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Hagerstown Community College is one of several community colleges in Maryland that offers Dual Enrollment courses to high school students.

Growing Number of Maryland High School Students Earning College Course Credit

By CONNOR GLOWACKI
Capital News Service

ANNAPOLIS, MD—In an effort to find greater academic challenges and tackle future student debt, more Maryland high school students are taking college classes for credit—for some, a full semester of courses—in addition to their regular high school schedules.

In some Maryland counties, more than a quarter of the senior class is enrolled in a college course, and in some jurisdic-

tions, students are beginning four-year college with half their credits already completed.

"You have to be motivated. It takes discipline and hard work," Hagerstown Community College Director of Public Information Elizabeth Kirkpatrick said.

Called Dual Enrollment, students take college level classes that go toward both high school and college credit and, depending on the county, the community college and school system will pay either a portion or all of a student's tuition.

Overall, there are approximately 10,000 high school students involved in Dual Enrollment throughout Maryland. The number of high school students at community colleges in the state jumped by 20 percent in the fall 2014 semester compared to the previous year, according to Bernard Sadusky, executive director for the Maryland Association of Community Colleges.

Sadusky said that several factors account for the increase.

"First, the school systems and community colleges have

been marketing the opportunity better to students and families. And then the success of the programs," Sandusky said. "Parents are realizing that student debt has become a national discussion point and they are realizing that this is the most affordable thing you can get. Parents and students are fearful of being in debt."

Approximately 5,453 high school seniors—9 percent of the

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Fort Washington, Md. Native Serves Aboard Guided Missile Destroyer in Spain

By Amanda Rae Moreno
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ROTA, SPAIN—A 2005 Friendly High School graduate and Fort Washington, Maryland native is serving in the U.S. Navy aboard the guided missile destroyer, *USS Donald Cook*.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Darrin Gordon is an operations specialist aboard the forward-deployed Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer operating out of Rota, Spain. Donald Cook is one of four destroyers homeported in Rota.

A Navy operations specialist is responsible for helping main-



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Darrin Gordon

tain the good surface picture which means they keep the ship

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2016 Prince George's County Housing Fair Returns June 11th

By Press Officer
PG County Government

LARGO, MD—According to the *Washington Business Journal*, "Prince George's County continues to see one of the strongest housing rebounds in the region." That's why it important to mark your calendar and make plans to attend the annual Prince George's County Housing Fair on Saturday, June 11th from 9 AM to 3 PM at the Sports and Learning Complex, 8001 Sheriff Road, Landover, MD. The Housing Fair is pre-

sented by the Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and the Housing Authority of Prince George's County and sponsored by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, Bank of America and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

Housing Fair attendees will have an opportunity to meet with housing industry profes-

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Pirates Have Landed at National Harbor

Urban Pirates Sailed in to National Harbor for Swashbuckling Adventure

By PRESS OFFICER
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NATIONAL HARBOR, MD—Pirates have landed at National Harbor as Urban Pirates sailed in to provide a fun, new entertainment venue on the National Harbor waterfront. Family Adventure Cruises on the Urban Pirate ship run on weekends-only through June 15 (schedule then changes to seven days per week) and includes interactive pirate activities for the whole family—games, songs, blasting of the water cannons, and a hunt for stolen treasure. Pirate vests, tattoos and drawn-on facial hair are included and participants are also encouraged to wear their own pirate dress, if they'd like.

Each cruise runs one-and-a-half hours with the first half-hour spent on boarding activities followed by an hour of sailing out on the Potomac River. Boarding takes place at the Capital Wheel Pier at National Harbor. The cost is \$22 per person for ages 3 and up, \$12 for children 2 and under.

There are also group ticket rates and birthday adventures.

For adults, there are B.Y.O.G. (bring your own grog) cruises that run on Thursdays (6 and 8 p.m.), Fridays and Saturdays (6, 8 and 10 p.m.) Cost is \$25 per person. The cruises feature swashbuckling fun with dancing, pirate vests and tattoos. Small coolers are welcome.

"We are delighted to be able to add this unique and fun pirate ship experience to the exceptional line-up of entertainment at National Harbor," said Bruce Gudenberg, vice president of marketing for National Harbor. In addition to the iconic Capital Wheel, soaring more than 180 feet with views of the D.C. monuments and the National Harbor Merry-Go-Round, National Harbor provides a wide array of shops including Tanger Outlets, restaurants and night life. The National Harbor MGM Casino is scheduled to open in late 2016 as well.

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EDC Partners With Galilee Community Development Corporation for a Small Business and Job Seekers Summit

By LORI VALENTINE
PGCEDC

SUITLAND, MD—Last Saturday, the Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) joined the Galilee Community Development Corporation (CDC) to "Activate Prosperity" for the businesses and residents around Suitland, Maryland at its 'Small Business and Job Seekers Summit'. More than 120 job seekers, local business owners and entrepreneurs showed up to learn how to connect with the more than 122,000 job opportunities in the Maryland Workforce Exchange database and to take advantage of the business development resources available through the EDC and its partners at the State and local levels.

"The EDC is committed to making a difference in the lives of County businesses and residents, and the Galilee Community Development Corporation is a great partner," said Jim Coleman, EDC President and CEO.

"The programs and resources the EDC has at its disposal are transformative. Every day we look for the next, best way to get this information into the hands of the job seekers and business owners in Prince George's County who are trying to make a difference for their families and their communities. The secret is out: Prince George's County is home to some of the top industry sectors in the country with more on the way. This means jobs, jobs and more jobs for our talented workforce. MY Job, is to ensure that they are ready for the challenge."

The Galilee Community Development Corporation (GCDC) works to foster local economic development and improve the overall quality of life for the community. The GCDC achieves this by providing affordable housing, education, entrepreneurship and business development, as well as community and economic revitalization, for the economically and socially disadvantaged families in the area.



PHOTO COURTESY LORI VALENTINE

EDC President and Chief 'Excitement' Officer Jim Coleman with small business owners and entrepreneurs at Galilee Baptist Church.

"We are excited here at Galilee about the EDC Summit taking place today. This is all a part of our Pastor's vision," said Dennis Monroe, Vice Chair of the Deacon Board at Galilee Baptist Church. "Because of Pastor McGriff, we are working to reach and revitalize our community through our

GCDC under the direction of Ms. Louise Miles and Ms. Adeline Tatum. We hope that today will be the first of many interactions with the Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation."

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Building Strong Children Today for a Strong Nation Tomorrow

The Children's Defense Fund 2015 report, *Ending Child Poverty Now*, shows policy solutions to ending child poverty in our nation already exist and can be implemented without delay if politics and greed can be overcome by a commitment to help children.

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Comptroller Franchot's IT Shield Against Fraudulent Returns Touted as Superior State Program

Use of the new strategy also enabled the agency to identify more than 60 tax preparation firms sending a high number of questionable returns. Those firms were then informed that the agency no longer would process returns from them.

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Movie Review: *The Huntsman: Winter's War*

And hey, guess what? Ravenna is back! Not dead after all! She was hanging out in the mirror or something. You may recall that she had a brother in the first movie, gentleman by the name of Finn, who helped her out a lot and never mentioned that he had another sister.

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Earth Talk

Dear EarthTalk:

Why does Donald Trump think we should renegotiate the Paris climate agreement? And will he be able to pull it off if he does get elected President?

—Betsy Edgewater,
Dayton, OH

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Towns and NEIGHBORS

In and Around Morningside-Skyline

by Mary McHale 301 735 3451

Town Hall Meeting about Zika, June 17

The Prince George's County Health Department invites you to a community talk and panel discussion regarding the Zika virus on Friday, June 17, 10 a.m. until 12 noon, at the Southern Regional Technology & Recreation Complex, 7007 Bock Road in Fort Washington. All are invited.

There'll be information on prevention measures and breeding sites. Medical and public health experts will share tips for travel and pregnancy.

Dr. Howard Haft, Deputy Secretary of Public Health, DHMH (Department of Health and Mental Hygiene), will be the keynote speaker.

Coffee with Obie

Council Member Obie Patterson invites you a Community Coffee on Friday, June 10, 9 to 11 a.m., at the District VII Police Station, 11108 Fort Washington Road, Fort Washington.

Graduations

Rita Beall, of Morningside, has two grandchildren graduating this spring, both offspring of her son David: Stephanie Beall is graduating from McNamara High School.

Michael Beall is graduating from Immaculata University in Philadelphia with a degree in psych and will be going on to Villanova for his master's.

Alex Whisnant, of Morningside, graduated last year from George Washington University with a degree in psychology. He currently works with Lindamood-Bell International, helping young students develop the skills necessary for reading and comprehension. Next year he'll be with the Peace Corps. Alex is the son of Morningside's new mayor Benn Cann.

More school closings!

Here in Skyline we are mourning the closing of Skyline School. But we're not the only ones.

After 66 years, Mount Calvary School in Forestville is closing its doors at the end of the school year. There will be

a special Mass on Sunday, June 12, 10:30 a.m., celebrating the school's years of Catholic education and blessings.

Forestville High School is also shutting down this month due to the age of the school and falling enrollment. It opened in 1965 and is noted for its Military Academy magnet program, the only such program in the county.

Last week 200 Forestville seniors graduated. Principal Nathaniel Laney said, "This is not a funeral." He said he could not be sad at a graduation where a class had earned more than \$3 million in scholarships and "showed heart during adversity." Students who would have attended Forestville in the fall will be going to Suitland High School.

