on campus and across the state have gotten to know her over the past year, it's clear that the decision to invite her to become Bowie State's tenth President—and the first woman to serve in that role—was the right one.

"Bowie State has seen much growth and positive change over the past decade. Former President Mickey Burnim deserves a lot of credit for the work performed during his tenure to launch Bowie State's education innovation initiative that exposes students from underrepresented groups to careers in the sciences and technology. Now, President Breaux will have an opportunity to leave her mark on this great institution – to enhance this school and find new ways to fulfill and expand its mission.

"Last May, the community has also experienced hardship with the loss of Richard Collins, his life so tragically taken in a senseless act of violence. President Breaux has taken the helm at a time of mourning and healing. And she's risen to the challenge with a grace and steadiness that has given all of us strength. She's already 'racing to excellence,' as is our theme today.

"The core of Bowie State University, going back to its origins in the 1860's, has always been on harnessing the power of education to transform lives for the better. When former First Lady Michelle Obama spoke at the Bowie State Commencement in 2013, she quoted Fredrick Douglass, who said: 'Education means emancipation. It means light and liberty. It means the uplifting of the soul of man into the glorious light of truth, the only light by which men can be set free.'

"She praised Bowie State's legacy as part of a network of schools established in the wake of emancipation, saying: 'That is the story of Bowie State University, the commitment to education our next generation and building ladders of opportunity for anyone willing to work hard.' This, ultimately, is what a Bowie State education provides its 5,600 students: a freedom to pursue every dream, a chance to uplift one's soul through learning and the hard but fulfilling work of education.

"As Maryland's oldest historically black university, Bowie State has long played a critical role not only in enabling students to reach for a better future but lifting entire communities as well. In Washington, I'm proud to be a part

of the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Caucus.

"President Breaux has already been involved for a long time in shaping national policies impacting HBCUs and other institutions of higher learning. I've been proud to work in Congress with my Maryland colleagues to secure federal support for Bowie State, and I've been proud to be a strong supporter of its three strategic priorities: academic excellence, student success, and viability of the University. I am always impressed with the students for their constant striving for excellence and their intellect and engagement when I visit Bowie State.

"Bowie State students have made the campus a place for dialogue and activism aimed at breaking down barriers and promoting diversity and inclusion in our Maryland communities and across the country. And let's not forget cheering on the Bowie State Bulldogs, especially after last season's extraordinary NCAA Division II trip to the playoffs!

"I look forward to working closely with President Breaux and her team to continue bringing every resource to bear so Bowie State can carry out its important and historic mission. And I congratulate, again, and wish her great success as President."

Maryland State Arts Council Awards \$225,000 to 78 Individual Artists from Across the State

11 Prince George's County Residents Among Winners

BALTIMORE, MD—The Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC) announces that \$225,000 has been awarded to 78 Maryland artists through the 2018 Individual Artist Awards (IAA). This year's awardees were chosen from a group of 367 applicants and represent some of the state's leading playwrights, craft makers, photographers, and non-classical music composers and performers. Awardees will be honored on May 20th, 12 noon–2 pm, during a ceremony at the American Visionary Art Museum in Baltimore (800 Key Highway, Baltimore, MD 21230) and will receive grants of \$1,000, \$3,000 or \$6,000 in recognition of their outstanding achievement and in support of their continued artistic growth. The full list of 2018 IAA awardees can be found here.

"Maryland has a long history of artistic excellence," said Ken Skrzysz, MSAC Executive Director. "The Individual Artist Award specifically celebrates the accomplishments of creative energies, across our state, who are in their studios, in their communities, breathing life into innovative ideas through the creative process."

The MSAC's competitive IAA Program is administered in partnership with Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation and recognizes artists in 18 disciplines divided into three groups, with awards presented in each discipline every three years. This year's awardees represented the fields of non-classical music composition and solo performance, crafts, photography, and playwriting. Awardees were chosen, based solely on artistic merit, by an out-of-state jury of discipline-specific experts.

"It's such an honor to receive an Individual Artist Award from the Maryland State Arts Council," said Nakeya Cook of Howard County, a first time IAA recipient in the photography category. Cook's work is beginning to garner greater attention from a wider audience, and she expects that the unrestricted IAA grant that accompanies the award will help with the printing and distribution of her work to keep up with demand.

"Each award not only recognizes my creative talent but financially supports the work I put into my music behind the scenes," said Cathy Fink, a musician from Montgomery County who is being honored with her fifth IAA this year. "These awards enable me to practice, compose and create so I am able to share new creative works with others!"

The 2019 IAA application period opens in May 2018, with a deadline of July 25th. Eligible categories for 2019 are creative non-fiction/fiction, media/digital/electronic arts, theater solo performance, painting, and works on paper. IAA Program and application information can be found on the Individual Artist Awards page on MSAC's website.

About MSAC

Founded in 1967, the Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC) is an agency of the State of Maryland Department of Commerce, Division of Tourism, Film and the Arts, and encourages and invests in the advancement of the arts for all Marylanders. Its grants and programs support artists and arts organizations in their pursuit of artistic excellence, ensure the accessibility of the arts to all citizens, and promote statewide awareness of arts resources and opportunities. MSAC awards grants to not-for-profit, tax-exempt organizations and individual artists, and provides technical and advisory assistance to individuals and groups. The agency is funded by an annual appropriation from the State of Maryland and a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. MSAC may also receive contributions from private, non-governmental sources. For more information, go to msac.org.

Landover sailor sails into British Columbia aboard USS Pearl Harbor



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VICTORIA, British Columbia (April 12, 2018) Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Willie Washington, from Landover, Md., mans the rails as the Harpers Ferry-class amphibious dock landing ship USS Pearl Harbor (LSD 52) pulls into Victoria, British Columbia. Pearl Harbor is currently in Victoria, British Columbia, for a scheduled port visit.

Brandywine-Aquasco

by Audrey Johnson 301 888 2153

ALUMNI & FRIENDS GOLF TOURNAMENT

Bowie State University National Alumni Association, Inc. will sponsor their Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament on June 15, 2018. Shotgun: 9:00 AM, Individual: \$135 and Foursome: \$500. *Early Bird \$475 ends 5/15/18. The location is Enterprise Golf Course 2802 Enterprise Road, Mitchellville, Maryland.

Event includes green fee, cart, lunch and award. Sponsorship opportunities: Lunch Sponsor, Pin Flag Sponsor and Hole Sponsor. To register or for more information visit www.bowiestate.edu/alumni. Chairman: Dione Bowlding @ (301) 602-6296/ (301) 860-4327. Proceeds to benefit the BSUNAA Endowment Fund.

WOMEN OF ROYALTY

Join the Women of New Hope Fellowship Cooperative Parish, Christ United Methodist Church/Nottingham Myers UMC, for their Annual Women's Day Celebration Sunday, May 20, 2018 at 11:00 AM. The Guest Speaker will be Rev. Erika Barnes Union Bethel AME. Featured will also be New Hope Fellowship Dance Ministry, Diamonds in the Rough Dance Ministry and New Hope Fellowship Women's Day Choir.

The service will be at Christ United Methodist Church 22919 Christ Church Road, Aquasco, Maryland, Rev. Constance Smith. Telephone number is 301-888-1316 or visit us at www.Thenhf.org.

