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NEW TOWN HIGH SCHOOL'S AHRIYAH RICHARDSON GUARDS LARGO HIGH SCHOOL'S STEPHANIE GUIDON DURING THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME ON SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2017.

CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE PHOTO BY CARA NEWCOMER

New Town High Wins Division 2A Girls' Basketball State Championship

By CARA NEWCOMER
Capital News Service

TOWSON, MD—New Town High School girls' basketball team beat Largo High School's team 61-47 on Saturday in what senior New Town guard Maraiyah Smith called a "revenge game."

The Baltimore County team's motto this year was to "antici-

pate, devastate and dominate," according to New Town first-year head coach Richard Hibbert.

The game at Towson University's SECU Arena started off slowly for the Prince George's County team, the defending champs. New Town forward Khariah Kosh scored the first five points within the first two minutes of the game to take the lead in the first quarter.

The New Town Titans maintained that lead over the Largo Lions throughout the game.

Hibbert said the game plan—to come out strong with defense—worked.

"(Largo's team) looked like they were confused on what to do and that was our game plan," Hibbert said after the win. "We go through so many different types of defenses throughout the

year and (the team) finally bought into believing that defenses win championships."

With Largo down 11-0 with 2:47 left in the first quarter, Stephanie Guidon made the first shot for Largo off a foul. Largo's Brianna Jones followed up a minute later to score a layup.

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Ridgecrest Elementary School Educator Named Teacher of the Year

By PRESS OFFICER
PGPCS

UPPER MARLBORO, MD—Carolyn Marzke, fifth-grade reading, writing and social studies teacher at Ridgecrest Elementary, has been named the 2017 Prince George's County Teacher of the Year. The announcement was made during the school system's annual Teacher of the Year Celebration at Martin's Crosswinds in Greenbelt.

Marzke has spent more than ten years serving students at Ridgecrest, located in the town of Hyattsville, Maryland.

"With a systemic focus on literacy, it is entirely fitting that Mrs. Marzke has been selected as this year's Teacher of the Year," said Dr. Kevin M. Maxwell, Chief Executive Officer. "Early literacy is key to ensuring that students grad-

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Vice Chair Welcomes Whole Foods Market to Riverdale Park in District 3

By PRESS OFFICER
PG County Council

UPPER MARLBORO, MD—Prince George's County Council Vice Chair Dannielle Glaros (D) – District 3, joined Whole Foods Market officials and County residents to celebrate the grand opening of Prince George's County's first Whole Foods Market during a traditional "bread-breaking" ceremony today, April 12, 2017.

Vice Chair Glaros, who biked to the ceremony from her home in Riverdale Park, says this is an exciting time for Prince George's County and District 3.

"This grocery store has been anticipated for a long time and I am glad that today the doors are open" said Vice Chair Glaros. "Getting to this point was not an easy process, and we had some spirited debate along the way, but I am confident that Whole Foods Riverdale will serve as a wonderful community partner and send a clear regional message that Prince George's County is the place to be."

Whole Foods Market Riverdale, located at 6621 Baltimore Avenue (Route 1) in

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SAVE THE DATE TO MARCH FOR BABIES

March of Dimes to Hold Biggest Annual Fundraiser to Help Babies Be Born Healthy

By PRESS OFFICER
March of Dimes

UPPER MARLBORO, MD—Thousands of families and local business leaders will join together on April 29th at Watkin's Regional Park for the 2017 March for Babies, the nation's oldest fundraising walk, which helps more babies survive and thrive.

This year's Greater Washington, D.C. Area Ambassador Family is the Shay Baldwin Family. Audrey and Scott Baldwin were excited about becoming parents in 2015 and looking forward to growing their family. But their baby Shay arrived unexpectedly at only 30 weeks, weighing less than 4lbs 5oz pounds. She suffered from underdeveloped lungs, bradycardia, and desaturation and spent her 43 days fighting for life in a hospital Newborn Intensive Care Unit (NICU). Today, Shay is now 2 years old and stronger than ever. The Baldwin family is dedicated to making sure other parents are able to know the joy of a healthy child.

Adam Morman serves in 2017 as the Prince George's County March for Babies chair. "As a father myself, I am delighted to serve in this important role to raise awareness and urgently-needed funds for the March of Dimes mission to prevent birth defects and premature birth."

On-site registration will begin at 8:00AM with the three-mile walk kicking off at 9:00AM. Prince George's County residents can sign up today at marchforbabies.org to start a team with co-workers, family or friends; or make a donation to help more babies get a healthy start in life.

"March for Babies is also a memorable and rewarding event for the whole family," says Jennifer Abell, Senior Development Manager for the March of Dimes. "We celebrate children and parents who experienced the Newborn Intensive Care Unit (NICU) or special care nursery."

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EDC's Thirsty for Business Thursday Spotlights Local Estate Company Being a Part of Local Renaissance

By LORI C. VALENTINE
PGCEDC

LARGO, MD—Last night, the Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) celebrated the opening of the Keller Williams Preferred Properties new offices in Largo and highlighted local businesses that are making their passions profitable at its Thirsty (For Business) Thursday (T4BT) networking event. EDC Chief "Excitement" Officer Jim Coleman welcomed more than 100 local businesses to the event and encouraged them to not only network with each other, but to also take advantage of the business support services and workforce development services that the EDC provides to help their businesses to grow. He also congratulated them on being a part of the economic renaissance that is transforming Prince George's County into the economic engine of the State of Maryland.

"Through County Executive Baker's leadership, Prince George's County has created over 10,000 jobs within the last 12 months, housing prices have increased by 14%, the new



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EDC President and CEO Jim Coleman inspiring his "Posse" to take advantage of the opportunities in Prince George's County at T4BT at Keller Williams in Largo, MD.

MGM Casino is bringing 3,600 jobs and we will be breaking ground on the new Regional Medical Center that will bring 1,800 jobs to the County," said Coleman. "There's oil in the ground in Prince George's County and each company that is actively committed to growth through job creation is a vital

part of our renaissance. The EDC is pumped up to serve everyone from Keller Williams to the FBI that is interested in cashing in on our great opportunities to make them successful."

Keller Williams Preferred Properties graciously hosted T4BT and provided guided tours of their 15,000 SF facility.

Emerick Peace, Operating Partner for Keller Williams commented on how its 400 plus real estate agents enjoy working in Prince George's County and that they are already looking for additional space to expand.

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Chief Zoning Hearing Examiner for PG County Council Receives The 2017 Gladys Noon Spellman Public Service Award

Prince George's County Council Chief Zoning Hearing Examiner Maureen Epps McNeil won this year's highly coveted and prestigious 2017 Gladys Noon Spellman Public Service Award.

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The Continuing Scourge of Poverty, Hunger and Hopelessness in Rich America

So fifty years ago this month, on April 10, 1967, I testified alongside local community leaders at a follow up hearing held by the Senate subcommittee in Jackson, Mississippi, sharing again the desperate plight of hungry people.

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Minuteman Press Franchise Celebrates Grand Opening in Upper Marlboro, MD

Her passion for web development and graphic design then led her to pursue a degree in computer studies. "Afterwards, I landed a job as a Technical Specialist and Web Developer which took my career to another level."

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The supporting characters are likable and provide fodder for some good running jokes, but they're only interesting insofar as they affect Eloise, the only character who really matters. The Kepps' marriage problems, for example, though handled maturely, only serve the film by filling it out to feature length.

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Earth Talk

Dear EarthTalk:

Is it true that the Paris climate accord as it stands won't be enough to stave off cataclysmic global warming anyway, even if the U.S. and the other participating countries honor their commitments?

—Astrid Taylor, Williams, MA

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In and Around Morningside-Skyline

With Mary McHale, will not run this week

Brandywine-Aquasco

by Audrey Johnson 301 888 2153

UNION UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S DAY

The Women of Union United Methodist Church invite everyone to join us at our United Methodist Women's Day 10:00 AM Worship Service Sunday, April 23, 2017. Guest speaker will be Lay Minister Pearl E. Chase. The address is 14418 Old Marlboro Pike, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772. Rev. Dr. KD Weaver, Pastor.

ANNUAL GOSPEL PROGRAM AND DINNERS

Join us Sunday, April 30, 2017 for our Annual Gospel Program, 3:00 PM at Asbury United Methodist Church—4004 Accokeek Road, Brandywine, Maryland 20613. We will also have dinners on sale from 11:30 AM—2:00 PM. Fish Dinner cost \$13.00 and Chicken Dinner cost \$11.00. Buy a gospel ticket and dinner for \$18.00 or Gospel Program only donation \$10.00.

The groups on the program are No Chains, Burning Light, Southern Maryland Harmonizers and Gospel Soul Seekers of Southern MD. Sponsored by Peter A. Gross Sr. Scholarship/Memorial Fund Inc. For tickets or pre orders contact Michele

Chase at 240-882-3369, Ruby Hinnant at 301-627-1235 or Vivian Rich at 804-301-9530. We hope to see you and thanks for your support.

