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GREENBELT, Md.—Vice President Kamala Harris and South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol speak at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center about a new space cooperation agreement between the United States and South Korea.

US, South Korea Announce Plans for Expanded Space Partnerships

By DESTINY HERBERS
Capital News Service

GREENBELT, Md. (April 25, 2023)—The United States and South Korea have signed an agreement to cooperate on space exploration, Vice President Kamala Harris announced Tuesday at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center.

The Joint Statement of Intent for Cooperation on Space Exploration and Science would enhance future space exploration through mutual areas of interest, including space communications and navigation, technology research on the Moon and astrophysics.

Harris was joined by South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol on a tour of Goddard's facilities, where they received briefings on cooperative space efforts and discussed future partnerships in space.

"This year, we celebrate the 70th anniversary of the alliance between the United States and South Korea, which has been a linchpin of security and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific and around the world," Harris said.

The U.S.-South Korea space alliance is

growing across sectors, including civil and commercial space travel and national security, Harris said, and the two nations are strategizing to address the climate crisis together.

"Together our nations have built and placed satellites into orbit that can track air pollution in North America and Asia," said Harris said. "Today I have also directed the National Space Council, which I lead, to expand this network to ensure that it also covers the southern hemisphere."

Last year South Korea placed in lunar orbit a satellite that carries a high-resolution camera from NASA in search of water in shadowed areas on the Moon.

South Korea also plans to partner with NASA to send scientific payloads through NASA's Commercial Lunar Payload Services, which Harris considers "our version of a rideshare program for space exploration."

NASA and South Korea are expanding collaboration on the Artemis mission, which will send astronauts to the Moon for the first

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Maryland's Ivey Wants Federal Law Raising Age to 21 for Semiautomatic Rifle and Shotgun Buys

By YESENIA MONTENEGRO
Capital News Service

WASHINGTON (April 26, 2023)—Introducing his first bill, Rep. Glenn Ivey, D-Maryland, on Wednesday proposed raising the minimum age to purchase semiautomatic centerfire rifles and semiautomatic centerfire shotguns to 21.

Ivey's Raise the Age Act's minimum age requirement would match the minimum age required to purchase a handgun from a gun dealer with a federal license, which is 21. Exceptions to the proposed law would be active duty military personnel and full-time law enforcement officers.

Semiautomatic rifles can release up to 45 rounds per minute, and there is "no justification for a teen to have access to a weapon of this caliber," Ivey tweeted.

During a House floor speech Wednesday, Ivey addressed some of the country's biggest mass shootings at Sandy Hook El-



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WASHINGTON—Rep. Glenn Ivey, D-Maryland, discusses his bill that would raise the minimum age to 21 for buying shotguns and semiautomatic centerfire rifles. Standing with him is Adzi Vokhiwa, federal affairs director for Giffords, a gun safety group.

ementary School, Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School and Columbine High School, all of which were committed by 18-, 19- and 20-year-olds.

"Some of my colleagues insist on choosing the Second Amendment over second graders," Ivey said. "They insist on banning books instead of banning assault weapons."

During a Capitol press conference, Ivey was joined by Rep. Mike Thompson, D-California, who is co-author of the bill and chairman of the House Gun Violence Prevention Task Force, and Adzi Vokhiwa, the federal affairs director at Giffords, a gun violence prevention organization.

"We can't stay where we are," Ivey said. "We're having almost a mass shooting every day, probably almost two mass shootings a day here in the United States. We've got to take some steps to try and address it."

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FedChoice Federal Credit Union Continues to Support the S.O.C.K.S. Movement

By PRESS OFFICER
FedChoice Federal Credit Union

LANHAM, Md. (May 1, 2023)—FedChoice Federal Credit Union is aware that socks are one of the most needed but least donated items in shelters across the United States. Clean, dry socks are not only essential for comfort, but have many other benefits like preventing a myriad of foot related irritations and problems.

In response, the Credit Union sent out a call to its members and employees to supply this important clothing item to those in need. FedChoice placed collection boxes in their Lanham and Brentwood Financial Service Centers to encourage members and employees to fill them with new socks for homeless men and women in the Washington D.C. Metro area. FedChoice partnered with a local non-profit, So Others Can Keep Striding (S.O.C.K.S.) Movement, to ensure the socks are delivered to the individuals who need them most.

The founder of S.O.C.K.S., Damon Jones, was appreciative of the generous donation from FedChoice and its members. "I told my community, no matter what direction we're going in, I

would never stop distributing socks to the people who need them. So, when FedChoice called to help collect socks, I jumped on the opportunity to continue serving those in need," Jones said. The S.O.C.K.S. Movement is expanding with a new mission to provide affordable housing in the Washington D.C. area, however, socks are still a primary focus.

Being a part of the community is important to FedChoice. Serving its members and fulfilling the needs of local residents is equally critical to its mission as a Credit Union. "We're always looking for additional ways to help underserved populations. Through community service efforts such as this, and by creating products and services that can assist our members throughout their lives, we strive to improve the well-being of our neighbors," said FedChoice President/CEO, Brett Noll.

FedChoice Federal Credit Union was originally chartered in 1935 when a group of Bureau of Internal Revenue (aka IRS) employees decided to establish a credit union to meet their financial needs. Since

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The Clean Water Partnership Celebrated Earth Week With a Planting Event to Commemorate Prince George's County's 'Growing Green With Pride' and 'Preserve & Beautify Our Environment Week'

By PRESS OFFICER
Clean Water Partnership

LARGO, Md. (April 25, 2023)—Last week, The Clean Water Partnership (CWP), the Anacostia Watershed Society, government officials, Surrattsville High School students, faculty and staff celebrated and showcased the ongoing collaboration with Corvias through CWP, Prince George's County Department of the Environment and Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS). Through this partnership, this event highlighted the completion of stormwater management improvements and environmental literacy provided to the Surrattsville High School community.

To date, the CWP has installed stormwater management practices at 58 schools across the Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) network. The completion of these school projects is always celebrated with a student planting event.

CWP contractors were on site to teach students about stormwater and the environment through hands on demonstrations and allowed the students to participate in their



PHOTO COURTESY CLEAN WATER PARTNERSHIP

Students and faculty from the Surrattsville High School community

community by planting their new bioretention with native plants, adding beautification value to the City of Clinton.

Prince George's County and Corvias Community-Based Public-Private Partnership (CBP3), also called the Clean Water Partnership (CWP), is an agreement between County government and the private sector to retrofit

over 4,000 acres of impervious surfaces using green stormwater infrastructure. This community-focused program works to address the water quality of the Chesapeake Bay, while simultaneously focusing on the needs of Prince George's County residents and local businesses. Learn more about the Clean Water Partnership at www.thecleanwaterpartnership.com



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Left to Right: FedChoice President/CEO Brett Noll, A. Bruce, S. Pavlochkaya, Damon Jones, founder of S.O.C.K.S.

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TOWNS *and* NEIGHBORS

In & Around Morningside-Skyline by Mary McHale 301-735-3451

Live-In Recruitment Weekend at Morningside VFD

The Morningside Volunteer Fire Department is hosting Live-In Recruitment Weekend June 23–25. For information or to apply, call 301-736-4342.

