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Hoyer Hosts Reception for Winners of the Fifth **District Congressional Art and App Competitions**

By ANNALIESE DAVIS Congressman Steny Hoyer's Office

WALDORF, Md. (August 20, 2019)-[Last week], Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-05) hosted a reception for the winners of the annual Fifth District Congressional Art and App Competitions.

The annual Congressional Art Competition is an opportunity to showcase the artistic talent of high school students in the Fifth District. Amber Fanelli, a senior at Choptican High School in St. Mary's County, won this year's competition with her piece titled "La Jolla Rocks," which is now displayed in the U.S. Capitol complex.

The annual Congressional App Challenge is modeled after the Congressional Art Competition and is designed to promote innovation and engagement in STEM education fields. Destini Brown, a student at Gwynn Park High School in Prince George's County, won first place with her app, "How Are You Feeling?"

Her app is designed to help those with autism process their emotions.

"I was pleased to honor the talented Fifth District students who won the Congressional Art and App competitions," said Congressman Hoyer. "The students who participated in both competitions showcased an extraordinary level of skill and talent. I was extremely impressed by their hard work and enthusiasm to create."

The following students were honored:



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Winners of the annual Fifth District Congressional Art and App Competitions

Congressional Art Competition

First Place: Amber Fanelli, "La Jolla Rocks" Second Place: Munachiso Nwachukwu, "Igbo Royalty" Third Place: Gray Hall, "Movie Mania"

Congressional App Competition

First Place: Destini Brown, "How Are You Feeling 2.0" Second Place: Stephen Zack and Gable Piatt, "Trash Dash" Third Place: Austin Wilson, "Slithery Learning"





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Does Your Child Need Shots for School?

Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) students must meet Maryland state immunization requirements to attend school. Students who do not have all their required immunizations will not be allowed to attend school after September 23, 2019. No shots, no school. No exceptions!

Families who have health insurance should make an appointment with their child's pediatrician. Children without health insurance can get immunized at a summer clinic at low cost or for free, depending on family income.

For more information on immunization requirements, visit www.pgcps.org/immunizations.

-Prince George's County Public Schools

Prince George's County #Fathersstandup! Take the Fatherhood Pledge and Walk Our Children Into Class on The First Day of School

Calling All Fathers!!! With the 2019-20 school year almost here, we need Prince George's County fathers and father-figures to join our #FathersStandUp movement and set an example for our nation.

Fathers, grandfathers, uncles, brothers, cousins, and all other father figures, please walk your child into school on September 3rd, the first day of school, and pledge below to be a positive example for the children in your life by being an active, positive influence on their performance in school.

Fathers, join me and walk our children into class on the first day of school and pledge to:

- Volunteer at least 10 hours per school year at your child's school
- Assist your child with reading or homework, including school projects, for at least 30 minutes each day
- Participate in at least two Parent-Teacher Conferences (one for each half of the school year) with your child's teachers
- Attend the Back to School Night and Men Make A Difference Day events at your child's school
- Join and be active in the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)
 - at your child's school
 - Be a positive role model for your child and help Prince George's County set an example for our nation

Take The Pledge Here: https://tinyurl.com/fathers-stand-up -Mel Franklin, Council Member At-Large

2019–2020 Bus Route Information Change

Information on student bus routes is available through the online Bus Stop Finder on the Prince George's County Public Schools website (www.pgcps.org) or the SchoolMax Parent Portal.

Route information will not be issued to parents/guardians by mail.

Parents/guardians may use the Bus Stop Finder for details on locations, pick-up and drop-off times.

Bus stop/route assignments are based on current student addresses provided by each school. If you cannot find your stop, we may not have your correct address. In this case, please contact your school to confirm the current address on file.

For additional assistance, please contact our transportation team at 301-952-6570.

-Prince George's County Public Schools

Chesapeake Conservation Corps Inducts 10th Class, Celebrating Program's Decade of Environmental Workforce Training

4 participants will work in Prince George's County

By CINDY EDSON The Chesapeake Bay Trust

EDGEWATER, Md. (August 20, 2019)—[Last week] the Chesapeake Bay Trust introduced the newest class of its Chesapeake Conservation Corps, a program created by the Maryland Legislature to invest in the state's

young people, provide valuable job skills training, and promote the green economy in Maryland. The program matches young people ages 18-25 with nonprofit and government organizations for one-year terms of service, focused on improving local communities and protecting natural resources.

"The Chesapeake Conservation Corps is a great programcombining skills-based, handson learning for Maryland young people with an opportunity to improve our environment and clean up the Bay," said U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen. "I'm proud to join this year's 'Passing of the Golden Shovel' Ceremony to highlight the work done by the Corps and its participants. I will continue to support crucial efforts, such as these, to restore and promote the health of the Bay."

Since the program began in 2010 with an inaugural class of 16 members, the Corps has nearly tripled in size due to its popularity among young people

pursing environmental occupations and the organizations that host Corps Members each year. It has become a premier launching pad for green careers and a reliable resource for environmentally focused organizations who are recruiting the next generation of environmental professionals.

"The Chesapeake Conservation Corps is one of my proudest accomplishments," stated Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., lead sponsor of the creating legislation. "It doesn't just protect our environment-

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TOWNS and NEIGHBORS

In and Around Morningside-Skyline

Continuing the saga of the Skyline **Citizens Association as it turns 50**

It was 1971 and the new Block Mothers Program had already paid off-they found the dog that bit a child headed for Skyline School. So, the boy didn't have to have rabies shots.

The bridge over Henson Creek was widened with curbing from Suitland Parkway to the Firehouse.

Benjamin D. Foulois Jr. High grew with a new wing. Andrew Jackson Jr. High, on Regency Parkway, was readied for a September opening. And it was rumored a new senior high would be going in next to Princeton Elementary. It was to be called Morningside Senior High School. (Never happened.)

A Welcoming Committee was formed with Barbara Fortuna, Pauline Ross, Daisy Young and Mary Jo Mc-Monigle.

Capt. Raymond Perkins was elected president when Skyline held its 2nd election in August. Other elected officers were Tom Reilly, Dolores Steinhilber, Major Pat Hayes, Sandra Pouncey, Jill Power and Mary McHale.

On May 21, 1971, all our house numbers were changed. Also, we were told we could not use "Skyline, Md." for our address; we had to use "Suitland." (House numbers were also changed in Morningside. But most Morningsiders, wisely, refused to use "Suitland.")

On October 2, 1971, Skyline hosted a Block Party at the dead-end of Lucente Avenue. We were all invited to "bring your favorite picnic dish."

To be continued.

Neighbors and other good people

Chips McKnight, volunteer firefighter with Morningside, is a friend of Justin Walker, one of the two firemen whose boat vanished off the coast of Florida. The search was called off after a heartbreaking week. Justin was with a department in Fairfax, Va.

Morningside Mayor Benn Cann is vice president of the Prince George's County Municipal League and will be

the son of Arthur and Martha Merril. He may have graduated from one of our local high schools. If you remember him, let me know. By the way, he got a law degree at American University and was retired as a trial attorney.

What's happening in Morningside?

- Morningside is hosting a Community Yard Sale on Saturday, Sept. 14, at the Morningside Fire Department, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tables (each with two chairs) are \$10 for residents; \$15 for non-residents. To register or for more information, call 301-736-2300.
- I was delighted to be invited to Morningside's Senior Lunch & Ice Cream Social on Aug. 16. Fun fellowship, good food and excellent sundaes.
- Two new police cruisers are coming up for the Morningside Police Department. One will be marked. One won't.
- The Town now has Pet Waste Stations-I believe there are five-at various locations. I think they each have bags and a place to dispose of them.
- A cute one-eyed pug was found in Morningside. A search in the neighborhood failed to find the owner. Animal Control picked him up.

And another dog missing

An 11-month-old Yorkie is missing in District Heights. He has a red collar with a bell and is an Emotional Support Animal for an 8-year-old girl. Reward. Call 202-369-0862.

Suitland HS, most expensive "redevelopment"

So many of my readers graduated from Suitland High School. In a few years, when they're in town, they'll have to go by and check it out. It will be the most expensive redevelopment in Prince George's Public Schools' history.

Plans for the new school includes two schools-a performing arts school and a comprehensive high school on the same site. There'll be new interior

by Mary McHale 301-735-3451

in Washington and grew up in Suitland, lock "There is only one high school in the county that gets students from every district, and that is Suitland." He added, work would begin in the summer or fall of fiscal 2021.