MARTIAL ARTS SUMMER CAMP

"Summertime does not have to be idle time for Kids". There is a camp for ages 5–13 years old. The camp includes "The Path To Excellence" which includes martial Arts, Games and Sports, weekly field trips skills Development-Science, Math, Cooking & more! he Camp is located at 5020 Brown Station Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland. Early and late pickup available. Call 301-627-5015 or visit www.shaolinkungfuhealthandfitness.com or call 301-627-5015 to register.

ANNUAL TRUSTEE DAY

Christ United Methodist Church in Aquasco, Maryland celebrated Trustee Day, Sunday April 22, 2018. Minister Rodney Taylor of Union Bethel AME Church was Guest Speaker. Worship Music by the Gospel Inspirations. Beverly Cole was honored as Trustee of the year. Congratulations Beverly for your dedication.

ANNUAL BENEFIT DINNER DANCE

Bowie state University National Alumni Association, Inc., Prince George's County Chapter will sponsor their Annual Benefit Dinner Dance June 24, 2018 from 4:00 PM–8:00 PM. The location is La Fontaine Bleue, 7963 Annapolis Road, Lanham, Maryland.

The cost of a ticket is \$50.00. (Donations * 15 Tax Deductible Contribution). Semi-Formal Attire/Vendors, entertainment/Cash

Bar. For more information, please call Addie Martin 301-868-6081.

THE MIGHTY WOMEN OF QUARTET GOSPEL

D.T. E. Productions presents The Mighty Women of Quartet Gospel Saturday June 9, 2018. Doors open at 4:00 PM. Service starts at 5:00 PM. Featured groups will be The Calvert County Baptist Church Praise Team, Prince Frederick, Maryland., The Gospel Pearls Washington, DC., Chevela & The Spiritual Voices Washington, DC., Angela Robinson & High Praise Washington DC., The Fox Family Singers Clinton, Maryland. The Mistress of Ceremonies will be Jacque Gales Webb from WHUR 96.3 "Sunday Afternoon Gospel".

Admission is \$20 in advance, \$23 at the door. Children under 12 free. Food will be sold. Contact Delfonte Johnson 240-412-6912, Thomas Scott (Scottie) 301-503-4231, Ellis Pratt 443-771-6279. The address is Greater Faith Ministries, 2400 Solomon's Island Road, Prince Frederick, Maryland. Telephone number is 410-586-3333.

FATHER'S DAY LUNCHEON

Bowie State University National Alumni Association Southern Chapter Fundraiser Father's Day Luncheon will be Sunday June 17, 2018 from 1:00 PM–4:00 PM. There will be entertainment, fun, food, and friends. Donation: \$35.00. No

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COMMUNITY

The American Counseling Association's Counseling Corner

When is it Time For a New Job?

Whether you're a highly-paid executive or have a lower-level position, you still are head to your job each day and try to do your best. But is that job doing its best for you?

While most of us need that regular paycheck in order to survive, it shouldn't mean being miserable in order to earn a living. If your job isn't making you happy, it's time to ask some serious questions and to consider the possibility of a job, or even a career change.

The process starts with simply looking at how your current position is affecting you. Do you feel bored, unchallenged and unmotivated in the work you're currently doing? If so, they're clear signs that it might be worth considering an employment move.

There are other questions to ask yourself. Do you dread heading off to work most days? Are Sunday evenings depressing because you know you have to be back at work in the morning? Has the job simply become uninteresting and isn't really making much use of your abilities and experience?

When you find yourself answering yes to questions like these it's a good time to consider a change. When someone continues in a position where they're bored and unhappy, it affects a lot more of their life than simply those hours at work. Personal mental and physical health can suffer, family life can be affected, and relationship issues with a spouse are not uncommon.

If you do believe it's time for a major employment change, there's a lot of help available. Start with a visit to your local library or bookstore and browse through the many books about making career changes that are available. A search online will also produce a variety of articles about the right and wrong ways of making a career change.

It can also be helpful to consider working with a professional counselor specializing in career and employment guidance. He or she can help you in defining your goals and interests, and in developing an action plan. The American Counseling Association website at www.counseling.org has a Find A Counselor link that can take you to a directory of counselors in your area.

Being unhappy and unsatisfied in your work isn't something you should have to face. A good career change can help bring a sense of control over your life and excitement about future opportunities.

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as a reader. In a future column, I'll tell you more about her.

Milestones

Last week I wished a Happy Birthday to three women who have died: Rose Tiller, Dorothy Lipka and Ann Lacey.

And who's to blame? Some of you. When you see a Happy Birthday wished to someone who celebrated it in Heaven, let me know. This time two people did email me and I thank them! I found Rose Tiller's obit, as you can see (above). Now, can

anyone tell me more about Dorothy Lipka or Ann Lacey? I would love to know about them, like when they died and what they were enjoyed while they lived.

Meanwhile, this week I extend a Happy Birthday to India Goodall and Ruby Haines, May 4; Donald Young, Jim Henderson and Marilyn Meoli, May 5; Elsie Dent, and Gretchen Ennis, May 6; Dwight Holloway Jr., May 7; Brandi Jeter and Buddy Ramsey, May 9; Gladys Locks, Shirley Eppard and Elijah Thomas, May 10.

Brandywine from A2

tickets sold at the door. Contact for tickets are Bob Strother 240-462-6714, Larry King 240-460-3019. Come early, park in unmarked spaces only. The address is Hunting Ridge Clubhouse, 6914 Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770.

KAPPA HARBOR TAKEOVER 2018

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Day Party will be on June 23, 2018 from 5:00 PM-9:00 PM. D J Rod Madd Flava hosted by Joe Claire. MGM National Harbor, Potomac Plaza. To purchase tickets, visit

www.kappatakeover.com. A portion of the proceeds will go to Women & Children Charities.

All White Night After Party featuring Live Band Be'la Dona. MGM National Harbor Grand Ballroom from 10:00 PM -2:00 AM. DJ Rod Madd Flava, free entry with Day Party Ticket. A portion of the proceeds will go to Women & Children Charities.

CLINTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Annual National Day of Prayer Breakfast, sponsored by the Evangelism Ministry, Stephanie Samuel, Chairperson, has been cancelled for this year.

Comprehensive Bipartisan Crime Legislation, Tougher Sentences for Repeat Violent Offenders

By PRESS OFFICER
Office of the Governor

ANNAPOLIS, MD—On April 24, 2018, Governor Larry Hogan was joined by Senate President Thomas V. "Mike" Miller and Speaker of the House Michael Busch to sign 207 bills into law at a signing ceremony at the Maryland State House in Annapolis.

"This morning, we are signing a number of important initiatives, including tougher sentences for repeat violent offenders and people who commit crimes with a gun," said Governor Hogan. "Keeping Marylanders safe is our number one priority, and I again thank Senator Bobby Zirkin for his leadership on this issue, as well as President Miller, Speaker Busch, and legislators on both sides of the aisle for their bipartisan cooperation this session and for working with us to change Maryland for the better."

