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Temple Hills Native Serves Their Nation Abroad in Spain

By PRESS OFFICER
Navy Community Outreach

ROTA, SPAIN—A Crossland High School graduate and Temple Hills, Maryland native is serving in the U.S. Navy aboard the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer, *USS Donald Cook*.

Seaman Selena Quevedo is a quartermaster 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 quartermaster is responsible for helping make sure the ship is safe during navigation operations.

"I like being able to see the sunrises and sunsets during my job," said Quevedo. "I am lucky



PHOTO COURTESY NOCO
Seaman Selena Quevedo

that I am able to see so many beautiful sites."

Commissioned in 1998, the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer, *Donald Cook*, is 509 feet long; the length of more than 3 football

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Prince George's County Health Department Rabid Kitten Alert

By PRESS OFFICER
PG County Health Dept.

LARGO, MD—Prince George's County Health Department and local health officials are alerting community members to a recent rabies exposure in Laurel, MD. On or around June 24, 2017, a stray kitten bit and scratched individuals near the 9000 block of Cherry Lane in Laurel. The kit-

ten is described as a brown tabby domestic short-haired kitten with distinctive dark stripes and dots. The kitten appeared to have bite wounds and was transported to a local veterinarian for treatment. The Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) confirmed that the kitten tested

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Conditions at Willow Hill Drive after fire was extinguished.

PHOTO COURTESY PAUL HAWKINS, PGFD OBSERVER

Busy Shift for PGFD Firefighters and Medics

By MARK E. BRADY
PGC Fire/EMS

LARGO, MD—It was a busy and noteworthy "A" Shift for firefighters and medics of the Prince George's County Fire/Emergency Medical Services Department on Tuesday, July 11.

At 2:30 pm firefighters from the Berwyn Heights area and

surrounding communities were alerted to a house fire in the 6200 block of Pontiac Street. Fire/EMS units arrived to find a 2-story single family home with fire and smoke showing from the top floor. Firefighters initiated an interior attack and search of the structure and ensured all occupants were out of the house. There were 35 per-

sonnel on the scene that required about 15–20 minutes to extinguish the fire. The cause of the fire is undetermined and fire loss is estimated at \$75,000. Five adults and five children are displaced and receiving assistance from the County Office of Emergency Management and the American Red Cross. Two firefighters sustained minor

burn injuries. Both were treated at a Burn Unit and released.

At about 3:30 pm a parked transport unit was stolen from the patient drop off area at Prince George's Hospital Center in Cheverly. The crew was inside the Emergency Department tending

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EDC's Signature Networking Event "es muy bueno" For Local Latino Business Community

First Latino Thirsty (for Business) Thursday Enlightens Latino Community About County Resources to Promote and Expand Their Businesses

By LORI C. VALENTINE
PGCEDC

HYATTSVILLE, MD—June 22, 2017 was historic for the Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) as it hosted its first Latino Thirsty (for Business) Thursday (T4BT) networking event at El Carbonero Restaurant in Hyattsville, Maryland. Well known as EDC's signature networking event, last night's event was especially significant because it was focused on introducing the Latino business community to the toolbox of business development services that the EDC has to encourage and assist in business growth. Joined by EDC's Latino Business Development Specialist Rocio Treminio-Lopez, EDC President and CEO Jim Coleman kicked-off Latino T4BT by welcoming local Latino business owners and dignitaries to this one of a kind event.

"Prince George's County is open for business for all communities in Prince George's County," said Coleman. "Tonight, we make history by intentionally engaging our Latino Business community to ensure they have everything necessary to be successful. Latino Business is a driving force behind what makes Prince George's County the powerhouse that it is today. We wouldn't be as strong as we are without businesses like El Carbonero Restaurant that contribute to the economic footprint of the County. We are also excited to have Brentwood Mayor Rocio Treminio-Lopez on our EDC team so that we can best serve the Latino business community. We are the success partners for any and every Latino Business that seeks to thrive in Prince George's County."

State Senator Jim Rosapepe (District 21) and State Delegate Carlo Sanchez (Dis-



PHOTO COURTESY LORI C. VALENTINE
EDC President and CEO Jim Coleman (Center) with Jacqueline Bonhonne, Fleur De Lis, LLC and EDC Latino Business Development Specialist Rocio Treminio-Lopez at Latino T4BT.

trict 47B) were among the local dignitaries that came out to support the EDC and Latino business community. Also in attendance was Ryan Middleton, Field Representative for U.S. Senator Ben Cardin, Helder

Hernandez, Community Engagement Officer for Congressman Anthony Brown and representatives from Council Member Deni

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David Blackledge Promoted to Executive Vice President, Melwood Veterans Services, LLC

By PRESS OFFICER
Melwood

UPPER MARLBORO, MD—On July 11, 2017, Cari DeSantis, President & CEO of Melwood announced that David Blackledge had been promoted to Executive Vice President of Melwood Veterans Services, LLC. Blackledge is a retired Army Brigadier General with 37 years of military service. He initially joined Melwood in January as Program Director of Operation: Tohidu®, a retreat program for veterans and active duty service members struggling with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) or mild traumatic brain injury (mTBI).

Drawing from his experience in the military and as a faculty member for the Defense Centers of Excellence for Traumatic Brain Injury and Psychological Health, Blackledge enhanced Melwood's fledgling Operation: Tohidu® program, making it more accessible, more comfort-

able and, most importantly, more impactful for today's veterans. Under his leadership, Operation: Tohidu® added specialized retreats, including one specifically for female veterans struggling with military sexual trauma, and a couples retreat that focuses not only on the veteran, but also on training and support for spouses or caregivers to help families cope with the stresses of service-related trauma.

"Since our humble beginnings in 1963, Melwood has been a leader in providing innovative services that expand possibilities for people with differing abilities. In today's world, it makes sense for us to dedicate some of that expertise to serving veterans living with service-related traumas and injuries," said DeSantis. "We're fortunate to have someone with Dave's level of skill, experience,

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Van Hollen on FBI: This is a Reckless Decision Made by the Trump Administration

"As Senator Cardin said, it is also a big waste of taxpayer money to delay this decision. Right now, we're going to have to be spending taxpayer money to put band-aids on the current building to keep it operational and continue paying leases on all the other buildings."
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Federal Sports Betting Coalition Launches to Unleash \$516 Million for Maryland's Economy

Across the country, legalizing sports betting in the United States would curb a conservatively estimated \$150 billion illegal market while supporting up to 152,000 jobs, creating an estimated \$26 billion in economic output and generating up to \$5.3 billion in tax revenue.
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Movie Review: Baywatch

The screenplay is credited to horror writers Damian Shannon and Mark Swift (*Freddy vs. Jason*, the *Friday the 13th* remake), revising drafts by four more writers who get "story by" credit. All those hands the script passed through and nobody thought to punch up the dry scenes?
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Earth Talk

Dear EarthTalk:

Does Volvo's embrace of electric cars signal the beginning of the end of the gas-powered internal combustion engine?

—Macy Vigneault,
New Orleans, LA

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In and Around Morningside-Skyline

by Mary McHale 301 735 3451

Andrews celebrates 70th anniversary with September air show

Mark your calendar for the return of the Andrews Air Show, coming up Sept. 16–17, featuring the Air Force's premier aerial demonstration team, the Thunderbirds, performing fast-paced acrobatic maneuvers of two, four and six planes flying in formation. Also the Special Operations Command Paracommandos Parachute Team and lots more.

Admission is free but if you'd like Premium Seating (\$25 plus \$2.50 fee) or Front Line (adults, \$125; ages 4–12, \$60; plus fees), call the event directly at: 805-687-0158 ext.111 or go to AndrewsAirShow.org. Gates open at 9 a.m. and close at 5 p.m. Aerial performances begin at 11:30. Go online to learn about parking (at FEDEX Field) and what you can, or cannot, bring with you.

The event celebrates the 70th anniversary of what is now Joint Base Andrews.

Night Out Against Crime

Both Morningside and Skyline will be hosting Night Out picnics on Tuesday, Aug. 1. Drop by either place for food, activities, and to meet your neighbors and police officers. There'll probably be a few candidates to shake hands with. I'll be at Skyline.

People

Barry Wade saved the cat. As Code Enforcement Officer for the Town of Morningside, he was called by a woman concerned about a cat in her yard. Barry arrived to find the cat with its head caught in a salmon can. With difficulty, he freed it. Barry spent years as an Animal Control officer; I guess that experience helped prepare him for such emergencies.

Mary Dean, of Morningside, is back from the graduation of her grandson Justin Coffren at Ohio Tech in Cleveland. Justin, who is now back at Tech to attend an extra class, is the son of Crystal and Craig Coffren, of Brandywine.

Ananya Vinay, age 12, of Fresno, CA, won the Scripps National Spelling Bee in the 36th round by spelling "marocain" (a dress fabric made with a warp of silk or rayon). Among other words she had already spelled were "konditorei," "heiligschein" and "wayzgoose." The Bee was held at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center in National Harbor.

Academia

Stephen Lamont is the new principal for St. Philip's School in Camp Springs. He comes to St. Philip's from St. Bartholomew School in Bethesda where he was principal, and has taught math and served as vice principal at Archbishop Carroll High School.

Caitlin Woods, who graduated this spring from Southern High School, will attend Fordham University in the fall. Her dream was to go to school in New York and she made it happen. Caitlin is the daughter of Trisha and Lewis Woods, of Lothian, granddaughter of Jan and Bob Pitts and the late Robert and Anne Woods, and great-granddaughter of the late Dolores and Claude Pitts. The Woods and Pitts families were across-the-street neighbors years ago, on Allies Road in Morningside.