If you want to be a firefighter, here are a few basic requirements:

- Be at least 18 years old (16 with parental consent),
- Be able to pass a full background investigation,
- Be able to pass a Prince George's County Fire/MS Department physical,
- Be willing to be an active member of the organization, including fulfilling a monthly hourly participation requirement, completion of initial and ongoing training,
- Be willing to participate in department-sponsored events and meetings.

How Morningside VFD started in 1944

After a fire at a home on Pine Grove Drive killed 4-year-old Helen Massey and her 29-year-old half-sister Elaine Haney, there was an immediate cry for a fire department in the Town.

The first firetruck, a 1929 Model A Ford, was purchased for \$250 from the Oxon Hill VFD. It came with 100 feet of hose with nozzle, 140 feet of booster hose, and ladders; all were housed in Joe Caldwell's garage at 222 Woodland Road.

On March 7, 1945, the MVFD was officially chartered. The first Board of Directors was Charles Benton, Lawrence Beardmore, Ward Caldwell, Norman Loveless and Albert Stahl. The Ladies Auxiliary was also organized.

The first fire station was built when volunteer fire-fighters were off from work—it was a cinderblock building with two bays. Work on a new fire station began and it was completed in 1955, at the same location where the Morningside firehouse now stands.

Town of Morningside

Morningside held its annual election May 1, but only two petitions were turned in, both by incumbents, Todd Mullins and Bradley Wade. I'll give a report in next week's column.

Town meetings: Work Session, May 9; Town Meeting, May 16, both at 7 p.m.

Spring Clean-Up 2023 will be the weekend of May 13/14. As announced in the Bulletin, "It's that time of year; let's get it done inside and out; from that over-flowing closet and basement to the shed, garage and yard." There'll be roll-off containers for household and yard waste and scrap metal drop off (maximum two loads per household). ID required.

Raffle & free bag of mulch—while supplies last.

A Low-Cost Shot Clinic for dogs and cats will also be available: rabies, \$15; distemper/parvo, \$20; deworming, \$10; and Admin. Charge, \$3 per pet.

For All Things Morningside, you can call 301-736-2300.

Neighbors & other good people

My friend Stephanie White will be honored by American Legion Post 259, in Clinton, on May 6. I'll be there to applaud.

Father Donald Brice, 91, a priest of the Archdiocese of Washington, died March 7. He had served as Pastor of St. John's in Clinton, as associate pastor at St. Margaret's in Seat Pleasant, and other parishes. Mass of Christian Burial was in Knoxville, Tenn., near the assisted living facility where he'd been boarding.

Chef José Andrés brought Spanish tapas to Washington on April 5, 1993, when he opened Jaleo, my very favorite restaurant, on 7th Street NW. Now, Jaleo is celebrating 30 Years, with a summer of celebrations. I think a trip to Jaleo may be in my immediate future.

Changing landscape

Cedar Chase is a new community

under development in Clinton. Amenities include 4+ bedrooms, gourmet kitchen, sunroom, 9' ceilings, granite island, media room, deluxe owner's bath. "Close to shopping."

GI Liquors is still boarded up. G. I. Market (from which GI Liquors came to be) was listed as open for "Groceries, wine, liquor, beer" in the 1952 Directory of Morningside, Maryland. This must be, by far, the longest time it has ever been closed. I don't believe the three drivers, who crashed their car into the shop, have been found yet.

A home at 4506 Allies Road just sold for \$430,000.

Places to go & things to do

"The Legacy of Herbert H. Jones, Jr. From Tuskegee Airmen to the First Black-Owned Charter Airline" is the theme of an upcoming panel (including the sons of Herbert Jones Jr.) which will discuss Jones Jr.'s involvement in the nation's first successful Black-owned airport. The panel will be held at the College Park Aviation Museum Thursday, May 11. Doors open at 6:30p.m. Special tour, 6:40. Panel begins, 7:15. Free. Info: 301-864-6029.

Last weekend my son John and I made a silent retreat at Loyola on the Potomac, a Jesuit Retreat House in Faulkner, overlooking the Potomac River. I have made many retreats there; this was John's first. He not only kept silence for the weekend, and attended most of the talks and services, but he hiked all the amazing trails and still managed to get back in time for every meal. No matter your faith, you would love their Days of Prayer, their weekend or 8-day retreats. The silence is amazing. The beautiful Chapel, the lovely grounds, and the restful view of the Potomac River. Each of the small one-person bedrooms has sink and toilet. Info: 301-392-0800.

Around the County

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission Named a Finalist for 2023 National Gold Medal Award

RIVERDALE, Md. (April 28, 2023)—The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) is proud to announce it has been named a finalist in the 2023 National Gold Medal Awards for excellence in Park and Recreation Management. Two of the M-NCPPC departments, Montgomery Parks and Prince George's Parks and Recreation, applied jointly for the award.

The award is given by the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration, in partnership with the National Recreation and Park Association. M-NCPPC has already won six Gold Medals.

The Gold Medal Awards program recognizes park departments throughout the country that prove excellence in serving their communities. Areas evaluated include long-range planning, resource management, volunteerism, environmental stewardship, program development, professional development, and agency recognition.

"We are honored to be a finalist for this prestigious award for our parks and recreation management," said Department of Parks and Recreation, Prince George's County Director Bill Tyler. "The Commission strives for excellence each and every day, and we are committed to continuing to provide outstanding parks and recreation services, programs, and events to residents and visitors."

"The Gold Medal Award represents the highest standard by which park and recreation agencies are assessed. Montgomery Parks is honored to be a finalist for this award in the company of several other agencies of distinction. It is a testament to the important work we do to improve the quality of people's lives," said Mike Riley, director of Montgomery Parks.

In applying for the award, M-NCPPC officials cited the agency's mission to manage physical growth and plan communities; to protect and steward natural, cultural, and historic resources; and to provide leisure and recreational experiences.

The application also highlighted the diverse communities and interests served by M-NCPPC. Its bi-county structure serves both Montgomery and Prince George's counties. Its facilities meet a variety of interests from cricket to pickleball, therapeutic horseback riding to mountain biking, and offers nationally recognized museums and gardens.

M-NCPPC is one of four finalists in the category of agencies serving more than 400,000 residents. Other park and recreation systems nominated as finalists for the award include parks in Virginia Beach, VA, Gwinnett County, GA, and Hillsborough County, FL. The Gold Medal Awards will be presented at the National Recreation and Parks Association conference in October. The top-rated agency will be awarded the Grand Plaque Award.

Prince George's County Celebrates 39 Consecutive Years as a Tree City in Honor of Arbor Day

The 2023 "green" event marks the 151st anniversary of Arbor Day celebrations

LARGO, Md. (April 28, 2023)—Today, Prince George's County officials joined members of the Prince George's County Beautification Committee (PGCBC), volunteers, and the staff and students of Francis Scott Key Elementary School to plant 23 native trees and shrubs in honor of Arbor Day. The trees were planted on the grounds of the school located in District Heights.

DoE Deputy Director Adriana Caldarelli presented the Committee and Principal of Francis Scott Key Elementary School, RaeShauna Mboma, an Arbor Day proclamation from County Executive Angela Alsobrooks and shared the impact that planting trees can have to combat climate and improve the quality of life for everyone that lives, works, and plays in Prince George's.