In December 2017, Governor Hogan proposed a series of crime initiatives to address repeat violent offenders and crim-

inal gang enterprises terrorizing communities across the state. Throughout the legislative session, Governor Hogan worked with legislators from both parties, led by Senator Zirkin, to ensure these critical initiatives were passed.

Key provisions in *Senate Bill 101*, signed today, include eliminating parole eligibility for repeat violent offenders and stronger sentences for people who commit crimes with a firearm. The legislation also prohibits violent offenders from being ordered to treatment in lieu of incarceration and strengthens sentences for sexual abuse of a minor.

Also signed as part of the crime package was *Senate Bill 1137*, which expands the existing volume dealer law to include fentanyl and will allow for more effective prosecution of high-level heroin traffickers.

The governor also signed several bills to support Maryland veterans and armed service members as well as their families, including legislation exempting all surviving spouses of veterans from vehicle registration fees (*House Bill*

1162/Senate Bill 626); requiring the Maryland Department of Health to report data on veteran and armed services member suicides in the state (*House Bill 1159/Senate Bill 66*); and allowing service members to end certain service contracts early if they receive orders to relocate for longer than 90 days (*House Bill 1614*).

Also signed today were initiatives to help in the fight against the heroin and opioid crisis, including the administration's legislation to improve data sharing and coordination by allowing emergency service providers to input and share data about opioid overdoses (*House Bill 359*), as well as several bipartisan opioid-related bills that expand crisis response services and reduce the misuse of prescription opioids (*House Bill 1092/Senate Bill 703; Senate Bill 87; House Bill 1452/Senate Bill 1223; House Bill 653/Senate Bill 522; House Bill 922*).

The governor also signed (*House Bill 111/Senate Bill 233*), which will assist the Department of Health in meeting requirements regarding appropriate

placements for individuals involved with the court who show signs of mental health issues by providing clear timelines for accountability while also maintaining flexibility to place individuals in the least restrictive but clinically appropriate settings.

Further, several bipartisan measures were signed to help keep firearms out of the hands of the mentally ill and those with violent criminal backgrounds (*House Bill 1302 and House Bill 1646*); to restore Highway User Revenue funding, bringing the total to \$297.8 million over four years, to go directly to municipal governments for much-needed road maintenance or improvement projects (*House Bill 807/Senate Bill 516*); as well as several animal welfare measures to encourage pet adoption (*Senate Bill 675; House Bill 1662; Senate Bill 1038*.)

"I want to thank the Maryland SPCA, BARCS, and the Baltimore Humane Society for bringing a few furry friends for the bill signing today, many of which are outside of the State House available for adoption," said Governor Hogan.

Certificate of Need Application Filed for a New University of Maryland Laurel Regional Hospital

By PRESS OFFICER
PG County Government

UPPER MARLBORO, MD—Prince George's County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III, released this statement following news that the University of Maryland Capital Region Health has filed an application with the Maryland Health Care Commission for a Certificate of Need, approval of which will allow the University of Maryland Laurel Regional Hospital to transition to a new state-of-the-art healthcare center which will offer a comprehensive array of services, including around the clock emergency services, outpatient surgery, dedicated behavioral health resources, as well as a wealth of other offerings such as primary care, wellness services and chronic disease management.

Upon regulatory approval, these services will be offered in the existing Laurel Hospital until the new facility is built on the

campus located at the corner of Van Dusen and Contee Roads in Laurel. The new University of Maryland Laurel Medical Center construction is expected to be completed in the Spring of 2021.

"This announcement is great news for the residents of Laurel, Northern Prince George's County, and for all the residents of this County and our neighboring counties. I am proud of the work and advocacy from our community, state and local leaders, working collaboratively with my administration and the University of Maryland Medical System to deliver healthcare that our Prince Georgians have long deserved. I want to wish the University of Maryland Medical System, the City of Laurel, and all the residents and activists who fought so hard for this hospital the best of luck with this Certificate of Need process.

Seven years ago, I made improving healthcare resources and health outcomes for County

residents a priority of my administration. In 2011, we signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the State of Maryland, the University System of Maryland, the University of Maryland Medical System (UMMS) and Dimensions Healthcare to put us on the path to quality hospitals, doctors, and the creation of a vibrant healthcare industry in Prince George's County and Southern Maryland. For too long, our residents have been travelling too far and often out of the state to receive healthcare.

Although we have faced many financial, logistical, and political challenges throughout the years, our hard work has come to fruition and better healthcare is now on the horizon for our residents. Whereas the building of the new \$650 million University of Maryland Capital Region Medical Center in Downtown Largo has gotten the lion's share of the headlines, we have quietly improved

healthcare throughout Prince George's County by addressing the County's need for primary care physicians and other healthcare professionals.

Children's National Medical System, Kaiser Permanente, and FutureCare are all building and expanding major operations in Prince George's County. Med-Star Southern Maryland, Fort Washington Medical Center, and Doctor's Community Hospital have undertaken increased investment and expansion. And certainly the merger of the University of Maryland Medical System and Dimensions Healthcare System in the past year has helped to improve quality and service at the Prince George's Hospital Center in Cheverly, the Bowie Healthcare Campus, and Laurel Regional Hospital.

The quality of life within our communities is directly linked to the quality of healthcare we can provide our residents. We have made great progress and I look forward to continued success."

Journalists from A1

time on local news channels and *SportsCenter*.

Cooky added that "it's never too early, too soon or too late to cover men's sports," because they are covered whether or not they are in season.

By contrast, she said, women's sports are primarily covered when they are in season, and the absence of coverage creates a feedback loop where a lack of airtime and ratings leads to even less airtime and lower ratings.

Rob King, ESPN senior vice president for original content newsgathering and digital me-

dia, said that when he reviewed that data from 2014, it was "dissatisfying to us" and emphasized that ESPN had "a long way to go" in terms of covering women's sports. But he welcomed the feedback and said it "has to continue."

Additional research from Molly Yanity at Quinnipiac University showed that female sports reporters felt discriminated against—not by their editors or in the newsroom, but rather in social media.

"Social media has become so pervasive on a negative front that it made them feel like they were less valued," Yanity said, elaborating that it was one of

the major reasons women left sports journalism.

One aspect where progress is being made is that role models and sponsors, "someone that makes things happen for you," are telling their stories and helping younger women, said Molly Solomon, executive producer for Golf Channel.

Christine Brennan, a sports columnist at *USA TODAY*, said her father was "my own personal Title IX," and that helped because "I didn't have role models" who were female sports reporters.

The conference was not just a reflection on how hard it's been for women journalists in the past.

It was also used to usher in a new generation of female sportswriters, said Elle Duncan, an anchor with ESPN's *SportsCenter*.

Attendees said they would like to see another conference where practitioners and researchers can come together and collaborate.

"Above and beyond anything, these platforms invite me and challenge me to think," said Claire Smith, a news editor at ESPN. At such events on university campuses, "it's the students who take me to school," Smith said. "I don't worry about the future of this business. It's in good hands."

Metro from A1

Governments (COG) board members, Immediate Past Chair, Derrick L. Davis (D-District 6), and Council Member Todd Turner (D-District 4), Chair of Rules and General Assembly, both of whom worked tirelessly to articulate Metro's critical importance to Prince George's County, build consensus in the region and

the state around restoring confidence in the Metro system, and commit to long-term dedicated funding.