Changing landscape, in Washington

- The Washington Monument is due to reopen Sept. 19. It will be open daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed Christmas and the Fourth of July. It has been shut down because of damage caused by a magnitude 5.8 earthquake on Aug. 23, 2011.
- Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White House will be closed for seven months while the National Park Service and the Secret Service install a 13 feet tall fence. (The current fence is 6 feet.)
- The Jefferson Memorial is undergoing restoration and cleaning, including using a laser to treat black biofilm (algae), restore the roofs, repair the stone and clean the marble. The project will take 15 months. The Memorial will remain open during construction.
- The Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial construction continues, on four acres across Independence Avenue from Air & Space. It's expected to open in May 2020.

Mack Killebrew dies at 107

Mack is the oldest person I've ever written an obit for. He lived in Oxon Hill but he was born in Rocky Mount, N.C. on Jan. 16, 1912.

He moved to the Washington area in the 1930s. He was a truck driver for Griffith Consumers fuel company, a taxi driver and a photographer who specialized in wedding pictures.

Survivors include his wife Joyce. Services were at Evangel Cathedral, in Upper Marlboro, with burial at Cheltenham.

Milestones

Happy birthday to Wanda Payne Simms, Bria Barbour-Ray, Denis Wood, Jai McCune, Caitlin Rose Woods and

Around the County

Department of Parks and Recreation Holiday Schedule for Labor Day 2019

RIVERDALE, Md. (August 19, 2019)-The Department of Parks and Recreation facilities will operate on the following schedule this Labor Day, Monday, September 2, 2019:

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Indoor Pool Complexes	CLOSED	
Outdoor Pool Complexes	OPEN	
Regional Parks	OPEN	
Historic Sites/Rentals	OPEN	
Community Centers and Arts Centers	CLOSED	
Senior Activity Centers	CLOSED	
Sports Facilities		
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For more details, see the full Holiday Schedule at http://www.pgparks.com/1341/Holiday-Schedule.

> -Kira Calm Lewis and Iyana Moore, Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation

Hoyer Attends Maryland Space Business Roundtable Luncheon

GREENBELT, Md. (August 19, 2019)-[Last week] Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-05) attended the Maryland Space Business Roundtable's monthly luncheon in Greenbelt. The Maryland Space Business Roundtable is a nonprofit organization that partners with business, academia, and industry leaders to promote the space community.

"I was glad to join today's lunch and discuss how we can continue to work together to support the great work of NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center," said Congressman Hoyer. "I've been a strong advocate for Goddard and the important projects they've been instrumental in developing. From the Hubble Telescope to the James Webb Space Telescope, NASA Goddard has been at the forefront of space exploration. Although the Trump Administration's budget threatened to eliminate several key missions at NASA Goddard, I worked hard to ensure those cuts were rejected and the missions funded. I will continue to urge my colleagues in the Senate to support the vital work done by the men and women at NASA Goddard."

—Annaliese Davis, Congressman Steny Hoyer's Office

Library News

123 Andrés: Bilingual Children's Music

Get the whole family dancing and learning in Spanish and English with Andrés and Christina, the Latin Grammy-winning music duo at the following branches:

- Accokeek: September 11, 6 p.m. | Ages 5–12
- Beltsville: September 12, 4:30 p.m. | Ages 5 and under
- Hyattsville: September 14, 3:30 p.m. | All ages
- New Carrollton: September 13, 11 a.m. | Ages 5 and under
- South Bowie: September 11, 11 a.m. | Ages 5 and under

C.R.A.B. Book Discussion Kits

Starting in September, CRAB (Community Raving about Books) offers a canvas tote filled with what you need to have a great book discussion yourself. Intriguing titles, information about the author and suggested questions will come packed with 10 trade paperbacks to share with your friends and neighbors. Check out a tote at your branch. Visit https://www.pgcmls.info/4558 for the first list of 20 titles to reserve. Enjoy raving about books!

moving up to president next year. He's also serving his second term with the Maryland Municipal League Board of Directors. And besides that, he teaches social studies at William W. Hall Academy in Capitol Heights.

Steven Arnold Merril, of Williams-

finishes, window and door replacements, new science equipment and new roofs.

The Career and Technical Learning (CTE) Building will be demolished, as the program is moved off-campus.

According to County Schools' Diburg, Va., died Aug. 15. He was born rector of Capital Programs Sean Mat-

Brandywine-Aquasco

CLEO'S SEASHELL COLLECTION

Cleo Turner Mitchel, daughter of the late James and Ruth E. Turner of Brandywine, Maryland, has found a creative way to use her artistic talent to preserve and decorate seashells. Her collection of seashells is now being displayed at the Lady's Island Marina Store in Beauford, South Carolina. To see more, please go to this link: https://ladysislandmarinastore.com.

MEDSTAR SOUTHERN MARYLAND HOSPITAL CENTER

"Changes are underway at the beginning of a two-year construction project that will greatly expand Med Star Southern Maryland Hospital Center (MSMHC)'s Emergency Department (ED) and front entrance. The expansion will increase available beds, from 28 to 40, and will create an area that exclusively services patients with mental or behavioral issues to increase safety for both these patients and others in the ED."

"The entire project is expected to be completed by May of 2021. When finished, the new construction will not only include renovations to the treatment areas and waiting room, but will also include a new, larger front entrance with a pharmacy and 24-hour café." More updates will be provided in the future.

BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY

New play inspired by BSU Education research heads to the Kennedy Center. A staged reading for the new play inspired by research on conversations between teacher candidates at Bowie State University and Kent State University is heading to the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts' Page-to-Stage New Play Festival this Labor Day weekend before coming to Bowie State. The free production of Bowie State will take place Tuesday, September 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine and Performing Arts Center, Main Stage.

The play, "How Can I Say You Will Stay?", is based on a research project led by Bowie State's Dr. Jacquelyn Sweeney and Kent State's Dr. Amy Damrow. The professors developed a video archive of the student's facilitated conversations, which included topics like perceptions of Africa, immigration, homophobia, bias and religious intolerance. The play's development and production were funded by a \$10,000 National

Tom Anderson, Aug. 30; Mary Berkley and Travis Mullins, Aug. 31; Christine Hoehl, Judy Busky, Earl Simms, Rebecca Capps and my great-granddaughter Mary Adela McHale, Sept. 1; Suzanne Kenney, Sept. 2; Andrelic Howard, Sept. 3; and Loretta Carter, Sept. 4.

by Audrey Johnson 301-922-5384

Endowment for the Arts grant, the first awarded to Bowie State in more than 20 years.

Playwright Morgan McGuire and Dramaturge Susan Einhorn have cast professional equity actors for the staged reading. Einhorn will also direct the play's reading at the Kennedy Center and Bowie State University. After the twohour reading, the audience will be encouraged to participate in a feedback session about the script's development.

PRINCE GEORGE'S CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Excellence in Business Awards 2019 Gala will be held Friday, October 4, 2019 from 6-11 p.m. The address is 201 Waterfront Street, National Harbor, Maryland 20745. To purchase tickets visit https://www.eventbrite.com/ e/excellencellence-in-business-wards-gala-tickets-67230737947.

LADIES GETAWAY

If you are looking for an exciting Getaway, Phyllis is inviting you to come join her in 2020 for a Ladies Getaway bus trip to Virginia Beach, VA., June 15 through June 19, 2020. The following attractions are Virginia Beach Boardwalk, Dinner Cruise on the Spirit of Norfolk (White Attire), Williamsburg Winery and Captain George Restaurant. Motor Coach bus will depart from Clinton Park & Ride, Stuart Lane, Clinton.

Incredible price includes motor coach, 3 nights lodging, 6 meals: 3 breakfasts and 3 dinners (1 of the dinners is arranged by your Group Leader). The Virginia Beach Boardwalk, Dinner Cruise & entertainment on the Spirit of Norfolk. Visit to Williamsburg Winery as arranged by your Group Leader and much more.

The cost is \$529.00 for Double Occupancy, \$509.00 for Triple occupancy and \$720.00 for Single Occupancy. A deposit of \$75.00 is due now to reserve your seat. The trip must be paid in full by April 4, 2020. All payments will be non-refundable. Checks should be made payable to Phyllis Slater c/o Ladies Getaway and mailed to PO Box 2003, Waldorf, MD 20604. For more information, you can contact Phyllis at 301-653-7345. More information will be in next week's column. To receive a copy of travel insurance information visit www.travelconfident.com.