"Trees provide many benefits beyond protecting our soil, air, and wellbeing," says Director of the Department of the Environment, Andrea Crooms. "The Arbor Day planting is one of many green improvements the County has committed to that restore tree distribution inequities by providing local jobs, increasing property values, and even lowering utility costs, particularly in underserved communities."

"The Committee worked alongside students and educators from Francis Scott Key Elementary School in District Heights, along with members of the Department of the Environment and the Department of Public Works & Transportation, to plant trees on the grounds of the school," says Vice-Chair of the Committee, Dave Kneipp. "After a brief ceremony, students from 22 classes worked by classroom along with adults in discussing the importance of trees while planting them on the school grounds."

"It has been my honor and privilege to lead and support the Francis Scott Key ES family in making the green school initiative a priority," says Principal RaeShauna Mboma. "This has allowed us to be a part of bettering our community and environment. Our school concentrated on learning how to compost, created a garden club, fun initiatives, and empowered students to become recycling engineers. We are looking forward to a great Arbor Day that acknowledges our commitment to caring for our earth. We are PGCPs proud!"

Prince George's County was recognized by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Forest Service with the Tree City USA® award. Prince George's County is the only County in the state to receive this award for 39 consecutive years.

The Tree City USA program has been greening up cities and towns across America since 1976. It's a nationwide movement that provides the framework necessary for communities to manage and increase their public trees.

The committee partners with DoE, Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPWT), Maryland DNR Forest Service, The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC), Master Gardeners/University of Maryland Extension, the Neighborhood Design Center, the Prince George's Soil Conservation District, and the Prince George's Forestry Board in hosting the Arbor Day celebration.

If you're interested in securing trees for your community, contact Carole Barth, DoE Tree Conservation Program Manager, at cabarth@co.pg.md.us. To learn more about how you can join the fight to keep our County clean and beautiful, the Beautification Initiative, and other litter reduction efforts, visit www.pgcproud.com. —Brittani Garner, Department of the Environment

Local Students Graduate From Pitt-Bradford

BRADFORD, Pa.—The University of Pittsburgh at Bradford graduated 214 students April 30 during Commencement exercises at 2 p.m. in the KOA Arena. Local students graduating are:

District Heights, Maryland: **Shaquan Bagot**, psychology

Laurel, Maryland: **Wilhelmina Kemcha**, psychology

Those who were unable to attend commencement exercises can view the recording on the university's website at www.upb.pitt.edu/academics/commencement.

Brandywine-Aquasco

by Audrey Johnson 301-922-5384

ST. PHILIP'S DAY

Come celebrate St. Philip's Day with us Sunday, May 7, 2023. Join us at our 9:30 a.m. Worship Service. Guest Speaker Rev. Marian Humphrey. Enjoy our services and give praises to the Lord. We will have light refreshments served immediately following the worship service. St. Philip's Church Baden 13801 Baden Westwood Road Brandywine, Maryland 20613-8426.

CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR

The Lexington Park Volunteer Rescue Squad Associates Spring Craft & Vendor Fair will be held Saturday, May 6, 2023, 10 a.m.–3 p.m. Location: Station 39, 21685 FDR Blvd. Lexington Park, Maryland 20653. Email: associateevent@lpvrs.org for more details or vendor information. Perfect finds for Mother's Day.

CREATIVE CELEBRATIONS

Creative Celebrations with Tracy Pinkney. Tracy Pinkney is the founder, CEO and Creative Director of the catering business. She has been in the catering business for twenty plus years. Join us at Romano Winery to enjoy delicious shrimp, crab seafood salad, fish shrimp baskets and grilled shrimp garden salads. September 4, 2023, from 12 p.m.–4 p.m. The address is 15715 Bald Eagle School Road, Brandywine, MD 20613. Creative Celebrations specializes in wedding parties, brunches, showers, reunions, whatever you want to call your event.

BELATED BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Belated Happy Birthday to Janet Barber, Reginald Johnson, Catherine Brooks, DeLarenta Lee, Tanya Cole, Joyce Lee, Louise Contee, Joseph Lewis, Audrey Davis, Lillian Makle, Lawrence Dorsey, Mildred Makle, Lawrence Dorsey, I, Wanda Makle, Lawrence Dorsey, III, Freda Farmer, Wendell Pinkney, Dominique Hardy, Zilphia Pinkney, Lula Hawkins, Janice Watkins, Princess Johnson, Delonte Young who celebrated birthdays in April.

KAPPA DERBY- THE DAY PARTY

College Park-Sandy Spring Alumni (ER) Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. will host Kappa Derby-The Day Party May 6, 2023, 12 p.m. at Hennessy Creek, Brandywine, Maryland.

An American tradition since 1875, the Kentucky Derby is the second biggest party day of the year. The Kappa Derby is a Kentucky Derby-themed event where hundreds of the DMV's most well-connected residents come together to network and "party with a purpose." Attendees enjoy fashion, fun and entertainment.

The Kappa Derby features contests for the Best Hat for ladies, simulcasting viewing of the Kentucky Derby race, great music, dancing from 3DJs and much more. Guests can sip on specialty drinks such as Mint Juleps and dine on Southern Caribbean-inspired cuisine from Kitchen Gray.

Celebrity Hosts: Comedian Joe Clair and Britt Waters of

WJLA Channel 7 morning show and In-game Host for Washington Wizards Plus. DJ Tanz, DJ Spinerello, DJ Trini of 93.9, plus more. Special happenings: Ladies Best Hat Competition, Men's Best dressed Competition, World renowned Artist Preston Sampson to Auction off a prized Art Piece. To find tickets online visit the website https://allevents.inbrandywine/200024306408.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to John Washington and Henrietta Brown on their nuptials. The happy couple was recently united at Christ United Methodist Church with Pastor Strickland officiating. The AV Ministry at Christ enjoyed the opportunity to film the wedding.

50TH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

Christ United Methodist Church, 22919 Christ Church Road, Aquasco, Maryland 20608. (1973–2023). Growing stronger, Growing Deeper, Reaching Higher Isaiah 40:31. Anniversary Activities: Saturday, July 15, 2023, Anniversary Banquet 4 p.m. at Jaycees Community Center. Donation \$75.00 (payment plan available). Contact Janice Hawkins, Russell Young, Rudell Jones, Phyllis Slater, Joyce Lee, or Vonnice McCants.

Sunday, July 16, 2023, Anniversary Service 11 a.m. Christ United Methodist Church. Guest Speaker: Bishop LaTrelle Easterling. The Episcopal Leader of the Baltimore Washington and Peninsula Delaware Conferences. Blessing on Blessing 50/50 Challenge. Support the Baden Food Pantry by helping to feed 50 families. Donations can be left at the church hall until June 1, 2023. Contact Jackie Taylor or Janice Hawkins. Rev. Shemaiah Strickland, Pastor. http://servelikechrist.org.

KUDOS TO BSU ALUMNI

Maryland State Delegate Andrea Fletcher Harrison ('02) was honored by the College of Arts and Sciences during the 12th Annual Celebration of Excellence Awards Ceremony. The ceremony recognizes the outstanding accomplishments of faculty, staff, students, and alumni. Delegate Harrison was among over 50 recipients who received an award presented by the College of Arts and Sciences Dean George Acquah.

