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Oxon Hill Branch Library to Host Digital Bookmobile National Tour Event

Free Event Highlights Availability of Ebooks and Audiobooks From the Prince George's County Library System

By JEN SHECKELS, Editor

Spreading reading happiness to communities across the nation, the Digital Bookmobile is a unique traveling exhibit providing an interactive experience where visitor can learn about and try eBooks and audiobooks available in Maryland.

On Tuesday, August 21, the Digital Bookmobile will make a tour stop at the Oxon Hill Branch Library to help readers of all ages explore the digital services available at their local li-

braries in Prince George's County.

Equipped with interactive workstations, touchscreen activities, popular devices in their "Gadget Gallery" to sample titles and more, the Digital Bookmobile has everything a reader needs to get started with digital content. The library's staff and eReading experts will be on-hand to guide visitors through the easy process of browsing and borrowing digital books.

The tour is free and open to the community. Come out and learn more about what your local library has to



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OverDrive's Digital Bookmobile will pull into the Oxon Hill Branch Library on August 21, 2018!

offer. This is a great opportunity for students to learn more about what is available at the library as they prepare for the 2018–2019 school year.

Readers with a valid library card can borrow their favorite titles 24/7 by visiting <https://pgcmls.overdrive.com> or by downloading OverDrive's newest reading app, Libby.

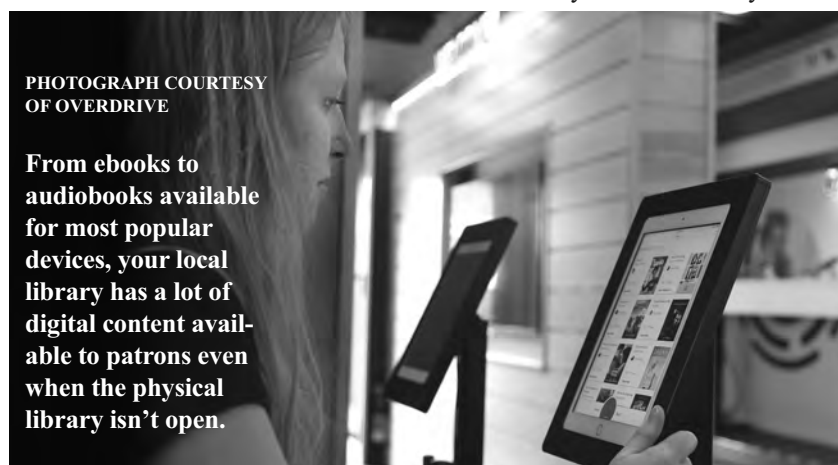
Digital Bookmobile Tour Stop at Oxon Hill Library

August 21, 2018, 11a.m.–5 p.m.

Cost: FREE

Location: Oxon Hill Library
6200 Oxon Hill Rd,
Oxon Hill, MD 20745

Contact: 301-839-2400;
TTY 301-808-2061



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From ebooks to audiobooks available for most popular devices, your local library has a lot of digital content available to patrons even when the physical library isn't open.

About the Digital Bookmobile: The 42-foot long Toterhome provides devices, internet connectivity and expert guidance to the local library's digital collection of eBooks and audiobooks. This traveling exhibit first launched in 2008 in Central Park, New York, and has since traveled more than 39,000 miles and welcomed 218,526 visitors at over 70 events. For full tour schedule and more information, visit www.digitalbookmobile.com. To browse libraries, ebooks and more, visit www.overdrive.com.

Timing is Money—There is More Than One Way to Save During Maryland's Back-to-School Tax-Free Week

Maryland Shoppers Won't Pay State Sales Tax On Some Back-To-School Items

By PRESS OFFICER
AAA Mid-Atlantic

WASHINGTON, D.C. (August 10, 2018)—These are the remnants of the Dog Days of Summer. It is sweltering outside, and it is a great time to do back-to-school shopping. Total spending for K–12 schools and colleges combined is expected to reach \$82.8 billion, nearly as high as last year's total spending of \$83.6 billion, according to the annual consumer survey released by the National Retail Federation. Shoppers plan to spend the most on clothing, followed by electronics, shoes and lastly school supplies.

The state of Maryland is once again offering relief for back-to-school shoppers in the form of sales tax savings on certain apparel, accessories, and footwear that individually cost under \$100 during Shop Maryland Tax-Free Week August 12–18, 2018. During this week, the first \$40 of a backpack/book bag purchase is tax-exempt, as well, according to the Comptroller of Maryland.

During 2018, at least 17 states, including Maryland and Virginia, have established back-to-school tax holidays with certain qualifying items exempt from state sales taxes and the outstretched reaches of the tax man. "The 2018 Tax Free Days vary by state." Maryland's summertime "State Sales Tax Holiday" includes clothing and footwear under \$100.

However, Maryland's three-day "Tax-Free Weekend" was held earlier in

the year during the winter months, February 17–19, 2018, and covered "Energy Star products." ...

Among the states, Maryland has one of the longest "State Sales Tax Holidays" in the nation—seven days. Other states with some sort of a seven day Sales Tax Holiday include Connecticut, Florida, and Missouri, according to the Federation of Tax Administrators (FTA).

That's not all. There are more steals and deals. In fact, Marylanders, who are AAA members, can also use their membership card for additional savings not only during Tax-Free Week but any day of the year. Money-saving discounts are available to anyone with a AAA card for retailers such as:

- **Crocs:** 25 percent off at all Crocs-owned stores, outlets and online; additional \$15 off in-store purchase of \$75 or more.
- **GAP:** Up to 50 percent off sales styles online. Receive free shipping on online orders of \$50 or more and free returns on all orders.
- **Reebok Outlets:** Save 20 percent off original outlet prices, and from August 4–19 save 40 percent on lowest ticketed price.
- **Tanger Outlet Centers:** Receive a free coupon book with discounts up to 20 percent at select merchants.

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Governor Hogan Announces Initiatives to Combat Human Trafficking

Includes Appointment of an Anti-Human Trafficking Expert, \$9 Million in Funding, Additional Support for Victims, Increased Collaboration Between State and Local Law Enforcement

By PRESS OFFICER
Office of the Governor

ANNAPOLIS, MD (August 9, 2018)—Governor Larry Hogan announced [on August 9, 2018] a series of initiatives to combat human trafficking in Maryland by providing additional support for trafficking victims and pursuing innovative strategies and harsher punishments for traffickers.

The governor made the announcement at the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services in Rockville, Md., where he was joined by Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett; founder and director of the University of Maryland "SAFE" (Support, Advocacy, Freedom and Empowerment) Center for Human Trafficking Survivors and Former Deputy U.S. Trade Ambassador Susan Esserman; Montgomery County Police Assistant Chief Marcus Jones; Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention (GOCCP) Glenn Fueston; Maryland Secretary of State John Womensmith; and Secretary Lourdes Padilla of the Maryland Department of Human Services; along with other federal, state, and

local officials, as well as stakeholders and advocates committed to fighting human trafficking in Maryland.

"As governor, I am committed to ensuring that not only are the violent perpetrators brought to justice, but that we also provide the resources necessary to help survivors recover and rebuild their lives," said Governor Hogan. "One of our most important responsibilities is to protect Maryland citizens, and human trafficking strikes at the very fiber of our Maryland communities, our families, and our children."

The measures announced today include: a new executive order creating an Anti-Human Trafficking Director position; a new crime, research, and innovation center; strengthened data collection; an updated identification protocol; \$5 million in funding for anti-human trafficking efforts; and legislation to categorize felony human trafficking as a violent crime. The governor also announced more than \$4 million in new grants to target gangs and violent criminal networks as part of the Maryland Criminal Intelligence Network (MCIN).

The governor signed Executive Order 01.01.2018.19, which creates an Anti-Human Trafficking Director for the state. This position, housed within GOCCP, will serve as the Hogan administration's lead on human trafficking and will coordinate supportive services for victims as well as advise on enforcement responses to human trafficking.

Governor Hogan also announced a \$500,000 grant being awarded to the University of Maryland to help create a Maryland Crime Research and Innovation Center. The Center, a partnership with the University of Maryland, College Park,

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

The Maryland State Fair Returns August 23, 2018!

Catch a Sneak Peek at the Fair-Favorites, and New Attractions Scheduled for this Year's Fair.

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PHOTOGRAPH BY JIM MCCUE, COURTESY OF THE MARYLAND STATE FAIR

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Childhoods Ended by Guns

In 2016, 3,128 children and teens were killed by guns in America—more than 8 every day. There were 221 gun victims 10 years old and younger. Another 17,155 children and teens were injured with a gun leaving physical and emotional scars that often last a lifetime.

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Maryland Lottery and Casinos Break All-Time Records in Fiscal Year 2018

It was a historic year for the Maryland Lottery, which surpassed \$2 billion in sales for the first time and set a new profit record of \$575.6 million. New all-time marks also were established for prizes to players ...

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Movie Review: Skyscraper

Being a *Die Hard* riff is fine, but even among *Die Hard* riffs this isn't a very clever or interesting one. It's the kind of formula action flick where everything that happens in the last 30 minutes was telegraphed in the first 30 minutes, and where most of the characters turn out to be untrustworthy.

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NASA, ULA Launch Parker Solar Probe on Historic Journey to Touch Sun

NASA's Parker Solar Probe launched from Florida Sunday to begin its journey to the Sun, where it will undertake a landmark mission. The spacecraft will transmit its first science observations in December ...

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TOWNS *and* NEIGHBORS

In and Around Morningside-Skyline

by Mary McHale 301-735-3451

Happy Birthday, President Obama, From His Namesake School

A group of Prince George's residents celebrated President Obama's 57th birthday on Aug. 4 at the elementary school that bears his name, Barack Obama Elementary School in Upper Marlboro. The school was named for him while it was under construction in June 2009, one of the first across the country to do so.

Those attending the birthday celebration were asked to bring a decorated shoebox gift—each box filled with a bar of soap, small bottles of shampoo and lotion, a toothbrush and toothpaste—for homeless adults and children.

Fifteen States now have one or more schools named for President Obama. In Alexandria, the school board has identified four possible names for its new school. One of the possible names is The Michelle and Barack Obama Elementary School.

Welcome, Baby Bundy

Vincent Lloyd Bundy, son of Veronica and Trevor Bundy of Forestville, was born July 6, weighing 7 pounds, 4 ounces. He is the first grandchild of Margaret Hunt, of Forestville, and her husband George "Coach" Hunt who died last September in a motorcycle accident.

Changing Landscape

Casey Jones Restaurant, in the heart of La Plata on Charles Street, is closing this month after 38 years. It was one of my favorite eateries. It's being replaced by The Charles Farm Table & Public House, the first of the EatWell DC restaurants to open in Maryland.

Continuing: roadwork on Allentown Road at Suitland Road and on the Beltway above that location. Frequent lane closings. Drive with care.