FREE COMMUNITY FINANCIAL FAIR

There will be a free community financial fair Saturday, April 22, 2017 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Prince George's Community College, Largo Student Center, 301 Largo Road, Largo, Maryland. Come and learn about senior scams, will and estate planning, repairing and improving your credit, home buying, youth workshops, and other information. You can obtain free tickets at www.pgcash.org. Walk-ins are welcome. Sponsored by Prince George's CASH Campaign.

KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY, INC.

The ninety second Eastern Province Council at College Park Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, Hyattsville Maryland hosted by the Upper Marlboro/Waldorf (MD) Alumni Chapter Community Service Award was presented to R. Owen Johnson, Jr. of Brandywine, Maryland on Friday, April 7, 2017.

This award was presented to him in recognition of excellence,

performance, and accomplishment, and for involvement in community projects, services and activities that contribute to the quality of life in the local community. Owen is married to Audrey Turner Johnson.

CLINTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The women at Clinton United Methodist Church will have their Annual Prayer Breakfast Saturday, May 6, 2017 at 8:30 AM honoring National Day of Prayer. Guest preacher is Rev. Dr. Kendrick Weaver, Pastor Union UMC, Upper Marlboro, Maryland. Rev. Dorothea Belt Stroman, Pastor is the Host Pastor. The address is 10700 Brandywine Road, Clinton, Maryland 20735.

BODY RECALL

Body Recall is back. We meet every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 9:00 AM in the Multipurpose Room. This is an exercise program designed for everyone, especially senior citizens.

Hope to see you on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at Clinton United Methodist Church, 10700 Brandywine Road, Clinton, Maryland 20735. Telephone number 301-868-1281.

Neighborhoods

WSSC Now Accepting Applications for Annual Commissioners' Engineering Scholarships

LAUREL, MD—Continuing a long-standing tradition of building a talent pipeline by investing in future engineers, WSSC today announced it is accepting applications for the utility's annual Commissioners' Engineering Scholarships until June 2, 2017. The two \$1,000 scholarships are open to engineering students who permanently reside in WSSC's service district of Prince George's and Montgomery counties and are enrolled in an accredited college or university program that leads to an engineering degree. High school seniors who have been accepted into a college engineering program also are eligible. Students can be enrolled in a school outside of the service district but must maintain permanent residency in either Prince George's or Montgomery County.

"Through this annual scholarship program, we are investing in tomorrow's engineering leaders by helping them achieve their goals of becoming future innovators and problem solvers," said WSSC Commission Chair Fausto R. Bayonet. "We are providing an opportunity for students to become more familiar with what we do, and we hope these students will want to come back and pursue careers at WSSC."

"The water industry faces complex challenges, including repairing and replacing aging infrastructure, and engineers are crucial to developing solutions to address these concerns," said WSSC General Manager and CEO Carla A. Reid. "These scholarships continue WSSC's efforts to build a talent pipeline to ensure our future success."

Each year, up to two new \$1,000 scholarships may be awarded. Scholarship recipients are eligible for additional awards for up to four consecutive years, which may include post-graduate studies in engineering. Scholarship recipients also are given priority consideration for WSSC's paid summer internship positions while enrolled in school. The scholarships and internship opportunities total a potential value of more than \$10,000 over four years.

To qualify for the 2017 scholarships, applicants must:

- Provide proof of permanent residency in WSSC's service district;
- Be enrolled full time in a degree program at an accredited college or university that leads to an engineering degree in one of the following areas: Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Material Science and Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering or Computer Science/Engineering; and
- Write a 1,500-word (maximum) essay examining the following topic:

"As a result of increasingly aging infrastructure, WSSC has a goal each year to replace 61 miles of variously-sized water mains located throughout the WSSC sanitary district. Recognizing this places a tremendous burden on the communities WSSC serves, describe the program you would establish to accomplish this goal, along with associated impact/outcomes."

In addition to the essay and proof of residency, all applicants must submit a cover letter, official transcript and two letters of reference.

Applicants may apply online via the WSSC website or by mail to the attention of WSSC Corporate Secretary Sheila Finlayson, Esq., WSSC, 14501 Sweitzer Lane, Laurel, Maryland 20707. Submission deadline is Friday, June 2, 2017. For more detailed information and to access the online application, visit www.wsscwater.com/engscholar.

Federal Funds Available to Serve Summer Meals to Children and teens MSDE Seeks to Build on 2016 Success

BALTIMORE, MD—The Maryland State Department of Education has announced that federal funds are available to assist public and private non-profit organizations in serving free, nutritious meals to children and teens this summer through the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) program.

More than 396,000 Maryland children are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals, but may not have access to nutritious meals during the summer when schools are closed. For these families, food insecurity increases during the summer months. The SFSP plays a vital role in ensuring children and teens do not experience hunger during the summer.

"The Summer Food Service Program fights hunger, reduces obesity, and promotes summer learning. Studies demonstrate that children from families with low incomes have higher rates of summer learning loss than their peers from families with higher incomes. For every child to succeed, they must have access to nutritious meals during out-of-school time periods," said Dr. Karen Salmon, Maryland State Superintendent of Schools.

The SFSP provides reimbursement to organizations for meals and snacks served to children in areas where at least 50 percent of the children qualify for free or reduced-price meals under the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), or when 50 percent of the children enrolled in a summer program qualify for free or reduced-price meals. Most organizations may be reimbursed for up to two meals or snacks per child per day. Camps and migrant programs may be reimbursed for up to three meals

per child each day. Meals and snacks must meet federal nutrition standards.

The Program is open to children and teens age 18 and under and to individuals over 18 who are mentally or physically disabled. Interested organizations should contact Ciara Lee, Management Associate, at 410-767-0199. The deadline for applications is May 31, 2017. For information about the SFSP, please visit www.eatsmart-maryland.org.

The Maryland State Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Agriculture are equal opportunity employers and providers.

Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development Partners With Montgomery County for New Homeownership Program

NEW CARROLLTON, MD—The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development is partnering with Montgomery County for a new homebuying initiative through the Maryland Mortgage Program. Called the Montgomery Homeownership Program, the program incentivizes homebuying in Montgomery County by offering a zero-interest loan of up to \$40,000 that can be used for down payment or closing cost assistance. The program will run from April 4, 2017, until December 31, 2017, or until funds are expended, whichever occurs first.

"We are excited about our partnership with Montgomery County," said Secretary Kenneth C. Holt. "With the generous down payment and closing cost assistance and the other attractive features of the Maryland Mortgage Program, we expect this program will take homeownership from a dream to reality for families across Montgomery County."

When purchasing through the Montgomery Homeownership Program, buyers can receive the following incentives:

- A deferrable, zero-interest loan equal to 40 percent of the household income up to \$40,000, provided by Montgomery County, which can be used for down payment or closing cost assistance
- 30-year fixed-rate financing
- Tax credit savings available through the Maryland HomeCredit Program
- Streamlined and straightforward home buying and financing experience

Potential homebuyers are subject to household income limits and must meet standard qualifications under the Maryland Mortgage program, including completion of homebuyer education. The Maryland Mortgage program is the state's flagship homeownership program, providing fixed-rate mortgages, primarily to first-time homebuyers, along with down payment and closing cost incentives.

FREE EVENT

MONEY EXPLOSION

A Financial Fair

for community members of all ages

» Workshops » Exhibits » Activities

Saturday, April 23, 2016 » 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Prince George's Community College
Largo Student Center » 301 Largo Road, Largo MD

Registration Requested » Visit www.pgcash.org

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COMMUNITY

Practical Money Skills

By Nathaniel Sillin

Thinking About Flipping Houses—It's Not Like TV

Flipping a house can seem like a walk in the park when it's wrapped into a few montages during a half-hour TV segment. Find a run-down property. Buy it. Take out a few walls, paint, replace carpets, upgrade the kitchen and voilà—you could make tens of thousands of dollars in just a short time. Reality is seldom so straightforward. Flipping a house can be risky, and there's no guarantee you'll profit.



Finding and buying the right house at the right price point can be difficult. The shows often start with the submission of a winning offer on a home. You may not realize that it takes a lot of work to determine what a potentially good flip looks like and find a property to match.

Experienced flippers have learned how to estimate costs and work backward. A rule of thumb in the industry is to take 70 percent of the potential selling price (what's known as the after-repair value, or ARV), subtract the renovation costs and use that as the maximum buying price.

You'll need a lot of background information, including comparable selling prices of similar homes, to figure out the right numbers. The ability to be honest with yourself while estimating the cost of parts and labor is also important.