HAPPY 50TH (1973–2023) ANNIVERSARY

Bowie State University class of 1973 it is your time to shine. Save the date Friday, May 26, 2023, Spring Commencement and 50th reunion celebration. Register to be a part of your class activities as well as the weekly Zoom meetings in preparation for your 50th REUNION! Golden Grads Registration Link.

The weekly Zoom calls have commenced, so make sure you register to learn more about the 1973 class reunion. If you have questions or need more information, please email the office of Alumni Engagement and Stewardship at alumni@bowiestate.edu.

Happy Mother's Day

Happy Mother's Day to all the Mothers, Grandmothers, Great Grandmothers, Aunts, Great Aunts and Friends.

COMMUNITY

Free Cinco De Mayo Lyft Rides Offered Throughout Greater Washington to Prevent Drunk Driving

Over a third of U.S. traffic deaths on Cinco De Mayo involve drunk drivers

By PRESS OFFICER
Washington Regional Alcohol Program

TYSONS, Va. (April 24, 2023)—Preparing to combat that time of year when, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, over a third (33.9%) of U.S. traffic deaths involve drunk drivers,* a local nonprofit organization announced that free safe rides will be offered to would-be drunk drivers throughout the Washington-metropolitan area during [this] week's Cinco de Mayo celebrations.

Offered by the nonprofit Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP), the 2023 Cinco de Mayo SoberRide® program will be in operation beginning at 4 p.m. Friday, May 5 (Cinco de Mayo) and operate until 4 a.m. on Saturday, May 6 as a way to keep local roads safe from impaired drivers during this traditionally high-risk period.

During this twelve-hour period, area residents ages 21 and older celebrating with alcohol may download the Lyft app to their phones then enter the SoberRide® code in the app's 'Payment' tab (under the 'Add Lyft Pass' option) to receive their no-cost (up to \$15) safe transportation home. WRAP's 2023 Cinco de Mayo SoberRide® promo code will be posted at 3 p.m. on Friday, May 5 on www.SoberRide.com.

"Over a third of U.S. traffic fatalities during Cinco de Mayo involve drunk drivers according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration," said Kurt Erickson, WRAP's President. "

WRAP also offers its SoberRide® program on St. Patrick's Day, Independence Day, Halloween and the winter holidays through and including New Year's.

SoberRide® is offered throughout Lyft's Washington D.C. coverage area which includes all or parts of: the District of Columbia; the Maryland counties of Montgomery and Prince George's and towns therein plus the cities of Bowie, College Park, District Heights, Gaithersburg, Glenarden, Greenbelt, Hyattsville, Laurel, Mount Ranier, New Carrollton, Rockville, Seat Pleasant and Takoma Park; and the Northern Virginia counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William and towns therein plus the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas and Manassas Park.

Since 1991, WRAP's SoberRide® program has provided 85,580 free safe rides home to would-be drunk drivers in the Greater Washington area.

Having commemorated its 40th year in 2022 after being founded in 1982, the nonprofit [501(c)(3)] Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP) is a coalition of diverse interests using effective education, innovative programs and targeted advocacy to end alcohol-impaired driving and underage drinking in the Washington, DC metro area. Through public education, innovative health education programs and advocacy, WRAP is credited with keeping the metro-Washington area's alcohol-related traffic deaths historically lower than the national average.

More information about WRAP's SoberRide® initiative can be found at www.SoberRide.com.

*Source: Cinco de Mayo 2021 (6 a.m. on May 5, 2021 through 5:59 a.m. on May 6, 2021); NHTSA's Fatality Analysis Reporting System [FARS]; Date: 6 a.m. May 5, 2021–5:59 a.m. May 6, 2021

BAC .00 g/dL	BAC .01-.07 g/dL	BAC .08+ g/dL	Total
69	3	36	106

Partnerships from AI

time in 50 years, and will provide groundwork for future missions to Mars.

Yoon said he is "delighted" that the Artemis program is off to a successful start, adding that he was inspired by his visit to Goddard to continue pursuing space exploration.

"I've always believed that mankind's future lies in space, and with that conviction in mind, last year I laid out the space economy roadmap," Yoon said. "Under that vision, we are in the process of establishing a Korean version of NASA."

The joint statement will "serve as a springboard" for taking the United States and South Korea, as well as their allies, to a "next level" space alliance for exploration and peaceful use of outer space, Yoon said.

"Our task is to work together to guide your humanity forward, safely and sustainably and peacefully, into this new frontier," Harris said.



IMAGE COURTESY PYRAMID ATLANTIC ART CENTER

Pyramid Atlantic Makes It Pop!

May 6 "POP" Themed Art Party & Fundraiser

By KATE TAYLOR DAVIS
Pyramid Atlantic Art Center

HYATTSVILLE, Md. (April 24, 2023)—Pyramid Atlantic's HyBall (Hyattsville Ball) ... is bursting at the seams! The Hy-Ball offers plenty of opportunities for explosive fun while also raising money to support Pyramid's facility and programming.

HyBall: Make it Pop! takes place on Saturday, May 6, 2023 from 8 p.m.-11ish. Tickets are \$40 and include complimentary beer and wine. Tickets at pyramidatlanticartcenter.org or by calling 301-608-9101. Pyramid Atlantic is located at 4318 Gallatin Street, Hyattsville Maryland 20781.

Pyramid's studios will be popping with hands-on fun. Attendees can circulate around and make pop star coasters, mix tape prints, pop-up cards, and 3-D silkscreens. Pop music covers will be played by singer/songwriter Nila Kay and DJ Stylus will whip up a 70/80s pop dance party. Pop-up, pop-star performances

throughout the night feature drag diva Shi-Queeta-Lee and more. A snappy silent auction, explosive cocktails, pop-themed treats, and photo ops round out this highly anticipated art party.

In addition to offering fun, the event celebrates the unique, the local, and the handmade. Tickets include complimentary beer from local brewery Streetcar 82, wine from Hyattsville's own Franklins, and poppable treats from Shortcake Bakery and Potomac Sweets. Plus, for an additional donation, a signature "Poptail" features gin from local distillery Sangfroid.

This year's event is made possible in part by the following sponsors. Grand-Bridge Real Estate Capital and Hamel Builders are making it go KA-BOOM! Experience Prince George's and Indigo Ink are adding some BLAMMO! Capital City Flooring & Painting, Gallagher Evelius & Jones, Jersey Mike's Subs, and Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council are sprinkling in some WHAAM! And, Bank of America, Columbia National Real Estate Finance, Councilmember

Wanika Fisher (District 2), Frame Savvy, Grimm + Parker Architects, The Hyattsville Wire, Joseph McCartin Insurance, Monarch Title, MPG | Mall at Prince George's, Not Jane Studio, Shapiro and Duncan, Speedball, and Wills Decorating are bringing the POW! A full list of all sponsors, including our "ZAP" supporters is available at pyramidatlantic.org.

Founded in 1981, Pyramid Atlantic is a nonprofit contemporary art center fostering the creative disciplines of papermaking, printmaking, and book arts within a collaborative community. We equip, educate, and exhibit in our historic Hyattsville home. Our vision is to create an artistic hub in Hyattsville that inspires and enables local, national, and international artists to create and innovate in our core disciplines; elevates the local arts and small business scene; and enhances the quality of life for artists and neighbors. We value artistic excellence, infrastructure for artists, hands-on experiences, and collaboration.