Coming up

Morningside Town Meeting, Tuesday Aug. 21, 7 p.m. For information about Morningside, go to their website, morningsidemd.gov.

The annual Labor Day Capitol Concert takes place on the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol on Sunday, Sept. 2, at 8 p.m. This free music event kicks off

the beginning of the Kennedy Center's performing arts season, and features patriotic classics that highlight the sounds of the American landscape.

Time to Shop for Antiques

A Labor Day Estate Sale is coming up Sept. 1, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., at the Surratt House in Clinton. It will be open to all to browse and purchase antique and collectible items from the estate of a former Clinton resident. Set prices; no delivery options. For information, call 301-868-1121.

Tobacco Basket Workshop

Do you like the look of vintage tobacco baskets, but not the expense? Sign-up now and learn how to make your own chic version of a Southern Maryland classic at Darnall's Chance Museum in Upper Marlboro. Workshop fee includes hands-on instruction by members of The Basket Bunch and all the materials you'll need to make a 12" x 12" basket. Bring snacks; drinks will be provided. Fee \$35/person. Ages 18 & up. Reservations & information, 301-952-8010.

Morningside Memories

"It should have been called Haney's corner," Linda Jumalon told me. She was talking about the corner of Suitland and Woodland roads where the Morningside Volunteer Fire Department is now. She said her father, Bud Fortner, told her George Haney had a house at that corner back in the 1930s or '40s, and it burned down, killing his wife and child (or children).

I'm not sure where the story goes from there. But George Haney, maybe along with Benjamin Walls, was owner of the Lamp Post Inn, a cozy little restaurant and bar that used to be on Suitland Road.

Linda's parents were Forrest "Bud" and Helen Fortner who lived for years on Boxwood Drive. Their children were Judith, Buzzy, Richard and Linda. Linda and her husband, John Atomic "Bobby" Jumalon, now live in Florida. They have five children, eight grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and two on the way.

On their 50th anniversary, Linda and Bobby made a visit at Morningside Elementary School where they first met at a teen event 56 years before.

Sandy McAllister Wise, Skyline Resident Since the 1940s

Sandra N. "Sandy" Wise, 75, of Skyline, statistician for the Census Bureau, died of cancer on Aug. 2. She was born in New York on Christmas Day 1942 to the late John and Doris McAllister who may have been the first family to have a home in Skyline. They lived on Pine Lane, around the corner from me.

In recent years Sandy was an accountant for Parkland Bowling in Forestville, and enjoyed pin bowling there.

Her parents and son Richard Kaplan predeceased her. She is survived by daughter Lorri "Sissy" Short and her husband, Tony; grandchildren Forrest and Sailor Short; sister Wendy McAllister and her husband, Terry Halle.

Back in the '60s Sandy babysat our seven children. By the way, I believe Sandy graduated from Suitland High. Does anyone know?

Metro Police Officer Dies

Eric Christopher Antrum, 41, of Fort Washington, a Special Police Officer for Metro (WMATA) died July 12. Before Metro, Eric was in the Army National Guard. His father, Willie Antrum Sr., predeceased him. Survivors include his mother Barbara Ann Antrum, son Jaquai Alstrom-Antrum, four brothers, and a host of other relatives. Service was at Fort Foot Baptist Church with burial at Resurrection Cemetery.

Milestones

Happy birthday to my granddaughter-in-law Heather McHale, Le August Brent, and Mark Cummings, Jr., Aug. 19; Melody Barnes, Aug. 20; Austin Michael Fowler, Aug. 21; Wayne Anderson, Barbara Phipps and Gavin Michael Glaubitz, Aug. 22; and Joseph R. Maiden, Jr., Aug. 23.

Happy 15th anniversary to my next-door neighbors, John and Stacie Smith, on Aug. 23.

Around the County

Maryland Allstate Agency Owners Team Up With American Red Cross to Help Communities Prepare for Hurricanes and Other Natural Disasters

Participating Allstate Agencies Offer Disaster Preparedness Kits and Localized Information From the American Red Cross to the Public For Free

Disasters affect nearly one million people each year, yet 85 percent of Americans are unprepared for one. As the peak of the active Atlantic hurricane season arrives, Allstate agency owners want to help raise awareness about the importance of being prepared and ensure local families are prepared if a disaster strikes. From August 11 through August 17, community members are invited to stop by one of 35 Allstate agency owners' offices throughout Maryland to pick up a free Allstate Foundation starter disaster preparedness kit, while supplies last. The kits include a first aid kit, an emergency blanket, and a flashlight, among other essential items, including local resources from the American Red Cross to help prepare for the unexpected.

These efforts are part of a multi-regional effort in coordination with Allstate agencies throughout the Mid-Atlantic and Northeastern U.S. states from Coastal Virginia and Maryland's Eastern Shore, Washington, D.C. through Philadelphia, New York, and up to Hartford.

Participating Allstate agency locations in Prince George's County include:

Beltsville—David Haines: 11107 Baltimore Ave., Beltsville

Bowie—Judy Gerrity: 3000 Mitchellville Rd., Bowie

Fort Washington—Doug Brooks: 10903 Indian Head Hwy, Suite 305, Fort Washington

Hyattsville—Felicia Folarin: 6525 Belcrest Rd., #190, Hyattsville

Lanham—Doug Brooks: 8855 Annapolis Road, Suite 112, Lanham

Largo—Kristina Palmer: 1400 Mercantile Lane Suite 128, Largo

Temple Hills—Carl Nwadike: 4400 Stamp Rd., Suite 106, Temple Hills

Through their volunteer efforts, Allstate agency owners can earn an Allstate Foundation Helping Hands® grant for the American Red Cross Central Maryland. The grant will help strengthen the organization's ability to deliver critical emergency relief to families in need. Each year, thousands of organizations receive Allstate Foundation Helping Hands grants secured by Allstate volunteers for the nonprofits where they volunteer. The grants empower organizations addressing youth empowerment, domestic violence, disaster preparedness, hunger and other causes.

Pick up your free disaster preparedness kit at local Allstate agencies August 11–August 17, 2018, while supplies last.

For the full list of participating locations and details for picking up Allstate Foundation preparedness kits throughout Maryland, visit <https://conta.cc/2n4F50P>.

The American Red Cross name is used with its permission, which in no way constitutes an endorsement, express or implied, of any product, service, company, opinion or political position.

Local Business Owners: Prince George's County EDC Needs Your Input on 2018–2019 Programming

The Prince George's County EDC is making a concerted effort to better tailor programming to the needs of our business community. Please take 2 minutes to respond to the online survey so that we can ensure we better address your needs as a local business owner!

Visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PGCEDCProgramming> to take the easy and quick survey today.

Brandywine-Aquasco

by Audrey Johnson 301-888-2153

NEW HOPE FELLOWSHIP PARISH BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to Monica Washington, Chelsea Bland, Melvin Thomas, JoAnn Brooks, Ray Johnson, Berline Brooks, Melvin E. Thomas, Melvin M. Thomas, Oliver Myers, Theresa Banks, Evelyn Love, Barbara Pinkney, Jackie Taylor who are members of New Hope Fellowship Parish celebrating birthdays in August.

JUNIOR OLYMPICS MEDALISTS

"So proud of these Junior Olympics medalists, and All-Americans. Hard work pays off; sky's the limit. Khai's 17–18 young men 4x80 Squad placed 8th nationally and have all earned All-American status." Join their parents James and Vera Johnson in congratulating Khai and his relay team. This is Khai's 1st National Medal. Khai is the grandson of Ernest Johnson, Jr. who lived in Aquasco, Maryland for many years.

HOMEcoming SERVICE

You are invited to attend Nottingham Myers Homecoming Service, Sunday, August 19, 2018 at 11:00 AM. The theme for Homecoming will be Family and Friends Day. Pastor Rev. Constance Smith, Pastor. The church address is 15601 Brooks Church Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772. Email address: nnumc@msn.com; telephone: 301-888-2171.

CAR SHOW

The Upper Marlboro Lions Club's "Cruizin' Main Street" Car Show will be held August 25, 2018 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. The car show will take place on Main Street in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. Contact Jeff Wyvill at 301-440-8140 or Jay Tucker 240-375-9607.

JUG BAY NATURAL AREA TRAIL

The Patuxent River Park's Jug Bay Natural Area has over 8 miles of scenic woodland trails for hikers, bicyclists and horseback riders. All trails are identified by white fiberglass markers and color-coded diamond directional arrows. If you would like to request a map call 301-627-6074.

BACK TO SCHOOL BLOCK PARTY

Come and join us for a Back-to-School Party Saturday, August 25, 2018 at Prince George's Stadium, Home of the Bowie Baysox. Ribbon-cutting starts at 8:45 a.m. and the fair runs from 9 a.m.–2 p.m. You can register for a backpack

by 12:05 a.m., August 16. Limited on-site registrations will be accepted. Please call 301-952-6380.

CRAB FEAST

Join us Sunday, September 30, 2018 from 2 p.m.–6 p.m. for an "ALL YOU CAN EAT" Crab Feast at St. Phillip's Church Hall. The address is 1801 Baden Westwood Road, Brandywine, Maryland. Food will also include fried chicken, hot dogs, bake beans, corn on the cob, iced tea, and soda. Event is sponsored by the Peter A. Gross, Sr. Scholarship/Memorial, Inc.

Tickets cost \$55.00 in advance, \$65.00 at the door. For information or tickets please call Michele Chase (240-882-3369), Vivian Rice (804-301-9530), Shirley Cleaves (302-690-4260, or Ruby Hinnant (301-843-2816).

BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY

"The partnership between Bowie State University and M-NCPPC brings two powerhouses together at one of the region's newest state-of-the-art performing arts centers. Working together with the Fine and Performing Arts Department of Bowie State University, our quality arts programming educates through innovative courses and lectures led by distinguished faculty; elevates through the presentation of world class performing artists; and entertains through immersive and inclusive performances. Please call 301-277-1710 for more information."

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday to Marcus Long, Brian Harper, Anna Tucker, Sanaa Simmons, Quivianna Stroman, Demetria Knight, Emeke Mbakwe, Ben Caple, Karl Pinkney, Valentine Grant, Mason Pilch, Donovan Joiner, Kevin Augustus, James Dorsett, Norville Hughes, Rev. Stella Tay, Kourtney Simms, Esther Neckere, Carlton Williams, Janice Moore and Denia Parelta who are Clinton United Methodist Church members celebrating birthdays in August.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Happy Wedding Anniversaries to Samuel & Annie Cokes, Elton & Janet Smalling, Wayne & Beverly Baker, John & Pamela Stahl, Cameron Barron & Betty Rivers, Umaru & Mariama Davies, William & Judy Terry who are Clinton United Methodist Church members celebrating anniversaries in August.

Prince George's Department of Parks and Recreation Asks "Are You Up for the Patuxent Challenge?"