Shred time

Free Shred Day, Saturday, July 22, at Central Baptist Church of Camp Springs, 5600 Old Branch Avenue in Camp Springs, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Eats

Visit the Farmer Market at MedStar Southern Maryland Hospital on Wednesdays, noon to 4 p.m. Info: Charmaine Smalley, 301-627-8469.

Maija Cafe, 8319 Old Branch Road in Clinton, offers "Authentic African Cuisine." For information, call 240-348-7091.

My nephew Rick Mudd, visiting from New Mexico, treated me to a good breakfast at the Allentown Cafe in Andrews Manor Shopping Center. My first time going there. You

might be interested in their Fish Special (whiting) Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. It includes one side and soda, for \$6.99.

Changing landscape

County Exec Baker, Police Chief Stawinski, Sheriff High and other public safety officials broke ground July 12 for the County's new state-of-the-art firearms range and tactical training village on a 132-acre parcel between Ritchie Marlboro Road and Brown Station Road in Upper Marlboro.

I'm really, really excited: it looks as though sidewalks and curbs are finally going in at the corner of Suitland and Allentown roads, in front of the motel. Can a new road surface far behind?

May they rest in peace

Glenn Davis, 96, who lived years ago at the corner of Skyline Drive and Suitland Road, died April 16 in Fall Branch, TN. He served in the Navy during WWII and was a 32° Mason. He was the husband of Eunice and the father of Jerry, Ramona and Joanne.

Sharon (Micol) Hurd, 74, formerly of District Heights and a 1960 graduate of Suitland High, died June 30. In 1942 she graduated from the Washington Hospital Center School of Nursing. Survivors include her husband R. J. "Jack" Hurd, three children and four grandkids.

Marjorie G. Allen, 89, a Clinton resident for 56 years, died June 30 at Georgetown Hospital. She was a Boston University graduate and, later, an Air Force wife. Survivors include her husband of 66 years, William A. Allen, sons William Jr. and David, and three grandsons. Services were at Grace Gospel Worship Center in Clinton.

Milestones

Happy birthday to Allyssa Frederick, July 18; Mary Hay and Jeff Frederick, July 21;

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Neighborhoods

Board of Public Works Approves Funding For Clean Water and the Chesapeake Bay

BALTIMORE, MD—On July 5, 2017, The Maryland Board of Public Works approved more than \$92 million in grants to reduce pollution, improve water quality and save energy and money. The Board is composed of Governor Larry Hogan, Treasurer Nancy K. Kopp and Comptroller Peter Franchot.

"These are smart investments to protect public health, prevent water pollution and save money and energy in Maryland communities and the Chesapeake Bay. The Maryland Department of the Environment thanks Governor Hogan for his leadership as the new head of the six-state Chesapeake Bay Program and his support for local investments to protect a national treasure," said Maryland Secretary of the Environment Ben Grumbles. "Providing nearly \$100 million to upgrade key sewage treatment plants, septic systems, drinking water systems and clean energy projects will help us to green and grow the state's economy and lead in the race to protect and restore Chesapeake Bay watersheds."

The following projects were approved today:

Back River Wastewater Treatment Plant Enhanced Nutrient Removal Upgrade Project—Baltimore City, Baltimore County

A \$46,219,057 Bay Restoration Fund grant to Baltimore City will help fund the planning, design and construction of Biological Nutrient Removal (BNR) and Enhanced Nutrient Removal (ENR) upgrades at the 180 million gallons per day Back River Wastewater Treatment Plant. After the upgrades, the facility will reduce its nitrogen discharge by 83 percent, significantly reducing the amount of nutrients discharged to Back River and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay. The plant is currently achieving phosphorus discharge levels that are better than the ENR goal. Excessive amounts of nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorus lead to lowered levels of oxygen needed to support aquatic life in waterways, including the Chesapeake Bay. ENR upgrades of wastewater treatment plants are a critical component of Maryland's Phase II Watershed Implementation Plan.

Baltimore City Multiple Sewershed Projects—Baltimore City

Bay Restoration Fund grants totaling \$16,999,258 to Baltimore City will help fund a continuation of Baltimore City's efforts to prevent sanitary sewer overflows as required by a consent decree initiated by the Maryland Department of the Environment and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The projects entail the planning, design and construction of improvements to the existing Baltimore City sanitary sewer infrastructure in the Patapsco, Herring Run and Lower Level sewersheds. Baltimore City, Baltimore County and Anne Arundel County share the cost of some of the projects because they share the sewer infrastructure. A change in state law in 2015 allows Bay Restoration Fund money to be used for this purpose.

Upgrade Septic Systems—Statewide

Grants from the Bay Restoration Fund totaling \$15 million will provide funding for counties to upgrade on-site sewage disposal (septic) systems to significantly reduce the discharge of nitrogen, one of the most serious pollutants in the Chesapeake Bay. Counties will focus on upgrading septic systems located within the critical area. All 23 Maryland counties will benefit from the grants.

Betterton Wastewater Treatment Plant Biological Nutrient Removal and Enhanced Nutrient Removal Upgrades—Kent County

A \$5,905,336 Bay Restoration Fund grant to the town of Betterton will help fund the planning, design and construction of biological nutrient removal and Enhanced Nutrient Removal upgrades at the Betterton Wastewater Treatment Plant. After the upgrade, the facility will reduce its nitrogen discharge by 83 percent and its phosphorus discharge by 90 percent, significantly reducing the amount of nutrients discharged to the Sassafraz River and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay. Excessive amounts of nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorus lead to lowered levels of oxygen needed to support aquatic life in waterways, including the Chesapeake Bay. ENR upgrades of wastewater treatment plants are a critical component of Maryland's Phase II Watershed Implementation Plan.

New Operation and Maintenance Grants for Upgraded Sewage Treatment Plants—Statewide

Grants from the Bay Restoration Fund totaling \$4,776,900 will provide funding for operation and maintenance costs for 41 wastewater treatment plants operating at enhanced nutrient removal levels in 20 counties. The Bay Restoration Fund provides for up to 10 percent of the annual revenue generated from wastewater treatment plant users and deposited with the Maryland Department of the Environment to be allocated for such costs. The grant for each plant is up to \$30,000 per million gallons per day of design capacity, with a minimum award of \$30,000 and a maximum award of \$300,000 per year for any plant.

Enhanced Nutrient Removal upgrades allow facilities to significantly reduce the amount of nutrients discharged to local waterways and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay. Excessive amounts of nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorus lead to lowered levels of oxygen needed to support aquatic life in waterways, including the Chesapeake Bay. The plants receiving these grants have reduced nitrogen discharges by more than 4,547,000 pounds per year and phosphorus discharges by more than 542,000 pounds per year. ENR upgrades of wastewater treatment plants are a critical component of Maryland's Phase II Watershed Implementation Plan.

Combined Sewer Overflow Elimination Phase VIII-B Grant Street Project—Allegany County

A \$2,135,875 Bay Restoration Fund grant to the City of

Frostburg will help fund the next phase of the city's efforts to separate its combined sewers and reduce the frequency and volume of combined sewer overflows during wet weather. This phase includes the installation of new sewers and storm drains to separate the combined sewers along Grant Street. The project will significantly reduce wet-weather sewage flows to downstream sewage treatment facilities in Allegany County, the Town of LaVale and the City of Cumberland, and it will reduce combined sewer overflows to George's Creek, the Potomac River and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay.

Chesapeake City Water Storage Tank Project—Cecil County

A \$1,027,515 U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development grant to Chesapeake City will help fund the construction of a 300,000-gallon elevated water storage tank at the Bohemia Manor School Complex property. The new tank replaces the town's outdated tanks. It will provide water storage for emergency use in the event of a disaster and for fire service, and it will serve the existing water distribution system, including the school complex.

Prince Albert/Sunnyside Water Project—Allegany County

A \$150,000 grant in the form of forgiveness of a Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund loan to Allegany County, along with a second \$150,000 Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund loan, will help fund the Prince Albert/Sunnyside Water Project. The project includes the design and construction of waterlines, valves and fire hydrants to extend public water service from Allegany County's Mt. Savage Water System to the Prince Albert/Sunnyside community, where residents are experiencing problems with their private wells and have asked the county to extend public water service. The new extensions will provide safe and reliable drinking water and fire protection.

Pond Circle Road Water Project—Allegany County

A \$137,500 Water Supply Financial Assistance grant to Allegany County will help fund the Pond Circle Road Project. The project entails the extension of public water service from Allegany County's Carlos/Shaft/Klondike Water District to about 20 residential units in the Pond Circle Road area. The project will provide clean, reliable drinking water and fire protection to the area.

Kent County Water Treatment Plant and Wastewater Treatment Plants Lighting Efficiency Upgrade Project—Kent County

A \$129,720 Energy Water Infrastructure Program grant to Kent County will fund upgrades to lighting systems at four water treatment plants and three wastewater treatment plants. The upgrades to LED lights and associated fixtures will reduce energy consumption by an estimated 60 percent.

Brandywine-Aquasco

by Audrey Johnson 301 888 2153

BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY NEW PRESIDENT

The University System of Maryland Board of Regents has appointed Aminta Hawkins Breaux as the new president of Bowie State University. Bowie State University in Prince George's County, serves more than 5,600 undergraduate and graduate students and offers 41 bachelor's and master's degree programs, two doctoral programs and 14 graduate and advanced study certificates. Areas of focus at the school include computer science, information technology, nursing, natural sciences and education.