Local Artist Magic Trikk Gives Back to Former School With Free Concert and Treats for Kids

By PRESS OFFICER
NuLook Records

LANDOVER, Md. (May 12, 2023)—Magic Trikk, a beloved local artist, is giving back to his former school, Judith P. Hoyer Montessori School, by hosting a free concert on **May 12, 2023** at noon. The concert is a way for Magic Trikk to show his appreciation for the education he received at the school and to inspire the next generation of students.

The event will feature a concert by Magic Trikk, where he will perform his popular songs and engage with the audience. In addition, he will provide lunch and treats for the kids in attendance, giving them a memorable experience that they will cherish for years to come.

"I am thrilled to be able to give back to my former school," said Magic Trikk. "Judith P. Hoyer Montessori School provided me with the education and foundation that helped me become the artist that I am today. I want to inspire the kids who attend the school now to dream big and work hard to achieve their goals."

The school is equally excited about the event. "We are so grateful to Magic Trikk for his generosity," said the school principal. "We are thrilled to have him back at our school, and we know that our students will be inspired by his music and message."



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Magic Trikk is a local artist known for his unique sound and captivating performances. He has released several hit songs, including "Now You See Me" and "Chosen One." He is dedicated to giving back to his community and inspiring the next generation of artists.

Wolf Trap Welcomed 2022–23 Grantees and Their Students to the Barns at Wolf Trap for "Wolf Trap Grants Day," a Day of Pre-Professional Arts Career Enrichment and Performance, Monday, April 24



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Charles H. Flowers High School/Sonny House

VIENNA, Va. (April 28, 2023)—For the first time in three years, Wolf Trap hosted recipients of its Wolf Trap Grants for High School Performing Arts Teachers and their students for a day of professional enrichment, after which they showcased their grants-funded performing arts projects at the historic Barns at Wolf Trap. Throughout the day, teacher grantees and their students toured The Filene Center, engaged in panel discussions with arts professionals, participated in hands-on workshops with Wolf Trap Master Teaching Artists, and rehearsed at The Barns at Wolf Trap in preparation for an evening performance of their grants projects. The day-long experience is designed to expose students to career paths in the arts and provide them with an opportunity to perform at one of Washington, DC's premier arts venues.

Wolf Trap's Grants for High School Performing Arts Teachers is an annual program

that acknowledges area public high school teachers with monetary awards to bring new and exciting performing arts experiences to their students.

This year's grants projects include these in Prince George's County:

- Makerspaces for Dancers/ Movement Exploration (Gwynn Park High School)
- Sonny House Showcase (Charles H. Flowers High School)

—Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts



Gwynn Park High School Makerspaces for Dancers/Movement Exploration

COMMENTARY

Marc Morial

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To Be Equal:

Deceptions by Supreme Court Justices Warrant a Stringent, Enforcable Code of Ethics

“Justice Thomas has betrayed a fundamental duty of high office: the duty of transparency. This disgraceful lawbreaking is precisely the sort of thing Congress has charged the attorney general with responsibility for addressing. It would be an absolute dereliction of duty if the Department of Justice were to fail to investigate these omissions.”
—The Project On Government Oversight

There can be no question that Supreme Court Justices Clarence Thomas and Neil Gorsuch engaged in willful deceit of the American people when they omitted key details from financial disclosures.

Congress must not only act immediately to implement bipartisan legislation that would require the Supreme Court to implement a code of conduct, but also make it clear that transgressions such as these will not be tolerated.

The head of a major law firm with dozens of cases before the Court purchased a \$1.8 million property partially owned by Gorsuch. Gorsuch did not disclose the name of the purchaser.

A politically-active billionaire, who also had business before the court, lavished Thomas over 20 years with cruises on his yacht, excursions on his private jet, and vacations at his private resort. Thomas disclosed none of the gifts. Nor did Thomas disclose his sale of three properties to the billionaire, including the home where his mother still lives, rent-free, or the tens of thousands of dollars the billionaire spent on improvements to the home.

Gorsuch has offered no public explanation for his deception. Thomas’ defense was both feeble and untruthful. Not only did Thomas falsely claim he had no obligation to report gifts from individuals “who did not have business before the Court,”

the billionaire did, in fact, have business before the court.

These deceptions are not mere ethical lapses. They are violations of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, which requires that transportation gifts, and most real estate sales above \$1,000, must be disclosed. Thomas has tried to characterize the trips as “personal hospitality,” but the law clearly requires that gifts of transportation be disclosed. Thomas appears to have understood that requirement when he reported the gift of a private jet flight in 1997. He stopped reporting them after the disclosure attracted media scrutiny.

However, the most severe punishment for these deceptions under the Ethics in Government Act is a monetary penalty. Thomas’ misconduct, especially, cries out for a stronger remedy.

The code-of-conduct legislation Senators Angus King and Lisa Murkowski have introduced is an absolutely necessary first step. But we have come to a low point in our history if Supreme Court Justices, of all people, are confused about what constitutes ethical conduct. The problem is not that clear rules don’t exist; the problem is that there are no consequences for Justices who fail to abide by them.

Federal law already requires judges to disqualify themselves from cases if the justice “or his spouse” has “an interest that could be substantially affected by the outcome of the proceeding.” A congressional subcommittee clarified in 1970 that the law applies to Supreme Court Justices.

Yet Thomas refused to recuse himself from multiple cases related to the 2020 presidential election despite the revelation that his wife, Ginny Thomas, an election denial activist, bombarded

the former White House chief of staff with text messages pleading with him to continue fighting to overturn the election results.

In the nation’s history, Congress has impeached 15 federal judges, removing eight from office. The only Supreme Court Justice to be impeached, Samuel Chase in 1805, was acquitted by the Senate.

One Supreme Court Justice, Abe Fortas, averted impeachment proceedings by resigning amid allegations of misconduct far less serious than those facing Thomas. In 1966, Fortas had accepted a retainer of \$20,000—just under \$166,000 in today’s dollars—from a Wall Street financier who was under investigation for securities violations. Fortas returned the money when the financier was indicted, and recused himself when the financier’s case came before the Court. But when the arrangement came to light in 1969, Democrats in Congress joined Republicans in calling for Fortas’ resignation—even though Republican President Richard Nixon was sure to appoint a conservative Justice to replace Fortas and flip the Court’s majority.

It’s hard to imagine that Thomas will be impeached, much less convicted, or even that a bipartisan coalition lawmakers will call for his resignation. That’s not because the vast majority of lawmakers truly believe his conduct is acceptable, but because partisanship has overridden ethics.

In calling for his resignation, Fortas’ primary backer in the Senate said, “The confidence of our citizenry in the federal judiciary must be preserved.” This is no less true in 2023 than it was in 1969.

—April 27, 2023

Marian Wright Edelman

Founder and President Emerita, Children’s Defense Fund



ChildWatch:

Harry Belafonte

“I’ve always looked at the world and thought, what can I do next? Where do we go from here? How can we fix it? And that’s still how I look at the world, because there is so much to be done.”