People

Mayor Bennard "Benn" Cann and Council Members Katie Frostbutter Blade and Sharon Fowler were sworn in May 16 by Rita Robinson, Deputy Clerk for Prince George's County. They join Vice Mayor Bradley Wade (newly-appointed by the Mayor) and Councilman Todd Mullins in the Town administration.

Six Morningside officials will soon be headed for the annual Maryland Municipal convention in Ocean City June 26-28.

Former Morningsiders Diane Zirkle and her brother Martin Miller, with their spouses, recently enjoyed a cruise to Cozumel, Mexico.

Bishop Martin D. Holley confirmed 18 teens at St. Philip's Church on April 23. A reception followed in the Parish Hall.

A woman who claimed to have a bomb secured to her chest entered Andrews Visitor Center shortly after 5 p.m. on May 12, and the area around the Main Gate was immediately put on lockdown. Emergency responders arrived and determined there was no explosive device. The lockdown was lifted after about 90 minutes.

Changing landscape

Last week the Senate Environment and Public Works

Committee passed a resolution authorizing \$759 million to construct an FBI headquarters. If either Landover or Greenbelt is finally chosen, it's estimated 11,000 new jobs will come to Maryland.

The Redevelopment and Revenue Authorities are taking the lead on the development of Suitland Manor and are investing \$50 million in infrastructure and property acquisition to build the new Suitland Town Center. This will be a 22-acre site within half a mile of the Suitland Metro Station and the Census Bureau. They anticipate completing the land entitlement planning by November 2016.

An airfield is being developed ...

A newspaper clipping from late 1942 tells how Joint Base Andrews started out: "From the ground that was woods and farmland six months ago, the Army is carving a huge airfield designed to protect the Washington-Baltimore area against enemy attack."

"The field, which sprawls over 4,360 acres of land in the Camp Springs-Meadows area in Prince Georges County ... will be the largest military airport in the East and possibly in the country. It is the first such project ever undertaken in winter ... On one day workers had to cut through four inches of ice to lay drainage pipes."

To be continued.

Milestones

Happy birthday to Fannie Dimes, Meghan Trexler Decker and Jennifer Jenkins McClelland, June 11; Keenus Clark and Shirley Proffhit, June 12; Aimee Crawford, Joel McCune and Cameron Nichols, June 13; Rep. Steny Hoyer, June 14; Kara Dameron, Dot Pfeil and June Zaccagnino, June 15; Helen Padgett and Lucia Scott, June 16.

Happy 45th anniversary to Kathy and Bob Elborne on June 12; to Jill and Ken Kimmel, their 18th on June 15; and to Ange and Marlyn Meoli, who'll celebrate their 54th on June 16.

Brandywine-Aquasco

by Audrey Johnson 301 888 2153

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

New Hope Fellowship Vacation Bible School will be June 20-24 from 6:00-8:00 PM at Nottingham Myers United Methodist Church. The address is 15601 Brooks Church Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772. Rev. Constance Smith is our Pastor. If you would like to attend contact Valerie at vpinkney258@gmail.

SUMMER CAMP

Call today 240-437-9614 if you are interested in attending Summer Camp 2016 from June 20th-August 19. Camp hours are 6:30 AM-6:00 PM for ages 2-12. Meals will be provided. The Camp offers swimming, arts & crafts, outdoor games, sundae Fridays and many more activities.

GWYNN PARK MS and GWYNN PARK HS

Gwynn Park Middle School Dance Team and Gwynn Park High School Dance and Cheer Teams competed in the U.S Finals Dance and Cheer competition on May 8 in Virginia Beach.

Gwynn Park Middle School competed in Hip-Hop and Jazz

categories and received 1st place in both categories. Gwynn Park High School Junior Varsity completed in Pom category and received 1st place. Gwynn Park High School Varsity completed in Hip-Hop and Pom categories and received 1st place in Hip-Hop and 4th place in Pom. Gwynn Park High School Varsity and Junior Varsity teams both received first place. Congratulations to all teams.

CAR & BIKE SHOW

New Hope Fellowship presents Car & Bike Show August 27, 2016 at Department of Maryland Southern Maryland District Youth Camp. Address is 9201 Surratt's Road, Cheltenham, Maryland 20623. Trophies awarded in multiple categories. All final decisions are made by the Judges.

Cost: Car participants pay \$25, Bike participants: \$15, spectators: \$5; 10 & under free. Times: Register 9-12, judging start at 12:15 PM, awards at 3:15 PM. Spectators all day.

Vendor space available; \$30 request by email:

NMUMC@msn.com. Food will be available, hot dog, chip & drink cost \$3.00, fish dinner \$10, chicken dinner \$10, and water or soda \$1. Contact us for more information: NMUMC@msn.com or egbrown15@verizon.net or jjmwilliams@gmail.com or w.moze@att.net.

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH

Join us Friday, June 17, 2016 and Friday, June 24, 2016 for line dancing at St. Phillip's Church. The time is 7:00 PM-9:00 PM. Church address is 13801 Baden Westwood Road, Brandywine, Maryland 20613-8426. Cost is \$3.00. If you need more information, please call 301-888-1536.

HORSEBACK RIDING CAMP

Baden Community Center offers a horseback riding camp that includes horse care, riding instructions and various other activities at Hideaway Horse Center. The address is 12301 Crossroad Trail, Brandywine, Maryland. Please call 301-782-3200 if you need additional information.

Neighborhoods

Edwards Statement on H.R. 897, Zika Vector Control Act

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Today, Congresswoman Donna F. Edwards (MD-4) delivered the following statement on the Floor of the House of Representatives on H.R. 897, the Zika Vector Control Act. The legislation was considered under suspension of the rules, a parliamentary procedure requiring a vote of two-thirds of the Members present and voting that is usually reserved for considering non-controversial measures expeditiously. H.R. 897 was defeated under suspension by a vote of 262-159.

Below is an excerpt from Rep. Edwards' statement as prepared for delivery:

Mr./Madam Speaker, I rise in STRONG opposition to the House considering H.R. 897, the Reducing Regulatory Burdens Act, that House Republicans have incorrectly and misleadingly renamed the "Zika Vector Control Act."

In past Congresses, my colleagues on the other side of the aisle have used the public health emergency de jour as rationale to pass and enact this legislation into law. At one time they cited West Nile Virus, the next western wildland fire suppression, and last Congress it was the drought. Now, in nothing less than a purely political move, Republicans are considering this bill on suspension, but under the guise of combatting the spread of Zika.

Let's be clear, this bill has nothing to do with Zika or trying to stop the threat of the Zika virus. And despite claims made by my colleagues to the contrary, the permit already in effect allows spraying for Zika or other mosquito control programs.

H.R. 897 is simply another attack on the Clean Water Act as part of the Republican's anti-environmental, deregulatory agenda.

I urge my colleagues to vote down today's legislation and let us take up full funding of the President's \$1.9 billion emergency funding request he made in February. If we did so, we would be fulfilling our duty as members of Congress to protect our nation and our constituent's public health.

MBA Announces Largest Maryland Food Bank Drive of 2016 at the Fourth Annual Council of Professional Women in Banking and Finance Conference

With the support of bankers across the state, the "Embrace Life, Nurture Success" food drive was the largest of the year for the Maryland Food Bank.

ANNAPOLIS, MD—At its annual conference held May 5 at Martin's West in Baltimore, Maryland Bankers Association's (MBA) Council of Professional Women in Banking and Finance announced the results of its 2016 philanthropic initiative, the "Embrace Life, Nurture Success" food drive. According to Beth Wedekind, events manager for the Maryland Food Bank, the total volume of food collected to date by 30 banks and organizations across the state is the largest food drive this year to date for the organization.



Congresswoman Donna F. Edwards

"We are inspired by this outpouring of support from the Maryland Bankers Association," said Beth Martino, president and CEO of the Maryland Food Bank. "As a result of this statewide food drive, the Maryland Food Bank will be able to distribute an additional 41,500 meals to individuals and families struggling with hunger."

The full-day conference brought together more than 300 professionals from across the mid-Atlantic region for presentations related to the "Your Life, Your Success" theme. Speakers included Doreen Dove, an image consultant who shared ideas for getting "your ask in gear;" Joanne L. Smikle, Ph.D. who offered insights on connectivity; and keynote speaker and broadcaster Gerry Sandusky, who talked about re-measuring success, with the rallying cry to "Live Now!"

At the conference, MBA also announced the following awards:

- 2016 Achievement Award: Barbara Multz, Trust Officer, Sandy Spring Bank
- 2016 Champion for Women Award: Michael L. Middleton, Executive Chairman, Community Bank of the Chesapeake
- 2016 Lifetime Achievement Award: Carissa L. Rodeheaver, Chairman, CEO & President, First United Bank & Trust
- 2016 Achievement Honors: Debbie Abbott, Senior Vice President at The Bank of Delmarva; Ellen Fish, Executive Vice President at Hamilton Bank; Mary Pat Fleming, Senior Vice President/Senior Operations Officer at Revere Bank; Melissa Quirk, President & Chief Operating Officer at Provident State Bank; Lisa Rhodes, Vice President of Retail Support at The Columbia Bank; and Kathy Stevens, Vice President & Client Relationship Officer at Middletown Valley Bank

"We could not be prouder of our members who received these prestigious awards, in addition to the many dozens of Maryland's banks who came together to make the food drive such a resounding success," said MBA President and CEO Kathleen Murphy. "We applaud their commitment to their personal and professional goals while maintaining a focus on giving back to the communities in which they serve."