SCSEP

"The Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP), is also known as Title V. This program provides part-time work-based training opportunities at local community service agencies for older Prince Georgians who have poor employment prospects and are unemployed. SCSEP assists individuals in finding employment opportunities in the community through a variety of supportive services such as personal and job-related coun-

seling, job training, and job referral. SCSEP providers also educate employers about the benefits of hiring older workers." For more information please visit: <http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/1728/Senior-Employment>.

LINK

What is Link? Link allows all PGCPs students access to library services using their 9-digit ID Number with PGCPs in front, no sign-up needed! For example, PGCPs 100100100. The PIN is the last four digits of the student's ID. Students can sign on for free online study and homework help, like: Ask Us Now Research Help, E-Reference Books, Brain Fuse Live Tutoring, Lynda Tech Tutorials, etc. Students may borrow up to 3 items at a time and never have overdue fines.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Enjoy an evening of fun for the entire community with National Night Out Tuesday, August 1, 2017 from 6:30 PM–8:30 PM. There will be live entertainment by Let It Flow Band, that will captivate audiences with a stirring mix of Hip-Hop, contemporary jazz, neo-soul, R&B, and a

few "old school" classics. Enjoy free food (while supplies last). There will be face painting, inflatables, games, safety information and many more activities. The event is free for all ages. The location is Hillcrest Heights Community Center, 2300 Oxon Run Drive, Temple Hills, Maryland 20748. (Rain or Shine). Telephone number is 301-203-6000; TTY 301-699-2544.

SEAFOOD FEAST

You are invited to join us for a Seafood Feast catered by Thompson's Seafood, Saturday September 23, 2017 from 4:00 PM–7:00 PM at our Family Life Center New Hope Fellowship, Nottingham-Myers Campus. The address is 15601 Brooks Church Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772. Rev. Constance Smith, Pastor.

The menu includes crab balls, steamed shrimp, baked and fried fish, fried chicken, hot dogs, hamburgers, cole slaw, potato salad, corn on the cob, green beans, hush puppies and drinks. Donation \$45.00. For more information, contact the Nottingham-Myers Church Office at 301-888-2171 or e-mail NewHope014@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY

The American Counseling Association's Counseling Corner

Tips for Encouraging Good Behavior in Your Children

As parents we all would like to have perfect, well-behaved offspring of whom we can always be proud. Yes, well, it's nice to dream. Kids are kids, and while we love them, and while they may often try to please us, they are also going to continue to be kids and do things that encourage those gray hairs we're now noticing in the mirror.

For most parents, when our children are not living up to our expectations, the natural reaction is to punish or lecture in order to "teach" the child that what he or she did was wrong. While that will usually end the undesired behavior ("Put down the chainsaw, Jimmy!"), it's often a short-lived change, happening mostly to stop the lecture, yelling or punishment.

What researchers have found is that in order to alter long-term behavior, rewards are generally more effective than punishment or other negative consequences. Knowing how to use rewards to promote the right types of behavior should be an important part of parenting skills.

Note that rewarding good behavior is not the same as "bribing" your children. Your goal is to help your children learn that good consequences come from good behavior.

Sometimes a reward might be something tangible—a toy, a favorite food, a new book—that says thank you for the good behavior and encourages more of it for the future.

But rewards can also be intangible—time spent with Mom or Dad, extra play time, getting to watch a favorite TV show or spend time on the computer. Often kids find more value in such rewards than in that new toy. Studies find that simple praise for something done well is one of the most powerful and long-lasting rewards for children of all ages.

You also have to think about how you reward positive behavior. Rewards should be given occasionally and when they aren't expected, otherwise they do become bribes. They should also be given immediately after the desired behavior, not hours or days later. And it's important to reward effort, not just final performance. Trying to do the right thing counts.

Tangible rewards will lose their value over time, but when children know they'll earn your praise and approval for good behavior, it can be a real motivator. Just letting your children know that you appreciate when they're working to do the right thing is often reward enough.

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fields. The ship is named after Donald Cook, a Vietnam War prisoner of war who died in captivity.

Donald Cook is a tactical multi-mission surface combatant capable of conducting anti-air submarine surface warfare in conjunction with being outfitted with Aegis ballistic missile defense capabilities. BMD enables the ship to conduct long-range surveillance, tracking, and engagement of short and medium-range ballistic missiles.

"*Donald Cook* is Sixth Fleet's premier forward deployed unit with an extremely high operational tempo," said Cmdr. Timothy Moore, commanding officer aboard *USS Donald Cook*. "My sailors continue to impress me with how hard they work, the pride they possess and the dedication they show day in and day out in the execution of their duties. Being able to command a ship with such a great group of professional sailors is an enduring honor and a privilege."

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Ryan Simms and David Cook, July 22; Virginia Price, July 23; Angela Surratt, July 24; Bill Curcio and Thomas DeGraba, July 25; Florence Cray and Jennifer Booth, July 26; Floyd Shields, Connie Robbins and Patricia Rosetta, July 27; Matthew Gryskewicz,

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. The jobs range from maintaining engines to handling weaponry and everything in between.

"I love being overseas," said Quevedo. "It's a different experience to serve in Spain."

Although it is difficult for most people to imagine living on a ship, the challenging living conditions build strong fellowship among the crew. 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, Quevedo and other *Donald Cook* sailors know they are part of a legacy that will be last beyond their lifetimes.

"Serving is very prideful," said Quevedo. "I look at myself in the mirror and I say I am so glad I did this. Putting on the uniform every day gives me an even greater sense of pride also."

Kenny Hunt and Jason Nichols, July 28; Gary Barnes, July 29; Helen Rawlett and Helen Cordero, July 30; John Short, Paula Boxley and Howard C. Booth, July 31.

Happy 45th anniversary to Percy and Barbara Crawford on July 22; and happy 17th to Steve and Tessie Johnson, also on July 22.

**In and Around Morningside-Skyline by Mary McHale
Will not appear next week, but will return on 8-3-2017**

Hogan-Rutherford Administration Announces Over \$22 Million to Fight Heroin and Opioid Epidemic

By PRESS OFFICER
MDHMH

BALTIMORE, MD—Maryland's Opioid Operational Command Center, Department of Health, and the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention today announced more than \$22 million to fight the heroin and opioid epidemic. Eighty percent will go to Maryland's 24 local jurisdictions and service providers to fund prevention, enforcement, and treatment efforts throughout the state.

"Finding real solutions to the heroin and opioid crisis that is ravaging our communities is a top priority of our administration and a cause that myself and Lt. Governor Rutherford have been personally committed to since before we took office," said Governor Hogan. "This new funding will make real differences in people's lives as we work together to turn the tide in this deadly fight."

The funding for Fiscal Year 2018 includes the first \$10 million of Governor Larry Hogan's \$50 million commitment to address the crisis announced in March 2017, the first \$10 million from the federal 21st Century Cures Act, and \$2.1 million from the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention.

"With this funding plan, Maryland reaffirms Governor Hogan's commitment to helping equip our local communities as we work together to battle this epidemic throughout the state," said Maryland Department of Health Secretary Dennis Schrader. "For example, \$2 million of the Cures Act funding is being committed to establish a 24-hour crisis center in Baltimore City."

"Here in Maryland, we continue to face a crisis situation with the number of overdoses rising every day. I am confident that with these resources we are announcing today, we have a balanced approach to fighting this epidemic—and we are giving the majority of our resources to the local level where we have the greatest opportunity to save lives," said Clay Stamp, executive director of the Opioid Operational Command Center. "It is important to note our successes will continue to be driven by the significant support and cooperation of our federal and state agencies and local coordinated teams, including key advocacy groups, supporting our important work to combat the opioid crisis."

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to their patient when it appears an adult male, a recently discharged patient, stole the unit. The vehicle was tracked by on-board vehicle locator technology and quickly found abandoned at a nearby convenience store in the 6000 block of Arbor Street. Bystanders alerted arriving police officers of a possible suspect that was taken into custody. A review of the on-board camera system confirmed the suspect was the same person behind the wheel. No damage was found and all equipment was accounted for. After decontaminating the unit it was placed back into service.

Just after 5:00 am, Wednesday, July 12, "A" shift firefighters responded to a reported house fire in the 7600 block of Willow Hill Drive in Seat Pleasant. Firefighters arrived to find heavy fire on the top floor and attic area of a 2-story split foyer home. A working smoke alarm

When Governor Hogan declared a State of Emergency in March, he also announced a supplemental budget of \$50 million in new funding over a five-year period. Twelve state agencies partnering with the Opioid Operational Command Center worked with the command center to develop a work plan and goals, which have shaped how funds will be allocated. The work plan and funding allocations also incorporated feedback from local Opioid Intervention Teams, which coordinate with the community and are led by the jurisdiction's emergency manager and health officer.

The Maryland Department of Health was awarded a \$20 million grant under the 21st Century Cures Act from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, administered by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), to be used for the prevention and treatment of opioid abuse over two years.

"The funds from the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention will be used to continue the collaboration and coordination between federal, state, and local law enforcement," said Glenn Fueston, executive director of the office. "By promoting such collaboration, we feel that we will be in a better position to disrupt the flow of drugs coming into our region."