-Donna Scott-Martin, PGCMLS

Hoyer Hosts 17th Annual Women's Equality Day Luncheon

COLLEGE PARK, Md. (August 22, 2019)-[On August 21], Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-05) hosted the 17th annual Women's Equality Day Luncheon, with keynote speaker Congresswoman Maxine Waters (CA-43), Chair of the House Financial Services Committee. Over 900 individuals from throughout the Fifth District and Maryland attended the event, including Congressman Anthony Brown (MD-04), Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks, Prince George's County State's Attorney Aisha Braveboy, Delegate Kathleen Dumais, Delegate Edith Patterson, and University of Maryland Student Body President Ireland Lesley.

"I was proud to host the seventeenth annual Women's Equality Day Luncheon in Maryland's Fifth District," said Congressman Hoyer. "As we celebrate the centennial of Congress passing the Nineteenth Amendment and securing votes for women in the twentieth century, we must also redouble our effort to ensure equality for women in the twenty-first by standing up for equal pay, taking action to prevent domestic violence, and ensuring women's access to health care and reproductive choice."

"I was honored to welcome Chairwoman Maxine Waters of the Financial Services Committee as our keynote speaker this year, a woman who is standing up to unfair practices on Wall Street that negatively impact working families and who is holding the Trump Administration accountable for its harmful actions," continued Congressman Hoyer. "I am proud to work alongside her in Congress. I will continue to partner with her, my colleagues in Congress and in the state legislature, and advocates in the Fifth District to advance the cause of women's rights and equal opportunity and justice for all."

"I was so very pleased to join my friend and our distinguished Majority Leader in the House of Representatives, Congressman Hoyer, for his 17th Annual Women's Equality Day Luncheon," said Chairwoman Waters. "Congressman Hoyer has been a stalwart ally to women on the most important bills we have passed this year in Congress. From ensuring women have equal pay for equal work to reauthorizing the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), along with legislation protecting consumers from predatory practices, raising the minimum wage to \$15 per hour, and protecting Obamacare, Congressman Hoyer has provided consistent and wise leadership for the Democratic Caucus on a wide range of issues impacting women and families. I can say without a doubt that Congressman Hoyer's district and constituents, along with the rest of the country, have benefitted a great deal from his dedicated service in the US Congress."

Women's Equality Day is celebrated annually on August 26 to commemorate the adoption of the Nineteenth Amendment. Every August, Congressman Hoyer hosts the Fifth District Women's Equality Day Luncheon to recognize the important achievements of women in Maryland. Previous keynote speakers have included Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks and Washington, DC Mayor Muriel Bowser.

—Annaliese Davis, Press Hoyer for Congress



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COMMENTARY

Marc Morial

President and CEO, National Urban League

To Be Equal:

Five Years After Michael Brown's Death: Despite Visible Progress, Racial Disparities Persist in Ferguson

"The city's personal-responsibility refrain ... reflects many of the same racial stereotypes found in the emails between police and court supervisors. This evidence of bias and stereotyping, together with evidence that Ferguson has long recognized but failed to correct the consistent racial disparities caused by its police and court practices, demonstrates that the discriminatory effects of Ferguson's conduct are driven at least in part by discriminatory intent in violation of the Fourteenth Amendment."

-U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division, Investigation of the Ferguson Police Department, March 2015

Five years ago, a Ferguson, Missouri, police officer shot and killed unarmed Black teen Michael Brown, bringing national attention to Ferguson Police Department's shocking pattern of racial profiling and excessive force.

In a town that is a third white, African Americans accounted for 85 percent of traffic stops, 90 percent of tickets and 93 percent of arrests, according to Justice Department report released seven months after Brown's death.

Ferguson Police used force almost exclusively on African Americans. They regularly stopped Black drivers without probable cause. Ferguson officials circulated racist jokes on their government email accounts.

Five years later, Ferguson has shown some signs of improvement. There are now six Black

members of the City Council, compared with only one in 2014. The Police Department has gone from three Black officers out of 53 to about two dozen Black officers, including a Black chief, Jason Armstrong.

The Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, which transformed the location of a burned-out into the Ferguson Empowerment Center, has just announced a new \$5 million investment to build a strip mall that will include a bank, a restaurant, a minority business incubator and a home healthcare company.

Save Our Sons, the workforce development program that operates out of the Empowerment Center, has connected more than 750 men with jobs in the Ferguson area since it opened in 2017. A new partnership with First Financial Federal Credit Union will provide auto loans, credit counseling, checking and savings accounts to members of Save Our Sons and other local residents.

But stark racial disparities persist not only in Ferguson but in the wider St. Louis region, both economically and in the criminal justice system.

The disparity in traffic stops in Ferguson actually has widened drastically, according to the Missouri Attorney General's office. The rate of stops of black drivers has increased by five percentage points since 2013, while it has dropped 11 percentage points for white drivers. Statewide, black motorists were nearly twice as likely as other motorists to be stopped.

Ferguson has not yet identified a Consent Decree Coordinator, according to the independent monitor appointed in 2016 as part of a settlement between the city and the Justice Department. "Although the Monitoring Team published a Workplan in the Fall of 2018, it has not received regular updates from the City with respect to progress on that plan because no sole individual within the City is responsible for updating the Workplan and notifying the Monitoring Team about advancement in particular areas," according to the monitor's most recent report.

The economic news is even worse. According to the East-West Gateway Council of Governments, the median white household income was more than twice the median Black household income in 2017, a slightly wider gap than in 2010.

Disparity in the poverty rate in St. Louis County has grown as well, driven mainly by flat income growth for Black households versus increases in white income.

We commend the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis and its outstanding leader, Michael McMillan, for their work in tackling economic disparities in the region, and agree with his assessment that the work is a "marathon as well as a sprint." As he has said, "A concerted, dedicated effort has to be spent on changing these disparities, and that the job is not done. So we have to stay the course from the governmental, not-forprofit, corporate, business and civic communities in order to fix those wrongs."

Marion Wright Edelman

President Emerita, Children's Defense Fund



<u>ChildWatch</u>: A Prayer to the God of all Children: **PLEASE Stop Child Terror**

ico, El Salvador, Honduras and ears cannot discern, Guatemala

dan and South Africa

Help us to love and respect Of Syria, Nigeria, Liberia, Su- and protect and welcome them all.

O God of the children of Mex- and languages and dialects our and protect and welcome them all.

> O God of incarcerated, beggar, beaten, abused, neglected, and nomeless children

Chris Van Hollen



United States Senator for Maryland

Cardin, Van Hollen, Brown, Raskin Announce \$481,000 to Fight **Opioid Crisis in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties**

Bv FRANCESCA AMODEO Van Hollen Press Office

through the Health Resources

and Services Administration

(HRSA) as part of the Integrated

Behavioral Health Services pro-

• The Community Clinic, Inc.

in Silver Spring, MD:

Greater Baden Medical Serv-

ice, Inc. in Brandywine, MD:

Mobile Medical Care, Inc. in Bethesda, MD: \$167,000

"Despite some progress and

a lot of hard work, the opioid

epidemic continues to devastate

communities in Maryland and

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back from the brink and putting

to treat people impacted by ad- the opioid epidemic and take diction—ultimately pulling them care of our people caught up in this terrible health crisis," said Congressman Raskin. "We need massive federal investment like this in community health centers across America to turn the tide. We are in a public health emergency that demands robust, comprehensive, and urgent action from the federal government. We continue to stand committed to enacting strong policy responses in the House." HRSA is an agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that provides health care to people who are geographically isolated, and/or economically or medically vulnerable. This funding was possible through passage of the FY19 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and **Related Agencies Appropriations** bill.

Of Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, Myanmar, Israel, Iran and Iraq

Of Libya, Yemen and Ukraine, Nepal and Kashmir,

Of the Congo, Charleston and Cleveland, of Darfur and Detroit

Of all refugee children without a country to welcome them, at sea in flimsy boats, struggling across steaming deserts to find safety, or caged in holding pens as they seek asylum,

Help us to love and respect and protect and welcome them all.

O God of Black and Brown and White children and those all mixed together

Of children who are rich and poor and in between

Of children who speak Spanish and English and Russian and Swahili and Mandarin and Arabic

O God of the child prodigy and child prostitute, of the child of rapture and the child of rape,

Of runaway and thrown away and sexually trafficked children who struggle every day without a parent or place or friend or future,

Of LGBT children struggling to be who they are and children roaming across nations in search of a place called home,

Help us to love and respect and protect and welcome them all.