For example, if you estimate that you could sell your renovated home for \$200,000, you'd start at \$140,000 (70 percent of a \$200,000). If you calculate that the renovation costs will be \$40,000, you'll arrive at the maximum buying price of \$100,000. The 30 percent margin that remains if everything goes according to plan isn't entirely profit; you may still have expenses like closing costs or reimbursing your investors.

You need a lot of working capital. While paying cash for a home can expedite the sale and increase profits, it might not be an option for beginner flippers. However, traditional lenders don't necessarily offer financing for flips, especially if you're trying to fix up a dilapidated home. Even when they do, you might not be able to borrow enough to cover all your expenses.

Instead, some flippers turn to hard-money lenders, private individuals or companies that issue short-term loans backed by real assets (such as the home you're buying). With either traditional or hard-money lenders, expect the financing costs to be higher than what you'd pay for a mortgage if you're buying a home to live in.

Keeping an eye on your total budget is essential. If you borrow enough money to make the purchase but don't have cash on hand to pay for the renovations and unexpected contingencies, you'll be stuck before you even start.

In addition to the purchase price, you'll need money for renovations, upgrades, inspections and permits. Also, consider the cost of ownership between the purchase and sale. Carrying costs, including utilities, financing, insurance and property maintenance, can add up each month.

You want to move fast. One thing you pick up from TV is that time is of the essence. In competitive markets, you'll need to move quickly to evaluate a home and put in an offer before someone else buys it.

Successful flippers may have a real estate license or work with a real estate agent to get access to the multiple listing service (MLS), a directory of homes that are for sale. Others look for homes that are for sale by owner (FSBO) or use direct mail campaigns to reach out to prospective sellers.

Once you buy the home, there's another race against time to complete the work and make a sale. Working with a trusted contractor and real estate attorney could expedite the project. Once you've developed a strong working relationship, you may even want to invite others to join your team and contribute their work in exchange for a cut of the profits.

Bottom line: Flipping homes can be profitable, particularly for those who have professional real estate experience, but don't expect it to be easy money. Months of hard work can go into a flip without any guarantee of success.

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Job Opportunities for Local Students

By PRESS OFFICER
MNCPPC

RIVERDALE, MD—Now is the time local teens can show the community what they're made of. The Department of Parks and Recreation, Prince George's County is offering them a chance to give back, earn valuable skills and experience, and grow their bank accounts. The Department is now looking to fill a variety of aquatics positions ahead of the busy summer season—especially lifeguards. We are currently looking to hire:

- Certified American Red Cross Lifeguards, with experience earn up to \$12.40 per hour
- Assistant Pool Managers, with experience earn up to \$14.82 per hour
- Pool Managers, with experience earn up to \$17.06 per hour
- Certified American Red Cross Water Safety (Swim Lesson) Instructors, with experience earn up to \$17.06 per hour

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Maurene Epps McNeil, Chief Zoning Hearing Examiner for PG County Council, Receives the 2017 Gladys Noon Spellman Public Service Award

By PRESS OFFICER
PG County Government

UPPER MARLBORO, MD—On Thursday, March 16, 2017, Prince George's County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III hosted over 900 guests attending the 32nd Annual Prince George's County Women's History Month Luncheon. Weekday WUSA 9 Anchor Andrea Roane served as Mistress of Ceremonies and Aja Baker, the eldest daughter of County Executive and Mrs. Baker, delivered the welcome address on behalf of the First Family of Prince George's County. This set the tone of the program featuring trailblazing women of county government and society.

Prince George's County Council Chief Zoning Hearing Examiner Maurene Epps McNeil won this year's highly coveted and prestigious 2017 Gladys Noon Spellman Public Service Award. Prince George's Middle College High School student Amber Nicole Stanford received a \$2,000 scholarship as the 2017 Gladys Noon Spellman Scholarship Award Recipient. Both the award and scholarship are presented in honor of the late Gladys Noon Spellman, who was a Prince George's County educator, County Council member and served in the United States Congress for three terms beginning in 1974. The Honorable Alexis Herman, Former United States Secretary of Labor was presented with a special recognition for being among the roster of honorees for the 2017 National Women's History Project. Additionally, four women received the Prince George's County Women In Government "WInG" Award.

This year's 2017 Spellman Award recipient Maurene Epps McNeil has dedicated her entire professional career, which spans over 30 years, to serving the residents of Prince George's County. Her impressive resume demonstrates an amazing trajectory of experience and her service to the community is legendary. Maurene has contributed her wealth

of experience, talent and skills throughout her illustrious career by serving the County Government in an impressive series of high level professional positions spanning from law enforcement to practicing law which include: Deputy Sheriff, Associate, Principal and Acting Deputy County Attorney; Deputy Counsel and Acting Clerk for the Prince George's County Council to her current position as Chief Zoning Hearing Examiner for the County Council. For over two decades, Maurene's legal acumen has been recognized as one of the State's brightest legal scholars. She is also an expert in drafting legislation, a role in which she often serves the Prince George's County Council. Based on her superior legal analysis and skills, Maurene has been appointed by the Maryland Court of Appeals to serve as a Board of Law Examiner member. Her leadership activities and passion for community are equally evident through her long standing commitment and dedication to a number of organizations including: the Board of Directors for Christmas In April, J. Franklyn Bourne Bar Association (founding committee member), the Prince George's County Bar Association and legal advisor to the Prince George's Community Federal Credit Union. In the past, she served on the Boards for Bishop McNamara High School and Dimensions Health Corporation.

"Maurene Epps McNeil believes in serving others, using her commanding intellect, people skills and energies to positively improve the quality of the lives of others in Prince George's County. She exemplifies the qualities of public service and personal integrity demonstrated by the Honorable Gladys Noon Spellman during her career and lifetime and it is for these reasons and many more that she was selected as the 2017 Gladys Noon Spellman Public Service Award honoree," said Prince George's County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III.

Ms. McNeil stated, "I am humbled and honored to accept

the Gladys Noon Spellman award on behalf of all of our wonderful County female employees who accomplish so much in their daily lives with grace and kindness—who choose not to give up, but to persist!"

"The success of the Prince George's County government lies in the passion and compassion of our employees," said County Executive Baker. "I am excited to share that this year's special presentation of the WInG Award is being presented to four outstanding women who have contributed greatly to their respective agencies: Gevonnia Whittington, Paramedic Lt. Pamela J. Graham, Gloria L. Brown Burnett and Theresa M. Grant. These four women are trailblazers in each of their distinct ways and were identified for one of the four qualities that represent the "IN" of the WInG award."

Ms. Gevonnia Whittington (Director, Office of Homeland Security) received the Women In Government Award for her Influential Service. After unofficially mentoring officers for many years throughout her career, Gevonnia officially implemented a mentoring program called W.O.M.E.N. (Women Organizing Mentoring and Empowering the New) in the Prince George's County Police Department. The program is designed to promote a smooth transition into law enforcement.

Paramedic Lieutenant Pamela J. Graham (Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department) received the Women In Government Award for her Inspirational Service. In November 2016, Pamela began her EMS shift like usual, but received a disturbing call regarding children in danger. She and her crew rushed to the scene, where they encountered two stabbing victims, Jordan, age 2 and Jhalil, age 3. Miraculously they saved the boys' lives and several surgeries later both boys fully recovered. Lt. Graham's overwhelming desire to do more motivated her to launch YouCaringFundraiser, to help the mother stay afloat after relocat-

ing to a safe place. Four thousand dollars was raised and the boys and their mother enjoyed an unforgettable Christmas.

Ms. Gloria L. Brown Burnett (Director, Department of Social Services) received the Women In Government Award for Innovative Service. Gloria brought innovative strategies such as aligning work with the judiciary system to improve outcomes for foster children, broke down silos by leveraging limited resources to expand services, and encouraged nontraditional partnerships. These strategies resulted in collaborative initiatives such as the Mission: Nutrition Program, Million Meals partnership with the National Harbor developer, TNI@School Community Resource Advocates and to address homelessness among veterans.

Ms. Theresa M. Grant (Aging and Disabilities Services Division Manager, Department of Family Services) received the Women In Government Award for providing Informative Service.

Ms. Grant is instrumental in the Prince George's Dementia Friendly Initiative which brings together local volunteers, community-based groups, faith-based and public safety organizations to create a community that supports those living with dementia, their family and caregivers. She consistently provides information, resources and compassionate advice to families of seniors and persons with disabilities. As a result of her leadership, Prince George's County's Area Agency on Aging is often the local agency that the Maryland Department of Aging requests to pilot new projects and programs.

In his remarks County Executive Baker stated, "I am proud that our County did not just get on the bandwagon of celebrating women's contributions. I am honored to work with all of the amazing women who contribute to the progression of this County Government, while serving in a multitude of positions to meet the collective and individual needs of nearly 900,000 residents and citizens. You are all trailblazers and I thank you for your public

New Town from A1

Largo head coach Ayana Ball-Ward acknowledged the hole the team got into during the first quarter and attributed it to championship game jitters. "We worked hard to dig ourselves out of that hole," she said.