As Maryland's opioid crisis has evolved, so has the state's response to it, which includes addressing the epidemic from every possible angle. Education and prevention go hand-in-hand with treatment and enforcement, and all are essential components of the state's efforts to turn the tide in this heroin and opioid crisis. Efforts that will receive enhanced funding in FY 2018 include:

Prevention

- \$4 million total distributed to local Opioid Intervention Teams for each jurisdiction to determine how best to fight the heroin and opioid epidemic, which may expand on current prevention, enforcement, and treatment efforts

- \$1.4 million for a public awareness campaign to reduce stigma, increase patient-physician communication, and educate Maryland's school children on the dangers posed by opioids, as well as additional support for local jurisdictions' prevention efforts

- \$700,000 to train community teams on overdose response and linking to treatment

- \$200,000 to pilot a program that creates school-based teams for early identification of the problems related to substance use disorders

- \$200,000 to distribute opioid information to health care facilities and providers that offer treatment for opioid use disorder

Enforcement

- \$1.25 million to add to existing efforts to disrupt and dismantle drug trafficking organizations

- \$850,000 to continue heroin coordinator program, which helps to make the link between law enforcement and treatment

- \$450,000 to increase the Department of Health's regulatory oversight of controlled dangerous substances

Treatment

- \$3.2 million to expand treatment beds statewide, as well as a tracking system—the Maryland Healthcare Commission will aid in expediting the certificate of need application process for treatment beds

- \$2.7 million to improve access to naloxone statewide

- \$2 million to establish a 24-hour crisis center in Baltimore City

- \$1.6 million to expand use of peer recovery support specialists

- \$1 million to expand Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) to hospitals and parole, probation, and correctional facilities

- \$780,000 to increase access to medications that support recovery from substance use disorders

- \$183,000 to support the expansion of existing law enforcement assisted diversion programs
- \$143,000 to improve the statewide crisis hotline

Recognizing the immediate need for naloxone in Baltimore City, \$750,000 will be provided to buy 10,000 units (20,000 doses) of the lifesaving drug that can reverse an opioid overdose. The city will receive \$830,429 in individual jurisdictional funding, \$2 million to establish the crisis center requested by city leadership, as well as funding for localized treatment and enforcement initiatives. With the opportunity to apply for grants, Baltimore is eligible for approximately \$6 million in funding. The 2016 annual report released by the Maryland Department of

Health found that of the 2,089 overdose deaths in Maryland last year, 694 occurred in Baltimore City.

The funding announcement also coincides with the July 1, 2017 roll-out of Maryland Medicaid programs that make substance use disorder treatment options more accessible for Marylanders. Chief among them is the ability of residential treatment centers of a certain size to be able to receive Medicaid reimbursement for treatment—erasing a federal prohibition that had served as an impediment to treatment for many people. Many of these efforts are possible due to the passage of recent legislation that provided the state with additional tools to respond to the heroin and opioid crisis, such as the *Heroin and Opioid Prevention Effort (HOPE) and Treatment Act of 2017* (HB 1329/SB 967), a bipartisan omnibus bill that contains provisions to improve patient education, increase treatment services, and includes the administration's *Overdose Prevention Act*, which enables all citizens to access life-saving naloxone. The HOPE Act builds on many of the 33 recommendations of the administration's Heroin and Opioid Emergency Task Force, and includes improvements to the statewide crisis hotline for support in making diagnoses and referrals, the assessment of drug court programs to determine how to increase programs in a manner sufficient to meet each county's need, and the establishment of the 24-hour crisis center.

Governor Hogan's State of Emergency declaration activated the governor's emergency management authority and enables increased and more rapid coordination between the state and local jurisdictions. The Opioid Operational Command Center, established by Governor Hogan in January through an Executive Order, facilitates collaboration between state and local public health, human services, education, and public safety entities to combat the heroin and opioid crisis and its effects on Maryland communities.

Before It's Too Late is the state's effort to bring awareness to this epidemic—and to mobilize resources for effective prevention, treatment, and recovery. Marylanders grappling with a substance use disorder can find help at BeforeItsTooLateMD.org and 1-800-422-0009, the state crisis hotline.



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Conditions on arrival at Willow Hill Drive.

of which some are all career, all volunteer, or a combination of both. Currently, there are 900 career and civilian employees and 1500 volunteer members. The Department covers a response area of about 500 square miles, protects close to a million people, and has an annual operating budget of 190 million dollars. Last year, the organization responded to approximately

150,000 calls, 80 percent of them were for EMS. At this time, the Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department is the largest and busiest combination department in the United States

Prince George's County residents can have a 10-year smoke alarm installed in their home, free of charge, call 311 and ask about the Departments free smoke alarm program.

COMMENTARY

Cong. Chris Van Hollen United States Senator for Maryland



Van Hollen on FBI: This is a Reckless Decision Made by the Trump Administration

We Will Work to Provide the Funding to Go Forward and Demand the Documents From the GSA as to What Was Behind This Decision

WASHINGTON, D.C.—On July 11, 2017, U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen, member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, spoke at a press conference about the announcement that the Trump Administration, through the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), is canceling the current request for proposals to construct a new fully consolidated FBI headquarters. Prince George's County, MD, was home to two of the three finalist locations for the fully consolidated FBI headquarters. Below is a transcript of his remarks:

"Thank you, Senator Cardin. Thank you for your incredible leadership as head of Team Maryland in the United States Congress. It's great to be here with our colleagues. Congressman Anthony Brown, who got to work straight away to support the project for Prince George's County, for Maryland, and, more importantly, for the country. And Rushern Baker, Prince George's County Executive, who's also made this a priority, who's invested a lot of effort and money in making sure that this project came to fruition. I also want to thank Steny Hoyer and Team Maryland—but Team Maryland, as Senator Cardin said, really working for Team USA to make sure that we have a modern, consolidated FBI Building—for two reasons.

"One, to make sure we strengthen our national security. That building is failing, it's falling apart. The FBI is currently spread among 12 different offices throughout the Washington region. So if we want to avoid the stovepipe mentality and make sure that everybody is coordinating and communicating in a modern way, we need a new, consolidated FBI for our national security.

"As Senator Cardin said, it is also a big waste of taxpayer money to delay this decision. Right now, we're going to have to be spending taxpayer money to put band-aids on the current building to keep it operational and continue paying leases on all the other buildings.

"I've never seen a decision handled with more mismanagement and more negligence than this one today. This is a reckless decision made by the Trump Administration.

"As Senator Cardin said, we have made the funds available, over \$900 million to date. I will remind everybody that when the Trump Administration first advanced their budget... they zeroed out, they eliminated funding for the FBI building. It was the United States Congress that provided the funds in this current fiscal year. The FBI was allocated \$323 million just a couple months ago and the GSA \$200 million. That's on top of the money Senator Cardin mentioned in FY 2016.

"And I remember the evening when Senator Cardin and I worked together in the United States Senate to put the current language in the bill. 'It is the intent of Congress to provide funding in Fiscal Year 2018 necessary for the project to proceed expeditiously.' In other words, a big down payment already there, already banked for the FBI, and a commitment by the United States Congress that was adopted in the Senate and the House that the remainder of that money would come in Fiscal Year 2018. So I can tell you, we're going work very hard to get to the bottom of this decision. This decision does not make sense for the American people. I don't know what was behind it.

"There was a briefing for some of our staff members just about an hour or so ago. The verdict from there was there was no good justification or explanation. So I look forward to working with Senator Cardin and our colleagues in the House in the upcoming appropriations process—both to make sure that we do provide the funding to go forward, but also to demand the documents from the GSA as to what was behind this decision. This decision just does not make sense. It doesn't make sense for the American people. It doesn't make sense for the national security of the United States. It doesn't make sense from a fiscal perspective."

Marc Morial, President and CEO National Urban League



Give Us the Ballot: Restore the Voting Rights Act

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."

—The Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776

Voting is not a privilege. It is a fundamental, constitutionally ratified right afforded to all eligible citizens. The right to elect your federal, state and local representatives and weigh in on proposed local policies via ballot measures is the very definition of democracy: rule by the people. Laws that deny eligible men and women the right to the ballot, legislation that strips the power vested in the people to elect their representatives and decide their collective fate contradicts that central definition and cripples our republic.

It is a shame that as we celebrated the 241st anniversary of that momentous occasion when our fledgling nation famously declared its independence from England and pledged allegiance to a republic governed by the people, we remain caught in the clutches of a debate as old as the founding of these united states: whether to expand or limit access to the franchise.

Today, legislation and prejudicial partisan tactics that disenfranchise communities of color and groups perceived to be progressive voters are on the rise. Restrictions on voter registration, including the elimination of same-day registration, strict voter ID laws, and limiting or eliminating early voting are some of the tools in the toolbox that dismantle our democracy.

Fifty-two years ago, the *Voting Rights Act of 1965* was introduced and enacted to "break the grip of state disfranchisement" by prohibiting discrimination at the polls. The act also included a provision that monitored states with established histories of discriminatory voting practices, such as poll taxes and literacy tests. Those states could not implement any change or law that affected voting until the federal government reviewed the law and determined that it neither had a discriminatory purpose or effect. *Shelby County v. Holder* changed everything.

In his Supreme Court opinion for the case, Chief Justice Roberts reasoned that "things have changed dramatically" since the adoption of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and with that the court struck down the provision that required pre-clearance, leaving states free to change their voting laws. The impact of the decision was immediate. Within minutes, then Texas Attorney General Greg Abbot tweeted that the state's voter ID law that had been blocked by the federal government would go into effect. In the year that followed the ruling, eight states that were previously monitored passed voting restrictions that disproportionately impacted Black and Brown voters. To date, close to 100 bills to

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UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND COLLEGE PARK

The University of Maryland, College Park (often referred to as The University of Maryland, Maryland, UM, UMD, or UMCP) is a public research university located in the city of College Park in Prince George's County, Maryland, approximately 8 miles from Washington, D.C. Founded in 1856, the University of Maryland is the flagship institution of the University System of Maryland. It is considered a Public Ivy institution, meaning it is a public university with a quality of education comparable to those of the private Ivy League.