Murphy says the event would not have been possible without the support of sponsors including

- Bank of America
- Capital One Bank

- Chesapeake Bank of Maryland
- CNB
- Community Bank of the Chesapeake
- Damascus Community Bank
- DBSI
- Frederick County Bank
- FHLBank Atlanta
- First United Bank & Trust
- M&T Bank
- Queenstown Bank of Maryland
- Sandy Spring Bank
- The Columbia Bank
- The Harbor Bank of Maryland
- Thomas Compliance Associates, Inc.
- Wells Fargo Bank

For questions or additional information on the Council of Professional Women in Banking and Finance 2016 Annual Conference, visit http://www.mdbankers.com/education_events/Council_of_Professional_Women_In_Banking_and_Finance.aspx, or contact Cindy Gentilcore at 443-837-1602 or by email at cgentilcore@mdbankers.com. Please direct all media inquiries and requests to Kathy Walsh at 410-420-2001 or by email at kathy.walsh@fallstongroup.com.

WSSC Successfully Sells \$181 Million in AAA-Rated Bonds

LAUREL, MD—WSSC successfully conducted two competitive bond sales on Tuesday, May 17, totaling approximately \$181 million. The sale of tax-exempt debt was split into two components: a \$145 million series of new money and a \$36.4 million series refunding existing debt.

"The success of this sale is a significant illustration of the market's continued confidence in WSSC's strong financial position," said Carla A. Reid, WSSC's General Manager/CEO. "These bonds provide funding that is vital to our long-term efforts to improve our infrastructure and provide world class water and wastewater service to our customers."

The \$145 million Consolidated Public Improvement Bonds of 2016 received seven bids. The winning bidder, Wells Fargo Bank, NA, offered a 2.81 percent true interest costs. The proceeds from this sale will be used to fund the Commission's capital improvement program, including the replacement and reconstruction of aging infrastructure.

The Commission also sold \$36,440,000 of Consolidated Public Improvement Refunding Bonds of 2016. This issue received eight bids, with the winning bidder, Bank of America Merrill Lynch, offering a 1.08 percent true interest cost. The proceeds from this sale will be used to refund outstanding bonds from 2006. This refunding will result in debt service savings of over \$5 million over the next nine years.

Both bond issues were rated AAA by Fitch Ratings, Moody's Investor Service and Standard & Poor's Ratings Service. The rating agencies also recently reaffirmed the Commission's AAA rating on its existing debt.

COMMUNITY

Practical Money Skills

By Nathaniel Sillin

Teach Money Skills to Your Middle Schooler This Summer

According to a 2014 University of Michigan Study, the average high school senior—who may already be juggling a part-time job in addition to their schoolwork—knows little about saving or proper money management.

In fact, they spend most of what they earn on entertainment and clothing—a pretty bad precedent for young adults heading off to college and the working world.

At that age, the money young teens earn in the summer usually comes from parents for household chores like mowing the lawn. Most parents never have a discussion with their kids about how to spend or save that money. Young teens generally don't think about whether something is a "want" or a "need"—it is typically a want, which would be spent on a game, candy or comics.

If you're the parent of a 12–14-year-old, that might give you pause—or provide a great opportunity to make a difference. Consider using this summer to stop your child's bad money habits before they kick in. After all, even though most middle schoolers are shy of legal working age, many begin to work at odd jobs that are starting to put money in their pockets you don't see.

Consider these steps for an informal summer money curriculum:

Introduce—or reinforce—the "Needs vs. Wants" talk. Maybe your child has a spending goal for the summer—new clothes, maybe a smartphone. It's all about intelligent money management, even if the goal is somewhat short-term. The "needs vs. wants" talk is all about delayed gratification, the foundational behavior of healthy money management. Link it to smart shopping, encouraging the teen to price-compare purchases, gather coupons and come up with other ways to save in print and online. It's also not a bad idea to let your child start suggesting thoughtful purchases when grocery shopping for your family. Before he or she can drive, you'll have a chance to discuss choices and spending while you're both in the store.

If they're not working, give them an opportunity to earn. If your middle schooler isn't picking up a few dollars babysitting or doing chores, come up with an earning opportunity for the summer. It could mean cleaning out the basement or garage or a project around the house that they can handle. It will provide you both with an opportunity to talk about what he or she will do with that extra income. If your child has an entrepreneurial spirit, encourage converting a hobby into a summer business. If they show empathy to help others, suggest they donate their time to help elderly neighbors with simple yard work.

Introduce the "bucket" system. It's hard to know what to save, spend, give or invest without a system. That's as true for adults as it is for kids. The "50-25-25" rule refers to setting aside 50 percent for everyday, non-discretionary expenses like school lunches or transportation, another 25 percent for savings and the remainder for discretionary purchases, better known as the latest smartphone your young teen says she or he can't live without. If your middle schooler still doesn't have a banking relationship, it's a good time to get started. A custodial checking account will allow you to see how your child is handling money and debit cards are a reliable means of tracking every cent. Also, for savings, you'll have the opportunity to introduce him or her to price-comparing accounts for features, savings rates and usage fees. Banking relationships should be treated like any smart purchase.

Discuss making a budget. Remind your children that if they want to maximize any part of the 50-25-25 system, they need to learn how to find value and stick to a budget. Most importantly, they need to know how to track their spending so they can stay within a budget. The number of mobile apps that allow people young and old to track their spending grows each year. Whether it's pen and paper or technology, let the teen find a budgeting solution they like. They'll be more inclined to use it and stick to a budget.

Consider being more transparent about your finances. There's no single right answer to the question of how much you should tell your children about your own finances, but keep in mind that they learn by both good and bad examples. It's important for young teens to know that anyone—even the most important adults in their lives—can make a great financial decision or a mistake. Speak openly about money, with the appropriate safeguards for personal and family privacy. Find a way to make your personal experiences part of the summer money conversation.

Bottom line: Middle schoolers may grumble they don't have access to the car keys or the cool clothes and technology that the older kids do. But they do have something more valuable—time to learn critical lessons about money. Use this summer to build their financial knowledge for a lifetime.

Pirates from A1

"This is a walkable mini-city that has something for everyone," added Gudenberg. "From stores for children such as Build-A-Bear and Peeps to great restaurants and a whole street, Fleet Street, of music and bars for adults, to our events that include movie



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Mikulski Measure Restoring Inurnment Rights of WASP at Arlington National Cemetery Signed Into Law by President Obama

Senator Championed Bipartisan Law to Recognize Service and Sacrifice of Marylander Elaine Harmon and All WASPs Who Served in the Defense of our Nation

By PRESS OFFICER
Office of Barbara Mikulski

WASHINGTON, D.C.—U.S. Senator Barbara A. Mikulski (D-Md.) praised President Obama's action today signing into law a bipartisan measure to reinstate inurnment rights for Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) at Arlington National Cemetery. The legislation is a companion bill to Senator Mikulski's bipartisan legislation with Senator Joni Ernst (R-Iowa). House legislation is sponsored by Congresswoman Martha McSally (R-Ariz.) and Susan Davis (D-Calif.).

A policy change made by the Army in 2015 currently prevents the WASP, who flew domestic military missions during World War II, from being inurned in Arlington. This law restores inurnment rights for WASP, Merchant Marines and other active duty designees.

"Today we have righted a terrible wrong so Women Airforce Service Pilots can once

and for all be laid to rest alongside our nation's patriots at Arlington National Cemetery," said Senator Mikulski, a member of the Senate Military Family Caucus. "I introduced this legislation to honor the service and sacrifice of WASP in defending our freedom. If they were good enough to fly for our country, risk their lives and earn the Congressional Gold Medal, they should be good enough for Arlington. I applaud President Obama for signing this into law, restoring this high honor they have earned and deserve."

Between 1942 and 1944, the WASP flew countless U.S. Army Air Force planes for non-combat service missions to free up their male counterparts for combat duty, totaling 1,704 women pilots. Unfortunately, 38 WASP lost their lives in the line of duty.

While the WASP were eventually granted veteran status in 1977 "for the purposes of all laws administered by the Veterans' Administration," it was not



PHOTO COURTESY OFFICE OF BARBARA MIKULSKI
On March 10, 2010, U.S. Senator Barbara A. Mikulski (D-Md.) meets with Marylander and Women Airforce Service Pilot Elaine Harmon at a ceremony awarding the Congressional Gold Medal to the WASP.

until 2002 that the Army allowed these women to have their ashes placed in Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors. In 2015, that honor was revoked by the Army. The family of Elaine Harmon, a WASP who passed away one year ago, has been working tirelessly to reverse the Army's decision.

In 2009, Senator Mikulski introduced legislation to award the WASP the Congressional Gold Medal, which is awarded by Congress and is bestowed for exceptional acts of service to the United States or for lifetime achievement. The WASP were awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in March 2010.

College from A1

12th-grade students in the state—were dually enrolled in a public high school and a Maryland postsecondary institution during the 2013–2014 academic year, according to a December 2015 report by the Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center. That was two percentage points more than during the 2012–2013 academic year, according to the report.

In the 2013–2014 academic school year, Washington County, which includes Hagerstown Community College, had the highest percentage of dually enrolled high school seniors of every Maryland jurisdiction, with 28 percent.