At the end of the first quarter, New Town led Largo 15-3.

Guidon said her failed attempts at attacking the board were frustrating, but her team kept encouraging her.

"My teammates have my back," Guidon said after the game. "They just kept telling to

keep attacking and do what I had to do ... When you have teammates that rally around you it makes it easier to keep going."

With six minutes left in the first half, Largo's Jocelyn Manning fouled Kosh, drawing boos from the Largo crowd that was looking for a travel call.

Towards the end of the first half, the referee called a technical foul on Largo, allowing New Town to score one point. "I asked the referee to watch No. 12 pushing off," Ball-Ward explained after the game. "I don't think that warranted a tech. It was just a question."

Early in the third quarter, New Town forward Ahriyah Richardson hurt her ankle and was out for the rest of the game. Amaya Webb stepped up to replace Richardson and did exactly what she needed to do, according to Hibbert.

Throughout the third quarter, New Town held its lead, drawing fouls and scoring off of steals, maintaining momentum into the fourth quarter to win the game.

"It was a tough game to have to sit and watch," Ball-Ward said. "They played the game plan to a tee, but it just didn't fall our way."

Smith said the team made sure to play quarter by quarter and it felt really good to win. "We knew we had to come out and want it more than they did," Smith said.

To celebrate, New Town planned to go to Sky Zone, according to Hibbert.

"My name is Rich and they think I'm rich," Hibbert said jokingly. Hibbert said if that's where the team wanted to celebrate, he would happily treat them.

"I would say Disney World, but I don't have that type of money yet," he said laughing.

Whole Foods from A1

Riverdale Park Station, includes among many features a self-serve fresh brewed coffee and espresso, cold fresh juice on tap, and a custom superfruit acai bowl bar.

The store is part of a larger mixed use project that will see additional retail open throughout the year, including Burton's Grill, Old Line Bank, and District Taco. Additional road,

bike, and pedestrian connections will also open including a much anticipated new bridge to connect neighborhoods to the growing UMD Discovery District at the College Park Metro, and the missing link to the Trolley Trail, a north/south bike trail which connects riders into D.C.

Vice Chair Glaros also noted the significant impact a Whole Foods Market will have on the local economy.

"Local growers and producers will have an opportunity to feature their products at the new Whole Foods location; more residents will have access to jobs close to home; and Whole Foods customers who may be unfamiliar with the area might enjoy exploring the wonderful amenities offered in Riverdale Park Station and along Baltimore Avenue," adding, "Businesses and residents have a new-found interest

in the area and these are these types of things really boost the local economy. I encourage everyone to experience the 'modern-day renaissance' happening in Riverdale and throughout the County."

Residents visiting the Whole Foods are encouraged to take Route One Ride (Bus 17), which will offer free bus service April 12 through April 14 to ease traffic congestion during the first three days of operation.

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COMMENTARY

Cong. Steny H. Hoyer House Democratic Minority Whip



Steny Hoyer Statement on the Trump Administration's Plans to Reduce the Federal Civilian Workforce

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-05) released the following statement today after the Trump Administration released a plan to reform federal agencies, which includes steps to severely reduce the federal civilian workforce.

"I am encouraged that the Trump Administration has lifted a hiring freeze on federal workers, a policy that harmed Americans across the country in a number of ways, including by increasing the backlog at the Veterans Administration, creating delays in the processing of Social Security checks, and delaying drug approvals at the Food and Drug Administration. However, I am extremely concerned by the ac-

tions announced by the White House today which show they are continuing to target the federal civilian workforce. Forcing federal agencies to conform to the President's dangerous budget proposal—a budget that is not supported by Republicans or Democrats and will not be enacted—is deeply troubling.

"As someone who represents more than 62,000 outstanding federal employees, I remain strongly opposed to any effort to reduce our nation's deficit on the backs of hardworking middle-class families. I will continue to advocate for our federal employees while supporting policies that reduce waste and streamline our government."



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Abraham Hall

Abraham Hall was constructed in 1889 by the Benevolent Sons and Daughters of Abraham, an African American society that was established for the social welfare of its members. Originally known as Rebecca Lodge #6 of the Benevolent Sons and Daughters of Abraham, the building was constructed by John W. Jackson in 1889 in the burgeoning community of Rossville. Abraham Hall, an excellent example of a multi-purpose building associated with African Americans, served as a meeting hall, a house of worship, a school, and a social hall for African Americans living in a segregated society. Located at 762 Old Muirkirk Rd., Beltsville, Maryland, Abraham Hall is available for tours, meetings and small social gatherings. Individual or group tours may be scheduled by appointment. Please call 240-264-3415 for more information.

Marc Morial, President and CEO National Urban League



"Skinny Budget:" Federal Budget Proposal Abandons American Citizens in Favor of Defense Contractors

"The true measure of any society can be found in how it treats its most vulnerable members."
—Mahatma Gandhi

Some people look at a budget proposal and see numbers. At the National Urban League, we look at a budget proposal and see people.

The Trump Administration's preliminary federal budget proposal—the so-called "skinny budget"—is a massive transfer of resources from vital services and fundamental social protections into unrequested and unnecessary military spending. It represents a conscious decision to abandon children and other vulnerable Americans to sickness, homelessness, illiteracy, ignorance and unemployment, while fattening the coffers of defense contractors.

The Americans who will be abandoned are not simply numbers on a ledger. They are the thousands of Americans aged 55 and older who have found stable, sustaining jobs through the National Urban League's Urban Seniors Jobs Program. They are the college-age youths, at risk or entangled in the judicial system, whose lives have been transformed by the education, mentoring, counseling and job training they found in the National Urban League's Urban Youth Empowerment Program. They are the tens of thousands of families who have realized the American Dream of homeownership via the National Urban League's housing counseling and foreclosure prevention programs. They are the middle school and high school students getting a new glimpse of their own educational

and professional potential from the role models in National Urban League's Project Ready Mentor program.

The budget proposal doesn't cut dollars. It cuts jobs. It cuts educations. It cuts homeownership. It cuts the only hope of a better life for many young people and families.

We have called the "skinny budget" a jobs killer and a dreams killer, but it also would be a literal killer. Without the vital assistance of the Low Income Energy Assistance Program, people will surely die in the winter cold. Those who can't afford to pay their heating bills resort to unsafe methods like a kitchen stove or a kerosene heater, leaving them vulnerable to death by toxic fumes or house fires. Abandoning biomedical research means more Americans will die of otherwise curable diseases. Gutting the Environmental Protection Agency means smog, ozone, and mercury will trigger worsening asthma attacks, especially in young children, along with heart and lung ailments, and lead to premature death. Abandoning Violence Against Women programs mean more women will be stalked, harassed, battered and, yes, killed.

The "skinny budget" is an act of crippling cruelty, a short-sighted plunder of resources to benefit the wealthy at the expense of everyone else. Stopping this disaster is a matter of national urgency, one to which the National Urban League and the Urban League Movement is wholeheartedly committed. We urge all Americans to let their Congressional representatives know we won't stand by while American ideals are abandoned.

Child Watch

by Marion Wright Edelman



The Continuing Scourge of Poverty, Hunger and Hopelessness in Rich America

"A true revolution of values will soon cause us to question the fairness and justice of many of our past and present policies. On the one hand we are called to play the Good Samaritan on life's roadside, but that will be only an initial act. One day we must come to see that the whole Jericho Road must be transformed so that men and women will not be constantly beaten and robbed as they make their journey on life's highway. True compassion is more than flinging a coin to a beggar. It comes to see that an edifice which produces beggars needs restructuring."

—Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "Beyond Vietnam" speech, April 4, 1967

In March 1967 when I was working as a young civil rights lawyer for the NAACP Legal Defense Fund in Mississippi, I was asked to come to Washington to testify before the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare's Subcommittee on Employment, Manpower, and Poverty about how the War on Poverty was working in the state. I told the committee I had become deeply and increasingly concerned about the growing hunger in the Mississippi Delta.

The convergence of hostility towards Black citizens and workers involved in civil rights activities, development of chemical weed killers, farm mechanization, and recent passage of a minimum wage law covering agriculture workers on large farms had resulted in many Black sharecroppers being pushed off their near feudal plantations that no longer needed their cheap labor. Many displaced sharecroppers were illiterate and had no skills or income. Free federal food commodities like cheese, powdered milk, flour, and peanut butter were all that stood between them and hunger and malnutrition—even starvation. At the hearing, I invited the Senators to come to Mississippi and hear directly from local people about the crucial and positive impact the anti-poverty program was making and the state's actions to encourage people to leave. Four of the nine subcommittee members agreed to come:

Senators Joseph Clark (D-PA), Jacob Javits (R-NY), Robert F. Kennedy (D-NY), and George Murphy (R-CA).