RIVERDALE, MD (August 13, 2018)—The Department of Parks and Recreation, Prince George's County, in partnership with the Patuxent River Commission, is challenging residents to get outside and participate in exploratory activities along the Patuxent River during the 2018 Patuxent Challenge.

Join the Patuxent River Challenge by visiting <http://www.patuxentchallenge.org> and choose an activity listed. Complete one activity per county plus the City of Laurel in a calendar year (8 total activities) and document your involvement by taking a selfie with each activity's Patuxent Challenge sign. Post photos through your preferred social media platform, hashtag #PatuxentChallenge and send photos to patuxentchallenge@gmail.com for a chance to win prizes. Prizes will be shipped January 2019. One prize pack per address.

During this year-round social media event, participants in Prince George's County can enjoy a few of

the challenge sites:

Hike the Red Trail at Governor Bridge Natural Area (#6)!

WHERE: 7600 Governor Bridge Rd., Bowie, MD 20716

WHEN: Open daily, 8 a.m.–sunset; Visitors Center 8 a.m.–4 p.m.

Paddle out of Jackson's Landing located at Jug Bay Natural Area (#9)!

WHERE: 16000 Croom Airport Rd., Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

WHEN: Open daily, 8 a.m.–sunset; Canoes and kayaks are available for rent or bring your own April–October.

The Department of Parks and Recreation delivers an award-winning park system through progressive, innovative leadership and a commitment to the community and the environment in Prince George's County. For more on the Department of Parks and Recreation, visit www.pgpr.com and stay connected on Facebook, Twitter, Flickr, YouTube, and Instagram. The M-NCPPC Department of Parks and Recreation encourages and supports the participation of individuals with disabilities in all programs and services.

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COMMUNITY

The American Counseling Association's Counseling Corner

Good Mental Health— No Different Than Good Physical Health

Seeing a physician isn't embarrassing if we have the flu, a high fever, or other serious health problems. No one will criticize us for seeking medical help for a physical health problem and, indeed, most people would fault us if we didn't seek medical help.

Yet we often find that mental health issues bring a very different reaction. People sometimes see mental illness not as a health issue, but as a serious defect, something that marks a person as weak, unstable, perhaps even violent or dangerous.

Such reactions have serious consequences for millions of Americans who could be healthier and happier if they were receiving the mental health help readily available. But many don't seek such help out of fear of being "labeled" with a mental illness, feeling family and friends won't understand, or that it could lead to discrimination at work or school.

Too many people who could use help instead see their condition as a sign of personal weakness. They may mistakenly believe that they should be able to control whatever is wrong without outside help.

The American Counseling Association works to educate the public, correct this misinformation and encourage people to seek needed treatment. For example, researchers estimate that one in eight U.S. adolescents is suffering from depression. Each day an estimated 3,000 young people

in grades 9 to 12 attempt suicide, yet only 30% of young people facing mental health issues ever receive any type of treatment or intervention. This lack of treatment helps lead to more than 4,600 suicides by young people each year. The statistics are even scarier among senior citizens and our military veterans.

It's vital for people to recognize that mental health issues are not a reason for shame, but rather a condition that requires treatment by a professional. Anxiety, depression, panic attacks, eating disorders, social phobias and similar problems are not a sign of personal weakness. They are simply conditions that, when treated successfully, can result in a happier, healthier and more productive life.

If you or someone you know is suffering from a mental health issue, don't give in to the stigma, but rather take action for better health. Talk to a friend or family members about what's bothering you and look into assistance from a mental health professional. Seeking mental health help is not a weakness; it's as logical and right as seeing a doctor for that flu.

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

Tax-Free from A1

While students need more than just clothes and shoes, AAA members can also find discounts on electronics, eye glasses, and even truck rentals for college students who can't take it all in the family's mini-van:

- **Dell:** Save an additional 10 percent off Dell branded PCs, electronics, and accessories.
- **HP:** Up to 35 percent off select HP products with free shipping and dedicated support through www.AAA.com/hp. From August 1–31, members can save up to 40 percent on HP products during the Summer/Back to School sale.
- **Eyeglasses:** Glasses.com, LensCrafters, Pearle Vision, Sears Optical, and Target Optical all offer a variety of discounts from frames and lenses to exams.
- **Penske Truck Rental:** For the college student who can't take it all in the family's mini-van, save 12 percent off truck rentals and moving supplies, plus free unlimited mileage on one-way rentals.

Information on all available discounts can be found at www.AAA.com/Discounts.

Finally, for those students who drive to school or college, one item that should be added to their back-to-school list is a AAA Membership for peace of mind from worry about a roadside breakdown. Last year, AAA Mid-Atlantic came to the rescue of over 564,000 motorists in Maryland.

A parent with a AAA membership can add family members to their membership for a nominal fee, even if that member is heading out of state for school. More information on memberships can be found at AAA.com/Membership.

AAA provides automotive, travel, and insurance services to 58 million members nationwide and nearly 79,000 members in the District of Columbia. AAA advocates for the safety and mobility of its members and has been committed to outstanding road service for more than 100 years. AAA is a non-stock, non-profit corporation working on behalf of motorists, who can now map a route, find local gas prices, discover discounts, book a hotel, and track their roadside assistance service with the AAA Mobile app (AAA.com/mobile) for iPhone, iPad and Android. For more information, visit www.AAA.com.

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Joe's Movement Emporium Partners With Hyattsville Community Development Corporation With Their New Project "Mapping Racism"

Partnership Seeks to Highlight the Destructive Legacy of "Race-based Restrictive Deed Covenants" Attached to Many Properties in the Prince George's County Gateway Arts District

By PRESS OFFICE
Joe's Movement Emporium

HYATTSVILLE, MD (August 3, 2018)—Joe's Movement Emporium (Joe's) and the Hyattsville Community Development Corporation (Hyattsville CDC) will launch a series of interactive workshops, dance, music and theatrical experiences for the Gateway Arts District called "Mapping Racism." This project is made possible through a grant from Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation and the Maryland Humanities Council, with support from the National Endowment for the Arts. Events will begin January 2019 and are integral to Joe's 2018–19 Season, "Resilient Cultures, Rising Truths." Artist partners include Ally Theatre Company and Orange Grove Dance with plans to also include other local arts groups. Events will take place throughout the Gateway Arts District. To learn more visit: http://www.joesmovement.org/Mapping_Racism.

Planning meetings between Joe's and Hyattsville CDC have already begun. Joe's will provide arts programs shaped to accompany the original research, maps and images emanating from Hyattsville CDC's documentary programming. The plans include a theater performance by Ally Theatre Company about specific local use-restrictive events; a site-

specific performance by Orange Grove Dance where Windham Road splits Brentwood and North Brentwood; creative response workshops facilitated by Alonzo Davis, land use experts and local elected officials; and a video exhibit at the Prince George's African American Museum and Cultural Center (PGAAMC) which will feature images and maps summarizing the research aspect of the Mapping Racism project.

"One form in which I find institutional racism still present are vestigial restrictive deed covenants," states Stuart Eisenberg, Hyattsville CDC Executive Director. "They lie hidden within the fabric of Hyattsville homes, properties and institutions. Although the restrictive deed covenants rarely rise to the surface, many properties stand upon these embedded directives that previous land owners have written into their deeds of sale as preconditions limiting future use of the property." Read his full February article in the *Hyattsville Life & Times* by visiting <http://hyattsvillelife.com/now-unmapping-segregation/>.

"When we engage in the creative process as a group, something special happens to address the bits of society that other structures can't," says Brooke Kidd, Joe's co-founder and Executive Director. "The creative community has the real juice to foster what we want in a just society ... when people feel

art, they get to know culture and they see the similarities. Mapping Racism is a project that is essential now more than ever."

Established in 1995, Joe's Movement Emporium is a cultural arts hub that acts as a catalyst for creativity and economic opportunity. Based in Mount Rainier, Maryland in the Prince George's Gateway Arts District, Joe's serves more than 70,000 visitors annually. Joe's has five arts-based youth programs that bridge the creative divide between under-resourced families and those with means. Through programs and productions in education, performing arts, and work readiness, Joe's integrates progressive education, creativity, and youth development.

The Hyattsville Community Development Corporation (CDC) is a 501 c(3) non-profit organization. The CDC's mission is to develop arts and public spaces, to spur economic development and the quality of community life, to encourage widespread leadership for community revitalization, and to rebuild the City's commercial corridors. envision Hyattsville as a healthy, diverse, well-planned, and thriving community of homes and businesses where the arts: visual, performing and public, are a part of our work and the fabric of our lives.

PGFD Firefighter Attends Wedding of Crash Victim He Helped to Save

By MARK E. BRADY
P.G. Fire/EMS Department

(August 1, 2018)—In the pre-dawn hours of a day in October 2016, two Prince George's County Firefighter/Medics were on their way to work at the Laurel Fire/EMS Station 810 on Cherry Lane. Little did the pair know that before the start of their 7:00 a.m. shift, they would significantly contribute to saving a young man's life

and forever be remembered as angels.

Firefighter/Medics Damion Duncan and Michael Dugan were traveling separately to begin their shift at the station when they witnessed a vehicle leave the roadway at a high rate of speed. Both instinctively went to help and found a young man, critically injured and heavily entangled in the wreckage

of his vehicle that was wrapped around a tree. As each did what he could to assess and treat the victim, a call reporting the crash was placed to 911. The dispatcher was advised of everything needed on the scene of this accident.

In July 2017, Juan Morales, along with his family and girlfriend, visited Station 810 and met Duncan, Dugan, and his other rescuers. The group spent a couple hours reminiscing about that fateful day in October. Morales, confined at the time to a wheelchair resulting from injuries sustained in the crash, treated the entire 810 crew to lunch. He thanked the rescuers for saving his life, presenting them with a plaque that dubbed them "angels in my path."

Damion Duncan made a special impression on Morales and his girlfriend, and the trio quickly formed a friendship.

They speak on occasion and talk of going fishing together. The couple, now bride and groom-to-be, have invited their new friend to their wedding. Duncan expressed that he is "honored" to have received the invitation. He and his wife, Octavia, attended the nuptials on August 4th.

Duncan, 45 years-old, is a 19-year veteran of the Fire/EMS Department. Since the crash, he has been promoted to the rank of Firefighter/Medic Lieutenant and is currently a day work supervisor at a station in West Lanham Hills.

Receiving awards and accolades are nice, but they do not surpass the joy of meeting a victim whose life you had a hand in saving. Duncan attended the wedding of a man who survived against the odds. His greatest reward will be watching Juan Morales walk down the aisle to meet his bride without the assistance of a wheelchair.

Read the original story of reunion by visiting <http://pgfdpio.blogspot.com/2017/07/critically-injured-crash-victim-thanks.html>.



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Nine months after the accident, Morales (left) forms a fast friendship with one of his "angels," Damion Duncan.