Child Watch

by Marion Wright Edelman



Tell Congress to Stop Picking on Our Most Vulnerable Children!

It is unfathomable to me that week after week I must continue to defend the Medicaid program that for more than 50 years has protected the health and well-being of tens of millions of America's most vulnerable. We know many of the 37 million children enrolled in Medicaid today are from poor or low-income families and that 40 percent of children with special health care needs benefit from Medicaid. Among these children are almost half a million foster children, nearly 40 percent of them under age six. These children, invisible to many, are the most vulnerable of the vulnerable. Most have been abused or neglected, removed from their families and placed in foster care—either a family foster home, group home or child care institution—clinging to hopes of returning to their families or finding a new permanent family through adoption or with a relative guardian. A growing number today are children of parents struggling with opioid addiction or other mental health challenges. Fortunately, foster children who suffer from physical and mental health conditions at much higher rates than their peers who are not in foster care are eligible for Medicaid to help put them on the path to success. But today Medicaid is facing the biggest threat in its over half a century history. The House of Representatives has voted to gut it and the Senate is poised to be equally cruel in the misnamed *Better Care Reconciliation Act*, jeopardizing the health and futures of millions of vulnerable children and families who have counted on Medicaid.

Virtually all children in foster care have suffered trauma in their lives and have greater health and mental health needs than children not in care. A study by the American Academy of Pediatrics finds children in foster care are twice as likely as their non-foster care peers to have developmental delays, asthma and obesity; are three times more likely to have ADD/ADHD, hearing problems and vision problems; are five times more likely to have anxiety; are six times more likely to have behav-

ioral problems; and are seven times more likely to suffer from depression. Not only does Medicaid ensure foster children access to basic health care but it gives child welfare agencies the opportunity to connect children to the critical behavioral health services and treatment they need to build a healthier future and enable them to live independently and contribute to society. Foster children represent 29 percent of Medicaid expenditures for children's behavioral health services.

Jack and Linda Quirk became foster and then adoptive parents in California for Marissa, now 15; Reuben, 14; and Anna, 10, after their biological children went off to college. All three suffer from fetal alcohol spectrum disorders and intellectual and behavioral health challenges requiring extensive care. Reuben, who is on the autism spectrum, has severe behavioral control problems related to attachment disorder and fetal alcohol exposure and is often uncontrollably violent. The family has moved to Illinois to be near a specialized residential facility to remain close to Reuben as he receives needed care. Without Medicaid

the Quirks could not have afforded their adopted children's extensive specialized care and all three would almost certainly have been in more expensive long-term group care instead of a loving family.

Medicaid also helps keep children out of foster care by getting parents the treatment and services they need before they come to the attention of the child welfare system. The expansion of Medicaid to 11 million low-income adults in the Affordable Care Act gave many parents and other caregivers—some of them for the very first time—much-needed access to services to address problems that otherwise might have resulted in removal of children from their care.

Once children are in foster care, Medicaid helps child welfare agencies secure the funding necessary to offer mental health, substance abuse and other specialized treatment to parents to help stabilize families and return children home safely. Medicaid also helps place nurses and other health specialists inside child welfare agencies.

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BUSINESS

Practical Money Skills

By Nathaniel Sillin

Save on Your Summer Road Trip Adventure

Are you packing up your car and hitting the road this summer? You're not alone. According to a survey conducted by AAA, road trips are the most popular type of vacation for families in the U.S. in 2017. In fact, 10 percent more families are expected to take road trips this year than last.

From driving to the tip of Cape Cod, to seeing the Great Lakes all the way to a drive through the Yosemite Valley in California, there are limitless ways to explore on the road. Whether you're going to visit family or taking off on an epic adventure, a road trip can be a great way to make travel about the journey rather than the destination.

Before you hit the road, make sure your car can handle the trip. Before you pack up your car, it's a good idea to take your car to a mechanic and ensure that it's ready for the drive. Having your car inspected and serviced by a mechanic before a road trip can be a worthwhile investment that could both save you money and prevent an untimely breakdown. Looking into a rental car is an alternative you may want to consider if you're hoping to avoid wear and tear that might depreciate your car's value. Consider your options carefully and choose what makes most financial sense for you.

Pack for bumps along the way. A flat tire or dead battery can put a serious damper on your road trip, especially if you're not prepared. Keeping a spare tire in your car and checking your tire pressure and tread should be on your pre-trip checklist. Along with your bags, bring a few items for preventative maintenance measures on the road. Having jumper cables, coolant and engine oil handy can save you time and money.

Map out your trip ahead of time. While just jumping in the car and driving without a set destination can be an enticing idea, the spontaneity will likely result in more expenses. Knowing when and where you'll stop ahead of time, especially for hotels and outings, will help you stick to a budget. If you still crave the more adventurous aspects of a road trip, you can make a general plan for your major excursions and routes, while stopping for unexpected attractions and views as you go.

Comparison shop to keep hotel prices under control. Booking ahead of time and using comparison shopping websites will save you from driving around to find the best hotel deal when you're already tired from a long drive. If you do have to book last-minute, consider using hotel coupon books, hotel-booking apps, group coupon sites or reward points to save a little more. Camping could be another alternative to booking a hotel, which can be particularly cheap if you already have gear like tents and sleeping bags.

Managing your mileage could add up to major savings. Though fuel prices may generally be down, the cost of filling up your tank can still add up. To make this cost more manageable, you can take advantage of apps that help you find the best gas prices in your area. In certain cases, you may also want to consider renting a more fuel-efficient car. You can save even more by mapping your trip ahead of time to avoid road tollways and construction that might slow you down.

Keep kids entertained to avoid unnecessary stops. Kids tend to get antsy in the back seat, which can lead to more frequent stops and a few impulse buys if you're not prepared. Packing snacks and meals ahead of time can help you avoid making extra purchases at the gas station, and will often be cheaper.

Also have a plan for keeping your kids entertained. Let them choose a few activities ahead of time, like preparing a road trip playlist or making a game like road trip bingo with sights you'll be seeing along the way. If you have a tablet or phone, downloading free games, podcasts or movies can be another great option.

Protect your home while you are away. One other way to save on your road trip is to ensure that your home is protected while you're gone. If you can, ask a trusted neighbor, friend or family member to keep an eye on your house. If you can't find someone to help, you can call US Postal Service to hold your mail while you're away. Double check that you've locked all doors and windows, including the garage door, and that you've set your alarms and put your lights on a timer.

Bottom line: Road trips can be an adventurous and inexpensive way to see the country, but costs can add up if you're underprepared. Planning your stops and packing to anticipate your needs could help you enjoy the ride rather than worry about the expenses.



Federal Sports Betting Coalition Launches to Unleash \$516 Million for Maryland's Economy

American Sports Betting Coalition to Advocate for Economic Gains in Maryland

By PRESS OFFICER
AGA

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A legal, regulated sports betting market could bring as much as \$516 million in economic output to Maryland's economy, support up to 2,655 jobs and generate up to \$105 million in tax revenue, according to new research by Oxford Economics recently released by the American Sports Betting Coalition (ASBC) and American Gaming Association (AGA). The new research comes just as the Supreme Court (SCOTUS) has decided to hear the challenge to the federal sports betting ban.

Across the country, legalizing sports betting in the United States would curb a conservatively estimated \$150 billion illegal market while supporting up to 152,000 jobs, creating an estimated \$26 billion in economic output and generating up to \$5.3 billion in tax revenue.

"Congress has a responsibility to fix the 1992 sports betting ban that's failed," said Geoff Freeman, president and CEO of the AGA. "Lifting the sports betting ban has the potential to unleash millions for Maryland's econ-

omy, while adding thousands of jobs and millions in tax revenue."

The ASBC, launched by the AGA, will advocate to end the 25-year-old failing federal ban on sports betting known as the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act (PASPA). PASPA prohibits sports betting outside Nevada.

The ASBC will lead an all-inclusive advocacy campaign focused on ending PASPA. It brings together law enforcement officials, states rights' advocates, policymakers and industry leaders - all of whom believe that it's time to legalize and regulate sports betting in America. This diverse group of stakeholders is critical to pushing for legislative action in Washington which is the first piece of the puzzle. Ending PASPA means states can then decide if they want to have sports betting or not.

Sports betting's popularity is soaring to new heights. Fifty million Americans bet on Super Bowl 51 this year and fans wagered more than \$10 billion on the NCAA men's basketball tournament in March. However, only a small fraction of that \$10 billion—less than 3 percent—was wagered legally.

A recent AGA-commissioned national survey by Greenberg Quinlan Rosner (GQR) found strong national support for legal sports betting. Nearly six in ten Americans—and 72 percent of avid sports fans—are in favor of ending the federal ban.

Support is particularly strong among Washington Redskins fans. According to a recent Morning Consult poll, 58 percent of Redskins fans support lifting the federal ban on sports betting, and think their state, not the federal government, should decide whether to allow sports betting within state borders. The enthusiasm for legalizing sports betting far outweighs fan concerns—just 17 percent of Redskins fans said they would not support legalizing sports betting.

In an illustration of the unprecedented momentum and broad support among fans and the general public, eight states have introduced sports betting bills in 2017 despite the federal prohibition: Pennsylvania, Michigan, South Carolina, New York, Maryland, Oklahoma, West Virginia and Connecticut.

Learn more about the ASBC at <http://www.sportsbettinginamerica.com/>.