So fifty years ago this month, on April 10, 1967, I testified alongside local community leaders at a follow up hearing held by the Senate subcommittee in Jackson, Mississippi, sharing again the desperate plight of hungry people. I urged the visiting Senators to go one step further and visit the Mississippi Delta with me to see and experience for themselves the hungry poor in our very rich nation, and to visit the shacks and look into the deadened eyes of hungry children with bloated bellies—a level of hunger many people did not believe could exist in America. "They are starving and someone has to help them," I said. Senators Robert Kennedy and Joseph Clark responded positively to my plea.

Early the next day we flew from Jackson to the Greenville airbase in the Mississippi Delta and drove from Greenville to Clarksdale, stopping in Cleveland guided by one of the great unsung heroes of the Civil Rights Movement—Amzie Moore. We visited homes where the Senators asked

respectfully what each family had for breakfast, lunch, or dinner the night before. Robert Kennedy opened their empty ice boxes and cupboards after asking their permission. I watched him hover, visibly moved, on a dirt floor in a dirty dark shack out of television camera range over a listless baby boy with bloated belly from whom he tried in vain to get a response as he lightly touched the baby's cheeks. When we went outside again he asked the older children clad in ragged clothes standing outside their shack "What did you have for breakfast?" They responded saying "We haven't had no breakfast yet," although it was nearly noon. And he gently touched their faces and tried to offer words of encouragement to their hopeless and helpless mothers.

When we traveled to another Delta town, our motorcade ran over the dog of a small White boy watching from the sidewalk. Senator Kennedy stopped the motorcade and got out to comfort the boy and tell the police escort to slow down.

From this trip and throughout

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The American Counseling Association's Counseling Corner

Warning Signs of Depression

Depression is a serious health issue, yet often its warning signs are ignored. Not acknowledging the symptoms of depression not only means the person's day-to-day life is being affected in many negative ways, but it can also have a significant impact on physical health issues, including cancer and diabetes.

Today, we know that depression is a mental health condition with clear symptoms. We also know that it's a condition that can be treated. Most importantly, when left untreated it can often worsen, affect most aspects of a person's life, and may even become life-threatening.

While each of us will feel a bit down and sad at various times, there is often a cause for such sadness, and these feelings are usually short-lived.

Clinical depression, on the other hand, is much more serious and longer lasting. There may not be a clear situation or event that brought it on. And depression tends to be long lasting. The general rule is that when someone is suffering from two or more of the symptoms of depression, and these symptoms persist for two weeks or more, it's a sign of a problem that needs professional treatment.

And what are the signs of depression? symptoms May include:

- changes in sleep or eating patterns;
- strong feelings of sadness, guilt, hopelessness, or worthlessness;
- loss of interest or pleasure in hobbies, favorite sports, time with loved ones, and sex;
- trouble concentrating or making decisions;
- a general lack of energy for no real reason;
- frequent negative thoughts, such as "I'm no good," "I can't do anything right"; and
- thoughts of death or suicide.

It's estimated that in any given year more than 15 million Americans suffer from depression, yet far too few seek early treatment. Many people are ashamed to admit they are having a mental health problem, however, they would not hesitate to see a health professional if they were in severe physical pain.

Depression can also make someone withdrawn, tired and simply unable to admit there's a problem and to seek professional help. But it's important to do so, and critical for family and friends to offer encouragement, not criticism, about seeking help. Talking to your doctor or a professional counselor is a first step in understanding and treating this all too common mental health issue.

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EDC from A1

"We love working with the EDC because of all the great work they do helping business owners like myself become the number one real estate company in the region," said Peace. "Our company is 100% black-owned, and all of our owners work and live in PG County. There's no place that we would rather be."

Van Corbin, Managing Partner with Direct Wine Cellars, part of a nationwide premier wine club along with Shavon Campbell, Founder of ISO Essentials, a natural products company that provides handmade shea butter, soap and beard butter products made from high-quality organic ingredients, also participated as sponsors of T4BT.

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In the fifteen months I knew him until his assassination June 6, 1968, I came to associate Robert Kennedy with nonverbal communications that conveyed far more than words, touching a child's cheek, head or shoulders. And his capacity for genuine outrage and compassion was palpable.

He kept his word to try to help Mississippi's hungry children and he and Senator Clark went the very next day to see Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman and urged him to "get the food down there" and to eliminate any charges for food stamps for people who had no income. The state had changed from free food commodities to food stamps which cost \$2 jobless poor people did not have. Secretary Freeman did not believe there were people in the United States with no income even after the Senators told him they had seen them. Secretary Freeman said he would send Department of Agriculture staff to Mississippi to verify. He sent his staff back to Mississippi the next day and Robert Kennedy sent Peter Edelman back with them to lead them through the same desolate shacks and meet some desolate families. Robert Kennedy's pushing, passion, and

visibility helped activate a range of important people and set in motion a chain of events that led to major activities and reforms being adopted over ensuing months and years.

In May 1967 the Field Foundation, headed by a great Southerner Leslie Dunbar, sent a team of doctors to examine poor children in Mississippi who reported back to the Senate Subcommittee that they found not just severe malnutrition but children suffering from diseases thought to exist only in underdeveloped countries. Their report, *Hungry Children*, was published by the Southern Regional Council. In August 1967 a Citizens' Board of Inquiry into Hunger and Malnutrition in the United States, supported by the Citizens' Crusade against Poverty and the Field Foundation, began a nationwide study of the hunger crisis.

I came to Washington to visit my now special friend Peter Edelman and went out to Hickory Hill to see Robert Kennedy and share my frustration with the slow pace of progress in helping the hungry poor. When I told him I was stopping in Atlanta to see Dr. King on the way back to Jackson, he told me to tell Dr. King to bring the poor to Washington and make poverty and hunger visible in the nation's

Minuteman Press Franchise Celebrates Grand Opening in Upper Marlboro, MD

By PRESS OFFICER
MPIHQ

UPPER MARLBORO, MD—Juanita Glenn is the proud owner of her brand new Minuteman Press design, print, and marketing franchise located at 892 Largo Center Drive in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. "We offer a myriad of services to people who are interested in business cards, banners, signs, postcards, notary, web development, mobile apps, and more," says Juanita. She adds, "With two graphic and web designers at our location, we can put together any type of design that a person can dream or imagine."

Prior to joining the Minuteman Press franchise family, Juanita Glenn worked as an administrative assistant at a local university in the Washington, D.C. area. Her passion for web development and graphic design then led her to pursue a degree in computer studies. "Afterwards, I landed a job as a Technical Specialist and Web Developer which took my career to another level. With that, I focused a lot more on graphic and web design. I became more passionate about this profession and I continued to enhance my skills."

While working full-time, Juanita decided to start her own web development, graphic design, and computer training company. Her experiences as an entrepreneur led her to Minuteman Press, as Juanita explains, "As I was outsourcing work to be printed for my clients, I was oftentimes dissatisfied with the on-line printing service I was receiving. I started wondering what it would be like to have my own printing shop. I prayed that God would allow this to happen for me one day."

Juanita continues, "As faith would have it, in 2015, I happened to be working on a logo design for a client in Brooklyn, New York and she mentioned Minuteman Press as the company she uses for printing. To my surprise, I had never heard about Minuteman Press. After I got off the phone with my client, I went in research mode. I found out so

many wonderful things about Minuteman Press that I had to contact the office for more information. Although I was not ready to start becoming a franchise owner just yet, I wanted to do my homework so that when I was ready I had all of the information needed to make my decision."

Franchise Research Pays Off

When Juanita's job was downsized in 2015, she knew she had an important decision to make: "I felt that after 27 years of service at my previous job, it was time for me to change careers. After praying and seeking advice, I took a leap of faith and left my job. Once I completed graduate school in 2016 with a degree in management, I felt ready to hone in on what I had learned from school and the skills I had obtained over the years. I wanted to be my own boss and I knew Minuteman Press was the right franchise for what I wanted to do. I was comforted in knowing that Minuteman Press had been around for over 40 years and the company was well-established with a great business model and structure."

Along with the business model, Juanita also appreciated the training and ongoing support Minuteman Press offered her on both the corporate and local levels. She says, "There are several things that impress me about Minuteman Press, but the one thing that I am most intrigued about is the support from their corporate headquarters in New York. During my training in New York, Mike Jutt, Minuteman Press International Executive VP and Director of Training, was very helpful in making sure that I received the equipment needed for my new shop. I hit an expected bump in the road and Mike Jutt stepped in to help the process move forward."