O God of children who can walk and talk and hear and see and sing and dance and jump and play and of children who wish they could but can't

Of children who are loved and unloved, wanted and unwanted, Help us to love and respect

TSA Begins Verbal Advisements of REAL ID Requirements

Rollout of new signage begins at document checking station

BV PRESS OFFICER Transportation Security Administration (TSA)

WASHINGTON (August 22, 2019)—The Transportation Security Administration announced today that it has begun verbally advising travelers who present non-compliant licenses of the upcoming REAL ID requirement and enforcement date. Beginning October 1, 2020, each traveler must present a REAL ID-compliant driver's license, state-issued enhanced driver's license, or another acceptable form of identification, to fly within the United States. Individuals who are unable to verify their identity will not be permitted to enter the TSA checkpoint and will not be allowed to fly.

of the REAL ID Act are an important step in enhancing commercial aviation security," said TSA Acting Deputy Administrator Patricia Cogswell. "REAL ID implementation is a little more than a year away—now is the time to prepare."

Since April, TSA has displayed signs at airports to remind travelers that REAL IDcompliant licenses or other acceptable forms of ID, such as a state-issued enhanced driver's license, a valid passport, or U.S. military ID, will be mandatory for air travel beginning on October 1, 2020. REAL ID-compliant licenses are marked by a star on the top of the card. Michigan, Vermont, Minnesota and New York states issue REAL ID and state-issued en-

"The security requirements hanced driver's licenses, both of which are acceptable. Washington state issues enhanced driver's licenses only. These documents will be accepted at the airport security checkpoint when the REAL ID enforcement goes into effect. Travelers who are not sure if their stateissued ID is compliant should check with their state driver's license agency.

> Passed by Congress in 2005, the REAL ID Act complies with the 9/11 Commission's recommendation that the federal government "set standards for the issuance of sources of identification, such as driver's licenses." The Act established minimum security standards for

> > See REAL ID Page A8

Of AIDS, drug, violence, and hunger ravaged children,

Of children who are emotionally and physically and mentally fragile, and of children who rebel and ridicule, torment and taunt,

Help us to love and respect and protect and welcome them all.

O God of children of destiny and of despair without hope for the future, ravaged by wars of adults

Of disfigured, diseased, and dving children,

Of children without hope and of children with hope to spare and to share,

Help us to love and respect and protect and welcome them all as we affirm the sacredness of every child in our own country and all across our shared world.

WASHINGTON (August 21, 2019)—U.S. Senators Ben Cardin and Chris Van Hollen and Congressmen Anthony Brown and Jamie Raskin (all D-Md.) announced \$481,000 in federal funding to fight the opioid crisis in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, as part of \$2.4 million for Maryland overall. This investment will help health centers increase access to high-quality integrated mental health and substance abuse disorders services, including opioid addiction. The funding, awarded

them on the path to a healthier life. It is just one part of the federal effort to tackle this public health crisis, and I will keep fighting until we end this epidemic," said Senator Van Hollen, a member of the Budget and Appropriations Committee. "The opioid crisis is a public health emergency that requires

strong partnership from local, state, and the federal government," said Congressman Anthony Brown. "This federal funding for community health care providers is an important part of Congress' effort to save lives and meet this emergency head-on. I remain committed to working with my colleagues and fighting for families afflicted by the opioid crisis."

"These federal funds will help our communities address

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nationwide," said Senator Cardin, a senior member of the

Senate Finance Health Care Subcommittee. "What gives me hope are the innovative strategies I've witnessed around Maryland to serve individuals with the combination of services they need to ultimately overcome addiction. These federal funds will support our hardworking and dedicated local health centers in furthering that

effort." "The opioid epidemic is ravaging our communities, and health centers are on the front lines of combating this scourge. This funding will give our community much-needed resources

COMMUNITY

The American Counseling Association's **Counseling Corner**

Taking That Parent-Teen Disagreement Down a Level

If there's a teen in your home, odds are overwhelming that there have been parent-teen disagreements, perhaps even hot and heavy fights. But it doesn't have to be that way.

Parents and their teens disagreeing is a normal part of the developmental process. Young children easily accept the black and white rules we create for them ("No snacks just before dinner!"). But as our kids grow up they begin to learn that not everything is an absolute and that there are often shades of gray or alternatives. The result is that they will increasingly question and test us. It may be frustrating for parents, and often the fuel for parent-teen arguments, but it's actually a healthy, normal part of becoming more mature.

While only time will make that questioning and testing disappear (and even adulthood may not stop it), there are ways you can keep the disagreements from getting out of hand now.

A starting point is simply accepting that as your child grows he or she will instinctively question rules and decisions, and often want to debate you. When you can accept that this is just naturally going to take place as your maturing child seeks more independence, it can be easier to not let such occurrences make you angry and frustrated. Instead, try to develop techniques to avoid the fights.

One key is taking a non-aggressive attitude in disagreements. If your immediate response to your teen questioning your judgment is one of anger and zero compromise, you can probably expect the same back in response. Instead, stay calm, use a rational tone of voice and make it clear you're willing to listen and discuss. Setting that example helps your child understand that you expect the same sort of response from him or her.

You'll want to avoid words and accusations that put your child on an angry defensive. You'll want to control your anger, and instead consider options and compromises that both of you can live with. When you disagree with something the teen has done or wants to do, make it very clear you're disapproving of the behavior itself, not your child.

Questioning and disagreeing is a regular factor in growing up and learning to be more self-sufficient. When disagreements occur, understand why, stay calm and non-combative and you'll avoid major fights that end in hurt feelings and distrust of each other.

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Ft. Washington Native Trains to Be a **U.S. Navy Future Warfighter**

By LT. KAT SMITH Navy Office of Community Outreach

GREAT LAKES, Ill. (August 8, 2019)-Sailors are some of the most highlytrained people on the planet, according to Navy officials, and this training requires highly-dedicated instructors.

At Naval Education and Training command, instructors at advanced technical schools teach sailors to be highly skilled, operational, and combat ready warfighters, while providing the tools



and opportunities for continuous learning and development.

Fireman Ramel Bethea, a native of Ft. Washington, Maryland, is a student at NETC, learning the necessary skills needed to be a machinist's mate.

A machinist's mate is responsible for the overall maintenance of boilers, condensers and turbines in engine rooms onboard Navy warships.

Students attend advanced technical schools after "boot camp." They are taught the basic technical knowledge and

skills required to be successful in their new careers.

Bethea, a 2014 graduate of Friendly High School, credits his success in the Navy to many of the lessons he learned growing up in Ft. Washington.

"Before joining the Navy, I played a lot of sports and that forced me to work in a team environment," said Bethea. "This really prepared me to work alongside my fellow shipmates."

NETC educates and trains those who serve, providing the tools and opportunities which enable life-long learning, professional and personal growth and development, ensuring fleet readiness and mission accomplishment.

Six commands provide a continuum of professional education and training at NETC in support of Surface Navy requirements preparing enlisted sailors and officers to serve at sea, and providing apprentice and specialized skills training to 7,500 sailors a year.

A key element of the Navy the nation needs is tied to the fact that America is a maritime nation, and that the nation's prosperity is tied to the ability to operate freely on the world's oceans. More than 70 percent of the Earth's surface is covered by water; 80 percent of the world's population lives close to a coast; and 90 percent of all global trade by volume travels by sea.

Bethea plays an important role in America's focus on rebuilding military readiness, strengthening alliances and reforming business practices in support of National Defense Strategy.

"Our priorities center on people, capabilities and processes, and will be achieved by our focus on speed, value, results and partnerships," said Secretary of the Navy Richard V. Spencer. "Readiness, lethality and modernization are the requirements driving these priorities."

As a member of one of the U.S. Navy's most relied-upon assets, Bethea and other sailors know they are part of a legacy that will last beyond their lifetimes.

"I joined the Navy to serve my country and to be a part of something bigger than myself," Bethea said.