About AGA: The American Gaming Association is the premier national trade group representing the \$240 billion U.S. casino industry, which supports 1.7 million jobs in 40 states. AGA members include commercial and tribal casino operators, suppliers and other entities affiliated with the gaming industry. It is the mission of the AGA to be the single most effective champion of the industry, relentlessly protecting against harmful and often misinformed public policies, and paving a path for growth, innovation and reinvestment.

About ASBC: The American Sports Betting Coalition (ASBC) is a collection of a diverse group of stakeholders dedicated to ending the 25-year-old failing federal sports betting ban. The ASBC unites law enforcement, states rights' advocates, state and local policymakers and gaming industry leaders. This group demonstrates that the desire to legalize and regulate sports betting is widespread and its formation is a critical component of providing Washington with the impetus to take action.

EDC from A1

Taveras' Office and Council Member Dannielle Glaros's Office. Each of them expressed their appreciation to the EDC for recognizing the spending power of the Latino community.

"Tonight was a great opportunity to bring together and show the types of resources that are available for residents in the Latino community who have been thinking about starting a business or expanding their busi-

nesses," said Sanchez. "In this area, the retail rental rates mirror those in downtown Silver Spring, with over 90% occupancy. That means that people are coming here and spending their money. My parents migrated to the country in search of the American dream. EDC and its partners are able to give the keys to helping to make that American dream a reality."

El Carbonero, the Latin American restaurant which hosted last night's Latino T4BT, has served

the Langley Park section of Hyattsville for more than three years. This event was also sponsored by Council Member Deni Taveras and Fleur De Lis, LLC, a commercial real estate company in the County. Owned by Raul Lopez and managed by Osiris Cabral, El Carbonero provided the perfect backdrop for networking with Latino businesses.

"We are grateful that the Latino Thirsty (for Business) Thursday is happening in our restaurant," said Cabral. "This

is something that is very helpful to all of the businesses in this area. We get to meet a lot of people from different companies and agencies that have resources that we can all benefit from. It was good to hear about the tools that are available to help our businesses grow. A lot of us didn't even know they existed. The more Latino businesses that we can reach to let them know about the resources that the EDC has, the more their companies will be able to grow."

Rabies from A1

positive for rabies on June 27th, 2017. This year, 12 cats in the state of Maryland have tested positive for rabies.

"Rabies is a serious disease transmitted in the saliva of infected animals and is nearly always fatal without preventive treatment. While the disease can be prevented following exposure to a rabid animal with the proper post-exposure prophylaxis and wound care, it is imperative this treatment begin as soon as possible," said Dr. Jacquelyn Duval-Harvey, Deputy Health Officer of the Prince George's County Health Department. "The decision to give prophylaxis to a person exposed to a rabid animal depends on the type of contact the individual had with the animal. Public health and healthcare personnel will make the final decision based on assessment of the patient."

Due to the risk of exposure to rabies, the Prince George's County Health Department seeks the public's help in finding any persons who may have had contact with the kitten. The

initial victim and persons potentially exposed to the kitten have begun rabies post-exposure treatment. If you know of any persons or animals that may have had contact with the above kitten between June 10th and June 25th, please contact the Health Department immediately at 301-583-3750.

When a person is bitten or exposed to the saliva of a rabid animal, the disease is prevented with a four dose rabies vaccine series administered over a 14 day period and a dose of rabies immunoglobulin given at the beginning of the series (rabies post-exposure prophylaxis). Each year, approximately 900 Marylanders receive preventive treatment after exposure to a rabid or potentially rabid animal.

To prevent your exposure to rabies:

- Do not approach, handle or feed stray dogs and cats and enforce leash laws.
- Teach your children not to approach any unfamiliar animals.
- Have your dogs, cats and ferrets vaccinated against

rabies and keep the vaccinations up-to-date.

- Do not leave pets outside unattended or allow them to roam free.
- Cover garbage cans tightly and do not leave pet food outside; this may attract wild and stray animals.
- Teach children to stay away from wild animals or animals they do not know.
- Prevent bats from entering your home by using window screens and chimney caps and by closing any openings greater than ¼ inch by ½ inch. Bats found in the home should be safely collected, if possible, and tested for rabies.
- Wear gloves when handling an animal if it has been in a fight with another animal. Keep it away from people and other animals and call your veterinarian or local health department to report the animal exposure.

If you are bitten by or exposed to an animal that may be rabid, you should take the following steps:

- If it is a wild animal, try to trap it if you can do so safely. If

the animal must be killed, try not to damage the head.

- If it is an owned animal, get the animal owner's name, address, and telephone number.
- Immediately wash the wound well with soap and water; if available, use a disinfectant to flush the wound.
- Don't wait, get prompt medical attention.
- Immediately report the exposure to your local animal control agency, health department, or police.
- Consider treatment if a bat was present and exposure cannot be reasonably ruled out (e.g., a sleeping person awakens to find a bat in the room, or an adult sees a bat in the room with a previously unattended child or mentally disabled or intoxicated person).

To learn more about rabies in Maryland, including rabies surveillance statistics and efforts to prevent and control the disease, please visit the DHMH website located at <https://phpa.health.maryland.gov/OIDEOR/CZVBD/Pages/rabies.aspx>.

Melwood from A1

compassion, and leadership driving this initiative."

In his new role, Blackledge will be responsible for building an array of programs and services within Melwood Veterans Services, LLC to include not only the existing Operation: To-hidu® program, but also new services such as job development and placement services,

job training, and advocacy around support for veterans and active duty military personnel struggling with the impact of deployment on their personal reintegration.

"For me, this is not a job, but a way of life, I know what it's like to experience service-related trauma," said Blackledge, who was wounded twice during successive combat tours in Iraq, making him intimately familiar

with the effects of post-traumatic stress and traumatic brain injury.

"The issues that many veterans face are extraordinarily complex. I'm in a unique position to create programs and services that may help my fellow veterans cope with stressors, secure employment or simply reunite with their families and friends."

Blackledge earned his MBA from the University of Wisconsin following an undergraduate

degree from the United States Military Academy at West Point. His military awards include four Legions of Merit, given for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service and achievement; five Bronze Star medals, awarded for heroic service or meritorious achievement in a combat zone; and two Purple Heart medals, awarded for wounds sustained in combat.

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ERIC D. SNIDER'S
IN THE DARK
Movie Review

Baywatch

Baywatch

Grade: D

Rated R, a lot of harsh profanity and vulgar dialogue, graphic fake nudity, some comic violence
1 hr., 56 min

The movie version of *Baywatch* is similar to the ubiquitous '90s TV show it's based on, in that both are not very funny. The problem, of course, is that the TV show wasn't supposed to be. The movie, carelessly directed by Seth Gordon (*Horrible Bosses*, *Identity Thief*), purports to be an outrageous, self-aware, *21 Jump Street*-style reboot, yet it falls flat so consistently that you start to wonder if everyone got the memo about this being a comedy.

Dwayne Johnson stars as Mitch Buchannon (the David Hasselhoff role), heroic leader of the lifeguards who patrol a fictional Florida bay (not California anymore). His team, which includes dumb blonde CJ (Kelly Rohrbach) and no-nonsense Stephanie (Ilfenesh Hadera), is joined by Matt Brody (Zac Efron), a washed-up bad-boy Olympic swimmer who's in need of positive P.R. but hates teamwork. Two other trainees, capable Summer (Alexandra Daddario) and doughy klutz Ronnie (Jon Bass), are also on hand, the latter as overt comic relief.

The plot concerns a villainous businesswoman named Victoria Leeds (Priyanka Chopra) who's flooding the beach with drugs and blackmailing city councilors as part of her plan to seize valuable beachfront property. What's curious about Victoria Leeds is that her scenes rarely even try to



Baywatch follows devoted lifeguard Mitch Buchannon (Johnson) as he butts heads with a brash new recruit (Efron). Together, they uncover a local criminal plot that threatens the future of the Bay.

be funny but are written and performed like straightforward plot-advancing scenes in a straightforward action film. The action sequences are un-comic, too, but with cheap-looking CGI that prevents us from taking them seriously as action sequences.

The oddness of this can hardly be overstated. Here we have a high-flying farce with no pretense of reality, no reason to exist other than to be funny ... and probably 40 percent of it is played straight. The screenplay is credited to horror writers Damian Shannon and Mark Swift (*Freddy vs. Jason*, the *Friday the 13th* remake), revising drafts by four more writers who get "story by" credit. All those

hands the script passed through and nobody thought to punch up the dry scenes?

So where is the humor? To the extent that it is anywhere, it is on the beach. Mitch and Brody butt heads over Brody's hot-shot attitude and over Mitch's insistence that the lifeguards investigate crimes instead of calling the police. (That angle seems to be a joke about how the TV show's lifeguards often overstepped their bounds, but the movie never figures out how to sell it.) Ronnie falls in love with CJ and regularly embarrasses himself in front of her, usually in a way that involves his penis.

And ... that's about it. Johnson and Efron are well-cast and

have separately proven themselves capable of thriving in a raunch-com environment, but here they are left to flounder with subpar material. Jon Bass, a relative newcomer, deserves credit for getting as much as he can out of Ronnie's character, but it isn't a lot. None of the women are given anything funny to do. The supporting roles are filled by comic actors like Rob Huebel and Hannibal Buress, seemingly in the hopes that they would ad-lib something humorous. The outtakes over the closing credits indicate that they did not—and you know you're sunk when even the outtakes of a comedy aren't funny.