Initiatives from A1

will serve as a hub for criminal justice excellence within the School of Public Policy. This center will focus on developing law enforcement solutions, victim services, prevention efforts, and other criminal justice programs.

"Working together with Governor Hogan and the state, we are committed to increasing protections for current and potential human trafficking victims," said County Executive Leggett.

The governor also announced \$5 million in funding to provide human trafficking victims with direct services such as emergency shelter; 24-hour talk-line; trauma-informed therapy; peer groups; support services including housing assistance, job training, life skills, economic empowerment, GED and vocational training; assistance obtaining a driver's license or transportation to and from appointments, court appearance; legal advocacy; victim advocacy and system navigation; and street outreach.

"Human trafficking has caused immense trauma to victims and their families across Maryland for years," said Ambassador Esserman. "Combating human trafficking requires public-private collaboration to bring perpetrators to justice and empower victims to rebuild their lives."

To ensure Maryland is identifying and providing services to

child victims of human trafficking, the Child Advocacy Center Best Practices Workgroup, co-staffed by the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention, the Maryland Children's Alliance, and the Department of Human Services, is researching and developing a protocol to identify and provide services to child human trafficking victims for Child Advocacy Centers. This will broaden the types of services for child victims using a trauma-informed approach.

"Governor Hogan has made it clear that human trafficking has no place in this state, and we must do all that we can to stop it," said Director Fueston. "Stopping human trafficking requires a unified approach that shows perpetrators we are watching them while letting their victims know that we are here to assist them. This takes all of us working together."

Governor Hogan will reintroduce the Felony Human Trafficking Act of 2019, which will classify felony human trafficking—cases in which the perpetrator trafficks a child or trafficks a victim with the intent to forcibly compel the victim to perform a sexual act—as a violent crime. This classification will ensure that offenders will serve more time in prison. This legislation was introduced in the 2018 Legislative Session, and ultimately did not pass.

Finally, the governor announced more than \$4 million in

new MCIN grants to 13 counties to target gangs and violent criminal networks. MCIN is a key element of Maryland's public safety strategy that enables law enforcement to identify, disrupt, and dismantle criminal networks through collaboration and comprehensive data sharing. Montgomery County will receive \$257,000 in MCIN funding.

"The Montgomery County Police Department is committed to preventing violent crime, which includes human trafficking," said Montgomery County Police Chief J. Thomas Manger. "Our goal is to investigate these serious incidents and bring violators to justice."

With a focus on leveraging federal and local partnerships, the governor announced that as a part of MCIN, GOCCP has initiated a pilot project with the U.S. Attorney's Office, the Baltimore Police Department, the Prince George's County Police Department, and the Maryland Coordination and Analysis Center to improve information sharing of case data and to collaborate in real-time with all Maryland agencies to better identify human trafficking networks, as well as their victims.

The announcement follows the governor's January 2018 rollout of a series of legislative proposals and measures to further protect, support, and empower victims of crime in Maryland. Earlier this year, Governor Hogan also signed an executive

order requiring all state agencies and departments to prominently display information about the National Human Trafficking Hotline and the BeFree Textline on the homepages of their websites. In 2015, Governor Hogan signed into law the establishment of a Workgroup to Study Safe Harbor Policy for Youth Victims of Human Trafficking. The legislation tasked the workgroup with studying legal protections and the provision of services for youth victims of human trafficking.

"While it is critical for us to aggressively pursue human traffickers, we must never, ever forget the victims," said Governor Hogan. "This type of crime shatters a person's sense of security. Much too often it can leave wounds that are often unseen and which sometimes never truly or fully heal. In Maryland, we have worked hard to create a system of justice which restores victims and strengthens communities, a system that empowers victims, gives them the resources they need to become safe, self-sufficient, and better informed, and works to break the cycle of criminal victimization."

More information about human trafficking in Maryland may be found at <https://humantraffickinghotline.org/state/maryland/>; <http://www.mdhumantrafficking.org/> and <http://goocp.maryland.gov/victims/rights-resources/human-trafficking/>.

COMMENTARY

Marion Wright Edelman President, Children's Defense Fund



ChildWatch:

Childhoods Ended by Guns

(August 3, 2018)—On July 16, 10-year-old Makiyah Wilson was shot and killed in front of her Washington, D.C. home trying to buy ice cream. Makiyah was a rising fifth grader who loved basketball, football, art, and puzzles. She had just opened her front door on her way to the ice cream truck in the courtyard when four young men pulled up in a car and started shooting into a crowd of people enjoying the summer evening. Four people, including Makiyah's 18-year-old sister, were injured and Makiyah was hit in the chest. Neighbors watched helplessly as her mother screamed and prayed over her dying child still holding the five-dollar bill she'd been given to buy a treat.

An ice cream truck sat outside the church during Makiyah's funeral as a stark reminder of the childhood innocence and joy shattered by the shooting. Between 2007 and 2016, 156 children and teens were killed by guns in Washington, D.C. compared to two local law enforcement officers killed by guns in the line of duty during that same 10-year period. The *Washington Post* noted that the day before Makiyah's murder a 12-year-old boy was shot and injured in the District. On July 4th 11-year-old Ashley Prentice, who once attended the same school as Makiyah, was hit by gunfire during a holiday cookout. She told a reporter, "I was sad because I was like, why me? I always get good grades in school. I'm just a good girl. And I'm like, why me?" Then she heard about Makiyah: "I felt really sad about how her parents could feel because if that was me, I could have been the one dead."

Makiyah's friends and family are far from alone. In 2016, 3,128 children and teens were killed by guns in America—more than 8 every day. There were 221 gun victims 10 years old and younger. Another 17,155 children and teens were injured with a gun leaving physical and emotional scars that often last a lifetime. This pervasive everyday gun violence kills children like seven-year-old Taylor Hayes, who died in Baltimore on July 19 two weeks after being shot in the back while riding in the back seat of a car. Taylor reportedly loved reading, dancing, singing and games like Go Fish. It injures children like a nine-year-old girl in Chattanooga, Tennessee left in critical condition on July 22 after being hit in the stomach by a stray bullet during an argument between adults.

Pervasive gun violence terrorizes millions of children forced to go about their everyday lives in neighborhoods where it is a common threat. When six-year-old Florida first grader King Carter was killed by gunfire in 2016 on his way to buy candy, more than 100 children and teenagers had been killed by guns in his county, Miami-Dade, in the previous three years. At King's funeral family members and friends decorated the church with football goalposts and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle figures.

Black children and teens are disproportionately affected by gun violence. In 2016, 43 percent of gun deaths were among Black children and teens although they were only 14 percent of all children and teens. That year 1,335 Black children and teens were killed by guns. The gun death rate for Black children and teens

was nearly four times that for White children and teens and more than eight times that for Asian and Pacific Islander children and teens. Between 1963 and 2016, 65,947 Black children and teens were killed by guns—more than 16 times the recorded lynchings of Black people of all ages in the 74 years from 1877 to 1950.

An Urban Institute report points out "exposure to gun violence has been linked to a variety of psychological challenges like anger and dissociation, anxiety and depression, and posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD). It can also affect youth in the classroom, making it difficult for them to concentrate in class and damaging their academic performance and educational or career aspirations." It noted another study of urban youths which found 42 percent reported having seen someone shot or knifed and 22 percent reported having seen someone killed. Children are dying from gunfire every day and those left behind and often living in fear are suffering deep trauma.

Although Black children are at special risk, shootings at schools and in movie theatres and concerts show no child is fully safe in a nation saturated by guns. The most recent estimate of U.S. civilian gun ownership exceeds 393 million, more than one gun per person. In contrast, U.S. military and law enforcement agencies possess only approximately 5.5 million guns. Although the U.S. accounts for less than five percent of the global population, Americans own 46 percent of all civilian-owned guns in the world. A study published in the *American Journal of Medicine* last year said among high-income nations, 91 percent of children under 15 killed by gunfire lived in the United States. This is insane and indefensible.

Makiyah Wilson's mother said her youngest child wanted to "conquer the world" but watched a flower-draped horse and buggy carry her daughter's casket away after her funeral. All because our nation refuses to protect children and to protest guns. What will it take for our nation to stand up and value children more than guns?

Marc Morial President and CEO, National Urban League



To Be Equal:

Facebook's Sheryl Sandberg Launches 2018 National Urban League Conference With Partnership Announcements

"The average Black woman in the United States has to work all of 2017 until August 7 of 2018 to make what the average white man makes in 2017 alone. ... To say this is a problem is kind of the understatement of the year."

—Sheryl Sandberg, August 1, 2018, National Urban League Conference

(August 1, 2018)—With the 2018 National Urban League Conference focused on the theme of "Save Our Cities: Powering the Digital Revolution," we could not have chose a more appropriate guest to kick off the event than Facebook's Chief Operating Officer Sheryl Sandberg.

Even better, we were proud to use the occasion to announce two important new initiatives.

New research conducted by LeanIn.Org and SurveyMonkey in partnership with the National Urban League shows that there remains a striking lack of awareness around the pay gap Black women face. On average, Black women are paid 38% less than white men and 21% less than white women—amounting to almost \$879,000 lost over the course of a typical career.

LeanIn is an initiative of the Sheryl Sandberg & Dave Goldberg Family Foundation, dedicated to empowering women in the workplace.

Our plan is that bringing awareness to this injustice will lead to concrete action. Not only would fair pay for Black women drastically narrow the racial economic gap, but it would go a long way toward stabilizing our national economy. Because Black women disproportionately are heads of households, fair pay would create a ripple effect that could lift entire communities.

Some of the key findings of the research were:

- More than 30 percent of Americans are not aware that, on average, Black women are paid less than white men.
- Even when people know there's a pay gap, it's bigger than they realize. On average, Black women are paid 38% less than white men, which amounts to almost \$870,000 lost over the course of a typical career. 40%

of people who are aware of this gap underestimate its size.

- About half of white men think obstacles to advancement for Black women are gone, but only 14% of Black women agree.
- Nearly 70% of people who are not Black think that racism, sexism or both are uncommon in their company—yet 64% of Black women say they've experienced discrimination at work.

On August 7, Black Women's Equal Pay Day, [these facts were shared across] social media using the hashtag #38PercentCounts.

The second announcement is an expanded partnership with Facebook to offer training in social media strategy and digital marketing our 13 Urban League Entrepreneurship Centers in the following cities: Atlanta, Ga.; Baltimore, MD; Chicago, IL; Cincinnati, Ohio; Cleveland, Ohio; Houston, Texas; Jacksonville, Fla.; Kansas City, Mo.; Las Vegas, Nev.; Los Angeles, Calif.; New Orleans, La.; Philadelphia, Pa.; and Washington, D.C.

The National Urban League will also join Facebook as a national advisor, helping to create new opportunities for small businesses from underserved communities.