In February, the Council approved *CR-8-2018* and a Joint Signature Letter from Prince George's and Montgomery counties to Governor Hogan and state lawmakers, expressing support for the Metropolitan Washington Council of Government's position on Metro oper-

ations, long-term funding and state of good repair.

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COMMENTARY

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Governor Larry Hogan Signs Legislation to Combat Opioid Epidemic Into Law

ANNAPOLIS, MD—Governor Larry Hogan was joined today by Senate President Thomas V. “Mike” Miller and Speaker of the House Mike Busch to sign a number of bills aimed at combatting the opioid epidemic into law, including the Overdose Data Reporting Act and the Controlled Dangerous Substances – Volume Dealers Act, at a signing ceremony at the Maryland State House in Annapolis.

The Overdose Data Reporting Act will allow emergency medical services providers and law enforcement officers to input and share data about opioid overdoses. This will enable first responders to track this information and allocate resources, including life-saving naloxone, in near real-time to respond to an extremely potent batch of opioids in a specific area. The legislation will make Maryland one of 27 states and nearly 300 agencies to use this technology to inform first responders, identify national trends, and prevent overdose deaths.

“This legislation will provide several avenues for sharing near real-time information on drug overdoses occurring across Maryland and regionally, which is vital to more effectively coordinate the response to the opioid epidemic,” said Clay Stamp, executive director of the Opioid Operational Command Center. “The Opioid Operational Command Center works to support the 24 opioid intervention teams (OITs) – and with this enhanced data-sharing ability, we will be better positioned to shift resources like mobile crisis teams in advance of spikes, alert for spikes, and direct re-

sources to areas of need.”

At the local level, OITs are set up in each of Maryland’s 24 jurisdictions and led by the emergency manager and health officer. They are multi-agency coordination bodies that coordinate with the community, and complement and integrate with the statewide opioid response effort.

The Controlled Dangerous Substances – Volume Dealers Act will expand the volume dealer statute to include fentanyl and its analogs, and allows for more effective prosecution of high-level drug traffickers who deal in large quantities of controlled substances. Additionally, it amends how the existing volume dealer statute deals with mixtures containing heroin. Currently, the volume dealer statute applies to any mixture 448 grams or more containing a detectable amount of cocaine. However, for heroin, regardless of how large the mixture, there must be 28 grams of heroin in some form within the mixture. It is common for heroin to be cut with other substances. Senate Bill 1137 amends the statute to treat heroin the same as cocaine and require that the mixture of 28 grams or more contains a detectable amount of heroin.

Before It’s Too Late is the state’s effort to bring awareness to the heroin and opioid epidemic and to mobilize resources for effective prevention, treatment, and recovery. Marylanders grappling with a substance use disorder can find help at BeforeItsTooLateMD.org and 1-800-422-0009, the state crisis hotline.

Marc Morial, President and CEO

National Urban League



Starbucks Arrests Show Implicit Bias is Hiding in Plain Sight

“Those of us who bear the brunt of racial bias and oppression every day end up having to not only battle that bias and oppression, but also convince everyone else that it even exists. It is very hard for the majority of the population to see how the everyday businesses, agencies, and organizations that we interact with are perpetrating harmful racial bias, and even harder for the majority of the population to see how they are perpetrating harmful racial bias themselves. It is hard to see how something that can feel like the air you breathe to most, can be the storm you drown in to others.”

—Ijeoma Oluo

The arrest of two young Black men at a Philadelphia Starbucks sparked widespread protest and has ignited a national conversation about the issue of implicit bias and how to combat it.

As a sort of contrast, around the same time as the Starbucks arrest, a fraternity at Syracuse University was suspended over racist, sexist and homophobic videos recorded in the fraternity house and posted to a fraternity Facebook group.

The videos show members pledging always to “have hatred in my heart” for African Americans, Hispanics and Jews – all of whom are referenced with slurs.

It doesn’t get any more explicit than that. Implicit bias doesn’t advertise itself as blatantly. It doesn’t wear a hood and burn a cross. Unlike explicit bias, implicit bias has many defenders who fail to see it for what it is.

Last year, the United States Supreme Court reversed the death sentence of a defendant after the defendant’s attorney introduced evidence that sug-

gested the defendant would be more likely to commit violent acts in the future because he was black.

As I wrote at the time the case was being argued: The false belief that black people are inherently more dangerous than other races has obvious and injurious implications in criminal justice proceedings. Large segments of society, our economy and countless individuals are harmed when this myth of black dangerousness is validated. The idea of an innate black tendency to violence is a malignant, centuries-old belief that continues to impact America, undermining freedom, individuality and opportunity.

This false belief – this implicit bias - is not only what led to the arrest of the two young men in Starbucks, it is behind the tragic deaths of far too many young men and boys, from Travon Martin and Tamir Rice to Philando Castile and John Crawford.

Studies indicate that 70% of Americans harbor implicit racial bias against black people. It infects our interactions at every level of society. Even preschoolers are not immune – Black children make up 20 percent of preschool students, but half those who are suspended.

Implicit bias is reinforced by the media – for example, while about half of people arrested by the New York Police Department for violent crime are Black; they are represented as suspects in 75 percent of the cases shown on evening tv news coverage.

Starbucks decision to close its stores for a day of implicit bias training is well-intentioned, but it cannot be an isolated effort. We hope it is the beginning of a national awakening to an issue that has hidden in plain sight for far too long.

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Child Watch

by Marion Wright Edelman



No Turning Back

A new Government Accountability Office (GAO) report released last month, “K-12 Education: Discipline Disparities for Black Students, Boys, and Students with Disabilities,” reminds us once again that suspensions and expulsions continue at high rates and offer grave risks to students. The report by this federal monitoring agency reviews data from the Education Department’s Civil Rights Data Collection on school discipline trends across the country, provides a more in-depth look at discipline approaches and challenges faced in five states, and reviews past efforts by the Departments of Education and Justice to identify and address disparities and discrimination. The GAO reminds us all of the profound ways school discipline affects students and can impair both their childhood and adulthood. For example, “research has shown that students who are suspended from school lose important instructional time, are less likely to graduate on time, drop out of school, and become involved in the juvenile justice system.” It also notes children experiencing school discipline often have behavioral issues affected by challenges outside the classroom, which are often more acute for poor children—especially children of color, who are more likely to be poor.

The report makes a strong case that there is still much work to be done and we must insist that this administration keep moving forward with solutions—building on what we know is working. We must resist current attempts to move us backwards and instead protect students from discriminatory practices. There are good superintendent-led examples out there to build on.

The GAO’s analysis examines six categories of discipline: out-of-school suspensions, in-school suspensions, referrals to law enforcement, expulsions, corporal punishment, and school-related arrests. It examines the data by race/ethnicity, sex, disability, and poverty level, and included studies of illustrative school districts in California, Georgia, Massachusetts, North Dakota, and Texas. Overall, the

GAO found that Black students, boys, and students with disabilities were all disproportionately disciplined in the 2013-2014 school year (the latest available data) and that disproportionality is widespread and persistent despite the level of school poverty, type of disciplinary action, or type of public school attended (e.g., traditional, magnet, charter, alternative, or special education).