Watch from A4

Without Medicaid to address the special needs of our vulnerable children placed in foster care, children are likely to stay longer in care, to be removed from families who can no longer meet their special needs, and to be placed in more restrictive and costly institutional settings at state expense. Although foster care is supposed to be temporary, the average length of stay is nearly two years. For more than 30 years, many of the children with special needs who exit foster care to adoptive families have been able to continue to receive Medicaid to help their new permanent families care for them.

Missouri mother Lori Ross, President and CEO of Foster/Adopt Connect, and her husband adopted a sibling group of eight from foster care. The children have complex trauma, developmental delays, serious mental health diagnoses, and very challenging behaviors. Without Medicaid the family would already have hit its private insurance lifetime cap, which doesn't begin to cover the costs of their children's mental health services. The in-home service for children with significant special needs developed with the help of Medicaid has given all

of these children a permanent family and saved Medicaid tens of thousands of dollars annually in more expensive treatment options. Their oldest child, now 18, recently graduated from high school and is pursuing employment and independence with his parents' love and support.

Children placed permanently from foster care with relatives also are eligible for Medicaid. This has been especially critical as relatives often sought out to care for more and more children impacted by the opioid crisis. And we cannot forget about the estimated 20,000 children each year who transition out of foster care as they turn 18 without permanent families. These young people often received Medicaid in foster care for mental health and other health care needs, and can benefit from continued treatment as young adults to help keep them on course as they attend school or begin work. Too often youths aging out of foster care are at increased risk of homelessness, joblessness and incarceration. When Congress passed the *Affordable Care Act* (ACA) enabling young people to stay on their parents' insurance until the age of 26, it also required all states to provide continued Medicaid to age 26 for youths

transitioning from foster care at age 18 or older who had been in care in the state. The loss of Medicaid for these young adults would dramatically increase their vulnerabilities.

Medicaid's indispensable services continue to be under unprecedented attack. The House of Representatives has already passed the American Health Care Act that would slash Medicaid funding more than \$800 billion and put a severe cap on future spending. The Senate is planning to vote this month on its misleading Better Care Reconciliation Act that would provide worse care for millions of children. It would end Medicaid as we know it and slash funding by 26 percent in the first ten years, a cut that would grow to 35 percent in 20 years, with much of the savings created by these cuts and caps going to fund more unneeded tax cuts for America's wealthiest individuals and corporations. The contrast is stark and morally reprehensible when you consider the futures of children like the Quirks and the Rosses have lovingly welcomed into their families.

Any of you who are parents, grandparents, foster parents—as my parents were—or have adopted children know there is nothing more crushing than the

thought of losing a child. Yet the cruel threats to Medicaid being considered in the Senate make that fear very real for tens of millions. What do we value if we don't value a family's love for their child and the honor and commitment they have made to care for them? No amount of tinkering will make this terrible mean spirited bill safe for children in foster care, those adopted or other vulnerable children. Please call your Senators today. Call again tomorrow and the next day until they can open their eyes to the human reality that millions of children's lives and needs for family and stability are more important than tax cuts to powerful rich corporations or individuals. Children deserve nothing less.

Marian Wright Edelman is President of the Children's Defense Fund whose Leave No Child Behind® mission is to ensure every child a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start and a Moral Start in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities. For more information go to www.childrensdefense.org.

Mrs. Edelman's Child Watch Column also appears each week on The Huffington Post.

Summer Fun on the Road

Tips for a Hassle-Free Summer Road Trip

(NAPSI)—Did you know that more Americans are expected to hit the road this summer than last? If you're one of them, we know you have a lot on your mind, planning where you'll go and what you'll do, but don't forget to also prepare your vehicle for the haul ahead. Whether the jaunt is 50 miles or 500 or more, you and your family are going to be spending a considerable amount of time in your vehicle, so you'll want to make sure it's safe.

At Les Schwab Tire Centers, they've seen it all, so they've gathered their top tips to help you be well prepared for anything that comes your way. (Except for the inevitable "Are we there yet?" question—you're on your own for that.)

Prepare Your Vehicle

- Les Schwab may be biased, but tires are extremely important. Check yours for wear and proper inflation. Make sure you have a spare in the trunk and check its air pressure—it won't do you any good if it's flat.
- Inspect your headlights, brake lights, brakes, transmission fluid, antifreeze and oil. For guidance, refer to Les Schwab's essential checklist.
- Get a full tank of gas the day before, so you have one less thing to do during the get-out-of-town scramble.
- If you feel you need some expert assistance, take advantage of Les Schwab's complimentary Pre-Trip Safety Check: They'll handle the inspection while you enjoy free popcorn in their lounge.

Expect the Unexpected

- Plan ahead to avoid getting stuck on the road. Pay attention to local weather and road condition advisories and plan your route ahead of time. For up-to-date travel conditions, visit www.lesschwab.com/resources/road-conditions, where you'll be directed to local Department of Transportation road cams, mileage calculators, scenic byway routes, and weather forecasts.
- In case the unexpected happens, pack your trunk with warm clothes, a couple of flashlights, extra food and water, and a few of the family's favorite games.
- You should also pack a roadside safety kit to ensure you can handle any detour. It should include gloves, jumper cables, essential tools for fixing a flat, flares, and a first-aid kit and blanket.



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Proper planning can help keep your next trip on the road safe and successful.

Keep Companions Safe and Happy

- Make sure kids sit in the backseat with a car seat or booster seat to ensure their safety.
- Traveling with a furry family member? Keep your dog restrained with a pet seat-belt or in a kennel while the car is in motion. Remember, this isn't just for your dog's safety, but for the safety of everyone inside the vehicle.
- Nothing derails a family car trip faster than bored kids. A well-stocked activity bag—books, games, a tablet—can help you log your miles in peace.
- Hunger will also cut into everyone's fun. Pack healthy snacks and beverages to keep spirits high and minimize pit stops for fast food.

For more information on how Les Schwab tire experts can help you gear up for your road trip, visit the website at www.lesschwab.com.

About Les Schwab Tire Centers

Les Schwab Tire Centers (www.lesschwab.com) is one of the leading independent tire dealers in the United States, with more than 7,000 employees and more than 470 locations throughout Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, California, Nevada, Utah and Colorado. The company has been recognized for its business practices through several awards, including a Milestone award from the Oregon Sustainability Board, Oregon Economic and Community Development Department honors, an Environmental Excellence award from the Association of Washington Business, an Integrity Counts award from the Northern Idaho Better Business Bureau, and The Oregonian's 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 Top Workplaces recognition.

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Calendar of Events

July 20 — July 26, 2017

Shakespeare in the Parks: *As You Like It*

Date and time: Thursday, July 20, 2017, 7:30 pm–9:30 pm
Description: “All the world’s a stage!” Join Rosalind and Celia as they lose themselves in the Forest of Arden, set in 1916 America and featuring music from that era.

Disguised as a man, Rosalind explores the forest, searching for her banished father, while encountering shepherds, the simplicity of country life, and sweet romance.

Make Shakespeare part of your world, as you relax under the stars and enjoy Shakespeare’s poetry and song with your family. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy a free performance in your favorite park

Cost: FREE
Ages: All
Location: Fairwood Park
12390 Fairwood Parkway, Bowie, MD
Contact: 301-446-3232; TTY: 301-699-2544

Arts & Crafts: “I Love My Dad!”

Date and time: Friday, July 21, 2017, 7:00 pm–10:00 pm
Description: Arts and crafts with a Father’s Day theme. Show appreciation to fathers, grandfathers, uncles, brothers, or other influential men in your lives!

Cost: FREE
Ages: 10–17
Location: Rollingcrest/Chillum Community Center
6120 Sargent Road, Chillum, MD
Contact: 301-853-2005; TTY: 301-699-2544

Poetry & Pie

Date and time: Friday, July 21, 2017, 7:00 pm–9:00 pm
Description: Are you slick with vernacular? Fly with the tongue? Well, come join us as we flip verse with spoken word, poetry and—oh yeah!—all kinds of pie!

Cost: FREE! with center ID
Ages: 10–17
Location: Largo/Kettering/Perrywood Community Center
431 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro, MD
Contact: 301-390-8390; TTY 301-699-2544

The Victorian Parlor

Date and time: Saturday, July 22, 2017, 8:30 am–8:30 pm
Description: Experience the elegance of The Victorian Parlor! Relax, enjoy the fine service and indulge yourself in the sophistication of an authentic Victorian tea. Your tea luncheon is served in the grand style of the 1800s.

In addition to a served tea, the menu will consist of fresh fruit, garden salad, sweets, scones, tea breads, sandwiches, a bowl of soup and dessert.

Before arriving, we will travel north to the Stauffer’s Cookie Factory Outlet. The outlet will be a delight for all. After the tea luncheon, we will make a stop at Brown’s Orchard & Farm Market.

Cost: Resident: \$85; Non-resident: \$111
Ages: 18 and older
Location: Destination, Lancaster, PA
All Trips and Excursions depart from and return to two convenient locations:
FIRST STOP Lake Arbor Community Center,
10100 Lake Arbor Way, Mitchellville, MD.
SECOND STOP College Park Airport,
1909 Corporal Frank Scott Drive, College Park, MD
Contact: 301-445-4500; TTY 301-699-2544

Bowie Baysox Game

Date and time: Saturday, July 22, 2017, 6:00 pm–9:00 pm
Description: Let us take you out to the ball game! Enjoy a day at the Prince George’s Stadium, home of the 2015 AA Eastern League Champion Bowie Baysox. Registration is limited to a maximum of 12.