This partnership with Facebook perfectly encapsulates the focus of our mission on the intersection between digital technology and economic opportunity. Empowering our entrepreneurs through the use of digital tools is a great example of how, truly, to fulfill our conference theme and power the digital revolution.

During our conversation, I asked her what she was like growing up and she said she was the "bossy girl."

She asked the men in the audience to raise their hands if they'd ever been called bossy. Few raised their hands. Then she asked the women. We know it's not that women act in more aggressive ways than men—it's just our expectations. For every little girl who's ever been called bossy. Next time you hear some little girl called bossy, you walk right up to whoever called her that and say, "She's not bossy. She has executive leadership skills."

Chris Van Hollen United States Senator for Maryland



Van Hollen Presses GSA for Answers on Trump Involvement in FBI Decision

WASHINGTON, D.C. (August 8, 2018)—U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen (D-Md.) has sent a letter to Administrator Emily Murphy of the General Services Administration (GSA) requesting more information on President Trump's involvement surrounding the decision not to relocate the FBI headquarters. Senator Van Hollen's letter also asks for clarification from GSA regarding their responses to Senator Van Hollen's Questions for the Record following the testimony of the Commissioner of GSA's Public Building Service, Daniel Matthews, before the Environment and Public Works Committee. Senator Van Hollen received GSA's response last week after submitting the questions in February.

Senator Van Hollen writes, "Several of the questions I submitted for the record regarding the President's involvement in the decision-making process for determining the site of the new headquarters building were not answered with any substance. The abrupt decision to change course on a project of this magnitude should be fully explained, including the feedback from the White House and other agencies."

The Senator continued, "According to White House statements in recent news reports, President Trump has strong feelings about the project and intends to be very involved ... Can you confirm that the President has communicated with GSA officials on this issue, and if so, please provide details on those conversations."

Senator Van Hollen closed the letter by saying, "I am writing to give you an opportunity to provide clarity on this issue and respond to my questions with the most accurate and up-to-date information."

The full text of the letter is available below and online on Van Hollen's website: [https://www.vanhollen.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/Van%20Hollen%20Letter%20to%20Administrator%20Murphy%20\(003\).pdf](https://www.vanhollen.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/Van%20Hollen%20Letter%20to%20Administrator%20Murphy%20(003).pdf)

Dear Administrator Murphy:
I am writing to follow up on the Questions for the Record that were submitted to Commissioner Dan Matthews following the Senate's Environment and Public Works Committee hearing on February 28, 2018 regarding the FBI Headquarters relocation. The responses to the Committee's questions were received by the Committee on the

evening of July 31, 2018—five months after the hearing.

Given the delay in submission, the lack of detail in the responses is especially disappointing. Several of the questions I submitted for the record regarding the President's involvement in the decision-making process for determining the site of the new headquarters building were not answered with any substance. The abrupt decision to change course on a project of this magnitude should be fully explained, including the feedback from the White House and other agencies.

According to White House statements in recent news reports, President Trump has strong feelings about the project and intends to be very involved. Moreover, one report quotes a senior official stating, "POTUS has interest in the issue and has met with FBI officials, but more importantly the GSA [General Services Administration] team. GSA has concerns that the building can't be rehabilitated particularly given the security requirements and has relayed that to him." This information, suggests that the President himself had a role in deciding that the FBI Headquarters should stay at the current site and not move to a more secure suburban location. Can you confirm that the President has communicated with GSA officials on this issue, and if so, please provide details on those conversations.

I am writing to give you an opportunity to provide clarity on this issue and respond to my questions with the most accurate and up-to-date information. I look forward to receiving your reply.

Become a voice for a child in foster care!

Want to make a difference in the life of abused or abandoned children in your community? There are over 500 youth in foster care in Prince George's County and Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) is looking for compassionate and motivated individuals to advocate for these youth. CASA volunteers create relationships with youth in foster care to ensure that the court and child welfare systems remain focused on their specific needs and finding a safe permanent home. Apply today for our Fall Training (October 18, 2018–November 12, 2018). The deadline to apply is October 1st! Applicants must be 21 or older and willing to complete a back-

ground check. For more information and to apply, please visit our website at www.pgcsa.org or email volunteer@pgcsa.org.

Will you speak for abused and neglected children in your community?

To learn more attend our **Volunteer Information Session** on September 17, 2018 at 6:00 PM at the Hyattsville Administrative Building—4310 Gallatin Street, Hyattsville, MD 20781. Please RSVP by emailing volunteer@pgcsa.org.

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BUSINESS AND FINANCE

Social Security Matters

Ask Rusty:

Collecting Social Security While Working

By RUSSELL GLOOR,
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Dear Rusty:

My husband started getting Social Security disability in 2016 at the age of 61; he is now 63. Did it automatically switch over to regular Social Security? Also, he is feeling bored and would like to have a little job. Is he allowed to work just so many hours per week, or does it go by how much you make per month? Is it just reported at tax time next year? **Signed: Helpful Wife**

Dear Helpful:

Your husband's SS disability (SSDI) will automatically switch to his retirement benefits when he reaches his full retirement age (66 years and 2 months if he was born in 1955). Regarding his working while still collecting SSDI benefits, Social Security encourages those on disability to attempt to return to the workforce, so your husband should consider enrolling in the Social Security "Ticket to Work" program, which will provide him the chance to test his ability to work for at least nine "trial work months" during a 60-month time frame. During this trial work period he'll receive his full SSDI benefit regardless of how much he earns. Briefly, any month he earns more than \$850 (for 2018) counts as a trial work month (if he earns less than that it doesn't count as a trial work month). After he has reached nine trial work months, he can still receive his SSDI benefits for another 36 months, except that he won't receive benefits for any month that his earnings exceed what Social Security considers "substantial gainful activity," or "SGA," which for 2018 is \$1180. If his benefits stop because his earnings regularly exceed "SGA," and within 5 years he is once again unable to work due to his disability, his disability benefits can be restarted (without having to re-apply). You can get full details about Working While on Disability and the Ticket to Work program by going to this link: <https://www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10095.pdf>. The Ticket to Work program should allow your husband to work and test his physical limits without having a negative impact to his Social Security disability benefits. As for reporting his earnings, your husband must notify Social Security when he starts to work and must, as well, report his monthly earnings to Social Security at 1-800-772-1213. Once he has entered the Ticket to Work program, he should also report to Social Security if he stops working. And, of course, once his disability benefits convert to regular retirement benefits at his full retirement age, there is no restriction on how much he can earn.

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

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Practical Money Matters:

Sharing Money Tasks Could Lead to Healthier Long-Term Relationships

By HUGH NORTON

While learning to discuss and manage money as a couple can be a challenge at first, figuring it out can pay dividends for years to come. It's beneficial to start communicating about money early in a relationship and to maintain open communication on the subject as time goes on.

Like many couples, my wife and I disagree about money once in a while. Like many couples, my wife and I disagree about money once in a while. Generally, though, we understand—and perhaps more importantly, respect—each other's financial decisions, including the occasional frivolous purchase.

We've also learned how to effectively combine our finances and share the financial tasks in our household, which were important steps in building and maintaining a healthy relationship as our family continued to grow.

Options for combining your finances

One of the first money decisions many serious couples make is if and how to rearrange their finances once they decide to spend their lives together. As with many relationship-related decisions, there isn't just one approach that will work best for every couple. However, these are a few popular arrangements that could work for you:

- Move your money into joint accounts. Closing individual accounts and solely using joint accounts is one option. Some couples feel doing so

is a reflection of their commitment to one another, and it can be easier to manage household finances when you pool money. However, some people don't like the lack of having a designated "my" money account separate and distinct from the joint account(s).

- Don't combine finances. Keeping your finances separate might be a good idea, particularly if you both enjoy managing money on your own. However, you may need to have open and regular conversations to ensure bills don't get overlooked and you're both on track with your savings.

- Open joint accounts and keep your separate accounts. Another option is to open joint accounts for shared bills and savings goals while also maintaining individual accounts that each of you can use however you want. The arrangement isn't ideal if one partner feels strongly about combining or separating finances, but it can be a good middle ground.

Also, remember that your choice to combine your money or keep it separate isn't set in stone. You can try out different options, and you may find that what works best for you both changes over time.

Say you want to keep your finances separate at first. If one partner stops working after you have a child, that arrangement might not work anymore. You could then split the working partner's income between shared and individual accounts or have it

Maryland Lottery and Casinos Break All-Time Records in FY 2018

Record-Setting Total of \$1.252 Billion Contributed to the State

By PRESS OFFICE
MD Lottery and Gaming

BALTIMORE, MD (August 8, 2018)—Maryland Lottery and Gaming today announced numerous record-breaking figures for Fiscal Year 2018. Traditional lottery ticket sales and the state's six casinos combined to contribute a record \$1.252 billion to support Maryland's good causes, including education, public health and safety, the environment, veterans' organizations, the state's horse racing industry and more.

It was a historic year for the Maryland Lottery, which surpassed \$2 billion in sales for the first time and set a new profit record of \$575.6 million. New all-time marks also were established for prizes to players, retailer commissions and instant ticket (scratch-off) sales.

FY2018 marked the first time that all six of the state's casinos were operating for a full fiscal year. Casino gaming revenue contributed \$676.7 million to the state, including \$496.7 million to the Maryland Education Trust Fund.

The combined total of \$1.252 billion in state contributions is a 12.1% increase from the previous record of \$1.117 billion in Fiscal Year 2017. Meanwhile, the Agency's operating expenses remained low at 3.3% of sales on the Lottery side, and 1% of total gaming revenues for the casino program.

The Lottery's sales for FY2018 (July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018) were \$2.043 billion, beating the previous mark of \$1.935 billion in FY2017 by 5.8%. The state's casinos also set a new record of

\$1.679 billion for gaming revenue.

"It was a great year all around, and we couldn't be prouder of the contribution that the Lottery and the casinos made to important state programs," said Maryland Lottery and Gaming Director Gordon Medenica. "It's especially gratifying to see both the Lottery and the casinos growing simultaneously."

Lottery

The Lottery's \$2.043 billion in sales fueled an all-time record of \$1.247 billion in prizes paid to players, a 4.2% increase from the previous record of \$1.197 billion in FY2017. The Lottery paid an average of more than \$3.4 million a day in prizes to players during FY2018.

Retailers earned an all-time high of \$153.7 million from sales commissions, a 5.4% increase from the previous record of \$145.9 million set in FY2017. The average commission paid to the Lottery's nearly 4,500 retailers was more than \$34,000.

For the fourth consecutive year, sales of instant tickets set an all-time record, totaling \$750.9 million, an 11.0% increase from the previous high of \$676.8 million set in FY2017. Instant ticket sales have increased at double-digit rates for four consecutive years.

The Lottery's most popular game, Pick 4, set an all-time sales record of \$296.2 million. Racetrax, a computer-animated horse racing simulation game, also set an all-time sales record of \$192.6 million.