A closer look at some of the sobering findings:

- Race not poverty explains the disparities in discipline. This report is the first time discipline rates were analyzed by poverty level, and results show that race is a more important factor in discipline decisions than poverty. Even in the most affluent school districts, 7.5% of Black boys had been given an out-of-school suspension compared to 1.8% of White boys. On the other hand, disproportionality “was particularly acute for Black students in high-poverty schools, where they were overrepresented by nearly 25 percentage points in suspensions from school.”
- Black students represented 39% of students suspended from school even though they accounted for 15.5% of all public school students. These dispari-

ties can be seen as early as preschool where Black children accounted for 47% of students suspended from preschool even though they were only 19% of all public preschool students. Black boys have the highest rate of out-of-school suspension overall and Black girls have the highest rate of all girls.

- Boys were two-thirds of those disciplined, though they accounted for just 50 percent of all public school students. Even as early as preschool boys accounted for 78% of children suspended from preschool but were only 54% of all public preschool students.

- Students with disabilities represented 25% of students who have been referred to law enforcement, arrested for a school-related offense, or suspended from school but accounted for just 12% of all public school students.

School districts included trauma, mental health issues, social media (including bullying and other conflicts), immigration status, gang involvement, drug use by students or parents, lack of parental guidance and support, and situational barriers like transportation, jobs, and responsibilities at home among the

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BUSINESS

Social Security Matters

Ask Rusty—Spouse Doesn't Qualify on Her Own

by Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I reached my full retirement age on 6/24/2017 and I plan to file for my benefits to start in June 2018. My wife doesn't have enough credits to qualify for benefits on her own lifetime income, but she reached her Social Security full retirement age in December 2017. Since my wife will only be eligible for a spousal benefit, are there any particular nuances of filing that I need to be aware of? Also, I hear local advertisements implying multiple filing options concerning spousal benefits, but I think they only apply if the spouse qualifies based on her own eligibility. In our case since my spouse does not qualify for benefits based on her own work will her spousal benefit be 50% of mine? Is my only option to file for my own benefit in June 2018 and have my wife file for the spousal 50% benefit at that time? Are there any other considerations that I should be aware of? And what is the widow benefit should I predecease my wife?

Signed: Wanting to Make the Right Decisions

Dear Wanting: Since your wife is only eligible for spousal benefits, she cannot collect those until you start collecting your benefits. If you file in June 2018, your wife should simultaneously file for spousal benefits. You can file online at www.ssa.gov, by phone, or in person at your local Social Security office (find it at www.ssa.gov/locator).

While there are various considerations when filing for spousal benefits, since your wife doesn't qualify for Social Security on her own work record and she's already reached her full retirement age (FRA), she really only has one option—to file for her benefits when you file for yours. Your wife's spousal benefit will be 50% of the benefit you were entitled to at your FRA (plus any cost of living adjustments, or COLA, given since then) because she has already reached her full retirement age.

You can actually file for your benefit at any time now and since you reached your FRA in June 2017 you'll get delayed retirement credits of 2/3rds of 1% additional benefit for each month beyond FRA you delay (or 8% more if you wait until June 2018). You can earn 8% more for each additional year you wait up to age 70, but

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Governor Larry Hogan Addresses Business, Education Leaders at Maryland Technology Transfer Summit

Encourages Strengthening Partnerships with Universities, Federal Labs to Grow Economy, Jobs

By PRESS OFFICER
Office of the Governor

ANNAPOLIS, MD—On April 20, 2018, Governor Larry Hogan joined Senators Ben Cardin and Chris Van Hollen, representatives from the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), and hundreds of business and education leaders, and venture capitalists for the 2018 Maryland Technology Transfer Summit. Hosted by the Maryland Department of Commerce and the Maryland Life Sciences Advisory Board in partnership with NIST, the summit brings together Maryland's thought leaders to develop a joint vision and action plan for advancing the commercialization of technology in the state's federal and university labs.

"We are incredibly proud that Maryland is home to world-class universities and federal laboratories, as well as private companies, that are hard at work advancing technology from the spark of an idea all the way to the marketplace," said Governor Hogan. "We must continue to cultivate Maryland's talented workforce and strengthen our federal and university partner-

ships so that Maryland can reach its full potential in the innovation economy."

"This summit brings together leaders from federal and state government, academia, technology, and business to support a shared mission: improve the transfer of innovative technologies from Maryland's universities and research labs to the marketplace," said Senator Cardin, the ranking member of the Senate Committee on Small Business & Entrepreneurship. "With our highly-educated workforce, proximity to Washington, D.C., and the world's leading universities and laboratories, Maryland is uniquely positioned to move innovations from startups and small businesses to commercialization and, in turn, create jobs and economic activity in our dynamic biotech, technology, and life science communities."

"Maryland's universities, federal labs, and innovative businesses produce cutting edge research—and we're doing everything we can to support the pipeline between that research and creating new jobs," said Senator Van Hollen. "Strength-



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Governor Larry Hogan speaks at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) on April 20, 2018.

ening the lines of communication and planning among all the stakeholders is central to this effort. I will continue working in Congress to make sure Maryland has the resources we need to invest in new discoveries and encourage Federal agencies to work with Maryland businesses to ensure that the full benefit of this research can reach American consumers."

The summit kicked off with remarks from Dr. Walter Copan, Under Secretary of Commerce

for Standards and Technology and NIST Director, and Maryland Commerce Secretary Mike Gill. Senators Cardin and Van Hollen participated in a panel discussion on how Maryland can best collaborate with federal agencies to advance commercialization in labs and academic institutions, followed by the keynote address by Governor Hogan. The event also included

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Movie Review

the Hurricane Heist

The Hurricane Heist
Grade: B-
Rated PG-13, high winds
1 hr., 43 min

The dream of the '90s is alive in *The Hurricane Heist*, a skillfully made formula flick that in a previous era would have starred someone named Skeet or Keanu as the ordinary joe who helps a federal agent stop a band of thieves from robbing a Treasury building during a Category 5 hurricane. When's the last time you saw a heist movie where the robbers were unequivocally the bad guys?

Directed by early Vin Diesel-whisperer Rob Cohen (*The Fast and the Furious*, *xXx*), the film stars Toby Kebbell as Will Rutledge, an Alabama good ol' boy who saw his father killed by Hurricane Andrew back in '92 and then became a meteorologist. Will is frightened of the very thing he now studies (don't worry, another character states this explicitly), driving around the Gulf Coast in his tank-like storm-chaser vehicle and warning the National Weather Service that his gut tells him Tropical Storm Tammy is going to be much, much bigger than they realize.