For more information please contact the center.
Cost: FREE
Ages: All ages are welcome. Ages 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult.
Location: Beltsville Community Center
3900 Sellman Road, Beltsville, MD
Contact: 301-937-6613; TTY 301-299-2544

Glenn Dale Day

Date and time: Sunday, July 23, 2017, 1:00 pm–6:00 pm
Description: Celebrate Glenn Dale Day! Bring a blanket, lawn chair and picnic basket. Visit food and craft vendors, try a little wine, play 19th-century games, and enjoy music, face painting and a visit from the Glenn Dale Fire Department (schedule permitting).

Cost: FREE
Ages: All ages are welcome
Location: Marietta Historic House Museum
5626 Bell Station Road, Glenn Dale, MD
Contact: 301-464-5291; TTY: 301-699-2544

Vansville Community Day Celebration

Date and time: Sunday, July 23, 2017, 1:00 pm–5:00 pm
Description: Join the Vansville Community Day celebration by enjoying free food, music, activities for kids, and local vendors.

Cost: FREE
Ages: All ages are welcome
Location: Vansville Community Center
6813 Ammendale Road, Beltsville, MD
Contact: 301-937-6621; TTY 301-699-2544

Health and Wellness: Line Dancing

Date and time: Wednesday, July 26, 2017, 8:30 am–9:30 am
Description: Learn all of the latest line dances suitable for beginners and seasoned line dancers. A great way to exercise, socialize and energize yourself.

Cost: FREE
Ages: 13 and older
Location: Fairwood Community Park
12390 Fairwood Parkway, Bowie, MD
Contact: 301-218-6700; TTY 301-699-2544

EARTH TALK ... Volvo EV Plans: Another Nail in The Coffin of the Internal Combustion Engine

Dear EarthTalk:

Does Volvo’s embrace of electric cars signal the beginning of the end of the gas-powered internal combustion engine?

—Macy Vigneault,
New Orleans, LA

Volvo has announced that it will only sell hybrid and electric cars beginning in 2019, signaling a shift in the auto industry as a whole toward more fuel-efficient cars that can help reduce drivers’ carbon footprints and fuel costs.

“In the next five to 10 years, every car on sale will offer a hybrid, plug-in hybrid, or full EV [electric vehicle] variant,” says Nicholas Roche of Tesla Motors, the innovative California-based electric car company, “and the adoption rate of these technologies will increase dramatically.”

But while Volvo’s announcement may indicate a sea change coming, the internal combustion engine isn’t going anywhere soon. For one, there will be one in every hybrid Volvo coming out of the carmaker’s factories before and surely long after 2019 (given that hybrids by definition in-

clude both petroleum-fueled and electric drivetrains).

The key factor that will keep the internal combustion engine alive and kicking for some time yet is our massive petroleum-based refueling infrastructure; indeed, we have come to expect a gas station around every corner and off every highway exit. Meanwhile, electric charging stations are few and far between, and charging up an EV using a regular power outlet can take several hours as compared to filling up a gas-powered car in a few minutes.

And most electric cars still can’t make it as far on a charge as their gasoline-fired equivalents can on a tank of gas (this is where hybrids come in handy, giving the driver essentially the best of both worlds).

Only recently has Tesla and other EV makers started to crack the code on range with vehicles stocked with new high-performance batteries that can meet or exceed the distances a gas fill-up would normally yield. Only time will tell if such improvements ripple out throughout the EV industry and can start to displace internal combustion engines.

That said, Volvo’s recent announcement is still significant, with company CEO Håkan



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Volvo’s 40.1 concept car features an all-electric drivetrain and is a symbol of the Swedish automaker’s move away from internal combustion engines.

Samuelsson declaring “the end of the solely combustion engine-powered car.” If and when other traditional automakers follow suit and stop making cars solely powered by gas or diesel remains to be seen, but Renault-Nissan (whose Leaf is the top selling EV in the world), BMW, Volkswagen, General Motors and Toyota are also vying for big slices of the electric car pie. Tesla continues to be the leading EV pure play out there, but a few well-heeled EV start-ups including Faraday Future, Lucid Motors, Fisker Automotive and Nio are no doubt keeping Tesla’s Elon Musk up at night.

It’s anybody’s guess when the internal combustion engine

car will become a historical relic, but the rapid advance in electric vehicle and battery technologies means that a future free of automotive gasoline and diesel emissions is an achievable dream.

CONTACTS: Volvo, volvocars.com; Tesla, tesla.com; Renault Nissan, alliance-renault-nissan.com.

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Applications Now Open for Disney Dreamers Academy Class of 2018 at Walt Disney World Resort

One Hundred High School Students to be Selected for Exclusive, Once-in-a-Lifetime Program Taking Place in March 2018

By PRESS OFFICER
Black PR Wire

LAKE BUENA VISTA, FL—High school students nationwide can now apply at DisneyDreamersAcademy.com to be among 100 selected to participate in the 2018 Disney Dreamers Academy with Steve Harvey and ESSENCE, the innovative, outside-the-classroom, mentoring program that takes place in March at Walt Disney World Resort in Florida.

For over a decade, Disney Dreamers Academy has helped to inspire young minds from across the country by fueling their dreams and showing them a world of possibilities as they prepare for the future. Each year, students participate in hands-on, immersive career workshops, ranging from animation to zoology. Each participant learns important skills, such as communication techniques, leadership qualities and networking strategies, and are inspired by celebrity speakers and special guests who share their stories and provide insight on how to achieve success and DREAM BIG.

The program has produced many success stories, inspiring students to become authors, nurses, pilots, doctors, journalists and engineers following the three-day all-expenses-paid experience at Walt Disney World Resort where the theme parks become vibrant ‘classrooms’

leading to career discoveries and fun memories to cherish for a lifetime.

“After 10 years and over 1,000 Disney Dreamer alumni, we’re excited to begin the next decade of Disney Dreamers Academy,” said Tracey D. Powell, Walt Disney World vice president of commercial management resorts and Disney Dreamers Academy executive champion. “We are excited about the many success stories, as this program continues to cultivate and inspire the minds of young high school students from across the nation to follow their dreams and accomplish their goals. By applying for Disney Dreamers Academy, future leaders of this country are taking a step toward an experience that can change their lives.”

Program applicants must answer essay questions about their personal journeys and dreams for the future. Students are selected based on a combination of attributes, including strong character, positive attitude and determination to achieve their dreams. Selected applicants, along with a parent or guardian, will receive an all-expense-paid trip to Walt Disney World Resort.

Applications are open to U.S. high school students, ages 13 to 19, through Oct. 31, 2017. A distinguished panel of leaders will evaluate the applications, and selected participants will be announced in early 2018.

For more information regarding applications, interested applicants can visit DisneyDreamersAcademy.com, or learn more about the program on Facebook.com/DisneyDreamersAcademy and also on Twitter.com/DreamersAcademy.

About Walt Disney World Resort / The Walt Disney Co.:

Walt Disney World Resort is a contiguous 40-square-mile, world-class entertainment and recreation center located at Lake Buena Vista, FL, 20 miles southwest of Orlando. The Walt Disney Co. has a rich legacy of creativity and exceptional storytelling that brings families together in unique and memorable ways. Creative excellence is coupled with a strong commitment to community service and diversity. The Walt Disney Co. is dedicated to making a positive impact in communities around the world, with a primary focus on brightening the lives of children.

About Steve Harvey:

Steve Harvey began doing stand-up comedy in the mid-1980s, which eventually led to a long stint as host of *It’s Showtime at the Apollo*. His success as a stand-up comedian led to multiple TV sitcoms, including *Me and The Boys*, *The Steve Harvey Show* and *Steve Harvey’s Big Time Challenge*. His first book, *Act Like A Lady, Think Like A Man*, quickly

became a bestseller in 2009. Harvey has appeared on *The Oprah Show*, *Nightline*, *Good Morning America* and *The Ellen DeGeneres Show*. Currently, Harvey hosts the nationally syndicated *Steve Harvey Morning Show*, which airs in over 60 markets and has over 7 million listeners. He is host of *Steve Harvey*, a nationally syndicated daytime talk show.

About ESSENCE Communications Inc.:

ESSENCE Communications Inc. (ECI) is the #1 media company dedicated to African American women, with a multi-platform presence in publishing, live events and online. The company’s flagship publication, ESSENCE magazine, is the preeminent lifestyle magazine for African American women; generating brand extensions such as the ESSENCE Festival, ESSENCE Black Women in Hollywood and Black Women in Music, Window on Our Women and Smart Beauty consumer insights series, ESSENCE.com, and ventures in digital media (mobile, television and VOD). For 45 years, ESSENCE, which has a brand reach of 14.1 million, has been the leading source of cutting-edge information and specific solutions relating to every area of African American women’s lives. Additional information about ECI and ESSENCE is available at www.essence.com.

SUMMER SAFETY TIPS FOR PET PARENTS

With the hot weather setting in, don’t forget to think of your four-legged fur babies. Try these tips to keep them out of harm’s way.

- Pets don’t like loud noises like fireworks and thunderstorms and they are often one of the reasons they go missing. Be sure to secure your pet in an escape-proof area when these noises occur.
- Insecticides, citronella products and glow sticks are toxic to pets. Keep pets away from areas where chemicals have been sprayed.
- High temperatures and bright days can cause dehydration, overheating and scorched paws. Watch for signs of overheating and bring your pet indoors when needed.
- Never, ever leave your pet in a hot car with the windows up. If you can, leave your pet at home.

Prince George’s County Second Nature is an initiative of the Department of the Environment, Planning and Public Works and Office of Central Services to promote and encourage responsible pet ownership.