Fireman Ramel Bethea

PHOTO BY MASS COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST 1ST CLASS JESSE HAWTHORNE

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

Social Security Matters

Ask Rusty: **About Medicare and Social Security**

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

65 he or she must enroll in Medicare. I have been informed that the charge for this would be deducted from the Social Security benefit, if it has been claimed. Otherwise, this will be another payment for my medical care, in addition to my existing coverage. Please explain the relationship between the two programs and considerations in timing the claim for the SSA benefit. Signed: Frugal Senior

Dear Frugal Senior: If you are already collecting Social Security benefits you will be automatically enrolled in Medicare about 3 months prior to your 65th birthday but, if not, enrollment can be done by contacting Social Security directly. You must enroll in Medicare at age 65, unless you have other "creditable" healthcare coverage (such as from an employer) or you will be subject to a late enrollment penalty for enrolling after expiration of your initial enrollment period (your "IEP"). Your "IEP" is a seven-month window which starts 3 months before the month you turn 65 and ends 3 months after the month you turn 65. You should check with your employer to make sure your existing coverage is "creditable" and, if it is, you can delay enrolling in Medicare until such time as that other coverage ends and thus avoid a late enrollment penalty for not enrolling in Medicare Part B during your IEP. When your employer coverage ends, you'll enter a "special enrollment period" during which you can enroll in Medicare Part B (and Part D, which is prescription drug coverage) without incurring a late enrollment penalty.

Medicare Part A (hospitalization coverage) is free if you are also eligible for Social Security benefits (you don't have to be collecting SS, only eligible). Medicare Part B provides coverage for doctors and outpatient services and there is a premium associated with it (\$135.50 for 2019). If you have other creditable coverage

Dear Rusty: I know that when a person turns you can avoid paying the Part B premium by not enrolling during your IEP. If your existing plan also provides creditable prescription drug coverage, you can also defer enrolling in a Medicare Part D plan until your employer coverage ends, at which time you will have 63 days to take a Part D plan without incurring a late enrollment penalty. FYI, you must be enrolled in Medicare Part A to collect SS benefits after you are 65 years old, and since Part A is free for anyone eligible for Social Security, there is little reason to not enroll in Part A at age 65 (unless you have a Health Savings Account (HSA), in which case there are special rules to consider).

> Although you enroll in Medicare via Social Security, they are two very separate and distinct programs. Normally, if you are collecting Social Security benefits your Medicare Part B premium is automatically deducted from your Social Security benefit. But if you wish to delay collecting Social Security and want to enroll in Medicare Part B, you can do so and request alternate Medicare Part B premium payment arrangements, for which there are several options.

> As for the timing of your claim for Social Security benefits, you should evaluate your need for the money, your current health and your expected longevity. If you don't need the money now and expect to live to at least average life expectancy (about 87 for women and 84 for men) then delaying your claim for SS as long as possible will yield you the highest monthly benefit amount as well as the most in lifetime SS benefits. For each year you delay claiming Social Security beyond your full retirement age you'll get an additional 8% on your monthly benefit, and you could get as much as 32% more (depending on your FRA) at age 70. Age 70 is when your benefit would reach maximum so you shouldn't wait beyond age 70 to claim Social Security.

University of Maryland School of Nursing Faculty Members Awarded Over \$2.5 Million in State Education Grants

Four faculty members receive funding to increase nursing capacity in Maryland

BV LAURA HAGER University of Maryland School of Nursing

BALTIMORE, Md. (August 20, 2019)-Four University of Maryland School of Nursing (UM-SON) faculty members have been awarded Nurse Support Program (NSP) II grants totaling more than \$2.5 million. NSP II grants aid in increasing nursing capacity in Maryland by implementing statewide initiatives to grow the number of nurses prepared to serve effectively in faculty roles, thereby increasing the number of students who can be enrolled in Maryland nursing schools and subsequently increasing the number of qualified nurses across the state.

Grants are funded through the Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission and administered by the Maryland Higher Education Commission.

"We are thrilled that UMSON has received NSP II grant support for four significant projects, each of which will help address Maryland's need for a well-educated and well-prepared nursing workforce," said UMSON Dean Jane M. Kirschling, PhD, RN, FAAN. "This diverse array of projects will: ensure the highest level of proficiency among academic clinical nurse educators throughout Maryland; develop a streamlined path for previously certified adult nurse practitioners and gerontology nurse practitioners to be recertified under the successor specialty designation; enhance nurse education in substance use disorders and create a certificate program in addictions nursing; and support the ongoing work of the Maryland Nursing Workforce Center to ensure appropriate data for decision-making.

"We are grateful to the Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission for its generous support of nursing research and to the Maryland Higher Education Commission for its leadership of NSP II initiatives. Together, we are ensuring that Maryland's residents have access to excellent health care now and in the future," Kirschling continued.

The NSP II grants awarded to UMSON faculty beginning in Fiscal Year 2020 include:

Susan L. Bindon, DNP, RN-BC, CNE, CNEcl, assistant professor and director, Doctor of Nursing Practice Post-Master's option-Building Clinical Nursing Faculty Competency in Maryland (\$264,677 over two years): Bindon will work to increase the number of well-prepared clinical nursing instructors by supporting new faculty teaching in Maryland's pre-licensure programs. Funding extends UMSON's current success in preparing clinical educators and will provide six faculty workshops and national certification exam support. Expected outcomes include the preparation of up to 240 clinical instructors with certification exam support for participants interested and eligible to sit for the National League for Nursing certification exam for nurse educators. Participants will potentially teach 1,920 students per semester and will enhance the learning experience in the high-stakes clinical environment for nursing students.

Margaret Hammersla, PhD, CRNP-A, assistant professor and senior director, Doctor of Nursing Practice program-Streamlined Path to AGPCNP Certification (\$121,972 over three years): More than 10 years ago, the APRN Consensus Model combined the adult nurse practitioner (ANP) and gerontological nurse practitioner (GNP) designations to create the adult-gerontological primary care nurse practitioner (AGPCNP) designation, but an unintended outcome was that all nationally certified ANPs and GNPs hold a certificate that is no longer being offered. The ANP and GNP exams were retired, meaning that nurse practitioners who allow their certification to lapse have no opportunity to become recertified. This funding aims to increase the number AGPCNPs by creating a streamlined path for ANPs and GNPs to convert to the AGPCNP specialty; UMSON will offer an option for master's-prepared ANPs and GNPs to complete a Doctor of Nursing Practice; ANPs and GNPs with a doctoral degree will be able to

OUT on the TOWN

The Bowie Center for Performing Arts Announces a Tribute to the Music of Motown

Tribute Concert Features Motown's greatest stars, including Diana Ross and the Supremes, The Temptations, Jr Walker, Jackson 5, Stevie Wonder, and many other artists

By DAVID ANDRUSIA

The Bowie Center for Performing Arts

BOWIE, Md. (August 20, 2019)—The Bowie Center for Performing Arts has announced its inaugural concert partnership with BRENCORE Entertainment, to be held on October 13. This Motown tribute concert features performers singing the best-known and best-loved!—hits of "Motor City's" performers, narrated and including a history of each group. Songs include "Baby Love, "Tears of a Clown, "Bernadette," "ABC," "My Girl," "Signed, Sealed & Delivered," all accompanied by the 16-piece BRENCORE Allstars Band.

"We are thrilled to be partnering with BRENCORE Entertainment, whose reputation and events are top-drawer," says The Bowie Center's Executive Director Jason Cook. "People along the entire Eastern Seaboard have enjoyed these performances, and we are happy to bring this sizzling entertainment to folks here in Prince George's and Anne Arundel Counties—and even beyond."

Robert Smoot, CEO of BRENCORE, adds, "We have brought our shows to audiences all over the DMV and are delighted to now count The Bowie Center among our presenting partners. With nearly 800 seats, this fantastic facility will bring our Motown Tribute show to more folks than ever before. We strive to position ourselves as the recognized leader in the events management industry, both locally and nationally," he believes.

Smoot says, "It's especially heartwarming to bring Motown classics to young audiences as well as their traditional fan base. Often, we have three generations of audience members snapping

their fingers and tapping their toes to these songs—and we transport them back to the time when these acts ruled the charts. Sharing this music and creating new fans is, at the end of the day, what these concerts are all about."

Motown Records was formed by Berry Gordy Jr. in Detroit in the late 1950s. Among the most successful African American enterprises in history, Motown also bridged a gap between R&B and pop music in a way that no other musical entity had done to that point.