There are nine public high schools in Washington County and most of the students participate in Dual Enrollment through Hagerstown Community College.

Assistant Director of Recruitment and Admissions at Hagerstown Community College Kevin Crawford credited two different dual enrollment programs: Essence and Middle College.

Essence allows high school students to take Hagerstown Community College classes for half a day at their high school with professors from the college coming to teach.

Middle College allows students to take classes full-time at the community college for two years, receive an associate's degree by the time they graduate high school and also earn their diplomas.

The Middle College program is currently only available to public school students in Washington, Prince George's, Howard, and Baltimore counties, according to Maryland Association of Community Colleges Executive Director Bernard Sandusky.

A traditional Hagerstown Community College student would pay approximately \$9,540 in tuition to take all of the classes needed for an Associate's Degree, but dually enrolled students pay less. Washington County Public Students and Hagerstown Community College provide a 50 percent tuition discount for the first 12 credits that they take, saving them up to \$1,300. In addition, some dually enrolled students at Hagerstown Community

College earned STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) scholarships that range from \$500 to \$2,000 per semester, which affects how much more money each student ends up saving.

Overall, if a dually enrolled student at Hagerstown Community College receives only the initial discount from the school system, they would pay approximately \$8,200 for two years of classes to get an Associate's Degree, or \$4,100 per academic year, according to Hagerstown Community College Middle College Coordinator Teresa Thorn.

For the 2015–2016 academic year, the nationwide average tuition for a four-year private non-profit university was \$28,746 and the nationwide average tuition for a four-year public university nationwide was \$8,070, according to data from the U.S. Department of Education National Center for Education Statistics.

At the University of Maryland, College Park, a full-time in-state student paid approximately \$4,076 in tuition per semester during the 2015–2016 academic year, and up to 60 credits earned through Dual Enrollment at any Maryland community college can transfer to the university.

But the credits that are able to transfer over also depend on the type of Dual Enrollment class taken and whether it would fulfill a requirement for the student's major, according to the University of Maryland's Office of Undergraduate Admissions.

"They know they can save some money," Crawford said.

Nate Harrell, a 17-year-old senior at North Hagerstown High School in the Middle College program, said he plans to attend Liberty University in the fall to study engineering and explained that while certain financial advantages played a factor in participating in Dual Enrollment, he also felt that he could be challenged more academically by taking a college workload while in high school.

"I felt like a lot of my classes (in high school) were holding me back because they were so slow compared to what I could learn," Harrell said.

Natalie McHale, a 17-year-old senior also from North Hager-



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Nate Harrell, left, will have 75 percent of his credits transfer over to Liberty University this fall while Natalie McHale, right, will transfer all 73 of her credits from Hagerstown Community College to Clemson University.

stown High School who is in the Middle College and will attend Clemson in the fall to study engineering, said that compared to a high school that might have limited choices for Advanced Placement classes, the Middle College allowed her to take courses that she wanted to take.

"You can pick the classes you want to take," McHale said, "If you're interested in biology, you can take those."

Even though Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment courses can both offer students college credit, the way to obtain that credit is noticeably different between the two programs.

"For the AP, you have to take the AP test and pass it. Personally, I didn't pass mine so I couldn't get any credit for college," McHale said, "But going here, you automatically get the credit. It's a lot more work for a college class, but at least you get the credit."

Several administrative officials for Washington County Public Schools said that their schools have had a strong relationship with Hagerstown Community College.

Rachel Kurtz, a guidance counselor for Clear Spring High School in Clear Spring, said that the school has had a total of 35 students involved in dual enrollment courses this past year.

Jeff Stouffer, principal of Washington County Technical School in Hagerstown, said 31 students at his school are getting dual credit for a college algebra class.

National studies have also been conducted to show the differences between students involved in Dual Enrollment in high school and their future chances of academic success in college.

In one nationally representative sample of students who began postsecondary education in 2003, students who took Dual Enrollment courses ended up being 10 percent more likely to earn a bachelor's degree than their counterparts, according to a 2013 study by the University of Iowa.

In addition, about 82 percent of U.S. public high schools reported that some students were enrolled in a dual credit course in the 2010–2011 school year, according to the National Center for Education Statistics.

Hazel Ware, a 16-year-old senior at Charles Flowers High School in Springdale, is also about to graduate with a high school diploma and an associate's degree through Dual Enrollment at Prince George's County Community College.

Ware took college-level classes for subjects such as Spanish, music and statistics. She was recently accepted into the University of Maryland, College Park and the University of Pittsburgh, and has been waiting to hear back from several other universities including Stanford, Duke and the University of Chicago.

Even though she will have the opportunity to save money by

COMMENTARY

Cong. Chris Van Hollen House Democratic Minority Whip



Van Hollen Joins 177 House Democrats to Call on Speaker Ryan to Disband the Select Panel

WASHINGTON, DC—Today Maryland Congressman Chris Van Hollen joined 177 House Democrats to call on House Speaker Paul Ryan to disband the Select Investigative Panel due to continued, escalating abuses that jeopardize Americans' safety. The Panel's reckless disregard has escalated to include 36 subpoenas sent to researchers and health care providers. This includes a Maryland physician who the Panel recently identified by name in a press release, putting him, his staff, and his patients in real danger.

"The onus is on you to put an end to this witch hunt," the House Members said in a letter to Speaker Ryan. "You cannot continue to turn a blind eye to the serious risks presented by the panel and still claim to fulfill your responsibilities as Speaker. We implore you not to stand idly by while tax dollars are spent on a baseless investigation that endangers women, scientists, health providers, and others involved in women's health care and biomedical research."

The Panel's investigation has never been fair or fact-based. Through unilateral subpoenas, Chairman Marsha Blackburn is trying to force universities and clinics to turn over the names of their researchers, graduate students, lab and clinic staff, and doctors for no legitimate congressional reason. Many people contacted by the Panel have expressed fear for their safety if identified in connection with this investigation, with some repeatedly described by the Chairman and other Republicans in misleading and inflammatory terms.

The Members of Congress have requested a written response from Speaker Ryan by June 6th.

The full text of the letter is below:

May 24, 2016

The Honorable Paul D. Ryan
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Ryan,

On February 2, 2016, the House Pro-Choice Caucus sent you a letter urging you to disband the Select Investigative Panel (the Panel). Democratic members of the Panel and numerous leaders in both the House and Senate joined the Pro-Choice Caucus in this call. Today, because of continued abuses which jeopardize the integrity of the House and the safety of Americans, the undersigned House Democrats write once again to respectfully ask you to put a stop to this behavior and disband the Panel.

While the Panel's investigation has never been fair or fact-based, its pattern of reckless disregard for safety has escalated over the past few weeks. From the beginning, Chair Marsha Blackburn has used her unilateral subpoena power to intimidate scientific researchers, doctors, clinics, health care providers, universities, and other entities. On May 11, 2016, the majority reached a new low when it posted a press release identifying a doctor and his clinic by name. The press release's hyperbolic rhetoric and misleading allegations pose a real danger to the doctor, the staff at the clinic, and the patients of the named

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Did Me, And Paid For It A New Book for Single Mothers.

UPPER MARLBORO, MD—According to the most recent Census Bureau data, there are approximately 13.7 million single parents in the United States, raising about 22 million children. The majority of single mothers did not plan to raise children on their own. Some were married and divorced, others were never married, representing just about 38% of single mothers.

The *Did Me and Paid for It* book was written to help single mothers to take control of their lives so that they can place their family in a better position to thrive. The struggle is real. Ms. Luckey understands the unique challenges that single mothers often face. She offered the strategies that worked for her to successfully raise her children. The author deals with topics such as co-parenting communication, self-care, finances, and dating. The author's hope is that single mothers reading her book will gain insight and wisdom so that they will not lose themselves, continue to press forward toward their goals, and raise thriving children.

In her transparency, first time author Marquieta Luckey shared the intimate and sometimes painful account of her young life ... that led to her becoming a mother at 16 years old. Ms. Luckey told her story about how she got there and how she made it out. Luckey was purpose-driven. With sheer determination, she wrote out her goals, and one by one, attained each one. She graduated from college and became a home owner.

Did Me and Paid for It is a discussion instrument for single-mother support groups, counselors guiding single mothers, and for single parent advocates.

Marquieta Luckey has been working with teenagers and young mothers for almost 10

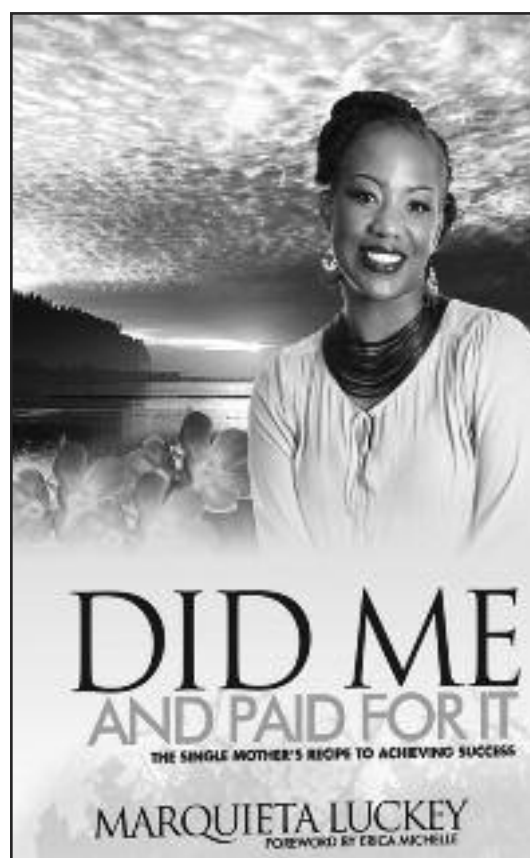


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Marquieta Luckey's new book, *Did Me and Paid for It*.

years. She completed her undergraduate studies at University at the District of Columbia, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work. Ms. Luckey is a single parent of a teenage girl and a young son.