As for the local support she has received back home in Upper Marlboro, Juanita Glenn could not be happier. She explains, "Bob Heimbuch, Regional VP for Minuteman Press International and Eric Shank, Field Representative, have been so helpful in making sure my Minuteman Press store was up



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Juanita Glenn—Minuteman Press Upper Marlboro MD franchise owner stands in her new Largo Center Drive store.

and running as well as keeping me on track with the setup and marketing. Bob made sure he found the location I was looking for to start my Minuteman Press franchise. He was instrumental in keeping me abreast of the things necessary to help with the operation of the store. Afterwards, Eric Shank was able to set up the store, organize it, establish accounts with the vendors and assist me constantly with marketing the business. I am totally grateful for their help because I would not have known what to do if I was out there alone."

Satisfaction From Running the Business

When asked about the most rewarding thing about being her own boss and running the business, two words stick out to Juanita Glenn: Satisfaction and teamwork. She comments, "What I get the most satisfaction

from is being able to interact with all types of people. I am very people-oriented and it gives me great pleasure to meet people from all types of background."

Juanita elaborates, "Furthermore, I've always wanted to have a family-friendly environment where employees would love to come to work. My employees are very loyal to the business and I consider them as my team. I don't throw my weight around because I'm the boss and I let them know that we are a team, but every team has a leader. We make sure that we all help each other out as much as possible in order to keep work flowing in an expeditious manner. One of the things that I am proudest of from my team is that we exude professionalism and it is evident when people tell us that from the

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capital. When I sat down in Dr. King's modest Auburn Avenue office he was visibly depressed but his eyes lit up when I conveyed the Kennedy message as the Vietnam War had overshadowed the needs of poor people at home. Earlier that spring, Dr. King had been widely condemned for criticizing the Vietnam War at Riverside Church by Black and White leaders who thought he should segregate his conscience about the related violence of war and the violence of poverty. After robust and cantankerous Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) staff debates in ensuing weeks and months, Dr. King decided to launch a Poor People's Campaign and began planning for it. He convened meetings of the Black, Latino, Native American, and White poor over the ensuing months and I began planning to move to Washington to serve as federal policy liaison.

Dr. King's April 4th, 1968 assassination was an incredibly huge blow to the Poor People's Campaign, but his staff proceeded to gather the poor of all races including organizing a Mule Train from Marks, Mississippi to travel to "Resurrection City" in Washington, D.C. We made visits to many federal agencies for which I had the priv-

ilege of helping prepare policy papers and supporting Dr. King's successor Rev. Abernathy and SCLC staff. A key demand was an end to hunger. In later April 1968, the Citizens' Board of Inquiry into Hunger and Malnutrition released their report *Hunger, U.S.A.*, which identified 282 "hunger counties" in 23 states where emergency action was needed. Another report by the Committee on School Lunch Participation, *Their Daily Bread*, found "generally speaking, the greater the need of children from a poor neighborhood, the less the community is able to meet it." In May 1968 CBS Reports produced a powerful documentary on *Hunger in America* that shocked and outraged the nation including showing a malnourished mother giving birth to a severely malnourished dying baby.

Momentum continued to build following coverage of the crisis. A Senate hearing with representatives from Resurrection City and Dr. Abernathy and Rev. Walter Fauntroy, a key District of Columbia SCLC leader, told the story of pervasive hunger, poverty and joblessness among poor Native Americans, African Americans, Mexican Americans, and White Americans. Before the hearing, I had many Resurrection City residents line up and

stand along the sides of the Senate subway to the Capitol so the Senators could see them when they went to vote. One Senator came up to congratulate me on "your people's costumes." I was shocked and told him, "These are not costumes Senator, these are their real clothes."

Following Robert Kennedy's assassination in June and the moving stop of his hearse and funeral procession on the way to burial at Arlington Cemetery where the poor sang him farewell with the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," Resurrection City was dismantled immediately. But copies of *Hunger, U.S.A.* and a range of specific demands to both the Department of Agriculture and the White House continued. The Senate approved the creation of the Senate Select Committee on Nutrition and Human Needs, chaired by Senator George McGovern (D-SD) with eight Democrats and five Republicans and they began conducting hearings on the status of hunger, food assistance and nutrition that continued over the next several years.

The poor returned home bereft after Robert Kennedy's assassination but I stayed in Washington and founded the Children's Defense Fund (CDF)'s parent organization—

the Washington Research Project, a public interest law firm created to serve the federal policy demands for the campaign and monitor the implementation of federal laws. Rev. Abernathy and SCLC representatives and a group of poor people from the Campaign returned to Washington later for an accountability session. We met with President Richard Nixon and his entire cabinet in the White House and asked for reports on progress made to the Campaign's early demands at federal agencies. President Nixon answered most of our queries with his efforts to end the Vietnam War. But in January 1969 the President established the Council on Urban Affairs headed by Pat Moynihan, his Domestic Policy Advisor, which soon affirmed hunger was a major problem and the President released a Special Message to Congress Recommending a Program to End Hunger in America in May. President Nixon convened a December 1969 White House Conference on Food, Nutrition and Health, and declared hunger had no place in our rich land. The bipartisan McGovern Congressional Committee continued

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OUT ON THE TOWN

ERIC D. SNIDER'S
IN THE DARK
Movie Review

Table 19

Table 19

Grade: B

Rated PG-13, some vulgarity and sexual dialogue, and a butt 1 hr., 29 min

In *Table 19*, the title piece of furniture is at the back of a wedding reception, past the tables reserved for guests who matter. The outcasts back here are the people who were invited out of obligation on the assumption they wouldn't actually come. You feel for them immediately, a band of underdogs who've been wronged before the story even begins.

It helps that their leader is Anna Kendrick, a plucky ray of sunshine even when (especially when?) she's playing a hot mess. Here, in Jeffrey Blitz's shaggy, formulaic comedy, she is Eloise, a lifelong friend of the bride who was going to be maid of honor until just recently, when she got dumped—via text message, no less—by her boyfriend, Teddy (Wyatt Russell), who is the bride's brother and the best man. Eloise struggled with whether to still come to the wedding, and doesn't feel reassured when she meets her table-mates:

• Jo (June Squibb), who was Teddy and the bride's nanny when they were young and is now largely forgotten by them;

• Walter (Stephen Merchant), a grinning, gawky English cousin who definitely wasn't recently in prison and then a halfway house, nope;

• Rezno (Tony Revolori), an intense adolescent boy seeking romance, with his unseen mother (Margo Martindale) on the phone as his wingman;



ROTTENTOMATOES

Ex-maid of honor Eloise—having been relieved of her duties after being unceremoniously dumped by the best man via text—decides to hold her head up high and attend her oldest friend's wedding anyway. She finds herself seated at the 'random' table in the back of the ballroom with a disparate group of strangers, most of whom should have known to just send regrets. As everyone's secrets are revealed, Eloise learns a thing or two from the denizens of Table 19. Friendships—and even a little romance—can happen under the most unlikely circumstances.

• The Kepps, Jerry (Craig Robinson) and Bina (Lisa Kudrow), who own a diner, are acquaintances of the groom's restaurateur father, and have lost the spark in their marriage.

They all eventually come to accept that *Table 19* is not a place of honor, but they're less concerned about the individual indignities they've suffered than with helping Eloise avenge hers. Teddy, a cheerful blond dope, already has a new girlfriend (Amanda Crew) and doesn't seem nearly sorry enough for dumping Eloise. A charming Englishman (Thomas Cocquerel) is introduced into the

story as a potential replacement, teasing us with two possible outcomes: Eloise reconciles with Teddy, or she goes off with the new guy. In the meantime, we discover that Eloise and Teddy's breakup had more nuance to it than we first realized.

The supporting characters are likable and provide fodder for some good running jokes, but they're only interesting insofar as they affect Eloise, the only character who really matters. The Kepps' marriage problems, for example, though handled maturely, only serve the film by filling it out to feature length. Walter's efforts not to discuss

his criminal past are funny (he improvises lies but is very bad at improvising), but there's no payoff. Several other lesser threads are also left dangling.

But the movie pulls a neat trick in the last 20 minutes or so, rallying to provide a happy, satisfying ending that sends us out of the theater thinking we saw something better than we did. Blitz's previous film, *Rocket Science*, from 2007 (he's been directing TV since then), was similarly funny but overly quirky. Maybe one every 10 years is a good pace for someone who makes charming but inconsequential date-night comedies.

Juanita from A5

way we answer the phone to how we treat them when they come into the store. I have always felt that a business should be run by treating people with respect and professionalism and that is what makes me most proud of the team that I have working with me."

The support she received from her parents and church family also makes this experience especially rewarding for Juanita: "I am grateful for my parents and church family who have given me lots of love and support as I was getting the business started. My father who has his own company, Jones Construction Company, was the person that helped me during the renovation of the store. I am grateful that he was a part of the process and I get many compliments on how beautiful the store looks. I feel so proud and thankful that my father was a part of this great process."