—Harry Belafonte

When Harry Belafonte died on April 25, many people were quick to honor him not only as a luminous, barrier-breaking singer and actor but as an outspoken lifelong crusader for civil and human rights. I am especially grateful for his enduring legacy as a champion for children in the United States and across the world. He was a wonderful friend and a longtime supporter of the Children’s Defense Fund’s mission and work, especially lifting up young people who have beaten the odds. He overcame long odds himself as a poor Black boy growing up in Harlem and Jamaica, and he later said he was an activist from birth—determined to

do everything he could to help change the odds for others.

His starring role as a warrior for social justice was clear early on in the Civil Rights Movement. By the early 1960s Harry Belafonte had already been a leading man in films like Carmen Jones and Island in the Sun, won a Tony, an Emmy, and Grammy Awards, and become the first artist in the U.S. to sell a million copies of a record in a year with 1956’s Calypso. This made him one of the most recognizable Black men in the country as he (along with his dear friend and rare peer Sidney Poitier) tirelessly raised money and awareness for the Movement, traveling to the South at great personal risk, working closely with leaders like Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and encouraging other Hollywood celebrities to support the cause. When he looked back later at one specific assignment, coordinating fellow artists to participate in the March on Washington, he said: “We had to

seize this opportunity and make our voices heard. Make those who are comfortable with our oppression—make them uncomfortable—Dr. King said that was the purpose of this mission . . . To mobilize the cultural force behind the cause—Dr. King saw that as hugely strategic. We use celebrity to the advantage of everything. Why not to the advantage of those who need to be liberated?”

In every cause he engaged in throughout his life, from organizing the “We Are the World” fundraiser to speaking out against apartheid to serving for decades as a UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador, that is how Harry Belafonte used his own celebrity. Years later he described another seminal lesson he learned from Dr. King: “I remember the last time we were together, at my home, shortly before he was murdered. He seemed quite agitated and preoccupied, and I asked him what the problem was. ‘I’ve come upon something that disturbs me deeply,’ he said. ‘We have fought hard and long for integration, as I believe we should have, and I know that we will win. But I’ve come to believe we’re integrating into a burning house.’ That statement took me aback. It was the last thing I would have expected to hear, considering the nature of our struggle, and I asked him what he meant. ‘I’m afraid that America may be losing what moral vision she may have had,’ he answered. ‘And I’m afraid that even as we integrate, we are walking into a place that does not understand that this nation needs to be deeply concerned with the plight of the poor and disenfranchised. Until we commit ourselves to ensuring

that the underclass is given justice and opportunity, we will continue to perpetuate the anger and violence that tears at the soul of this nation.” Harry Belafonte added: “Deep in my soul, I know there are more Rosa Parks, more Dr. Kings, and more Ella Bakers ready to emerge. Perhaps we are the firefighters who can save the burning house.” He believed this, and he set the example.

In 2014, Harry Belafonte was presented with the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences’ Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award, an honorary Oscar that solidified his rare “EGOT-winner” status and recognized his lifelong work for social justice. In his acceptance speech he remembered how it felt to be an 8-year-old in a movie theater watching a blockbuster “Tarzan of the Apes” film on the big screen, with its racist, white supremacist stereotypes: “It was an early stimulus to the beginning of my rebellion, rebellion against injustice and human distortion, and hate. How fortunate for me that the performing arts became the catalyst that fueled my desire for social change . . . It was [Paul] Robeson who said, ‘Artists are the gatekeepers of truth. They are civilization’s radical voice.’ This Robeson environment sounded like a desired place to be, and given the opportunity to dwell there, has never disappointed me.” Harry Belafonte was a voice of radical truth his entire life, and I am deeply grateful he never stopped sharing his incomparable voice with the rest of the world.

—April 28, 2023

Raising Age from A1

“This is a community safety bill,” Thompson said. “This is smart legislation, it was legislation that was in our Child Safety Act last year. . . It’s one that we need to take up now and pass on to save lives.”

The House Gun Violence Prevention Task Force was formed after the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting. The task force works within their communities and with outside groups to figure out which “pieces of responsible gun violence prevention legislation would pass, and should pass,” Thompson said.

Giffords, one of the legislation’s supporters, celebrates its 10-year anniversary this year, which Ivey noted during his introduction of the bill.

“Unfortunately, we’ve seen all too often that people 18 to 20 have committed horrific acts of violence. We’ve seen it in Parkland, in Uvalde. . . in Santa Fe, Texas and many, many other mass shootings,” Vokhiwa told reporters.

According to Vokhiwa, people between the ages of 18 and 21 only make up 4% of the population, but are responsible for 17% of homicides.

Ivey has not yet been able to garner bipartisan support for the bill, but he said he has reached out to Republican legislators on the House Judiciary Committee. Some have said they would be willing to have conversations, he said.

“They’re doing active shooter drills in schools now, which has to be scary,” Ivey said in an interview with Capital News Service. “When I was a kid we did fire drills, now they’re doing active shooter drills instead. . . I think the real obvious answer is to try and restrict the access to these semiautomatic weapons that are being used in school shootings.”

In February, Ivey along with other Maryland members of Congress announced over \$5.1 million in federal funding from the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act to support gun violence prevention programs across the state.

Cardin Announces Plans for 2024

“I am proud of all I have done for Maryland. I have given my heart and soul to our great state, and I thank Marylanders for trusting me as your representative for all these years.”

By PRESS OFFICER
Cardin Communications

BALTIMORE (May 1, 2023)—U.S. Senator Ben Cardin, Maryland’s senior senator and Chair of the Senate Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee, announced [last week] that he would not seek re-election at the end of his current term.

Passionate about both politics and policy for more than 56 years, Cardin has built up broad expertise on national security issues and human rights, health care, retirement security and taxes, small businesses issues, as well as the transportation alternatives and the Chesapeake Bay. More details on his policy accomplishments can be found here.

Senator Cardin: “I love Maryland. I love the people of Maryland and I love everything about our state from the beaches to the mountains, the cities and neighborhoods in between, and the rich history of the iconic Chesapeake Bay. It’s been the honor of my life to represent the people of Maryland in the General Assembly, as Speaker of the House of Delegates, as a member of the U.S. House of Representa-

tatives and now in the United States Senate.

“From an early age, my family and my faith instilled in me the spirit of helping our community and that we all have a responsibility to make the world around us a better place. These values have always been present in my home and have driven my years of public service to Maryland and the nation.

“For me, the essential ingredients of effective public service are integrity and civility. I have always tried to listen to people, understand their problems and then work with them to find a solution. I am an optimist but also a realist. I was taught that it’s okay to compromise—don’t ever compromise your principles—but find a path to get things done. Inspire trust in those around you. Keep your word and, again, listen. That’s civility and it has been central to all I have done over these many years of elected office. It is how I was able to pass the groundbreaking Magnitsky sanctions and guaranteed dental care for children nationwide.