Casino Gaming

The FY2018 gross gaming revenue total of \$1.679 billion beat last year's figure

Cardin, Van Hollen Advance Maryland Priorities in Senate-Passed Spending Bill

By PRESS OFFICE
Ben Cardin

WASHINGTON, D.C. (August 2, 2018)—U.S. Senators Ben Cardin and Chris Van Hollen lauded Senate passage this week of the Fiscal Year 2019 Appropriations for Agriculture & the Food and Drug Administration (FDA); Transportation, Housing and Urban Development; Financial Services and General Government; and Interior and Environment. The package, which provides funding for the EPA Chesapeake Bay Program and

safe drinking water, WMATA/Metro and the Purple Line, as well as a 1.9 percent pay increase for federal civilian employees, brings the total number of appropriations bills passed by the Senate to seven.

"Every corner of Maryland is helped in some way by the federal resources we were able to secure in this package, from the health of the Chesapeake Bay and clean drinking water, to funds for poultry and aquaculture research, and the core of our transportation infrastructure," said Senator Cardin, a

senior member of the Environment and Public Works Committee. "Working together, using all the tools and resources of our delegation, we are creating partnerships and opportunities that will create and secure jobs, keep our water clean and safe, empower Maryland's dedicated public servants, and protect and our environment for future generations."

"This legislation includes crucial funding that will help Maryland modernize our infrastructure, grow our economy, and improve our environment. These investments support Maryland's workforce as well as critical projects happening across our state—ranging from the Chesapeake Bay to Western Maryland," said Senator Van Hollen, a member

of the Senate Appropriations Committee. "I will continue working with Team Maryland to ensure continued federal investment in Maryland's growth and success."

The appropriations package, which passed the Senate Thursday with an overwhelming, bipartisan 96-2 vote, included specific priorities for Agriculture and the FDA, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, Interior and Environment projects, as well as State Financial Services.

To see the full list and breakdown of priorities included in the package, visit <https://www.cardin.senate.gov/newsroom/press/release/cardin-van-hollen-advance-maryland-priorities-in-senate-passed-spending-bill>.

More than 7,700 people work at the state's six casinos, including more than 6,200 full-time employees.

Since its inception in 1973, Maryland Lottery and Gaming has contributed more than \$16 billion to the State of Maryland and paid more than \$25.6 billion in prizes to players. The casino program, which began in September 2010, has generated more than \$7 billion in revenue. Details by Lottery game and by casino are available on the attached FY2018 review. For more information on all Lottery products, promotions and news, go to mdlottery.com.

all go to a joint account that you can both use.

How you divide your money among accounts could also play into how you split and share financial tasks. With separate accounts, you both may have to take on some of the bills. But even with combined accounts, you'll still have to decide who's responsible for what.

Don't put all the pressure on one person

One slip up can occur when one partner is clearly "the money person" in the relationship. He or she may be more interested in finances and even (gasp) enjoy budgeting. You may be inclined to let that person handle every serious money-related decision, but that could result in issues down the road.

When one person takes on 100 percent of the financial responsibilities, it can actually lead to resentment in both partners: the money person has an added burden of potentially making the wrong decision for the entire household, and even if the non-money person doesn't enjoy managing money and is comfortable letting his or her partner handle the finances, he or she might not want to be left in the dark when it comes to financial decisions or be made to feel like their input/help isn't needed.

Sharing doesn't mean you both have to be involved in every detail

Sharing financial responsibility can take many shapes and forms. It doesn't necessarily mean you have to split up every task so you both do the same amount of work.

For example, if one person is more adept at managing bills, then perhaps he or she takes on that responsibility. Or, if someone stays home with a child, he or she may have a better understanding

of how to manage the home-related expenses.

Even when one person does the physical tasks, like tracking and paying bills, you should still sit down together as a couple to discuss the household's budget, how to decrease bills and how upcoming bills could affect the family. Then, you'll both be involved in the decisions and outcomes.

The same principle can apply to other areas of your finances, such as researching large purchases or choosing investments. Whether you have regular financial discussions or have one-off financial conversations before making any big money-related decision, it's the act of having those conversations that results in both individuals feeling a sense of ownership and contribution.

Bottom line: Managing money tends to be complicated even before you add in all the dynamics of a long-term relationship. However, when you are part of a couple, having a system for how you'll share your money and make financial decisions together could help you avoid problems and keep small disagreements from becoming bigger. Couples can strengthen their relationships when they learn how to discuss money and how to work together to achieve shared financial goals.

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OUT on the TOWN

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From Pig Races (right) to demonstrations at the Crafters Corner (center left) and award-winning Farm and Garden (center right) exhibits, there's a lot to see and do at the Maryland State Fair.



Celebrating 137 Years of Tradition and Family Fun

Here's Your Sneak Peek of the Fair-Favorites and New Attractions at the 137th Maryland State Fair

By JEN SHECKELS, Editor

One of the most beloved of summer traditions, *MY Maryland State Fair* returns for its 137th year this month, running August 23–September 2, 2018 at the Fairgrounds in Timonium, Md. This means twelve days of delights and lots of family fun for the nearly half-million visitors that attend the Fair each year.

The “12 Best Days of Summer”

Each year the Maryland State Fair brings out the best of both fair- and Maryland-specific attractions that mark an annual tradition for many families. From the thrill of rides in the Midway to the familiar smells of all of your Fair-favorite treats; Thoroughbred horse racing around the Timonium track and the exhibits and exhibitors from local 4-H and FFA groups—*MY Maryland State Fair* offers all of this and so much more.

“Thousands of talented individuals and

fun-loving fairgoers from our great state, cities, towns, farms, mountains and shores make up *MY Maryland State Fair*,” said Maryland State Fair CEO Andy Cashman. “Our goal is to provide a variety of safe, enjoyable and educational experiences to help make memories for a lifetime.”

Returning this year are all of the traditional and fan-favorites from years past, as well as quite a few new attractions. There's so much to see and do—visit www.marylandstatefair.com for up-to-date listings and schedules when planning your trip to the Fair. Here are a few highlights to get you started.

Traditional Favorites

The historical cornerstone of the Fair, the spotlight on local agriculture will be

in full force: 4-H and FFA Competitions and Exhibits, including the Exhibition Hall, Home Arts Building, Dog Show and Miss Maryland Agriculture Contest to name a few. See award-winning livestock, produce and other goods or even pick up something to take home at the Farmers Market in the Farm and Garden Building.

Another staple in Maryland State Fair history is horse culture. Visit Horseland to learn about the Maryland horse industry, meet a police horse, pet a pony and participate in hands-on activities. There will also be a Horse Pull Competition, Thoroughbred racing, and more!

Also back by popular demand are the rides and games of skill in the Kiddie Land and Midway Rides area. Thrills to make you laugh or scream with delight, there will be over 30 different attractions sure to please everyone in the family.

What's a fair without all the food-favorites? Enjoy traditional fare like cotton candy, corn dogs and all of those “deep-fried delights” on the Midway. Or stop by the Maryland Food Pavilion to try the much talked about “Crabby Patty (a crab cake topped with a soft shell crab on a fresh bun, named one of “50 Best Fair Foods” by Food Network). If you're looking for something sweet, check out the Maryland Dairy Bar for ice cream produced by local farms.

A multitude of other demonstrations, interactive learning exhibits, live music and performances, and more are on tap. But fairgoers will also be treated to a few new attractions this year.

What's New?

This year, *My Maryland State Fair* will kick-off August 23 with the **FOX-45 FAMfest Preview Night with RideMania**, presented by M&T Bank. Fairgoers can catch a glimpse of what's in store with the official opening of the Fair on August 24th as they enjoy family activities like making campfire s'mores

PHOTOGRAPH ABOVE COURTESY OF MOBILE GLASS STUDIO

(Above) Making its debut at this year's Fair, the Mobile Glass Studio will offer daily glass blowing demonstrations.

while learning fire safety from the local fire department, corn hole and many other games. (Note: Only the Midway rides, games, and food stands will be open on Preview/RideMania Night.)

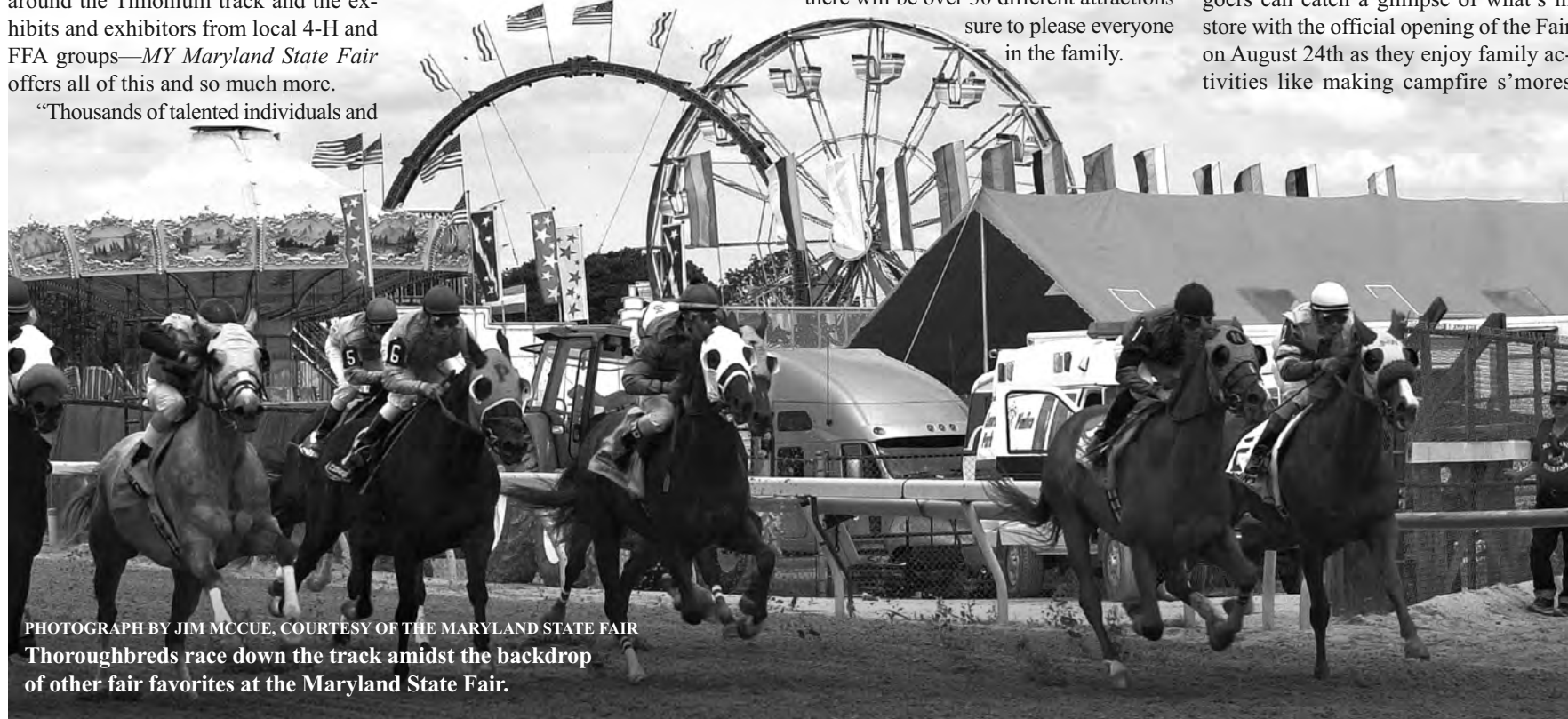
Also new this year:

- **Helicopter Rides** provided by Charm City Helicopters
- **LEGO® Interactive Display**, featuring iconic Maryland, fair, and ocean themes
- **Mobile Glass Studio** with live glass blowing demonstrations daily
- **UME Master Gardener Learning Garden**, with hands-on activities
- New performers in the **Live National Concert Aeries** and daily **Live State Fair Local Bands and Entertainment** line-up
- **Classic and Muscle Cars Under the Stars** Car Show

With all of this excitement and more, it's no wonder the Maryland State Fair has been dubbed the “12 Best Days of Summer.”