Getting Involved in the Community and Giving Back

Being a business owner gives Juanita Glenn a chance to really make a difference in the community, and she has already re-

ceived positive feedback from clients that have welcomed her with open arms. She says, "It is so important to give back and I believe that we are on earth to help one another. It feels good to help someone who needs my type of service. I oftentimes hear from clients that I was needed in the community. Hearing that gives me a great feeling!"

She expands, "I am very passionate about church and youth activities. This helps to keep me grounded and humble. Also, I recently became a part of a networking group called the Business Leadership Council of Prince George's County Maryland. This opportunity came from a client who felt that I would be a good fit for the organization. I am very excited to become a part of this because it will give me more exposure and bring about additional opportunities for the business."

Typical Day

For Juanita Glenn, a typical day as a Minuteman Press franchise owner consists of managing and marketing the business: "The typical day for me at Minuteman Press in Upper Marlboro is making sure that all of my clients get their work completed

in a timely manner. I make sure my team is not stressed out and that things are flowing orderly in the store. It can be hectic at times when we get bombarded with lots of projects, but we all work very well under pressure. When I am not out marketing, I am in the office helping the team as well as following up with those I have previously marketed to."

When she is not working on the business, Juanita enjoys her time at church and with her family. She says, "I love to attend bible study and church service because it gives me so much peace and fulfillment. I also like reading things that are very meaningful, spending time with my husband and our dog Eli. While I have been extremely busy since starting Minuteman Press, I enjoy every bit of quality time I can spend with my husband. He has been my greatest supporter during this entire process and I am thankful for his love, support and encouragement."

Business Goals and Advice for Others

Like any business owner who is just starting out, Juanita Glenn is working hard to grow her business. As for her immediate goals for the business, she states, "My goal for 2017 is to elevate the

business to another level by networking with other groups and organizations. I plan to get government and local contracts by registering with those agencies that need this type of service."

When asked about what advice she would have for other aspiring business owners, Juanita answers, "My advice to anyone who is looking to own a franchise is that Minuteman Press is an A-1 company. It's no wonder they are rated the #1 Marketing and Printing Franchise within the industry by Entrepreneur several times over."

Juanita thoughtfully concludes, "Being your own boss is so rewarding in so many ways because you have the freedom to do what you love and be creative. The cost to start up the company is nothing compared to the support that you get from headquarters and locally. I am so thankful and blessed to be a franchise owner with Minuteman Press."

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with hearings documenting hunger and pushing for adequate federal response as a growing number of anti-hunger groups demanded reforms to end hunger. A range of positive follow up policy steps led to the beginning of a series of expansions of the federal food safety net programs that so many tens

of millions depend on today.

The significant visibility and incremental progress begun by the Poor People's Campaign spawned major progress over time and paved the path for the indispensable child and family nutrition safety net today that helps millions of Americans beat back the wolves of hunger. The major gains in significantly reducing child and family hunger

through expanded federal investments and pressure from Congress during the Nixon years came under attack from Reagan Administration. The Reagan budget proposed to dismantle almost the entire federal safety net and to block grant and dismantle a range of crucial programs for low income children and families—threats we face again today with the Trump Administra-

tion. CDF issued a quick and sharp analysis of the Reagan budget and its proposed devastating impact on the poor and convened a spate of congressional briefings and tried to wake up the country to the looming threats. Although we lost tens of billions of dollars in fed-

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A Little This, A Little That

Top Gardening Trends For 2017



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(BrandPoint)—Whether you have a backyard or just a few containers on the patio, sunny days are your cue it's time to garden. Growing your own flowers, herbs and vegetables is a lot of fun, and with some simple tips, it can be pretty easy to make sure your outdoor space is a showstopper.

The experts at Ball Horticultural Company offer insight into the year's top gardening trends so you can plant with confidence and creativity:

Trend number 1: Create curb appeal

Your home's exterior will influence the first impression of anyone that visits. Give your entryway an instant beauty boost with begonias. They're perfect for the time-starved gardener, grow well in sun or shade, and fill in fast and full. At the forefront of this trend are Megawatt begonias. New for 2017, they feature exceptional performance and a unique bronze-leaf color that is sure to be noticed by guests.

Trend number 2: Tablescape

Bring the beauty of gardening indoors with tablescapes. Use your harvested vegetables as decor inside in display bowls; you'll give your interior design a fresh look. There are also non-edible potted veggies like Hot Pops Purple Ornamental Peppers. They mature in multiple colors to keep you in color all season.

Trend number 3: Fresh food fascinations

There's nothing like pulling fresh food from the garden, but 2017 is trending toward more unique flavors. Replace your traditional pepper plants with specialty hot peppers like jalapenos or chiles. And you don't need tons of space to enjoy multiple tomatoes. Try Take 2 Tomato Combos which give you a slicer and a cherry tomato in one pot, providing twice the flavor in half the space. Travel the globe through herbs: Plant a kitchen garden of different basil, lavenders and mints. Use them in your next cocktail!

Trend number 4: Customize with color

A great garden is more than just a food source, it's also a thing of beauty. One of the hottest trends for 2017 will be accenting your garden with unique colors that reflect your style. If your favorite color is purple, pink or white, weave some petunias into your garden design. If you adore red, try Archangel Cherry Red Angelonia for a delicate texture that weathers any extremes. Fill your garden with plants to match your favorite team's colors for a fun customized twist. Whatever you choose, a splash of color is sure to get your space noticed.

Get started on your garden project today

The 2017 gardening season is just beginning, so now's the perfect time to make friends with your local garden center for the best plant selection. Incorporate any or all of the top trends listed above and your garden will be beautiful and rewarding throughout the entire year.

Jobs from A3

• Swim Lesson Aides, with experience earn up to \$13.40 per hour
Interested applicants can apply online.

Not certified? No problem! Interested applicants can register for one of our monthly Lifeguard Training classes. And if hired by M-NCPPC—successful applicants can even be reimbursed \$100 for the Lifeguard Training Course after working two pay periods!

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Calendar of Events

April 20 — April 26, 2017

Container Gardening

Date and Time: Thursday, April 20, 2017, 2-3 pm
 Description: Want to garden but don't have a yard? Join us for a family friendly activity where you will learn how to transform recycled materials into containers for plants. Participants will build and take home a container.
 Cost: Resident: \$4; Non-Resident: \$6
 Ages: Ages 2 & up
 Location: Old Maryland Farm
 301 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro, MD
 Contact: 301-218-6770; TTY: 301-699-2544

Concert: B's Bees

Date and Time: Friday, April 21, 2017, 8 pm
 Description: One of Montreal, Canada's favorite jazz bands is touring the U.S. for the first time! Led by Brandon Goodwin, B's Bees plays an inspired program of straight-ahead jazz, featuring the late master Charlie Haden as well as the group's own "Kanata Suite."
 Cost: \$25/person; 10% discount for Montpelier members & seniors
 Ages: All ages welcome
 Location: Montpelier Arts Center
 9652 Muirkirk Rd., Laurel, MD
 Contact: 301-377-7800; TTY 301-699-2544

Earth Day Cleanup and Celebration 2017

Date and Time: Saturday, April 22, 2017, 9:00 am-2:00 pm
 Description: Help cleanup the earth at sites along the Anacostia River from 9am-12pm. Then celebrate Earth Day here at the park from 12-2pm, with an afternoon of food, live performances, speakers, exhibits, and activities! Organized by the Anacostia Watershed Society. For more information, additional cleanup sites, or to register, visit anacostiaws.org/earthday2017
 Cost: FREE
 Ages: All ages
 Location: Bladensburg Waterfront Park
 4601 Annapolis Road, Bladensburg, MD
 Contact: 301-779-0371; TTY 301-699-2544

Unity in the Community

Date and Time: Saturday, April 22, 2017, 10 am-4 pm
 Description: The day includes a parade and festival bringing the community and law enforcement together as a way to understand the needs of citizens.
 Citizens will get useful information and services such as health stations, basic health screenings, and voter registration, entertainment, and other family friendly activities.
 This event is a partnership between the Town of Capitol Heights and the Department of Parks and Recreation.
 Cost: Free
 Ages: All ages welcome
 Location: Oakcrest Community Center
 1300 Capitol Heights Blvd, Capitol Heights, MD
 Contact: 301-420-2444; TTY 301-699-2544

Patuxent River Kayak Trip

Date and Time: Saturday, April 22, 2017, 1-4 pm
 Description: Explore the natural beauty and cultural history of the river on a guided kayak trip. The theme is "Spring Migration."
 Cost: Resident: \$25; Non-resident: \$33
 Ages: 18 & up
 Location: Patuxent River Park
 16000 Croom Airport Road, Upper Marlboro, MD
 Contact: 301-627-6074; TTY: 301-699-2544