“I am proud of all I have done for Maryland. I have given my heart and soul to our great state, and I

thank Marylanders for trusting me as your representative for all these years. I thank my family for their support and counsel, and recognize

the many sacrifices they have endured as we traveled this path to-

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Social Security Matters

Ask Rusty:

About Social Security Benefits for My Minor Children

By RUSSELL GLOOR,
National Social Security Advisor at the AMAC Foundation,
the non-profit arm of the Association of Mature American Citizens

Dear Rusty: I will be 62 in 2024 and am considering starting benefits at that time. I will have two children under the age of 18. One of them will be 10 and the other 15. Will they be able to draw benefits in addition to my benefits?
Signed: Father of Two

Dear Father of Two: Yes, if you claim your Social Security retirement benefits at 62, your minor children will be able to get benefits from you until they are 18 years old (or up to 19 if still in high school). You will likely be designated as Representative Payee for those benefits and will be obligated to use them only for your children's behalf (which could include simply saving the money for their future). But there's more to consider.

Normally, a minor child is eligible for 50% of the parent's full retirement age (FRA) entitlement (even if you claim at 62), but Social Security's Family Maximum will likely restrict each child's benefit to make it less than 50%. Then, once the 15 year old ages-out of eligibility at 18 (or 19), the younger child's benefit will increase to the full 50% of your FRA amount. That is—unless you are married and your wife will also be collecting a spousal benefit on your record. In that case the Family Maximum will limit payments for all of the dependents receiving payments based on your SS record (both your children and your wife). Generally, the Family Maximum is between 150% and 188% of your FRA entitlement, from which your own FRA entitlement is subtracted, leaving 50% to 88% of the Family Maximum for your dependents.

It's important to remember that by claiming your own SS retirement benefit at age 62 your monthly payment will be cut by 30% (you'll get 70% of your FRA entitlement), and that is a permanent reduction. So, you may wish to evaluate whether the money your children will get until they are 18 will offset the lifetime reduction to your own benefit payment. Your life expectancy is important when making that decision, and if you wish to estimate your potential longevity I suggest using this tool: <https://socialsecurityreport.org/tools/life-expectancy-calculator/>.

It's also important to remember that claiming benefits before your full retirement age will mean that, if you work, you'll be subject to Social Security's "earnings test" which limits how much you can earn before some of your benefits are taken away. The earnings limit changes annually (it's \$21,240 for 2023) and, if the limit is exceeded, SS will withhold \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you are over the limit. They will withhold future benefits to recover anything you owe for exceeding the earnings limit and, if your benefits are withheld for this reason, your dependents' benefits will also be withheld for those same months. So, your plans for working should be weighed carefully in deciding whether to claim your Social Security benefits early.

To summarize: If you won't work full time after age 62 and you're comfortable with 70% of your FRA benefit entitlement for the rest of your life, then claiming at 62 will also entitle your children (and possibly your wife) to dependent benefits (restricted by the Family Maximum). But, if you continue to work full time, Social Security's earnings test will likely mean neither you nor your dependents can receive full Social Security benefits at this time. And for clarity, the earnings limit no longer applies after you reach your full retirement age.

The 2.4 million member Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC] www.amac.us is a vibrant, vital senior advocacy organization that takes its marching orders from its members. AMAC Action is a non-profit, non-partisan organization representing the membership in our nation's capital and in local Congressional Districts throughout the country. And the AMAC Foundation (www.AmacFoundation.org) is the Association's non-profit organization, dedicated to supporting and educating America's Seniors. Together, we act and speak on the Association members' 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 www.amac.us/join-amac.

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Nautilus Solar Energy Responds to the Passage of New Community Solar Bill in Maryland

By PRESS OFFICER
Nautilus Solar Energy®, LLC

SUMMIT, N.J. (April 25, 2023)—On April 11, 2023, the Maryland State legislature passed HB 908, which, once signed into law by Gov. Wes Moore, will permanently expand the state's community solar program. Community solar was developed to expand equal access to local renewable energy and its benefits, regardless of financial means or property ownership.

The new bill will replace Maryland's existing community solar pilot program with a permanent, less restrictive, and more equitable program. This will ensure that historically disadvantaged Marylanders have equitable access to utility bill savings at a time when inflated energy prices are driving up household energy costs.

"As a company with an early focus on providing LMI households with discounted solar energy, we are completely supportive of the 40% LMI requirement

of the permanent community solar program. We hope to exceed that in our many future Maryland community solar projects," said Eric LaMora, Executive Director of Community Solar at Nautilus Solar Energy.

Nautilus was an early participant in Maryland's community solar PILOT program including opening the state's first project with 51% of the energy dedicated to the LMI community. The company currently owns 24 community solar farms totaling nearly 60 MW in development and fully operational, providing clean renewable power to tens of thousands of Marylanders. Nautilus partners closely with the communities to produce local tax revenue, bring new job opportunities and deliver energy savings to Marylanders. The company also supports local organizations and events like Navy men's basketball and lacrosse and the Delmarva Shorebirds minor league baseball team.

Once signed into law by Governor Moore, Maryland will become the 23rd

U.S. state with a statewide community solar program offering subscription access to all residents. The law is expected to take effect on July 1, 2023.

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Governor Moore Signs Revolutionary Service Year Program for Graduating High School Seniors Into Law, Signs Legislation Committed to Major Investments in Both Education and Public Safety and Rebuilding the State Workforce

Budget bill provides a record \$8.7 billion investment in K-12 education, \$1.3 billion investment in mental health and substance use programs, \$122 million in aid to local police departments

By PRESS OFFICER
Maryland Governor News

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (April 25, 2023)—Governor Wes Moore yesterday presided over the Moore-Miller Administration's third bill signing, dedicated to building a Maryland that serves. The governor implemented a one-of-a-kind service year program for graduating seniors, signed record investments in education, invested millions in aid to make Maryland's communities safer, and enacted legislation to help rebuild the state government.

"Leaving no one behind means delivering a world-class education to all of our children, ensuring Marylanders are safe in their communities, and offering one-of-a-kind opportunities to serve," said Gov. Moore. "Today I'm proud to sign legislation that will help all of that happen here in Maryland."

"Today, our administration is taking action that will set Maryland apart as a state that provides a quality K-12 education to its children, and a pathway for young people to serve their communities and gain real-world professional skills," said Lt. Gov. Miller. "Our budget addresses the biggest issues facing Marylanders and is a game changer for Maryland families struggling with mental health challenges and substance use disorders."

The governor's third bill signing highlights his commitment to serving Maryland and his work to ensure that young

people across the state are given world-class opportunities. The impact of yesterday's investments will strengthen Maryland's schools, make communities safer, and help Maryland's young people thrive.

Included among Governor Moore's champion pieces of legislation signed yesterday are:

S.B. 551, The SERVE Act of 2023, creating a one-of-a-kind service-year option sponsored by state government. It establishes the Department of Service and Civic Innovation, which will promote service and volunteerism in the state; establish the Secretary of Service and Civic Innovation and the duties and responsibilities of the secretary; alter the provisions of the Maryland Corps Program, including requiring the Department to administer the program; and establishing the Young Adult Service Year Option Pathway Fund.

H.B. 982, State Employees – Programs and Scholarships for Human Services Careers and Probation Agents and State Contributions to Supplemental Retirement Plans, which will help Maryland rebuild the state workforce. It establishes the Pilot Program for Human Services Careers, altering the eligibility criteria for the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Police Officers and the Maryland Police Officers Scholarship Program to include probation agents who work for the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services. It establishes the Pilot Program for Human Services

Careers Scholarship, requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to make awards from the Human Services Careers Scholarship Pilot Program in fiscal year 2024.