For more information about the book and the author, please visit her website at www.didme-andpaidforit.com



The Train at Watkins Park

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Child Watch

by Marion Wright Edelman



Building Strong Children Today for a Strong Nation Tomorrow

"It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men."
—Frederick Douglass

Pediatricians aren't usually day-to-day policy makers but policy decisions affect the work they do every day as frontline caregivers for our nation's children. That's why I was extremely pleased the official journal of the Academic Pediatric Association (APA) recently devoted an entire supplement to a pressing policy crisis affecting pediatricians, public health workers, teachers and all of us and the nation's future: child poverty in America. As *Academic Pediatrics* put it: "Childhood poverty creates long-lasting, often permanent, physiologic changes through constant exposure to threats such as malnutrition, acute and chronic disease, toxic stress, social deprivation, and lack of opportunity."

The editors add: "Children remain the poorest members of our society even in good times, with rates that are unacceptably high for a developed nation. This situation is not an inevitable fact of life. The United States is a nation that knows how to use policies and programs to raise its citizens out of poverty." I agree! The Children's Defense Fund 2015 report, *Ending Child Poverty Now*, shows policy solutions to ending child poverty in our nation already exist and can be implemented without delay if politics and greed can be overcome by a commitment to help children. By expanding investments in nine existing policies and programs that work we could shrink overall child poverty 60 percent, Black child poverty 72 percent, and improve the economic circumstances for 97 percent of poor children.

Academic Pediatrics' editors offered this single issue volume to help empower pediatricians, community and national leaders, policy makers and advocates to courageously address child poverty now. "Underlying this agenda are: 1) a belief that social justice demands both a robust safety net and universal opportunity for social mobility; 2) an acceptance of a broad definition of health that goes beyond well-being and focuses on the accu-

mulation of human capital; 3) a recognition that social determinants of health impact and outweigh traditional health care for most children, and that health care must radically transform in response; and 4) a desire to eliminate, now and for the generations that follow, the health inequities that divide us. Pediatricians are in a unique position to help poor children both directly in their practices and as trusted advocates for children in the public arena. They must work with leaders in education, social service programs, government, and business—virtually every sector of society that collectively has a strong stake in addressing the problem of child poverty. For whom are these children not our children? And for whom is the time to engage not now?"

It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men, Frederick Douglass wisely wrote a long time ago. As the wealthy and powerful but morally anemic nation I believe we are, it is way past time to commit to ensuring that all our children's basic needs are met. Solutions to child poverty in our boastfully wealthy nation exist if we are willing to invest in them. So mothers and grand-

mothers and all in America must create that public will in this election year and for as long as it takes to end child poverty in America. It will require all of us working together with urgency and persistence. Pediatricians lend such a powerful respected voice for ending child poverty. I am so grateful for the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommendation this past March that all pediatricians ask about poverty in patient visits and urge state and federal lawmakers to expand existing housing, food, and health programs. As AAP President Dr. Benard Dreyer said, "Poverty is the most serious non communicable disease that children have — and it's the most common." This journal supplement forcefully reinforces the why and how for acting now.

I was pleased to contribute a commentary sharing some of the Children's Defense Fund's proposed solutions which we know reduce child poverty and promote opportunity. For example, children with access to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, or food stamps) are more likely to finish high school and are less likely

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The American Counseling Association's Counseling Corner

Managing Anger As a Parent

We parents love our children, yet there are times when they really push our anger button. While anger almost never fixes problems, it takes planning to control anger and to react in an appropriate and positive way.

As parents we all have a very strong need to be in control. We have expectations for our children, especially about the way they should behave, and when they fall short of these expectations, sometimes in spectacular ways, we feel upset, disappointed, and often very angry.

Sadly, expressing that anger does nothing to strengthen the relationship we have with our child and seldom does it improve the future behavior of the child. Anger directed at a young child will most likely upset and confuse the child, but not necessarily change things for the better. With an older child, a show of anger is a good way to ensure that he or she will try hard to hide the next mistake rather than be comfortable with admitting a mistake.

To better control your anger with your child, it's important to recognize when that anger is suddenly building. This allows you to take steps to control your anger rather than simply lashing out at your child.

An immediate step might be to take some distracting action that gives you a moment or two to calm down. Taking a few deep breaths, counting to ten, or simply walking away for a few minutes are all ways to put a little distance between your anger and the subject of that anger.

You next want to try and feel some empathy and compassion for your child. Realize that whatever mistake was made, by now your child realizes it was a mistake and may be feeling upset or depressed or angry with himself or herself for what has happened. What the child doesn't need is an angry parent piling on guilt.

Instead, it's more helpful (and healthful) for both you and your child to let your anger take a back seat to a rational discussion of what has happened, why it happened and why you are upset. By limiting your immediate angry reaction you are allowing your child to recognize and assume responsibility for the mistake that was made.

Out-of-control parental anger signals a need for self-examination. If you can't control your anger, consider discussing the issue with a professional counselor specializing in anger management.

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clinic. These recent steps are completely outside the bounds of acceptable Congressional behavior. We disgrace ourselves by allowing this misconduct to continue.

The most recent subpoenas are only the latest in a series of aggressive tactics that constitute a virtually unprecedented abuse of Congressional power, perhaps only matched by the McCarthy hearings of the 1950s. To this day, the Panel still lacks credible evidence to support its case that any federal laws were broken. Yet the Chair and majority staff continue to harass individuals, researchers, clinics, and health care facilities, issuing a total of 36 subpoenas so far, often without reaching out to the subject of the subpoena to ask for voluntary compliance first or without giving subjects sufficient time to comply. Congress simply has no business "prosecuting" these unfounded allegations.

The danger posed by the Panel is real and serious. There is a long and undeniable history of violence against women's health care clinics, physicians, and patients. As recently as November 27, 2015, a gunman murdered three people and injured nine others at a Planned Parenthood clinic in Colorado Springs, repeating the "baby parts" rhetoric pushed by the very members of Congress

leading this investigation. Despite this horrific event, the same inflammatory language has been used repeatedly during Panel hearings, in communications with the press, and in other documents. The majority has also refused to take necessary steps to protect the names and privacy of those subject to the investigation. Indeed, some names and targets have already been publicly disclosed. We are deeply disappointed by the majority's decision to continue down this road despite these well-known risks.

As Speaker of the House, you have a unique role and special responsibilities in our government. We—as well as counsel for witnesses called before the Panel—have tried numerous times to express our concerns and see to it that they are addressed. These pleas have been met with silence. The onus is on you to put an end to this witch hunt. You cannot continue to turn a blind eye to the serious risks presented by the Panel and still claim to fulfill your responsibilities as Speaker. We implore you not to stand idly by while tax dollars are spent on a baseless investigation that endangers women, scientists, health providers, and others involved in women's health care and biomedical research. We respectfully ask that you respond to this letter in writing no later than June 6, 2016.

Comptroller Franchot's IT Shield Against Fraudulent Returns Touted as Superior State Program

Fraud Identifying Model Honored at Trade Journal Meeting

By PRESS OFFICER
Office of the Comptroller

ANNAPOLIS, MD—The Maryland Comptroller's Office was one of the winners of a "StateScoop 50 Award" in the category of State IT Program announced earlier this month, for devising a computerized sleuthing system to identify tax returns that likely are fraudulent. Catching fraudulent returns before paying out tax refunds has saved Maryland taxpayers millions of dollars and has also freed up tax examiners to help taxpayers working on legitimate returns.

"I'm extremely proud of my team of experts working to catch fraudsters, and in the process, protecting the people of Maryland. This well-deserved award is for designing the technological equivalent of a better mousetrap," said Comptroller Peter Franchot. "We will continue to get better and better at stopping fraud—and the con artists who think they can get away with it should be on notice."

The StateScoop 50 Awards "highlight the best and brightest in the state IT community," the organization reported. The awards "honor innovators, innovative initiatives and up-and-



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Joining Comptroller Peter Franchot, center, in accepting the award are from left: Assistant Director of the Bureau of Revenue Estimates (BRE) David Van Remoortere; BRE Director Andrew Schauffele; Deputy Comptroller Sharonne Bonardi; IT Assistant Director Robin Aro; and Kathy Henry, manager of the Special Projects Section in the Revenue Administration Division.

coming leaders in state and local government." Recipients were selected in an online vote open to anyone and marketed to state and local government IT professionals. More than 80,000 votes were cast.

The winners were honored May 4 with a reception at the Hyatt Regency in Baltimore during the National Association of State Chief Information Officers midyear conference.

The Office of the Comptroller "red flagged" fraudulent tax returns using a new set of identifying metrics that improved the accuracy performance significantly—meaning that returns the system flagged as fraudulent continued to be labeled fraudulent after individual review by expert examiners. Use of the new strategy also enabled the agency to identify more than 60 tax preparation

firms sending a high number of questionable returns. Those firms were then informed that the agency no longer would process returns from them.