Jazz Talk: Allyn Johnson

Date and Time: Sunday, April 23, 2017, 2 pm
 Description: Performer, composer/arranger and educator, Allyn Johnson was specially chosen by jazz legend Calvin Jones to succeed him as director of the jazz studies program and jazz ensembles at the University of the District of Columbia.
 Cost: Free
 Ages: All ages welcome
 Location: Montpelier Arts Center
 9652 Muirkirk Rd., Laurel, MD
 Contact: 301-377-7800; TTY 301-699-2544

The Riversdale Chamber Music Society

Date and Time: Sunday, April 23, 2017, 2:30-3:30 pm
 Description: Join us for the final performance of the season as UMD School of Music faculty and staff explore the theme, "Images!" Enjoy the sounds of Igor Stravinsky's *Soldiers Tale* set against a film complete with narration. Mingle with the performers at a reception after the concert. Registration is not required; seating is first come, first served.
 Cost: FREE
 Ages: All ages welcome
 Location: Riversdale House Museum
 4811 Riverdale Road, Riverdale Park, MD
 Contact: 301-864-0420; TTY: 301-699-2544
riversdale@pgparks.com

Maryland Day

Date and Time: April 29, 2017, 10 am-4 pm
 Location: University of Maryland-College Park Campus
 Description: The University of Maryland's one-day open house features over 400 free family-friendly and interactive events that teach and inspire future innovators.
 A wide variety of activities take place across campus in six learning neighborhoods, including Terp Town Center, Ag Day Avenue, Art & Design Place, Biz & Society Hill, Sports & Rec Row and Science & Tech Way.
 Highlights include a meet and greet with UMD athletes, access to the wind tunnel, storytelling and performances, 60-second plank challenge, health fair, petting zoo, healthy food demos, and much more.
 Cost: Free
 Ages: All ages welcome
 Location: University of Maryland, College Park Campus
 Contact: www.marylandday.umd.edu

EARTH TALK ... Is Paris Enough? So Far, Climate Commitments Don't Quite Add Up Yet

Dear EarthTalk:

Is it true that the Paris climate accord as it stands won't be enough to stave off cataclysmic global warming anyway, even if the U.S. and the other participating countries honor their commitments?

—Astrid Taylor, Williams, MA

To date, 197 countries have signed onto 2015's landmark Paris climate accord ("The Paris Agreement"), which aims to limit global warming to less than 2°C above pre-industrial levels by 2100 through voluntary emissions reduction plans. But skeptics argue that even if all participating countries follow through with their promised cuts, we may still come up short in leveling off global warming as needed.

Researchers working on the Climate Action Tracker, a tool used to monitor climate action and global efforts to meet Paris Agreement goals, found that with current and planned emissions reduction policies, we are on track to hold the global mean temperature down to approximately 2.8°C above pre-industrial levels by 2100—not the 2°C environmental leaders are hoping we can achieve. For some context, the current global average mean temperature hovers around 1°C above pre-industrial levels, but climatologists expect the warming to accelerate as a result of a cen-

tury's worth of carbon dioxide (CO₂) built up in the atmosphere. If we keep up our current pace of emissions up without any checks, climate models suggest the global average mean temperature will rise about 3.6°C by 2100.

Meanwhile, others think we are even further from achieving our goals. Blogger and Skeptical Environmentalist author Bjorn Lomborg calculates that, even if each of the Paris signatories keeps its emissions reduction promises, we can only expect a negligible reduction in global mean temperature, that is, only 0.17°C lower by 2100, but still well above what climatologists consider safe and sustainable. "Paris is being sold as the summit where we can help 'heal the planet' and 'save the world,'" says Lomborg. "It is no such thing."

What such negative extrapolations don't factor in is that the Paris Agreement leaves room for participating nations to adjust their emissions reduction goals moving forward. Indeed, setting more ambitious targets mid-stream is baked into the agreement. Negotiators figure that improving technologies and the reduced cost of renewables in the coming years will help drive down emissions more than we can count on at this point, and getting more nations on-board now is the top priority. To wit, the U.S. has promised "deep, economy-wide emission reductions of 80 percent or more by 2050" while



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The melting of the ice sheets around Illulissat, Greenland and elsewhere in the Arctic is accelerating thanks to global warming.

the European Union has likewise pledged to slash its own emissions by 80 to 95 percent of 1990 levels by 2050.

But are such lofty goals achievable? Stockholm University's Johan Rockström thinks so, but only if we're careful how we get there. Lead author on a recent paper on the topic in *Science Magazine*, Rockström argues that we need to cut greenhouse gas emissions from utilities and industry around the world in half

every decade until 2050 while also cutting out net greenhouse gas emissions from agriculture and deforestation altogether. Meanwhile, we'll have to significantly scale up efforts to sequester CO₂. According to Rockström, if we can remove five gigatons of CO₂ from the atmosphere every year until 2050—almost double what the world's trees and soils already do naturally—we might be able to get in striking distance of the 2°C goal.

CONTACTS: Bjorn Lomborg's "Impact of Current Climate Proposals," onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/1758-5899.12295/full; Climate Action Tracker, www.climateaction-tracker.org; "A Roadmap for Rapid Decarbonisation," <http://science.sciencemag.org/content/355/6331/1269.full>.

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We'll recognize these families throughout the day with a Superhero Sprint for kids, complete with a purple cape, a symbolic lei for mom and dad and loads of fun in the kids' zone. In addition, we'll be adding to the fun with a live deejay and free breakfast and lunch sponsored by Safeway and Subway."

"This year for the first time, participants will have the opportunity to walk through our Memory Mile and visit our unforget-

table March for Babies Memory Garden. Those who have experienced loss will find a meaningful way to remember their baby by planting a flower in our butterfly garden," she says.

Premature birth is the leading cause of death among babies in the United States. It affects about 380,000 babies—that's 1 in 10—born each year, including approximately 8,525 babies in Maryland. Funds raised by March for Babies in Prince George's County support the March of Dimes programs that

provide comfort and support for moms and babies as well as innovative research to find the unknown causes of premature birth and birth defects.

The March of Dimes is the leading nonprofit organization for pregnancy and baby health. For more than 75 years, moms and babies have benefited from March of Dimes research, education, vaccines, and breakthroughs. For the latest resources and health information, visit our websites marchofdimes.org and nacersano.org. If you have been

affected by prematurity or birth defects, visit our shareyourstory.org community to find comfort and support. For detailed national, state and local perinatal statistics, visit persistats.org. Find us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

The 2017 March for Babies is sponsored nationally by Kmart, Famous Footwear, Macy's, Cigna, and HCA. In our community, March for Babies is sponsored by IAM Machinists Union, Safeway, Subway, and the Washington Informer.

Teacher from A1

uate well-prepared for college and careers."

Marzke was nominated by her peers not only for her outstanding skills, but for her passion for teaching, championship of students, and mentorship of colleagues. She has taken on many leadership roles, including Grade Level Chair, Professional Development Lead Teacher and member of the school management team.

"Carolyn Marzke embodies the notion of both 'outstanding' and 'teacher,'" said Denise Dunn, principal of Ridgecrest.

"She instills in her students an intense desire to learn and achieve at a high level, and assists other teachers to grow in their field by modeling lessons and engaging staff in discussions around best practices."

Always striving towards excellence, Marzke was recognized as a PGCPD Outstanding Employee in 2016. Currently, she is working towards National Board Certification, a multi-year process for earning the highest—and most respected—level of certification for teachers.

Marzke has a Master's Degree in Public Policy from the University of California at

Berkeley and a Bachelor's Degree in Human Biology from Stanford University.

She will compete statewide with representatives from all 24 counties for the title of 2016-2017 Maryland Teacher of the Year, coordinated by the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE). The winner will be announced in the fall and represent Maryland in the national competition.

Deerfield Run Elementary special education teacher Emily Freeman was runner-up for the award; Karuna Skariah from Robert Goddard Montessori and Cheryl Strong from Judith P. Hoyer

Montessori were finalists. The following educators were also nominees for Prince George's County Teacher of the Year:

- Latia American, Montessori Teacher, Judith P. Hoyer Montessori
- Patricia Conroy, Special Education Teacher, Woodmore Elementary
- Jennifer Findlater, Science Teacher, Benjamin Tasker Middle School
- Devon Lucas, Reading and Science Teacher, Woodmore Elementary
- Toby Rossell, English Teacher, Bladensburg High School



PREVENT POLLUTION

You're closer to the Chesapeake Bay than you think. Your neighborhood storm drains are a direct connection to this great body of water. When it rains, the water goes directly into a storm drain and then to a local stream or river, which eventually empties into the Chesapeake Bay. Not only does the rain water go down the drain but so do pollutants such as trash, grass clippings, plastics and motor oil.

Help educate County residents about storm drain pollution and its impact on the health of the Chesapeake Bay. Stencil storm drains in your community with the Prince George's County Department of the Environment by contacting CountyClick at 3-1-1.