H.B. 200, The Budget Bill, will provide historic investments in education, including a record \$8.7 billion investment in Maryland's K-12 public schools, a record \$393 million for Maryland's 15 local community colleges; and over \$420 million in state support for Maryland's historically black colleges and universities. This will also put major investments into public safety, \$122 million in aid for local police departments and expansion of the Office of the Attorney General and the Office of the Public Defender, \$70 million in direct local law enforcement grants, \$35 million in General Funds for Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding, \$18 million for the Correctional Officers and Parole and Probation Agents retention incentive bonus program, and \$6.4 million and more than 40 additional positions to expand the State Police Gun Center and Firearms Licensing Division—along with a record \$1.3 billion in direct state support for mental health and substance use programs, \$409 million to fund provider rate increases in the fields of behavioral health, developmental disabilities, Medicaid, and other services, and more than \$154 million to expand adult dental coverage to Medicaid clients and \$25 million to reduce waitlists for programs that allow seniors to age in their communities.

Earth TALK™ Citizen Science Key to Monitoring, Combatting Climate Change

Dear EarthTalk:

What are some examples of citizen science in efforts to monitor and combat global warming?

—Candace C., Tallahassee, FL

The world is getting warmer each year, and people worldwide want to do their bit to help. Many of us already are. We turn thermostats, bike to get around, recycle, and urge elected officials to make our cities greener. But there is one more thing any of us can do to fight global warming: it's called citizen science.

Citizen science is the involvement of the general public—you, your communities, anyone who is not a professional scientist—in collecting data to support scientific research. Citizen science has actually existed for decades. For example, the National Audubon Society's Christmas Bird Count began in 1900 to promote conservation. With the gigantic leap in 21st century technology, citizen science is now truly invaluable in dealing with the climate crisis. Ordinary people can record and share vast amounts of data on smartphones, and identify thousands of animal and plant species through apps. They can even connect from remote places to share information about the effects of global warming on their local ecosystems.

In citizen science there's something for everyone. Those concerned about climate can record the timing of flowering for Project Budburst. Those interested in oceans can monitor beach debris for the Coastal Observation and Seabird Survey Team (COASST), which studies how

global warming has hurt coastal ecosystems and their wildlife inhabitants. By listening to frog calls for the North American Amphibian Monitoring Program (NAAMP), recording glacial melts in rural Alaska for the Indigenous Sentinels Network, or photographing mountain smog for the Appalachian Mountain Club, citizen scientists provide valuable data from all over the world that scientists couldn't otherwise obtain.

With climate change a worldwide concern, citizen science, too, is a global phenomenon, especially useful in poor or remote areas where accurate meteorological data are hard to come by. In such places, citizen scientists are the best way to collect data useful for local needs. In Bangladesh, farmers record temperature and humidity for the Transforming Climate Knowledge with and for Society (TRACKS) project to monitor how global warming harms the crops upon which they depend. In South Africa, villagers collect data on needed groundwater supplies via the Diamonds on the Soles of their Feet project.

Another promising aspect of citizen science is that it is being integrated into school curricula, introducing students worldwide to standardized measurements of climate change. Through Global Learning and Observations to Benefit the Environment (GLOBE), citizen scientist students have collected data to study how climate change has affected the earth's energy balance and the spread of mosquito-borne diseases.

Regardless of location, age or nationality, citizen scientists are heroes in the worldwide effort to combat global warming. There is a



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Smartphone apps help rural Alaskans monitor the effects of global warming on their far north ecosystems and beyond.

wealth of information online that can help anyone find citizen science projects by location and project type so that they can get involved. SciStarter.org or CitizenScience.gov are good places to start the search.

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S.O.C.K.S. from A1

then, FedChoice has grown stronger each year by serving all federal employees, retirees, and their immediate family and household members in the Washington DC, Baltimore and Philadelphia metro areas. FedChoice has over 24,000 members and \$430 million in assets.

Damon Jones, the founder of So Others Can Keep Striding (S.O.C.K.S.), volunteered to spend the night in a homeless shelter on a frigid winter night in 2013. To his surprise, the men spent a great deal of time discussing the value of clean, dry socks. They explained the importance of maintaining healthy feet as they are the primary means of transportation from one place to another. The idea for S.O.C.K.S. came to him in a vision while he slept at the shelter. He is pursuing the vision with tenacity and hitting the streets armed with socks to give away.

Morningside from A2

Leland Smith, Surrattsville basketball player

Leland Richard Smith, 76, Surrattsville High School grad, died Jan. 2. A native of Lincoln, Nebr., he grew up all over the world, ultimately graduating from Surrattsville. HS. He studied and played basketball for Siena College in upstate New York.

He treasured his time coaching, refereeing and organizing youth basketball in Warren, N.J., before retiring to Ocean Pines. Survivors include wife Mary, three sons and daughters-in-law, and eight grandkids. Services Feb. 3 were at New York Avenue Presbyterian Church.

Norma Delpire, registered nurse

Norma Delpire, married 68 years to the late Jim Delpire, died Sept. 17, 1922. Her memorial service was held April 20 at Oxon Hill United Methodist Church where she had been an active member. She joined the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps and graduated from Bellin Hospital School of Nursing (headquartered in Green Bay, Wisc.). She was an R.N. at Bellin and later at Southern Maryland Hospital Center. She enjoyed bowling and playing bridge, watching football, baseball and golf.

Survivors include three children, three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Milestones

Happy Birthday to Dwight Holloway Jr., May 7; Nora Harvey, Brandi Jeter and Buddy Ramsey, May 9; Gladys Locks, Shirley Eppard and Elijah Thomas, May 10; Carolyn Flaherty Fogle, May 11; Kyle Dameron, May 12; Henrietta Bookhart, Ted Harris and Micheal White, May 13.

Cardin from A4

gether. My profound thanks also to the most dedicated staff in all of Congress, many of whom have spent all or most of their career serving alongside me.

"I have run my last election and will not be on the ballot in 2024, but there is still much work to be done. During the next two years, I will continue to travel around the state, listening to Marylanders and responding to their needs. My top priorities include continuing our progress for the Chesapeake Bay, helping the people of Baltimore City deal with the challenges they face, and permanently expanding opportunities for telehealth, mental and behavioral health. As Small Business Chair, I will continue to work on behalf of small businesses in Maryland and across the country who still face a tough economic climate. We need to keep building up the tools available to help our small businesses, especially women-owned, veteran-owned, minority owned and underserved entrepreneurs. I plan to make the most of every moment left. #TeamMarylandForever."

First elected to the Maryland House of Delegates in 1968 while still in law school at the University of Maryland, Cardin served as Maryland Ways and Means Chair and then as one of the youngest Speakers in Maryland's history from 1979-1986. From 1987-2006, he represented Maryland's Third Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives and served for 17 years on the House Ways & Means Committee. Cardin was first elected to the U.S. Senate in 2006. He is completing his third term. In addition to his leadership of the Small Business Committee, Cardin is the second-ranking Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations and Environment & Public Works Committees. He also is a member of the Senate Finance Committee and is co-chair of the Committee on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission). Cardin served as ranking member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee from 2015-2018.

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