StateScoop provides news on state IT activities on its website. It is part of Scoop News Group, which also publishes FedScoop and EdScoop. For more information about the awards, see StateScoop on the web at www.StateScoop.com.

Summit from A1

Key executives from the EDC Team shared specific information on the financing programs, training programs and the small business development services available to help entrepreneurs and small business owners obtain supernatural abundance.

EDC Chief of Staff Britta Vander Linden led one of the small business seminar topics on how to become a celebrity and leverage the power of free media to grow your business.

"Each of our small businesses has the power to become celebrities! Gaining exposure in the media can add tremendous value to a small business by increasing their name recognition, establishing their credibility and building their brand to potential customers," said Vander Linden. "One of the services we provide at the EDC is teaching our small business owners how to secure media exposure at no cost and then how to leverage that exposure to achieve revenue growth for their companies."

EDC Team members also discussed how to write a re-

sume, what job seekers should and should not do when going after a job, and how to successfully re-enter the workforce as an ex-offender.

"Our goal is to attract and retain high-demand, well-paying companies to Prince George's County," said Walter Simmons, EDC Interim Director of Workforce Development Services. "To be successful in this endeavor, we need to reach as many people as possible to ensure they have the training, the capacity and the skills that are ready to occupy these positions. Our partnership with the U.S. Department of Labor and the State of Maryland allow us to provide training and workforce assistance at no cost to County residents to put them on the path to career success."

The EDC launched its 'Activate Prosperity' initiative at the beginning of 2016. This dynamic initiative is a year-long campaign to raise awareness about the EDC's portfolio of services and programs to promote economic empowerment in Prince George's County. Saturday's Summit

demonstrated the critical need for this kind of initiative in the County and provided tangible solutions for job seekers, entrepreneurs and small businesses to achieve supernatural abundance.

"Today's Job Seeker workshop was very informative. I was able to get more information about my resume, how to do interviews and the resources available in the One Stop Career Center," said Marcus C. Archibald, Sr. "If you're sitting home doing nothing, it's best to give the One Stop Shop a call. They can set you up with an appointment to show you how to get a job, even for retired veterans like me. I have already given them my resume and I will be there on Monday."

More than 50 local small business owners jammed into the Small Business workshop to hear how they could increase their revenue, workforce and branding by partnering with the EDC.

"My company has recently relocated from New Jersey to the Prince George's County area and we are glad that we attended today's workshop," said Trina Byrd, owner of T-Bird Training and

Consulting. "We have been in business for more than 20 years, but the information we received today, particularly about getting in the media for free, was something I had never heard before. What really impressed me were the presenters. They were very excited and we got the personal feeling that they truly want to help you."

Business owners seeking to learn more can tune in to a free webinar led by Britta Vander Linden this Wednesday, May 18th from 1:00pm to 1:30pm. Go to www.pgcedc.com/events to register.

For more information on how to gain access to capital, get assistance in writing a business plan and other business support services, contact Kisha Logan, Small Business Services Manager at 301-583-4650 or kvlogan@co.pg.md.us.

For more information on how to identify job opportunities, register for job training and certification or career development workshops, contact Walter Simmons, Interim Director of Workforce Development Services at 301-618-8400 or wsimmons@co.pg.md.us.

Fair from A1

sionals, such as mortgage lenders, realtors, rental property managers, housing counselors, banks, non-profit organizations and various government agencies. The MD Department of Housing and Community Development will host its Mortgage Late, Don't Wait Program, bringing in major mortgage bank servicers to discuss options with homebuyers trying to avoid foreclosure. The Fair will also hold workshops on finan-

cial literacy, foreclosure alternatives, managing your money and more.

This year, two expert panel discussions will open up the Housing Fair: Condominium Ownership: Know Your Rights and the Laws. Many first time homebuyers purchase condominiums without knowing or understanding the governance behind them. This panel will enlighten potential homebuyers considering the purchase of a condo and answer questions for those who have already

made their purchase. Also, the return of the popular panel, Ask the Experts: Understanding the Value of Your Home, Knowing When to Buy and When to Sell. Last year, there was standing room only to hear this free advice from the industry experts.

DHCD will present its House Lottery this year and give pre-qualified applicants a chance to win up to \$10,000 toward the purchase of their first home. During the Mid-Day Event, Prince George's

County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III will draw the names of 4 winners at 12:00 noon. Applicants can download an application from the First Time Home Buyers House Lottery web page and submit it to Ms. P. J. Gardner via e-mail at: pjgardner@co.pg.md.us before 12:00 noon on Friday, June 10th or applicants can submit their application on-site at the Housing Fair before 11:00 a.m. All applicants must be present at the Housing Fair during the drawing to win.

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Movie Review

The Huntsman: Winter's War

The Huntsman: Winter's War
Grade: D
Rated PG-13, action-fantasy
violence, general idiocy
1 hr., 54 min

The Huntsman: Winter's War is one of THOSE movies, the kind that are very trendy right now, where we start with a narrator saying, "You think you know this story, BUT YOU DON'T! There is a whole different story that you've never seen, because we just made it up!" And then you watch, and it actually is like a lot of stories that you've seen before, and you think: Why is life so full of deception and despair?

Three-quarters of the movie is an unsolicited sequel to *Snow White and the Huntsman*, which ended with the titular princess destroying the wicked queen and returning the kingdom to peace and prosperity. But the first 30 minutes are an unsolicited prequel to that movie, setting the stage for the sequel, which it turns out doesn't involve Snow White. Got it?

You see, years ago, wicked queen Ravenna (Charlize Theron) had a sister, Freya (Emily Blunt), who was betrayed by her secret boyfriend and became an ice queen, shooting ice out of her fingertips and turning a whole section of the kingdom into a cold, forbidding realm. (See? Totally unlike any story you've heard before!) Soured on love forever, Freya decided to become a warlord (warlady), raising an army of orphans (or possibly children she has stolen from their parents; it's unclear which) to become huntsmen and huntswomen. Two of these children grew up to be Eric (Chris Hemsworth) and Sara (Jessica Chastain). They fell in love, even though love was forbidden in Queen Freya's Bittertopia, and Sara got killed, the end.



Freya the Ice Queen (Emily Blunt) brings her sister Ravenna (Charlize Theron) back to life, and the powerful evil siblings plan to conquer the Enchanted Forest. Only the Huntsman (Chris Hemsworth) and his secret lover Sara (Jessica Chastain) can stop them in this sequel continuing the inventive twist on the Snow White fable.

Now, several years after the events of *Snow White and the Huntsman*, it is discovered that the Magic Mirror isn't just Magic, it is also Evil. Queen Snow White tried to get rid of it, but somehow it fell into the hands of goblins. (Since Kristen Stewart did not return for the film, this information is delivered to us by her friend William, played by Sam Claflin, who returned for the film for two minutes then went home.) Eric the Huntsman and his dwarf friends, Nion (Nick Frost) and Gryff (Rob Brydon), must find the mirror before Queen Freya does, as surely she would use its evil for her own evil purposes of evil.

And hey, guess what? Ravenna is back! Not dead after all! She was hanging out in the mirror or something. You may

recall that she had a brother in the first movie, gentleman by the name of Finn, who helped her out a lot and never mentioned that he had another sister. Well, you should stop recalling that, because Finn doesn't exist anymore. Anyway, Ravenna is back.

And hey, guess what also? Sara is back, too! Not dead after all! Eric is overjoyed beyond words to learn this, but Ravenna played tricks with their minds and made Sara blame Eric for "abandoning" her. Even after Sara learns the truth, she refuses to love Eric again, but then suddenly she does after all, the end.

This dispirited, portentous goulash of mediocrity was written by Evan Spiliotopoulos (a veteran of many bad straight-to-video Disney sequels) and Craig Mazin (who wrote the *Hangover* films), directed by first-timer

Cedric Nicolas-Troyan (who was in charge of visual effects on *Snow White and the Huntsman*). It has the aura of a movie that was very expensive but poorly thought-out, full of sequences that don't advance the plot or in any other way justify their existence.

Chris Hemsworth is plenty charming, but it feels like he's working alone most of the time. His dwarf sidekicks are loathsome, the she-dwarfs they recruit (Sheridan Smith and Alexandra Roach) are merely sidekick-sidekicks, and Jessica Chastain is stuck playing a character whose actions and motivations rarely make sense. Our villainesses, despite being played by two more sensational actresses, barely register. Who'd have thought we'd miss Kristen Stewart so much?

College from A3

graduating high school and college at a quicker rate, Ware also said the impetus to take college credit classes early was to challenge herself academically.

"For me, it's more of wanting to get a head-start," Ware said, "I'm thinking of attending a private school so the courses may not necessarily transfer over and that's fine. I just wanted to gain the experience that I need in order to do well in college."

In Maryland, public institutions of higher education are permitted to accept students who have completed at least seventh grade and if they have obtained a certain score on a nationally accepted college entrance exam, such as the SAT or ACT, according to the Maryland State Department of Education.

State Sen. James Rosapepe, D-Prince George's, sponsored a bill this past legislative session that would award high school and college credit to middle school students for taking college classes through Dual Enrollment. Rosapepe said that the state and individual counties wouldn't have to pay anything for the bill and that counties would continue paying the same amount of money that they are paying now for Dual Enrollment programs. The bill successfully passed unanimously in both the Maryland Senate and Maryland House of Delegates during the 2016 General Assembly session.