In the small nearby town of Gulfport there's a Treasury Department building where \$600 million in decommissioned currency is about to be shredded and hauled away under the supervision of ATF agent Casey Corbin (Maggie Grace), who fills the "cop with a past" role. (She refers to a bad decision she made "back in Utah." Yeah, you and me both, sister.) They're trying to hurry because there's a storm a-comin', but the shredder is down and then the gener-



ROTTENTOMATOES

Under the threat of a hurricane, opportunistic criminals infiltrate a US Mint facility to steal \$600 million for the ultimate heist. When the hurricane blows up into a lethal CATEGORY 5 storm and their well-made plans go awry, they find themselves needing a vault code known only by one Treasury Agent (Maggie Grace), a need that turns murderous. But the Treasury agent has picked up an unlikely ally, a meteorologist (Toby Kebbell) terrified of hurricanes but determined to save his estranged brother kidnapped by the thieves. He uses his knowledge of the storm as a weapon to win in this non-stop action thriller ride charged with adrenaline throughout.

ator goes out. The local repairman contracted to fix it? Will Rutledge's brother, Breeze (Ryan Kwanten), who also watched dad get hurricaned and now owns the old man's repair shop. The brothers are estranged, but Will swings by to warn Breeze to get out of town before Tammy arrives, doing so at the very moment Casey Corbin arrives to bring him back to fix the generator.

Meanwhile, back at the Treasury building, a heist is happening! It was an inside job, allowing us the pleasure of discovering who the turncoat was. They capture Breeze and make him fix the generator while Will and Casey, outside the locked-down Treasury, figure out a way

to stop the villains from hacking into the computer system to open the vault. Is there a sequence where Will uses his knowledge of weather to set a trap for the bad guys? There is indeed. What about a scene where Will throws hubcaps into the gale-force wind, turning those hubcaps into deadly projectiles? Yes, there is that, too. Scenes where people cling to speeding vehicles are also to be found in abundance, executed with Cohen's adrenaline-pumping style.

Though it sounds bombastic and ludicrous, the film is actually rather unassuming for its genre. It's not trying to be the BIGGEST or LOUDEST action-weather-destruction-heist movie, just a good one. It keeps its head

down and gets to work. The screenplay (credited to Jeff Dixon and Scott Windhauser, rewriting something by "Drop Dead Fred" writers Carlos Davis and Anthony Fingleton) has enough moving parts to keep the action from getting stale, giving the heroes and villains mini-missions that must be performed almost simultaneously: fixing the generator, hacking the computer, disabling a cell tower, and so forth. Toby Kebbell's dopey-sounding but well educated red-neck meteorologist is likable, as is Maggie Grace's decisive, take-no-prisoners federal agent. A host of other colorful characters on both sides of the law populate the film. It's junk food, but it's well-made junk food.

Amazon from A1

Maryland Department Of Commerce, 2/28/18).

• Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett: "This study makes it crystal clear that it is very much in the public interest for Montgomery County and the State of Maryland to attract a company like Amazon with a proven track record of making a difference ... working together, we can make Montgomery County, Maryland the home for Amazon's second world headquarters." (Press Release, *Projected Impact Of Amazon HQ2 To Maryland Exceeds \$17 Billion Annually*, Maryland Department of Commerce, 2/28/18)

Governor Hogan enacting the PRIME Act, the centerpiece of Maryland's proposal to bring Amazon HQ2 To Maryland:

• The PRIME Act was passed to help attract headquarters of Fortune 100 companies; under the law, these companies must employ at least 40,000 individuals over a 17 year period. "There is a Promoting ext-Raordinary Innovation in Maryland's Economy (PRIME) program in the Department... to establish an eligible project under his subtitle, a business entity shall: ... submit a project plan to the Department that commits to carry out the following activities over a 17-year period: fill at least 40,000 qualified positions at the facility and provide compensation for the qualified positions in an amount that, on average, equals at least \$100,000 annually; and expend or cause to be expended a total of \$4,500,000,000, including any

amounts expended under item (i) of this paragraph." (*Senate Bill 877*, Maryland General Assembly, 3/16/18)

• Tax incentives are provided to Fortune 100 companies for a period of 10 years. "Subject to the provisions of this section, the Program benefits authorized under this section may be claimed by a qualified business entity for up to 10 consecutive benefit years. For the income tax credit established under § 10-746 of the Tax-General Article, a qualified business entity may claim the credit for 10 consecutive benefit years for each qualified position. On enrollment in the Program a qualified business entity is eligible for: subject to subsection (c) of this section, a credit against the State income tax, established under § 10-746 of the Tax-General Article; a credit against a portion of the county or municipal corporation property tax and of the State property tax established under § 9-111 of the Tax-Property Article; and an exemption from the sales and use tax, as provided under § 11-234 of the Tax-General Article." (*Senate Bill 877*, Maryland General Assembly, 3/16/18)

• Clawback provisions in the PRIME Act protect Maryland taxpayers if a Fortune 100 company fails to meet obligations. "The Department may revoke its certification under this subtitle, in whole or in part, if: any representation made by a qualified business entity is determined by the Department to have been false when made; or as determined by the Department, the actual expenditures and hiring of

employees to fill qualified positions by the qualified business entity operating the project are significantly below the estimates in the project plan provided by the business entity under § 6-903(d)(1)(ii) of this subtitle. If the Department revokes its certification under subsection (a) of this section, the Comptroller may make an assessment against the qualified business entity to recapture any amount of a Program benefit that the qualified business entity has received." (*Senate Bill 877*, Maryland General Assembly, 3/16/18)

Governor Hogan was the first regional leader to propose a Real solution to address funding issues associated with Metro

In September 2017, Governor Hogan proposed a \$500 million funding plan to help fix Maryland; The Governor called on regional partners and the Federal Government to commit the same level of funding. "The region can no longer avoid taking action, and the needs of the Metro system are immediate and overwhelming. Given the current crisis, the State of Maryland is prepared to invest an additional \$500 million in increased Metro funding over the next four years if the Commonwealth of Virginia, the District of Columbia, and the federal government all commit to do the same. This would be an additional \$125 million in increased annual Metro funding from Maryland over the next four years if the other three partners commit to the same level of increased funding." (Letter, "Governor Larry Hogan To Governor Terry McAuliffe And

Mayor Muriel Bowser Re: Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)," Office Of The Governor, 9/11/17)

• Metro General Manager Paul Wiedefeld indicated support for Governor Hogan's proposal. "On Monday, the general manager, appearing on WAMU's The Kojo Nnamdi Show, welcomed Hogan's proposal." It reinforces that he understands the importance of it. He understands the financial constraints we're under. He understands it is going to take a regional approach to solve it, Wiedefeld said." (Martin Di Caro, "Hogan offers \$500M over four years in Metro funding—With A Catch," WAMU, 9/11/17) Governor Hogan enacting a significant law, securing additional funds for Metro:

• The Hogan Administration worked with the General Assembly to pass critical legislation providing an additional \$167 million a year toward Metro funding. "The Governor shall include in the State budget an appropriation for the purposes specified under paragraph (2) of this subsection of \$167,000,000 from the revenues available for the State capital program in the Transportation Trust Fund. The Department shall provide an annual grant of at least \$167,000,000 to the Washington Suburban Transit District to be used only to pay the capital costs of the the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority." ("Senate Bill 277," Maryland General Assembly, Accessed: 4/25/18)

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A Little This, A Little that

Winning Flowers for Mother's Day

By MELINDA MYERS

Give mom a gift that provides beauty all season long with minimal care. A basket, container or garden bed filled with these award-winning annuals is sure to generate a smile and enjoyment all summer long.