The 137th *MY Maryland State Fair*: “We're More Than A Fair, We're A Culture ...” It all starts with Preview/ RideMania night on Thursday, August 23, 5–10 p.m., then kicks into full gear Friday, August 24 through Monday, September 3, from 10 a.m.–10 p.m. daily. Maryland State Fair admission prices are Adults (ages 12+) \$10; Seniors (ages 62+) \$8; Children (ages 6–11) \$5; Children ages 5 and under are free. Rides are individually priced.

For more information about the Fair, complete schedule of events and activities, including Midway and Building hours, visit www.marylandstatefair.com. Follow the fun and share your own using hashtags #MYMDSTATEFAIR, #unFAIRgettable and #FairCULTURE.



PHOTOGRAPH BY JIM MCCUE, COURTESY OF THE MARYLAND STATE FAIR
Thoroughbreds race down the track amidst the backdrop of other fair favorites at the Maryland State Fair.

ERIC D. SNIDER'S IN THE DARK

.... Movie Review

Skyscraper

Skyscraper
Grade: C

Rated PG-13, some profanity, action violence, heights
1 hr., 42 min

How you gonna hire one-legged Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson to inspect the safety features of your spectacular new Hong Kong high-rise, then let bad guys set the building on fire and threaten The Rock's family? You think one-legged Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson is gonna stand for that? He is not! He will beat the hell out of that skyscraper, even if it is the title character of the movie!

Johnson plays Will Sawyer, a former hostage negotiator who lost most of his left leg in a ‘slosion and now works as a safety consultant. He and his wife,

Sarah (Neve Campbell), and their 10-year-old twins (Noah Cottrell, McKenna Roberts) are staying in The Pearl, a 220-story spectacle built by Hong Kong tycoon Zhao Jong Ji (Chin Han), the bottom half of which is now open for shops and offices while the residential top half gets its final inspections for fire safety and whatnot, supervised by an officious insurance agent (Noah Taylor).

Wouldn't you know it, on the very day that Will tours The Pearl's offsite security headquarters, guided by an old law-enforcement buddy (Pablo Schreiber), bad guys take over and start a fire on the 96th floor of The Pearl itself, deactivating the electronic fire-extinguishing technologies. Turns out there is an elaborate conspiracy afoot—not to destroy the building but

to force Zhao Jong Li to hand over some MacGuffin that the bad people want. The building, and Will's family—who were supposed to be at the zoo when all this went down but came home early to their un-fire-safety-checked 98th-floor apartment—are collateral damage.

Not if Will has anything to say about it, though! In a few sequences already widely shown in the movie's advertising, he finds resourceful (if not laws-of-physics-honoring) ways of entering a burning building many hundred feet above the streets of Hong Kong, clinging to this, clutching that, swinging down from the other thing. Once he's inside, *Skyscraper* (written and directed by *Dodgeball* auteur Rawson Marshall Thurber) becomes an unapologetic *Die Hard* riff, released on that film's 30th birthday.

Being a *Die Hard* riff is fine, but even among *Die Hard* riffs this isn't a very clever or interesting one. It's the kind of formula action flick where everything that happens in the last 30 minutes was telegraphed in the first 30 minutes, and where most

of the characters turn out to be untrustworthy. Johnson offers his usual earnest charisma, and Neve Campbell gets to kick butt for a minute, but it's not enough to overcome the banality of the script.

Now, about the leg. The only time the leg factors into the plot is when Will takes the prosthetic off and uses it to prop open a door (seriously). The only time it factors into Will's psychology is ... never. It's not a mental block he must overcome or anything like that. There being no reason for the disability in terms of story or character, I have to assume it's there because someone challenged Thurber to draw three random things out of a hat and then put them in the movie (the other two were “asthma” and “hall of mirrors”). To me this seems like pandering. But Kristen Lopez, a disabled critic who frequently writes on this subject, liked the film because Will's missing leg was just a matter-of-fact aspect of his character and not some Big Thing. So what do I know? Except that it's not a good movie either way. I stand firm on that.

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Former FBI Hostage Rescue Team leader and U.S. war veteran Will Sawyer (Dwayne Johnson), now assesses security for skyscrapers. On assignment in China he finds the tallest, safest building in the world suddenly ablaze, and he's been framed for it. A wanted man on the run, Will must find those responsible, clear his name and somehow rescue his family who is trapped inside the building ... above the fire line.



Calendar Spotlight

KIDS KABOOSE AT THE RAILROAD MUSEUM

August 21, 2018
10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Rail fans ages 2 through 11 are invited for a morning of railroad fun. Enjoy the exhibits in the museum and the hands-on activities in the Welcome Center. Bring a picnic lunch and watch the trains whizz by!



Cost: FREE, Ages: 2–11
Location: Bowie Railroad Museum
8614 Chestnut Ave., Bowie, MD 20715
Contact: 301-809-3089, TTY: 301-262-5013

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



Bowie Railroad Museum

PHOTOGRAPH BY P.G. POST STAFF

The **Bowie Railroad Museum** comprises three buildings at the site of the former Bowie train station, named after Oden Bowie, who served as the railroad's proprietor, as well as the governor of Maryland from 1869 to 1872. The station opened in 1872 as part of the Baltimore and Potomac railroad route connecting Baltimore and Washington. It received passenger trains until 1989 when the Bowie State station replaced it. Restored in 1992, the station buildings now house exhibits and artifacts, while the tower holds the National Railroad Historical Society's Martin O'Rourke Railroad Research Library. The Museum and Library are open to the public Tuesday–Sunday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. and for groups of 10 or more by appointment. The station is accessible for people with disabilities. Admission is free, though donations are welcomed.

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www.cityofbowie.org/293/Bowie-Railroad-Museum

Calendar of Events

August 16–August 22, 2018

Safe Summer Closing Party: Carnival at the Crest

Date and Time: August 17, 2018, 6:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m.
Description: Don't miss out on this back-to-school pool party! Play carnival-like games, get your face painted, and enjoy food, music, swimming, a 3-on-3 basketball tournament, and more.
Note: Pre-registration and a valid M-NCPPC ID are required to attend this event! Register through Parks Direct.
Cost: FREE! with M-NCPPC youth ID
Ages: 10–17
Location: Rollingcrest Splash Pool
6122 Sargent Rd., Chillum, MD 20782
Contact: 301-853-9115; TTY 301-699-2544

Xtreme Teens: Teen Turn Up Summer Fest

Date and Time: August 17, 2018, 7:00 p.m.–10:30 p.m.
Description: What's the best way to turn up this summer? It's the Teen Turn-Up SummerFest with DJ Alizay! Come out and celebrate the last days of summer with a cookout, an Xbox and Stilent Party stations, basketball tournament, Hip Hop dance battle, obstacle courses, 40 yard dash, Nerf dodgeball, prizes and more!
Cost: FREE with Center ID
Ages: 12–17
Location: Westphalia Community Center
8900 Westphalia Rd, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774
Contact: 301-516-5300

Back-to-School Bash!

Date and Time: August 18, 2018, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
Description: Elementary school aged children are invited to have some fun at the Bowie Gym's annual Back to School Bash. Enjoy carnival games, moon bounce, food, giveaways and more. There will also be a parent resource area with information on programs and activities for the school year.
Cost: FREE but a donation of a non-perishable food item or \$3 to benefit the Bowie Food Pantry is welcome
Ages: Kindergarten through 6th graders
Location: City of Bowie Municipal Gymnasium
4100 Northview Dr., Bowie, MD 20716
Contact: 301-809-2388

Community Day at Watkins Regional Park

Date and Time: August 18, 2018, 12 Noon–4 p.m.
Description: Join us as we end the summer with free food, fun, and attractions! Enjoy live music from Jazzy Blu, hands-on activities with live police equipment, FREE pony rides, Car/Motorcycle Show, water and laser tag, moon bounce, and more! Bring a blanket or lawn chair to enjoy the full effects of this beautiful park!
Cost: FREE
Location: Watkins Regional Park
301 Watkins Park Dr., Upper Marlboro, MD 20774
Contact: 301-218-6700; TTY 301-699-2544

19th Century Hands-On Needlepoint Workshop

Date and Time: August 19, 2018, 8:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Description: Join clothing historian Carolann Schmitt as she guides you through the beautiful art of 19th century Berlin Wool Work. This form of needlepoint was considered to be a favorite method of Queen Victoria. All supplies will be provided. Advanced reservations and payment required.
Cost: \$70/person (includes supply kit)
Ages: Adults
Location: Surratt House Museum
9118 Brandywine Rd., Clinton, MD 20735
Contact: 301-868-1121, history.pgparcs.com

Sunday Sunset Concert Series:

Annapolis Bluegrass Coalition (country/bluegrass)
Date and Time: August 19, 2018, 7 p.m.–8 p.m.
Description: Concerts are held every Sunday through Labor Day weekend, from 7 to 8 p.m. at Allen Pond Park. For information: visit www.cityofbowie.org/concerts.
Cost: FREE
Location: Allen Pond Park, Robert V. Setera Amphitheater
3330 Northview Dr., Bowie, MD 20716
Contact: 301-809-3078

Library "Jam Session"

Date and Time: August 21, 2018, starting at 5 p.m.
Description: Are you a musician? Grab your instrument and head over to the library where we're hosting an open jam session! All skill levels and instruments welcome.
Cost: FREE
Ages: All ages welcome
Location: PGCMLS, Spauldings Branch
5811 Old Silver Hill, Rd., District Heights, MD 20747
Contact: 301-817-3750

"Know the 10 Signs: Early Detection Matters" Workshop

Date and Time: August 22, 2018, starting at 11:00 a.m.
Description: The warning signs of Alzheimer's often are dismissed as side effects of normal aging. Early detection provides a chance to begin drug therapy, enroll in clinical studies and plan for the future. Join the Alzheimer's Association for this free workshop. For more information and/or to register, call the Alzheimer's Association 24/7 helpline at 800-272-3900.
Cost: FREE
Location: St. Paul Senior Living Apartments
1207 Addison Rd S., Capitol Heights, MD 20743
Contact: 1-800-272-3900

Teacher Resource Open House at the Maryland Historical Society

Date and Time: August 22, 2018, 4:30 p.m.–6:30 p.m.
Description: Attend a free teacher happy hour and view our resources available for the classroom. Mingle with professional museum educators and observe examples of onsite and virtual field trips, traveling trunks, online curriculum and more. **Pre-registration is required:** <https://www.mdhs.org/civicism/event/info>.
Cost: FREE
Ages: Adults
Location: Maryland Historical Society
201 West Monument St., Baltimore, MD 21201
Contact: 410-685-3750, ext.343; mkopera@mdhs.org

Back-to-School Features

NASA, ULA Launch Parker Solar Probe on Historic Journey to Touch Sun

By PRESS OFFICE
NASA

(August 12, 2018)—Hours before the rise of the very star it will study, NASA's Parker Solar Probe launched from Florida Sunday to begin its journey to the Sun, where it will undertake a landmark mission. The spacecraft will transmit its first science observations in December, beginning a revolution in our understanding of the star that makes life on Earth possible.