However, there is some concern that some students are not ready to take Dual Enrollment courses over the traditional Advanced Placement classes available in high schools.

University of Maryland, College Park Director of Undergraduate Admissions Shannon Gundy said she wants to make sure students are doing Dual Enrollment for the right reasons and that only the appropriate students are taking the courses.

"If we are talking about students that really are gifted and really are academically talented that can move at an advanced pace and are ready to take college level courses and prepare to do well in them, that's one thing," Gundy said. "When we have students that are really just trying to eat up college credits like Pac-Man, and they may not be prepared and may not have exhausted the opportunities that were available for them within their high school, then that does give me some pause."

Gundy also said that it's difficult to understand the motive for a student to take community college courses if their high school already offers a challenging curriculum where they earn college credit. She said that the purpose and advantage in going to high school and using the high school's resources is to build a solid academic foundation.

"It also allows students time to grow and mature, to develop the skills that they're going to need in order to be successful in a college classroom and there's

a disadvantage to rushing that," Gundy said.

Connor Norton, an 18-year-old senior at North Hagerstown High School in the Middle College program who will attend McDaniel College in the fall, disagreed and said that he thought it was a good thing getting several college credits out of the way early.

"We're saving a bunch of money and that's a big factor to most people," Norton said.

In Prince George's County, the school system has paid an increasing amount of money for the Dual Enrollment program in recent years. When Dual Enrollment began in the county, in the 2012-2013 fiscal year, the school system spent \$20,332. That number increased to \$69,092 in 2013-2014, and to \$299,048 in 2014-2015.

During this current fiscal year, which ends on June 30, the county school system spent approximately \$487,299 on Dual Enrollment, according to information provided by Maryland's Office of Budget and Management Services.

The growing cost is linked to the number of students participating in the Dual Enrollment program through Prince George's County Public Schools. In the 2014 school year, 29 students in the county participated in Dual Enrollment in the fall 2013 semester and 35 in the spring 2014 semester. Those totals jumped to 139 students in summer 2014, 252 in fall 2014, 289 in spring

2015, and 274 students for the past fall 2015 semester, according to information provided by Prince George's County Public Schools as a result of a Public Information Act request.

Ware said that with the college credits she amassed through Dual Enrollment in Prince George's County, she has saved \$6,520 and expects to save more in the future, by having to take fewer courses to get her degree at a four-year university.

"Thanks to the implementation of the Dual Enrollment program, I will graduate college early and most importantly, save a tremendous amount of money," Ware said.

Laura Palmer and Claire Galvin, both high school juniors enrolled in Hagerstown Community College's Middle College, said that a student needs to have dedication and a good work ethic in their classes in order to get the college credit. Galvin added that the Middle College allows the students to build their own academic foundation by giving them the experience on how to handle a college workload and that even if she has to retake a class later at a four-year school, she would already have knowledge to build from.

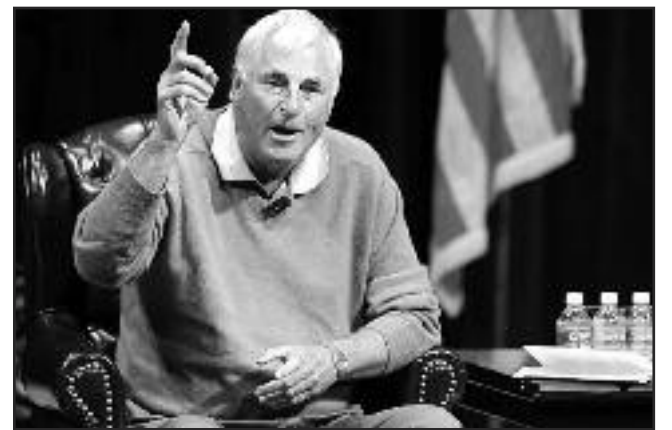
"I'm not sure if I'm going to go on with engineering, I may change, but I feel like everything I've taken here is going to help me later, even if it doesn't count for transferring," Galvin said.

"It's really a cheap way to find yourself, instead of going to a four-year and spending thousands and thousands," Norton said.

The Edge of Sports

by DAVE ZIRIN

Brotherhood of Bullies: Bob Knight Endorses Donald Trump



Currently, the US Commonwealth of Puerto Rico is fighting for its financial life, petitioning Congress to restructure its \$70 billion debt and file for bankruptcy. Hamilton creator and son of Puerto Rico Lin-Manuel Miranda took to *Last Week Tonight* with John Oliver to make a searing artistic plea to the House of Representatives to recognize the humanity and suffering of the Puerto Rican people. That was Sunday.

On Monday, Republican front-runner Donald Trump crowed about receiving an endorsement from someone who once said of Puerto Rico, "Fuck 'em. Fuck 'em all ... The only fucking thing they know how to do is grow bananas." This prized advocate said that upon leaving Puerto Rico, "I stood up, unzipped my pants, lowered my shorts and placed my bare ass on the window. That's the last thing I wanted those people to see of me."

This endorser with a Shakespearean gift for language is retired Hall of Fame college basketball coach Bob Knight. In 2000, after being fired from Indiana University for physically grabbing and cursing out an 18-year-old student, Knight said at a state fundraiser, "This will be the last time I speak in Indianapolis." But now, like his hero MacArthur returning to the Philippines, Knight will be riding back triumphantly on Trump's tank, speaking—according to Trump—alongside the candidate at an Indianapolis rally to carry the message that "the country is going to hell."

Knight's endorsement is, on one level, ready-made comedic fodder. Two temperamental old white guys shouting "get off my lawn" at the world. And what is Donald Trump's campaign but the political embodiment of Knight's own inability to control his adolescent impulses to curse out, choke, headbutt, and kick his teenage players? Then there is the moment that Knight is best known for: the throwing of that chair. It doesn't take Louis CK to observe that the GOP has evolved from being the party of grumpy old men talking to chairs to those who just toss them.

Both men also built a base of popularity by decrying the "political correctness" and "softness" of today's United States. We're all just so PC that we can't see the wisdom in Trump's belief that Mexico is sending "criminals, drug dealers and rapists" across the border or Knight's metaphorical advice from 1988: "if rape is inevitable, relax and enjoy it." (Knight has not grown out of rape metaphors with age.)

They both play the role of "tough guys," when it is far more apt to describe them as bullies attacking those whom they perceive as ripe, easy targets. Just as Donald Trump is literally giving nightmares to the immigrant children who go to my son's elementary school, Knight made his players afraid not because he was bigger or stronger but because he had power. That meant he could choke or punch them or shove used toilet paper in their faces, in full knowledge that they'd never be able to give it back. They both also—like so many "chickenhawks" of their generation—revere the US military as grown men, yet did what they had to do to stay out of the Vietnam War. I have no criticism of anyone who stayed out of Vietnam. But their calls for other people's children to die overseas make it matter. Perhaps that's why another word their critics use—often—to describe them both is "coward." Trump has been called a "coward" too many times to count during this campaign, perhaps most memorably by Ted Cruz, who used the phrase "sniveling coward" when Trump attacked his wife's appearance.

According to former NBA coach Butch Carter, who played at Indiana, Knight once screamed at a black player that he would end up like "all the rest of the n—— in Chicago, including your brothers." Carter calls Knight a "self-serving coward."

These stories are just the tip of the iceberg with Knight. His career is not marked by toughness but by thuggish entitlement, which in many respects make him absolutely perfect for Trump: the latest in a rogue's gallery of sports heroes who see Trump in themselves. Their connection is yet another example of sportswriter Bob Lipsyte's observation that Trump is "the exquisite exemplar of the worst features of jock culture. The bullying, the domination, the need to win, never say you're sorry, never apologize not even enough to win, but you have to dominate and stomp the opposition to the ground."

Even with Knight's extensive resume of awfulness, it is a powerful endorsement to roll out in Indianapolis. People at Indiana University say that the largest demonstration on

Calendar of Events

June 9 — June 15, 2016

G.E.A.R.: Jewelry Making

Date and Time: Thursday, June 9, 2016, 4–5:30 pm
Description: Calling all ladies! Learn how to make your own bracelet, necklace or create your own jewelry masterpiece.
Cost: Free with M-NCPPC Youth ID
Ages: 10–17
Location: Evansville Community Center
6813 Ammendale Road, Beltsville, MD
Contact: 301-937-6621; TTY 301-699-2544

Wellness: Walk and Talk with the Doc: Palmer Park Community Center

Date and Time: Thursday, June 9, 2016, 6:30–7:30 pm
Description: We know that walking is one of the best ways to stay healthy. It is also one of the best ways to connect with others! A local health care professional will lead a group walk, share wellness tips, and answer your questions. No registration is required. Just grab your tennis shoes and join the fun!
Cost: FREE
Ages: All Ages
Location: Palmer Park Community Center
7720 Barlowe Road, Landover, MD
Contact: 301-446-6800; TTY 301-699-2544

Public Reception:

35th Annual Invitational Sculpture Exhibition

Date and Time: Friday, June 10, 2016, 7–9 pm
Description: This annual exhibition of three-dimensional works and installation pieces will take place in the Main Gallery at Montpelier Arts Center.
Cost: Free
Ages: All ages welcome
Location: Montpelier Arts Center
9652 Muirkirk Road, Laurel, MD
Contact: 301-377-7800; TTY 301-699-2544