If mom likes to garden, provide her with a few seeds, potting mix and a container. Include a few new varieties of traditional favorites. Marigold Super Hero Spry is a compact French marigold with 2" dark maroon and golden yellow flowers. The striking bicolor blooms top 10- to 12-inch-tall plants. Best of all, mom will have flowers eight weeks from the time she sows the seeds until frost.

Surprise mom with a container of instant beauty. The 2017 All-America Selections (AAS) winner Calliope® Medium Dark red is beautiful alone or mixed with other flowers in containers, hanging baskets or in-ground gardens. It was selected by AAS, a non-profit national plant trialing organization, for its outstanding performance for home gardens.

Brocade Fire and Brocade Cherry Night are two more winning geraniums selected for their striking foliage and colorful blooms. The semi-double orange flowers and green and bronze foliage are sure to brighten any garden location or container. The green edged bronze leaves and red blooms of Brocade Cherry Night will surely impress mom and any of her visitors.

Or provide some added seasonal interest with Pinto Premium White to Rose geranium. Mom will enjoy watching the flower petals change from white to pink to rose-pink. The change occurs over time, providing interesting color combinations throughout the growing season.

Help mom bring the birds, butterflies and bees to her garden with a few sunflowers. They're easy to start from seed right in the garden and mom will enjoy the motion and color the visiting pollinators provide. Don't let a lack of space stop your mother from enjoying these colorful beauties. Suntastic Yellow with Black Center produces 5- to 6-inch flowers on 20-inch plants; perfect for containers and small space gardens.

Grow the taller, 4- to 5-inch-tall Ring of Fire sunflower for its unique blooms. The flower's chocolate brown center is surrounded by a ring of red and golden tipped petals. Mom can cut a few blooms to enjoy in a vase and allow the rest to set seed for wildlife to enjoy.

Add more wow to mom's garden with Onyx red ornamental pepper. The dark black foliage contrasts nicely with the shiny red fruit. Its stunning beauty adds ornamental appeal to containers and garden beds. Ornamental peppers are edible but very hot, so it's best to look and not taste. Or include the family-friendly Chilly Chili ornamental pepper for all the beauty without the heat. Perfect for families with young children that like to explore. The abundant upright fruit changes from yellow to orange to red, providing a wonderful display throughout the season.

Bring the tropics to your mom's patio or deck with cannas. Their large foliage and bright colored flowers make any home feel like an exotic escape. South Pacific Orange, South Pacific Scarlet and Tropical Rose are compact vigorous varieties suited to containers and the garden. The large leaves add drama to the garden and once their blossoms emerge they'll provide lots of color and hummingbird appeal.

Make this Mother's Day one you and your mother will remember throughout the summer. Give her a gift of winning beauties to brighten her containers, gardens and uplift her spirits all season long. ?



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Canna South Pacific Orange is a compact vigorous variety with large leaves and blossoms that attract hummingbirds.

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Calendar of Events

May 3 — May 9, 2018

Katherine Hart

Date and time: Friday, May 4, 2018, all day
Description: Hart works with encaustic techniques to cast stories among layers of pigment and wax. Inspired by everything that surrounds or encounters her, she does not premeditate but, rather, lets the materials direct the course of the work. The result is a composition emboldened by her organic pursuit, the inherent emotions and challenges of that pursuit — a vivid example of art imitating life.

Cost: FREE
Ages: All ages are welcome
Location: Publick Playhouse
5445 Landover Road, Cheverly, MD
Contact: 301-277-1710; TTY: 301-699-2544

Xtreme Teens: Flashback Friday

Date and time: Friday, May 4, 2018, 7:00 PM–10:00 PM
Description: Let's play a game of "remember when ..." where you can take a short trip down memory lane to re-live childhood memories with a movie and some of your closest friends. Don't miss out on this chance for great stories amongst friends!

Cost: FREE with M-NCPPC Youth ID
Ages: 10–17
Location: Kentland Community Center
2413 Pinebrook Avenue, Landover, MD
Contact: 301-386-2278; TTY 301-699-2544

Xtreme Teens: Karaoke

Date and time: Friday, May 4, 2018, 7:00 PM–10:00 PM
Description: Here's your chance to spit lyrics like Kendrick Lamar, or harmonize over a smooth beat like the Weekend ... well, kind of. Grab a friend and come on down to participate in Karaoke night to demonstrate your singing and rapping chops ... sort of.

Cost: FREE with M-NCPPC Youth ID
Ages: 10–17
Location: Vansville Community Center
6813 Amendale Road, Beltsville, MD
Contact: 301-937-6621; TTY 301-699-2544

Glenn Dale Farmer's Market

Date and time: Saturday, May 5, 2018, 9:00 AM–1:00 PM
Description: Shop with your local organic food and produce vendors from the Glenn Dale area at the Farmer's Market, including C & E Farms, Rudy's Produce, The Baker's Table, and more! Don't miss out - see you there!

Cost: FREE admission
Ages: All ages are welcome
Location: Marrietta House Museum
5626 Bell Station Road, Glenn Dale, MD
Contact: 301-464-5291; TTY 301-699-2544

Pen & Pose: A Workshop in Yoga and Writing

Date and time: Saturday, May 5, 2018, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Description: In this workshop, we will use breath work, poses, mindfulness techniques, and writing exercises to connect with our bodies, mind, and spirit. Bring a yoga mat, pen, and your favorite notebook. Wear comfortable clothing.

Cost: FREE
Ages: 18 and older
Location: Montpelier Arts Center
9652 Muirkirk Road, Laurel, MD
Contact: 301-377-7800; TTY 301-699-2544

Dinosaur Park Open House

Date and time: Saturday, May 5, 2018, 12:00 AM–4:00 PM
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
Contact: 301-627-1286

Mother's Day Paint-n-Sip

Date and time: Saturday, May 5, 2018, 1:00 PM–3:00 PM
Description: Grab your creativity and hurry over to enjoy a light-hearted gathering with great people and an enthusiastic instructor! You will be guided through the process of starting and finishing something truly your own. No experience is necessary - novices and the more advanced are welcome! Don't miss out on this fun, relaxing time. All materials will be provided.

Cost: Resident: \$15; Non-resident: \$30
Ages: 21 and older
Location: Glenn Dale Community Center
11901 Glenn Dale Boulevard, Glenn Dale, MD
Contact: 301-352-8983; TTY 301-699-2544

Xtreme Teens: Camp Fire

Date and time: Saturday, May 5, 2018, 7:00 PM–10:00 PM
Description: Welcome to the great outdoors! Imagine you and your friends sitting in a circle around an open campfire with your friends, exchanging stories and making S'mores - good times! Come join us for an event you'll surely be adding to your future list of stories to tell!

Cost: FREE with M-NCPPC Youth ID
Ages: 10–17
Location: Kentland Community Center
2413 Pinebrook Avenue, Landover, MD
Contact: 301-386-2278; TTY 301-699-2544

Lunchtime Lawn Concert

Date and time: Tuesday, May 8, 2018, 12:00 PM–1:30 PM
Description: Wander over to the museum on your lunch break, and listen to some of the area's top musicians. Bring your own brown bag lunch or picnic basket. Some picnic tables will be on-site, but you are encouraged to bring a blanket or chair.