Roughly the size of a small car, the spacecraft lifted off at 3:31 a.m. EDT on a United Launch Alliance Delta IV Heavy rocket from Space Launch Complex-37 at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station. At 5:33 a.m., the mission operations manager reported that the spacecraft was healthy and operating normally.

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COURTESY OF NASA

The United Launch Alliance Delta IV Heavy rocket launches NASA's Parker Solar Probe to touch the Sun, Sunday, August 12, 2018, from Launch Complex 37 at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Florida.

The mission's findings will help researchers improve their forecasts of space weather events, which have the potential to damage satellites and harm astronauts on orbit, disrupt radio communications and, at their most severe, overwhelm power grids.

"This mission truly marks humanity's first visit to a star that will have implications not just here on Earth, but how we better understand our universe," said Thomas Zurbuchen, associate administrator of NASA's Science Mission Directorate. "We've ac-

complished something that decades ago, lived solely in the realm of science fiction."

During the first week of its journey, the spacecraft will deploy its high-gain antenna and magnetometer boom. It also will perform the first of a two-part deployment of its electric field antennas. Instrument testing will begin in early September and last approximately four weeks, after which Parker Solar Probe can begin science operations.

"Today's launch was the culmination of six decades of scientific study and millions of hours of effort," said project manager Andy Driesman, of the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory (APL) in Laurel, Maryland. "Now, Parker Solar Probe is operating normally and on its way to begin a seven-year mission of extreme science."

Over the next two months, Parker Solar Probe will fly towards Venus, performing its first Venus gravity assist in early October—a maneuver a bit like a handbrake turn—

that whips the spacecraft around the planet, using Venus's gravity to trim the spacecraft's orbit tighter around the Sun. This first flyby will place Parker Solar Probe in position in early November to fly as close as 15 million miles from the Sun—within the blazing solar atmosphere, known as the corona—closer than anything made by humanity has ever gone before.

Throughout its seven-year mission, Parker Solar Probe will make six more Venus flybys and 24 total passes by the Sun, journeying steadily closer to the Sun until it makes its closest approach at 3.8 million miles. At this point, the probe will be moving at roughly 430,000 miles per hour, setting the record for the fastest-moving object made by humanity.

Parker Solar Probe will set its sights on the corona to solve long-standing, foundational mysteries of our Sun. What is the secret of the scorching corona, which is more than 300 times hotter than the Sun's surface, thousands of miles below? What drives the supersonic solar wind—the constant stream of solar material that blows through the entire solar system? And finally, what accelerates solar energetic particles, which can reach speeds up to more than

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Getting Girls Interested in STEAM Subjects

(StatePoint)—Science, art and math are becoming increasingly important school subjects to embrace. Here are five ways to ensure your girls get interested and stay interested in these critical subjects through the years.

1. Get involved early. Setting a foundation of math, science and the arts is essential to getting young children, especially girls, interested in continued learning. Encourage them from a young age to participate in hands-on science, arts and math activities, and those with an interest or aptitude in these subjects will continue to pursue these paths as they learn and grow.

2. Find practical applications. Science, art and math are an integral part of everyday life. Finding the practical applications as you go about your day, demonstrates for children of all ages how important these subjects really are in life. Use the weather report as an opportunity to discuss meteorology. Bake with your daughter and work on figuring out measurements for doubling recipes. On the road? Have your daughter calculate the distance from your current location to your destination, as well as the amount of gasoline you'll need to get there. Seeing math, science, and art in the world will help keep kids engaged.

3. Provide intuitive tools. Intuitive learning tools can foster a better understanding of a subject and make learning easier, encouraging students to continue their studies with enthusiasm. For example, Casio's fx-CG50 PRIZM Graphing Calculator will support students and educators of math through middle school and high school, and into college. With Natural Textbook Display and an intuitive icon-based menu, students will find the calculator easy-to-use. Plus, its brand new 3D Graph Drawing and improved catalog function allows for greater engagement and real-life application in the mathematics classroom.

4. Encourage group and club participation. From outdoor education clubs that focus on environmental science to math competition leagues, support and encourage girls and young women to join special groups that focus on math, science and art—both in and out of school. For example, robotics clubs have been growing in communities across the nation and foster an understanding of key math and science functions.

5. Make it fun. Get girls interested in science, math and the arts by making it

fun and enjoyable. Kids won't even realize they are learning if they are having a good time while doing so. For example, music students can try out the LK-265 keyboard from Casio, which includes a Dance Music Mode, letting musicians create and remix electronic dance music quickly and easily. Select from 50 styles of EDM, and use the lower keys to choose different variations of drum beats, bass lines, and synth parts. Its lighted keys show you how to play your favorite songs which users can download from MIDI files. Or, connect your device's headphone output to the LK-265's audio input, and explore an endless library of music.

By starting early and making it fun to integrate these key subjects into their daily lives, you can help girls develop a lifelong love of science, art and math, which can help them in school and, later, in the workplace.



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Earth TALK™ Record Heat Waves the New Normal Under Grip of Global Warming

Dear EarthTalk:

With all the crazy heat waves around the world this summer, how could anyone still claim that climate change isn't anything to worry about?

—Randy Smith, Providence, RI

It certainly is hard to believe that anyone would be able to disregard the signs that human-induced climate change is starting to have a deleterious effect on our environment and our quality of life around the planet. Here in the United States, fully one-fifth of our land mass is currently sweating through record summer heat or drowning in torrential floods. It's never been hotter—if recent July 2018 temperature records are any indication—than across certain parts of Texas, California, New Mexico, Arizona and Colorado. While such extremes used to come about once in a decade or longer, now every successive year is worse than the last.

And the problems aren't limited to the United States. Japan, North Korea and South Korea are experiencing record heat waves this summer, while Europe is sitting under a high-pressure ridge blowing hot dry air across the continent and fueling unprecedented wildfires across the United

Kingdom and Scandinavia, with the flames even licking as far north as the Arctic Circle. Meanwhile, Greece is suffering through its deadliest wildfire season ever with more than 50 dead and dozens more people unaccounted for with entire towns up in flames.

"The impacts of climate change are no longer subtle," reports climatologist Michael Mann of Penn State's Earth System Science Center. "We are seeing them play out in real time in the form of unprecedented heat waves, floods, droughts and wildfires. And we've seen them all this summer."

And hurricane season hasn't even ramped up yet. According to *Inside Climate News*, scientists are worried that U.S. coastal communities "could face more super storms with winds, storm surges and rainfall so intense that current warning categories don't fully capture the threat." And a new "Category 6" designation—with peak winds approaching 190 miles per hour—is under consideration to account for the spate of more intense storms coming our way.

"The current intensity scale doesn't capture the fact that a 10 mph increase in sustained wind speeds ups the damage potential

by 20 percent," Mann adds. "That's not a subtle effect. It's one that we can see."

For more evidence that global warming is something to fear, consider the fact that 2018 is on track to be the warmest year on record for the U.S. (which has been keeping records since 1894) and the planet at large. A United Nations World Meteorological Organization study found that 2016 was the warmest year on record globally, with 2017 and 2015 tied for second place.

And those who say "so what if the planet is warming?" might not be so smug when their waterfront property—or private golf club—becomes part of the ocean in the not so distant future. It's not so far-fetched to believe the scientists who claim parts of Florida will be under water by 2025 after seeing footage of the streets of Miami flooding every year in recent memory. Donald Trump better hope Mar-a-Lago, his private club in Palm Beach, Florida, has flood insurance.

CONTACTS: Penn State Earth Systems Science Center, essc.psu.edu; Inside Climate News, insideclimatenews.org; World Meteorological Organization, wmo.int.

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Solar Probe from A7

half the speed of light as they rocket away from the Sun?

Scientists have sought these answers for more than 60 years, but the investigation requires sending a probe right through the unrelenting heat of the corona. Today, this is finally possible with cutting-edge thermal engineering advances that can protect the mission on its daring journey.

"Exploring the Sun's corona with a spacecraft has been one of the hardest challenges for space exploration," said Nicola Fox, project scientist at APL. "We're finally going to be able to answer questions about the corona and solar wind raised by Gene Parker in 1958—using a spacecraft that bears his name—and I can't wait to find out what discoveries we make. The science will be remarkable."

Parker Solar Probe carries four instrument suites designed to study magnetic fields, plasma and energetic particles, and capture images of the solar wind. The University of California, Berkeley, U.S. Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, and Princeton University in New Jersey lead these investigations.

Parker Solar Probe is part of NASA's Living with a Star program to explore aspects of the Sun-Earth system that directly affect life and society. The Living with a Star program is managed by the agency's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland, for NASA's Science Mission Directorate in Washington. APL designed and built, and operates the spacecraft.

The mission is named for Eugene Parker, the physicist who first theorized the existence of the solar wind in 1958. It's the first NASA mission to be named for a living researcher.

Physicist Eugene Parker watches the launch of the spacecraft that bears his name—NASA's Parker Solar Probe—early in the morning of August 12, 2018.

A plaque dedicating the mission to Parker was attached to the spacecraft in May. It includes a quote from the renowned physicist—"Let's see what lies ahead." It also holds a memory card containing more than 1.1 million names submitted by the public to travel with the spacecraft to the Sun.

For more information on Parker Solar Probe, go to: <https://www.nasa.gov/solarprobe>

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