Sizzling Summer Concerts:

Joe Falero & The DC Latin Jazz Allstars

Date and Time: Friday, June 10, 2016, 8 pm
Description: Both jazz and Latin music lovers will find Joe Falero's vocals and the pulsating rhythms of The DC Latin Jazz Allstars irresistible.
Cost: \$20/person
Ages: All ages welcome
Location: Publick Playhouse
5445 Landover Rd., Cheverly, MD
Contact: 301-277-1710; TTY 301-699-2544

G.E.A.R.: The Art of Entrepreneurship

Date and Time: Friday, June 10, 2016, 7–10 pm
Description: Tonight ladies will learn how to start a business from a professional female entrepreneur. Bring a friend and learn something new.
Cost: Free with M-NCPPC Youth ID
Ages: 10–17
Location: Berwyn Heights Community Center
6200 Pontiac Street, Berwyn Heights, MD
Contact: 301-345-2808; TTY 301-699-2544

Xtreme Teens: Movie Night

Date and Time: Friday, June 10, 2016, 7–10 pm
Description: Tonight teens will watch a new movie release while snacking on popcorn.
Cost: Free with M-NCPPC Youth ID
Ages: 10–17
Location: College park Community Center
5051 Pierce Avenue, College Park, MD
Contact: 301-441-2647; TTY 301-699-2544

Xtreme Teens: Water Balloon Fight

Date and Time: Saturday, June 11, 2016, 7–10 pm
Description: Cool off with a fun water balloon fight with your Xtreme Teens family. Bring a friend and join the fun. Balloons will be provided.
Cost: Free with M-NCPPC Youth ID
Ages: 10–17
Location: Deerfield Run Elementary School Community Center
13000 Laurel-Bowie Road, Laurel, MD
Contact: 301-552-1093; TTY 301-699-2544

Xtreme Teens: Flag Football

Date and Time: Saturday, June 11, 2016, 7–10 pm
Description: Participate in a flag football game with your Xtreme Teens family. Bring a friend, pick a team, and hit the floor. Red against blue, who will win?
Cost: Free with M-NCPPC Youth ID
Ages: 10–17
Location: Bladensburg Community Center
4500 57th Avenue, Bladensburg, MD
Contact: 301-277-2124; TTY 301-699-2544

Sizzling Summer Concerts: The Tribe Band

Date and Time: Saturday, June 11, 2016, 8 pm
Description: The Tribe Band is a versatile group that performs all types of music for all types of fans. Whether you are a fan of Gospel, Smooth Jazz, R&B, Soul, Funk, Old School Music, Blues—or something in between—The Tribe Band has something for you.
Cost: \$20/person
Ages: All ages welcome
Location: Publick Playhouse
5445 Landover Rd., Cheverly, MD
Contact: 301-277-1710; TTY 301-699-2544

Summer Concerts at Fairwood Community Park

Date and Time: June 12 & August 14, 2016, 7:30–8:30 pm
Description: Bring a lawn chair or a blanket and enjoy a FREE music performance for all ages in your community park.
Cost: FREE
Ages: All ages
Location: Fairwood Community Park
12390 Fairwood Parkway, Bowie, MD
Contact: 301-446-3232; TTY 301-699-2544

EARTH TALK ... Could Donald Trump Renege on the Paris Climate Deal

Dear EarthTalk:

Why does Donald Trump think we should renegotiate the Paris climate agreement? And will he be able to pull it off if he does get elected President?

—Betsy Edgewater,
Dayton, OH

In a May 2016 interview with Reuters, presumptive Republican Presidential nominee Donald Trump dropped a bombshell on environmentalists: If elected, he would try to renegotiate the landmark Paris COP21 climate accord agreed to by 177 nations (including the U.S.) in December 2015. Calling the agreement “one-sided” and “bad for the United States,” Trump said he’s “not a big fan because other countries don’t adhere to it, and China doesn’t adhere to it, and China’s spewing into the atmosphere.” He added that if he takes the Oval Office, he would work to re-negotiate the emissions accord agreed to by the U.S. at a minimum. “And at maximum, I may do something else.”

Environmentalists immediately jumped on Trump, long a climate naysayer. “This is another example of Trump’s dangerous lack of judgment and the very real impacts it could have for all of us,” said Gene Karpinski, president of the non-profit League of Conservation Voters. Billionaire environmental financier and NextGen Climate founder Tom Steyer concurred,

called Trump’s denunciation of the Paris accord “short-sighted.” He worries that a Trump presidency would be “terribly costly” for the U.S. and would jeopardize the nation’s ability to lead the world out of its climate crisis. “We cannot go backwards on this important step towards a clean energy economy that benefits all our families,” said Steyer.

But try as he might, a President Trump would have a tough time backing out of U.S. commitments under the Paris accord. For starters, a clause in COP21 forces any signatory nations to wait at least four years before withdrawing, meaning Trump couldn’t even disentangle the U.S. until his second term if he even makes it that far. And according to U.S. chief climate envoy Jonathan Pershing, regardless of the outcome of our Presidential election come November, the other signatory countries would remain bound to the terms of the agreement whether Trump likes it or not—so “renegotiating” isn’t really an option.

But Trump could undermine American emissions reduction goals set forth in the agreement by overturning the Obama administration’s domestic Clean Power Plan, which aims to reduce greenhouse gases from U.S. electrical power generation by a third relative to 2005 levels within 15 years—and is an essential component in the U.S. plan to dramatically scale back emissions.

Joe Romm of ThinkProgress adds that Trump could block the



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The U.S. can’t back out of the Paris climate accord for another four years, but that won’t stop Donald Trump, if elected President, from trying to undermine the nation’s ability to make good on its COP21 commitments.

“ratcheting down” of climate targets in the future called for under the terms of the Paris agreement to ensure that participating nations don’t backslide after meeting initial commitments. “His threat to blow up the only process we have to avoid multiple irreversible catastrophic climate impacts must be taken as seriously as his candidacy,” says Romm.

Environmentalists’ best hope for keeping America’s COP21 commitments alive is to elect a Democrat to the White House in November. For her part, Hillary Clinton would not only abide by U.S. commitments made under COP21 but would rally to surpass them as soon as possible, vowing to cut emissions by up to 30 percent by 2025 and upwards of 80 percent by mid-cen-

ture. “The United States must lead the global fight against climate change,” Clinton recently commented on the Q&A website Quora. “We can’t wait. There is no Planet B.”

CONTACTS: COP21, www.cop21paris.org; NextGen Climate, www.nextgenclimate.org; Think Progress, www.ThinkProgress.org; Quora, www.quora.com.

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aware of all the maritime activity in the area.

“I enjoy working with the aircraft to build that maritime picture that keeps our ship safe,” said Gordon.

Commissioned in 1998, the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer, *Donald Cook*, measures approximately 500 feet and is powered by four gas turbines that allow the destroyer to achieve over 30 mph in open seas. It was named in honor of Donald Cook, a Vietnam War prisoner of war who died in captivity.

This ship has been fitted with the Aegis ballistic missile defense (BMD) capability that enables the ship to conduct long-range surveillance, tracking, and

engagement of short and medium-range ballistic missiles.

According to Navy officials, destroyers are tactical multi-mission surface combatants capable of conducting anti-air warfare, anti-submarine warfare and anti-surface warfare, as well as humanitarian assistance. Fast, maneuverable, and technically advanced, destroyers provide the required warfighting expertise and operational flexibility to execute any tasking overseas.

Assigned to U.S. 6th Fleet, sailors are on watch throughout the European region and are important assets supporting the European Phased Adaptive Approach to enhance the security of that area of the world from ballistic missile threats originating in the Middle East.

In addition to *Donald Cook*, three other BMD capable ships are forwarded deployed in Rota: *USS Porter*, *USS Carney* and *USS Ross*. Having four destroyers based in Rota gives the U.S. 6th Fleet flexibility to send these ships to a variety of locations for a range of missions, while at the same time providing a large umbrella of protection for European allies.

Approximately 30 officers and 300 enlisted men and women make up the ship’s company. Their jobs are highly specialized and keep each part of the cruiser running smoothly, according to Navy officials. The jobs range from washing dishes and preparing meals to maintaining engines and handling weaponry.

“This is my first ship and command, so it has been exciting visiting so many ports so early in my career,” said Gordon.

Challenging living conditions build strong fellowship among the crew, Navy officials explained. The crew is highly motivated, and quickly adapt to changing conditions. It is a busy life of specialized work, watches, and drills.

As a member of one of the U.S. Navy’s most relied upon assets, Gordon explained that he and other *Donald Cook* sailors know they are part of a legacy that will be last beyond their lifetimes.

“I am the only person in the family to be in the Navy but the fourth generation to serve in the military, so I am glad to be able to carry on that tradition in my own way,” added Gordon.

Bullies from A6

campus in recent memory was when Knight was finally fired. Six thousand people turned out. Bob Knight brought NCAA Championships to Indiana, and

for some who revered him at a distance, that will always make him a hero. Yet Knight also has his share of enemies among that school’s administration and faculty; the people who had to clean up his continual messes

on that campus will never forgive him for how he continually debased the university that he called home. In that respect, Trump and Knight have far more in common than just bullying and ill-tempered frothing

at the mouth. They are disliked by those who know them best, and not even Lin-Manuel Miranda at the height of his powers could reimagine them as anything other than the bullies that they are.

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