Cost: FREE
Ages: All ages are welcome
Location: Darnall's Chance House Museum
14800 Governor Oden Bowie Drive, Upper Marlboro, MD
Contact: 301-952-8010; TTY 301-699-2544

EARTH TALK ... Is Biodegradable Plastic the Answer to Our Plastic Pollution Problem?

Dear EarthTalk:

What are suitable materials for making biodegradable plastic besides corn and sugarcane? Is pineapple or peanut suitable?

—Yu Hong Yap, Malaysia

Biodegradable plastic is defined as any form of plastic that can break down into its constituent components in the environment within days, weeks or months without leaving behind potentially toxic residue. The term bioplastic refers to any form of plastic derived from organic or plant-based materials rather than petroleum, regardless of whether it can break down (biodegrade) easily in the environment. Thus, the two terms are not necessarily the same, although many use the terms interchangeably.

The most common iteration of bioplastic, so-called PLA (polylactic acid) plastic, is typically derived from corn or sugarcane—and is biodegradable. Since we know how to grow these food crops so well, using the minimal amount of land for the highest yield, we can create bioplastic pretty efficiently. But given still exploding global human population numbers and more hungry mouths to feed, many wonder if it makes sense to take away land that could be used to grow food to make more plastic, even if it is biodegradable.

To avoid wasting food crops to make plastic, researchers

have pioneered new formulations of biodegradable plastic derived from feedstock not suitable for food or feed, such as wood, wheat straw, bagasse, corn cobs, palm fruit bunches, switch grass and waste vegetable oil. In Europe, the Mars candy company is using potato waste in its biodegradable wrappers for Snickers bars. Likewise, there's no reason why pineapple or peanut couldn't work as a feedstock—though market conditions usually dictate that such products fetch a higher price as food, especially since they don't have to be processed as they would if they become bioplastic.

Yet another even more futuristic category of bioplastic feedstock uses algae or even carbon dioxide or methane waste to produce biodegradable plastic. These so-called "third generation" or "nextgen" feedstocks do double duty by both creating biodegradable plastic and removing pollutants that would otherwise contribute to climate change or eutrophication (an excessive buildup of nutrients in waterways that causes a dense growth of plant life and death of animal life from lack of oxygen).

While biodegradable plastic is hardly commonplace yet on store shelves, there are actions consumers can take to move things along. Encourage manufacturers to switch to biodegradable plastics and stop buying products made with conventional plastic. Sign the



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If we can get production costs down, there's no technical reason not to replace conventional petroleum-based plastics with biomass-based biodegradable varieties.

Earth Day Network's petition to end plastic pollution.

While no one can reasonably argue against replacing conventional plastics with biodegradable ones, researchers from the UK's University of Portsmouth and the U.S. Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory accidentally developed an enzyme that breaks down conventional plastic into its constituent parts. This discovery could revolutionize recycling and be a Godsend for marine and terrestrial ecosystems beset by plastic waste.

"We can all play a significant part in dealing with the plastic problem," says the University of Portsmouth's John McGeehan. "But the scientific community

who ultimately created these 'wonder-materials', must now use all the technology at their disposal to develop real solutions."

CONTACTS: Earth Day Network's "Help End Plastic Pollution" Petition, www.earthday.org/end-plastic-pollution-petition/; Mars, www.mars.com;

University of Portsmouth, www.port.ac.uk/school-of-biological-sciences/staff/john-mcgeehan.html.

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Technology from A5

panel discussions with representatives from a number of federal agencies and TEDCO, as well as Maryland colleges and universities. Rip Ballou, vice president and head of global vaccines for GSK, gave the afternoon keynote address.

"This summit demonstrates the tremendous potential of Maryland's research and tech-

nology capacity to deliver powerful economic impact," said Under Secretary Copan. "The participants in this great innovation ecosystem demonstrate genuine commitment to leverage the network of federal, state, local and business community efforts to foster entrepreneurship and continue to grow our global leadership in high technology products, manufacturing and services."

Maryland continues to rank among the top states for technology and research and development. In addition to being home to 74 federal laboratories, more than twice as many as any other state, Maryland ranks first in National Institutes of Health research and development contract awards with \$611 million and third in federal government R&D spending at universities and colleges with \$2.96 billion.

In addition, Maryland is among the top ten "Innovation Champions," according to the Consumer Technology Association's 2017 Innovation Scorecard. The ranking is based on criteria that include sensible tax structures and policies allowing cutting-edge technologies and new business models to flourish, all of which creates high-quality jobs and healthy economic growth.

Bay Grasses from A1

the blue crab and largemouth bass, and support and sustain migrating waterfowl.

"It's exciting to witness this historic recovery of grasses in the bay," said Brooke Landry, underwater grass biologist with the department who chairs the Chesapeake Bay Program's SAV Workgroup. "Maryland's commitment to improving the bay's water quality is clearly paying off and it provides such a good example of what we can achieve with sustained efforts to reach our goals. While we're only a bit over halfway to our ultimate restoration goal, we have surpassed our 2017 goal two

years early and are on track to meet our 2025 goal."

In Maryland, all or part of nine rivers surpassed their restoration goals. These included the Big Annemessex River at 155 percent; Chesapeake and Delaware Canal at 255 percent; the tidal fresh portion of the Chester River at 40,996 percent (the percent of the goal attained is so high due to a very small segment restoration goal); the Elk River at 113 percent; Fishing Bay at 186 percent; the Gunpowder River at 140 percent; the Manokin River at 168 percent; and the Northeast River at 113 percent. The mouth of the Choptank River reached 106 percent of its restoration goal in 2017, ex-

ceeding the goal for the first time since 1984.

An additional five river segments in Maryland reached 75 percent or more of their restoration goals. In the lower Nanticoke River, underwater grass was observed for the first time since the survey began in 1984.

The rise in underwater grass is attributed not only to a continued expansion of widgeon grass in the moderately salty mid-bay region, but to an expansion of freshwater grasses, like wild celery that grow in the upper reaches of rivers and tidal fresh portions of the bay. Maryland's biggest and most iconic underwater grass bed, located in the Susquehanna Flats, has been steadily recov-

ering since 2012, when grass beds were significantly reduced from high flows related to Tropical Storm Lee in 2011, and reached more than 6,100 acres (9.5 square miles) in 2017, showcasing the bed's continued resilience.

The annual aerial survey was conducted by the Virginia Institute of Marine Science between May and November 2017 and covered 189 flight lines. The aerial imagery is used to identify the amount and location of underwater grasses in the Chesapeake Bay and tidal tributaries. For the first time in years, there were no air space restrictions or weather constraints, so a complete survey of the entire bay was conducted.

TUESDAY TIP

GREEN YOUR RIDE

If you don't own an electric or hybrid vehicle, here are a few tricks to help you up your miles per gallon in your current vehicle.

- 1 Slow Down**
Driving 10 mph above 60 is like adding nearly 50 cents to the price of a gallon of gas, since higher speed equals more guzzling.
- 2 Get Pumped**
Once a month, check the pressure of each of the tires against the guidelines listed in your car's manual; add air if needed. Doing this can improve mileage by about 3 percent.
- 3 Air Out**
Replace filters regularly. A new oxygen sensor alone can improve mileage by as much as 1.5 percent.

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