Performance pricing is as follows:

General Admission, \$25.00 until September 15 (\$30.00 thereafter), Senior and Children under 15, \$15.00, Group Sales, Please call 301-805-6880. Tickets are available at www.bowiecenter.org

For more information, please contact David Andrusia at david.andrusia@pgcps.org or 415-283-7375

The Bowie Center is a multi-arts professional theatre and black box located at 15200 Annapolis Road in Bowie, MD 20715., In 1995, a unique partnership of government and private organizations formed to establish the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts, a state-ofthe-art venue offering a wide variety of entertainment specials, theater and concerts. These range from professional musicals to classical and modern dance companies to touring musical artists of local and national repute.

BRENCORE Entertainment has been providing events and performances at first class venues for over 13 years. BRENCORE's vision is to revive a latent appreciation for music through the creative implementation of event development and a strategic planning of concert promotions.

Symphony of the Potomac Announces 2019–2020 Season Programs

Season Ticket Drive Now Underway

By ILENE KLINGHOFFER **Symphony of the Potomac**

SILVER SPRING, Md. (August 12, 2019)—Four subscription performances have been scheduled by the Symphony of the Potomac for the 2019–2020 season. The upcoming season highlights four groups of composers, each group made up of composers united by either nationality or period. All concerts will be under the baton of Music Director Joel Lazar, and will take place at the Cultural Arts Center, Montgomery College, in Silver Spring at 3 p.m.

The Russians opens the season on November 3, 2019, and features Mikhail Glinka's Overture to Ruslan and Lyudmila, the Cello Concerto No. 1 of Dmitri Shostakovich, and Vasily Kalinnikov's Symphony No. 1. Steven Honigberg will be the soloist in the Shostakovich concerto. February 9, 2020, presents music of the two cornerstone composers of the Classical era, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Franz Joseph Haydn, and the composer who was the bridge between the Classical and Romantic periods, Ludwig van Beethoven. The pieces to be played are Mozart's Overture to Idomeneo, Haydn's Symphony No. 104, which was his last, and Beethoven's Symphony No. 3, Eroica, which had its original dedication to Napoleon removed after he declared himself emperor.

On April 19, 2020, The Followers features music of the Romantic period, which followed the Classical period. On the program are Johannes Brahms' Tragic Overture, Max Bruch's Violin Concerto No. 1, and Robert Schumann's Symphony No. 3, Rhenish. Soloist in the Bruch concerto will be Nadir Khashimov. by Blair Goins, George Gershwin's Piano Concerto, and George Whitefield Chadwick's Symphonic Sketches. Rachel Franklin, who has appeared often with the Symphony of the Potomac, will be the soloist in the Gershwin concerto.

Discounted season tickets, \$55.00 for adults and \$15.00 for students and youth 18 and under, are available on the orchestra's website, symphonypotomac.org/ tickets. Adult season tickets are discounted over 30% from at-the-door prices.

The Symphony of the Potomac *is a community-based, primarily volunteer orchestra under the direction of Joel Lazar. The orchestra provides Montgomery County and the Greater Washington area with the opportunity to enjoy symphonic music at a reasonable price. It is funded in part by the Montgomery County government and the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County.*

Spotlight: Labor Day Events

65th Annual Labor Day Festival

Date and Time: August 30-September 2, 2019

Description: The City of Greenbelt and the Labor Day Festival Committee are honored to host this event. Enjoy an entertaining weekend with family and friends. Visit www.greenbelt laborday.com. Take a free walking tour, visit the Greenbelt Museum house, or participate in the Retro Town Fair. Visit www.greenbeltmuseum.or; See OPEN TO THE PUBLIC below.

Sky Lancers Demonstration

Date and Time: Monday, September 2, 2019, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Description: Come catch a glimpse of model aircraft ranging from meticulous models to fun flyers that soar, dip, and glide! Do you think you have what it takes to fly a control line aircraft? Learn all about this category of model plane as the Sky Lancers of Washington demonstrate their skills on the field. Come join us! All you need is a steady hand.

Cost: FREE with Museum Admission

Ages: All ages are welcome

Location: College Park Aviation Museum, 1985 Corporal Frank Scott Drive, College Park, MD 20740

Contact: 301-864-6029; TTY 301-699-2544



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The Greenbelt Museum's historic house is open for guided tours on Sundays from 1-5 p.m. No reservations are required, but we do recommend that you arrive no later than 4:30 p.m. General Admission, \$5.00, students and seniors \$3, children under 6, and FOGM members admitted free! Group tours can be scheduled by calling 240-542-2064. The house has been restored and furnished with objects from the period of 1936-1952. The furniture on display was designed by the Resettlement Administration's Special Skills Division and made available to early Greenbelt residents. The house also includes objects associated with everyday life of a middle-class family during these years such as Fiesta ware, depression glass, kitchen utensils, children's toys, clothes, and linens. Tours of the house provide visitors with a view of home life for ordinary Americans of modest means during the Great Depression and World War II. Free parking is available across the street from the Museum's historic house behind the public library and adjacent to Greenbelt Community Center. The Exhibition Gallery is located at the Greenbelt Community Center.

The second concert, The Founders, on

The season concludes on June 7, 2020, with music of The Americans. Featured are the world premiere of a commissioned work

Greenbelt Museum—Historic House: 10B Crescent Rd. Greenbelt, MD 20770 • 301-507-6582 • www.greenbeltmuseum.org

eric d. snider's in the dark *Movie Review* ····

The Lion King (2019)

The Lion King (2019) Grade: C Rated PG, thematic elements and animal peril 1 hr., 58 min.

The idea behind this remake of "The Lion King" was to tell the same story but with real animals. That being impractical, however, they had to use computer-generated animals that merely look real and don't do anything that real animals aren't physically capable of. It's the closest we'll ever get to seeing "The Lion King" acted out by real lions!

Well, it turns out seeing "The Lion King" acted out by real lions is boring and sad. What director Jon Favreau ("The Jungle Book") and everyone else at Disney evidently overlooked is that real animals don't have expressive faces. Their bodies don't do physical comedy. They don't show anger or fear like cartoon animals do, because their bodies don't subtly squash or stretch to convey what they're feeling. When something bad happens and you cut to a reaction shot of a real animal, the look on its face is going to be almost exactly the same as it was before the bad

thing happened, leaving the Kuleshov effect to do all the heavy lifting.

And so here is this spiritless, nearly shot-for-shot remakewith enough padding and slow pacing to make it 30 minutes longer than the original—that looks incredible and feels hollow. It's like watching a nature documentary where the animals don't seem quite right, causing an emotional glitch. If you saw a YouTube video of a lion struggling to climb a hill, you'd quickly grow firmly invested in his success. Seeing Mufasa do it had no effect on me, and I realized it was because, for all his realism, he couldn't totally convince my brain to forget that he's CGI.

Or it's like listening to an audiobook of "The Lion King" while watching a slide show of African animals. You just have to use your imagination to pretend that what you're seeing matches the intensity and emotion of what you're hearing.

The disconnect between what we hear and what we see is profound, most obviously during "Can You Feel the Love Tonight?," which is sung in the early afternoon and shows not a glimpse of anything approaching "the sweet caress of twilight" or a "romantic atmosphere." The voice work is good and full of energy: JD McCrary as young Simba, James Earl Jones reprising his role as Mufasa, Chiwetel Ejiofor as Scar (he's no Jeremy Irons, but who is?), John Oliver as Zazu the bird, Donald Glover as adult Simba, Beyoncé as adult Nala, Seth Rogen and Billy Eichner as Pumbaa and Timon. Their voices carry a wide range of emotions that are only hinted at visually.

The original film wasn't very cartoony, so it's interesting to discover how much difference there is between "not very" and "not at all." Favreau's fidelity to photorealism removes all of the magic and much of the humor save for Rogen and Eichner, who have new dialogue that is funny on its own, regardless of what images accompany it. The animals' movements are restricted to what their flesh-and-blood

counterparts' muscles and bodies can do. They talk, but their lips don't form the letters; their voices might as well be voiceovers. A meerkat wouldn't have access to the materials necessary to "dress in drag and do the hula" (as Timon once suggested he do to distract the hyenas), so that gag is replaced (with, admittedly, a really funny alternate).

Oh, and good news: Animals in Disney cartoons can say "fart" now! fully, probably because there's no dialogue to take us out of the reality. Elton John's music remains powerful (Tim Rice's lyrics remain pedestrian), and Hans Zimmer's score actually benefits from being made grander. Apart from that, the movie seems to have been made just to impress us with the fact of its making. I spent a lot of the time thinking: OK, but why? I never came up with any answers besides the obviou\$ one\$.

Life" sequence works beauti-

But the opening "Circle of



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From Disney Live Action, director Jon Favreau's all-new "The Lion King" journeys to the African savanna where a future king is born. Simba idolizes his father, King Mufasa, and takes to heart his own royal destiny. But not everyone in the kingdom celebrates the new cub's arrival. Scar, Mufasa's brother—and former heir to the throne—has plans of his own. The battle for Pride Rock is ravaged with betrayal, tragedy and drama, ultimately resulting in Simba's exile. With help from a curious pair of newfound friends, Simba will have to figure out how to grow up and take back what is rightfully his.

Calendar of Events

August 29–September 7, 2019

Xtreme Teens: Back-to-School Skate Night

Date and Time: Friday, August 30, 2019, 7-10 p.m. Description: Teens will make personalized crafts or poetry to add to their friends' yearbooks for this year's graduating class. There will be light refreshments served. Cost: FREE! with M-NCPPC youth ID

10-17 Ages:

Location: Rollingcrest/Chillum Community Center, 6120 Sargent Road, Chillum, MD 20782 Contact: 301-853-2005; TTY 301-699-2544

Archaeology Dig Days

Date and Time: Saturday, August 31, 2019, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Description: Discover history's secrets while getting fresh air and exercise! Archaeologists will show participants how to dig and screen for artifacts in this real excavation site, once home to a Native American village, a colonial town in the 1700s, and a large plantation in the 1800s. Self-guided tours of the archaeology museum and Patuxent riverfront property also available. Registration is not required.

Free Cost:

All ages are welcome Ages:

Location: Mount Calvert Historical and Archaeological Park, 16801 Mount Calvert Road, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

Contact: 301-627-1286; TTY 301-699-2544

Family Movie on the Potomac: The Lego Movie 2

Date and Time: Sunday, September 1, 2019, 6-8 p.m. Description: Nothing says summer like an evening under the stars-and there's no better way to enjoy the season than Family Movies on the Potomac & Date Night Movies at National Harbor. Pack your chairs, grab food to go from one of the delicious dining establishments, and meet on the Plaza's big screen for an evening of fun for all ages! End times may vary with each movie. Movie times/dates may be changed or cancelled due to weather. National Harbor will announce any updates via social media. Cost: Free

Ages: All ages are welcome Location: The Plaza, Plaza, National Harbor, MD 20745

Contact: www.nationalharbor.com/events/

Summer Concert Series:

Bowie State University Concert Band

Date and Time: Sunday, September 1, 2019, 7-8 p.m. Description: Enjoy a Sunday evening patriotic performance by the Bowie State University Concert Band at the Robert V. Setera Amphitheater at Allen Pond Park. *Concerts are canceled in the case of inclement weather. Notices about cancellations will be posted on the home page of this website and on the City's Facebook page and Twitter feed.

Free Cost:

All ages are welcome Ages:

Location: Allen Pond Park, 3330 Northview Dr., Bowie, MD 20716

Contact: 301-809-3078

CPAE Homeschooling Arts Club

Date and Time: Begins September 4, NEW: preschool circle from 11 a.m.–12 noon for ages 2–5 Description: Community of homeschoolers who do arts activities and have social time every Wednesday during the school year. Activities include visual arts, fiber arts, culinary arts, drama, outdoor games, mathematical art, and writing, with different "classes" organized each session. Parents attend with their children.

School of Nursing from A5

earn a post-doctoral certificate to gain the necessary additional knowledge required for AGPNCP certification.

Victoria L. Selby, PhD, CRNP-PMH, PMHNP-BC, assistant professor-Substance Use and Addictions Nursing Education Initiatives (\$137,408 over one year): Substance use disorders are now the leading cause of death in the United States, doubling the numbers of related deaths a decade ago. according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse. This funding will support planning for the expansion of nurse education in sub-

UPCOMING EVENTS

State of Justice Symposium

Date and Time: Tuesday, September 10, 2019, 6-9 p.m. (Check in begins at 5:30 p.m)

Description: Hosted by Office of the State's Attorney for Prince George's County, Maryland and Community Justice Partners

Cost: Free. *Register at eventbrite*

Ages: Adults

Location: The Hotel at College Park, 7777 Baltimore Avenue, College Park, MD 20740

Contact: http://sao.mypgc.us., http://twitter.com/PGSAONEWS

Maryland Night Live: NextNOW Fest

Date and Time: September 14, 2019, 8:30 p.m. Description: Directed by Walker Green, Sammy Garcia, & Liezel Werner. Maryland Night Live is a comedy show inspired by Saturday Night Live that brings comedians, musicians, and various other performers together in one laugh filled night. Admission is free. Location: The Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, University

of Maryland campus, 8270 Alumni Dr, College Park, MD 20742

Prince George's County Teen Support Group Date and Time: September 11, 2019, 6:30–8 p.m.

stance use and addiction by creating a focus area for undergraduate nursing students, particularly registered nurses returning to complete the Bachelor of Science in Nursing, and by developing a post-baccalaureate certificate in addictions nursing.

Rebecca Wiseman, PhD '93, RN, associate professor and chair of UMSON at the Universities at Shady Grove-Maryland Nursing Workforce Center (\$1,912,767 over five years): Funding will support the work of the Maryland Nursing Workforce Center (MNWC) at the University of Maryland, Baltimore as it continues to provide access to and assist with analysis of nursing workforce data.

The MNWC was established in 2018 with NSP II funding to ensure the state is meeting the recommendation of the Institute of Medicine's (IOM) 2010 Future of Nursing report calling for improved workforce data collection. This data will be used to plan for future workforce needs and to measure the success of programs and initiatives.

The University of Maryland School of Nursing, founded in 1889, is one of the oldest and largest nursing schools in the nation and is ranked among the top nursing schools nationwide.

Description: Designed for youth to connect with others their age who also grieve the death of a loved one. Ages: 13–18

Call 888-501-7077 for location and to speak with a counselor prior to attending the first meeting.

We Rise! 50th Anniversary Gala

Date and Time: Saturday, November 2, 6-11 p.m.

Description: The Banneker-Douglass Museum will host the historic 50th Anniversary of the nation's first state ethnic commission, the Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture (MCAAHC). Join us at the Banneker-Douglass Museum, 84 Franklin Street, Annapolis, MD 21401, as we celebrate Black history in Maryland, through music, awards, performances, and more! Purchase tickets through eventbrite.

Save the Date: Holiday Arts & Crafts Market

Date and Time: Saturday, November 23, 2019, 9 a.m.–2 p.m. Description: The Arts Committee is hosting a Holiday Arts & Crafts Market at the Bowie Senior Center. Vendors interested in participating in this event must register by October 18, 2019. For information and an application, contact Neil Norris at 240-544-5601 or nnorris@cityofbowie.org or visit www.cityofbowie.org.

Earth Even if it Decimates Bristol Bay Fishery, TALK[™] Pebble Mine "On" Again

Dear EarthTalk:

What's the background of the controversy over whether to allow development of a big copper and gold mine near Alaska's Bristol Bay? -C. Karo, Pittsburgh, PA

Environmentalists, fishermen and Native Americans breathed a sigh of relief in 2014 when the Obama administration invoked a rarely used provision in the Clean Water Act to block the proposed development of the Pebble Mine near Alaska's Bristol Bay, one of the most productive fisheries in the world. At the time, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) found that the proposed mine would cause "complete loss of fish habitat due to elimination, dewatering and fragmentation of streams, wetlands and other aquatic resources" in parts of Bristol Bay. But Northern Dynasty Minerals, the Canadian company behind the proposed mine, hasn't given up pushing for the project which could yield some 10 billion tons of recoverable ore (including lots of copper as well as gold and molybdenum). Only one other ore deposit of its type in the world, Indonesia's Grasberg Mine, is bigger. An early August 2019 meeting between Alaska's conservation Republican governor Mike Dunleavy and President Trump on the tarmac as Air Force One refueled in Anchorage on its way back from the G20 summit in Japan led to an announcement the next day that the EPA was rescinding its original veto and green-lighting the Pebble Mine development after all. As soon as word got out, dozens of former and current EPA officials and researchers came out to say the reversal ignores the science that warns of total ecosystem collapse which, forgetting about the effects on marine wildlife and the subsistence culture of Alaska Natives, could

decimate the \$1.5 billion Bristol Bay fishery and its 14,000 jobs.

According to the non-profit Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), the EPA conducted extensive scientific assessment of the Bristol Bay watershed to determine the potential impacts of largescale mining on salmon and other fish populations, wildlife.



Nominal fee for materials Cost: Ages: 4 - 13Location: Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Rd, College Park, MD

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- Contact: Laura Lising, LauraL88@yahoo.com

Prince George's County Fair

Date and Time: September 5-September 8, 2019 Description: Now in its 177 year of operation, the Prince George's County Fair is the oldest running fair in Maryland. Cost: \$5/up to age 13 and 55+; \$6/age 13+; Thursday Night: FREE Entry for Seniors (ages 55+); Sunday: FREE Entry for Military Personnel and immediate family members. Jolly Shows Ticket Prices: Single Tickets \$1.75; Book of 30 for \$40; Book of 50 for \$60 Rides are 3–5 Tickets Each; All Day Wristband Specials \$12 Thursday; \$30 Friday; \$30 Saturday; \$30 Sunday All ages are welcome Ages: Location: Show Place Arena, 14900 Pennsylvania Avenue, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772 Contact: 301-404-5566, https://www.countyfair.org/

Cop for a Day 2019 Bowie Police Department

Date and Time: Saturday, September 7, 2019, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Description: Experience a day in the life of a Police Officer! Bowie Police Department is proud to once again host its annual Cop for a Day event, where all ages (5+) can experience some of the daily responsibilities of law enforcement. Enjoy a thrilling vehicle pursuit, chase a criminal on foot through an obstacle course, conduct traffic stops, clear a building of suspects, and more! Also enjoy the Kid Zone and moon bounce!

Registration is \$5 for those ages 5 and 6, and \$15 for Cost: ages 7+. Register in advance or at the event, see website below.

Ages: 5 years and older

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

Contact: www.bowiecopforaday.com, 240-544-5792

Children's Day

Date and Time: Saturday, September 7, 2019, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Description: Spend a day in the life of 18th-century Marylanders! The year is 1770, and this small farm is bustling with activity. Discover the sights, sounds, and even some of the smells that the children of the past experienced every day. You'll even get to take home your very own keepsake from times of yore! Cost: \$5/person, 4 years & older OR \$20 Family Rate (For immediate families with 5 or more people attending) Location: National Colonial Farm, 3400 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek, MD 20607 Contact: 301-283-2113

Alaska Native communities in the region. "EPA's Watershed Assessment found that Pebble

development

Mine would have significant impacts on fish populations and streams surrounding the mine site," reports NRDC. "A tailings dam failure releasing toxic mine waste would have catastrophic effects on the ecosystem and region."

and

The EPA's conclusions were derived from three years of data review, scientific analysis, public hearings, peer review and revision. "Up until now, EPA has taken every precaution to ensure that its assessment represents the best science regarding potential large-scale mining in the Bristol Bay watershed."

Why the Trump administration would sell out the region's fisheries and millennia-old culture for a quick sale followed by a cut-and-run mining operation by a Canadian mining company is anybody's guess.

Environmentalists are sure to fight the Pebble Mine development just as hard now

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If the Pebble Mine project is allowed to proceed after all, the nearby Bristol Bay fishery-one of the richest in the worldmay never recover.

> as they did five years ago leading up to when President Obama blocked it. But this time will be more of an uphill battle given the tenor of the times and who's in the White House.

> To express your concerns about Pebble Mine, send your elected representatives a message via the "Take Action" section of the website of the non-profit conservation group Save Bristol Bay.

> CONTACTS: NRDC, nrdc.org; Save Bristol Bay, savebristolbay.org/take-action.

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state-issued driver's licenses and identification cards and prohibits federal agencies from accepting licenses and identification cards from states that do not meet these standards for official purposes, such as at airport security checkpoints. The regulations established the deadline of October 1, 2020, to ensure full enforcement of the REAL ID Act. States have made considerable progress in meeting this key recommendation of the 9/11 Commission.

For more information about flying with a REAL ID and to download and print informational materials, visit tsa.gov/real-id.

10th Class from A1

it ensures that young people have experience and career options they may have otherwise never have interacted with, while instilling in another generation the importance of preserving our natural treasures."

During their year of service, Conservation Corps Members will gain valuable on-the-job experience as they work to advance environmental conservation, K-12 education, energy efficiency programs, sustainable agriculture practices, and a host of other environmentally focused initiatives. [On August 20], 37 Corps participants met their 32 host organizations at Camp Letts in Edgewater, Maryland, to learn more about their job responsibilities for the upcoming year.

Funds for the program are provided by the Chesapeake Bay Trust, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, the U.S. National Park Service, and Baltimore Gas and Electric (BGE), among others.

"Young people are the future of conservation. The partnership between the National Park Service and the Chesapeake Bay Trust continues to successfully engage and prepare the next generation of Chesapeake stewards, and they in-turn inspire and help us achieve our mutual conservation goals together," said Wendy O'Sullivan, superintendent of the Chesapeake Bay office of the National Park Service.

"BGE is proud to continue to partner with the Chesapeake Conservation Corps Program. These young people are getting hands-on exposure to a broad array of Bay restoration efforts and learning valuable job skills as they do. Moreover, their mentoring throughout the experience is focused on leadership development, preparing them for impactful future roles." said John Quinn, Director of Energy Policy at BGE.

Each Corps participant is provided with a stipend and commits to a one-year term of service which begins in August. During that year, Corps participants work directly with their host organizations while also receiving extensive job trainings hosted by the Trust, as well as other service-learning opportunities including grant writing and project management.

"As the Chesapeake Conservation Corps nears the end of its first decade, it is important to note all the wonderful work corps members have done for non-profits and governments throughout Maryland," said Ben Grumbles, Maryland Secretary for the Environment. "The program empowers talented young professionals to take action and make impactful change for environmental good in their career fields."

Of the 37 selected participants, 8 will work in Anne Arundel County, 4 in Prince George's County, 3 each in Baltimore City, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery, and Talbot counties, 2 each in Allegany, Calvert, Kent, and Worcester Counties, 1 in Washington County, and 1 in Pennsylvania.

"The Chesapeake Bay Trust is thrilled to celebrate the Corps 10th year of service." said Jana Davis, executive director for the Trust. "We've watched Corps alumni become industry colleagues and chart the course for our future environmental work. There is no better testimonial than that to the quality of workforce development

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Prince George's County Chesapeake Conservation Corps 2019–2020 Corps Member Placements

Faith Haley, Accokeek Foundation Accokeek, Prince George's County

During the course of Faith's year, she will be working with the Accokeek Foundation to help develop and implement an invasive management plan according to National Park Service standards. She will coordinate outreach efforts to recruit volunteers and coordinate and execute volunteer training and workdays. Finally, she will assist in the evaluation of Accokeek's 500+ acres of land to determine target species by location and priority of removal. Faith is a recent graduate from Salisbury University with a degree in Earth Science.

Jacqueline Pickford, Eco City Farms Edmonston, Prince George's County

During her year at ECO City Farms, Jacqueline will assist in all facets of farming operation, working alongside urban farmers at both the Edmonston and Bladensburg farm sites. She will also assist in the monitoring and maintenance of the ECO City Farms' compost and vermi-compost. Lastly, Jacqueline will aid the Youth Educator in conducting the 2019 SEED 2 FEED Summer Youth Program, farm tours, farm to school visits, and after school programs. Jacqueline recently graduated from James Madison University with a degree in Integrated Science and Technology.

Samara Pyfrom, Patuxent River Park, Upper Marlboro, Prince George's County

Working at the Patuxent River Park this year, Samara will aid in education program facilitation, and organization, including becoming involved with visiting classes, students, and field trips. She will also assist with the replanting of Wild Rice in the marshes of the Patuxent. To assist interns with the monitoring of wood duck boxes, Samara will be trained to operate a small job boat. She will use GIS to map invasive species throughout 7,000 acres and facilitate the removal of invasives and the replanting of native plants. Finally, she will lead the management of properties in Prince George's County that are used for native pollinator meadows. Samara most recently worked with the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center and recently graduated high school from South River High School in Anne Arundel County.

Aubryn Walters, USFWS Patuxent Research Refuge, Laurel, Prince George's County

During her year with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Patuxent Research Refuge, Aubryn will conduct on-site and offsite Environmental Education (EE) programs and Interpretive Programs for visitors of all ages. She will also assist with community engagement and outreach for the Urban Wildlife Refuge Partnership at Masonville Cove in Baltimore, MD. Aubryn recently graduated from Willamette University in Oregon with a major in Environmental Science and a minor in politics.