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## Upper Marlboro Native Serves Aboard Guided Missile Cruiser in Japan

By PRESS OFFICER  
Navy Office of  
Community Outreach

YOKOSUKA, Japan—An Upper Marlboro, Maryland native and 2008 Clinton Christian High School graduate is serving in the U.S. Navy aboard the guided missile cruiser, *USS Antietam*.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Joshua Nixon is an electronics technician aboard the forward deployed Ticonderoga-class guided missile cruiser operating out of Yokosuka, Japan. *Antietam* is one of three cruisers forward-deployed in Yokosuka.

A Navy electronics technician is responsible for maintaining equipment used for navigating the ship.



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**Petty Officer 2nd Class  
Joshua Nixon**

"With the Navy, I've been to eight different countries so far, which is amazing," said Nixon.

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Nathan Walker has played hockey on three continents, including Australia, and could be skating on NHL ice this season.

CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE PHOTO BY SAMMI SILBER.

## Bowie State Batters Shaw 76-7 in CIAA Home and Conference Opener for the Bulldogs

By PRESS OFFICER  
Bowie State University

BOWIE, MD—The #23 Bowie State University Bulldogs (4-0, 1-0 CIAA) jumped on Shaw University (1-3, 0-1 CIAA) early and often, rolling off 35 unanswered points en route to a 76-7 home debut victory to open CIAA conference play on Saturday night. The 76 points ties for second all-time (Lincoln 11/2/2013) in the history of Bowie State football.

Leading the offensive attack for the Bowie State was junior Amir Hall (Bowie, MD) with 420 passing yards, completing 22-of-33 passes (no interceptions) and tied his own school record of six passing touchdowns. The Bulldogs running back duo of redshirt senior Robert Chesson (Annapolis, MD) and junior Maurice Williams (Balti-

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## Globetrotting Australian Nathan Walker on Verge of Making Capitals

By CHASE PYKE  
Capital News Service

COLLEGE PARK, MD—When the head coach of the United States Hockey League's Youngstown Phantoms picked up the team's newest player—Nathan Walker, a little-known Australian who had been playing in the Czech Republic—at the airport in 2013, Walker had been on a nearly 24-hour-trip

from Prague to Warsaw to New York City to Cleveland.

Boarding the team bus for an 8-hour ride from Cleveland to a game that night in Chicago, the coach, Anthony Noreen, assured Walker he wasn't expected to play because of jet lag.

"He ... looked at me and said, 'Coach, I came here to play hockey,'" said Noreen, who provided details of Walker's trip in an interview. "Like, 'I'm ready, you don't ever have to worry

about me being ready no matter the situation.'"

That night, Noreen penciled Walker into the lineup for his first USHL game against the Chicago Steel. And on his very shift, Walker scored, splitting two Steel players at the blue line before blowing past another defender on his way to the goal.

You can view the video at "https://www.youtube.com/embed/Q2d0YL72Bnc.

"I just think from the second he got there he had a mission," Noreen said. "His mission was to play in the NHL and he just wasn't going to be denied."

Four years later, after logging thousands of miles in the USHL, the ECHL and the American Hockey League—and coming back from two season-ending injuries—the 23-year-old forward is on the verge

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## New Endowed Scholarship Fund to Honor Late Bowie State Alumna



PHOTO COURTESY BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY

### Carter Fund Check Presentation

By PRESS OFFICER  
Bowie State University

BOWIE, MD—April Carter was a local educator who dedicated much of her time to empowering young people to reach their full potential; with the establishment of a new Bowie State University endowed scholarship in her honor, her legacy of service will continue to be recognized.

The April Carter Endowed Fund was started with an initial \$10,000 donation from the PRD2BME Foundation, started by Carter in 2000. The BSU

Foundation matched the donation, creating a \$20,000 endowment that will fund scholarships, books, equipment and fees for BSU students pursuing their studies in secondary education. Carter's family and PRD2BME Foundation representatives presented a \$10,000 check presentation to BSU President Aminta H. Breaux last month.

"I thought it was important to memorialize April's tireless efforts in mentoring, engaging and inspiring students at Bowie State University and establishing an endowed fund in her name was the best way to do that,"

said Rosalind Muchiri, BSU director of alumni relations and annual giving. She worked directly with Carter's family to assist the PRD2BME Foundation in establishing the fund.

Carter died suddenly in 2016, months after receiving a master's degree in human resource development from Bowie State. She was a passionate and dedicated alumna who diligently served her alma mater and community. She was a graduate assistant and a long-term volunteer in the Division of Student Affairs, where she started a student mentoring ini-

tiative, the BSU Conduit Program. She also served in the Division of Institutional Advancement, where she was instrumental in supporting recent alumni through the Graduates of the Last Decade (GOLD) and establishing a student philanthropy initiative. An educator in the Prince George's County Public Schools System, Carter was devoted to mentoring and developing programs that invested in students' positive growth.

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## Halloween Soberride Campaign Launched to Deter DUI in Prince George's County

Nearly Half of U.S. Highway Deaths on Halloween Involve Drunk Drivers

By PRESS OFFICER  
WRAP

Washington, D.C.—Preparing to combat that time of year when, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), nearly half (45%) of all U.S. traffic deaths involve drunk drivers, free Halloween Lyft rides will be offered to deter impaired driving throughout the Washington-metropolitan area on Saturday, October 28th.

Offered by the nonprofit Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP), the 2017 Halloween Soberride® program will be in operation beginning at 10:00 pm on Saturday, October 28th and continue until 4:00 am on Sunday, October 29, 2017 as a way to keep local roads safe from impaired drivers during this traditionally high-risk holiday.

During this six-hour period, area residents age 21 and older celebrating with alcohol may download Lyft to their phones, then enter the code DCHAL-

LOWEEN in the app's "Promo" section to receive their no cost (up to \$15) safe transportation home. The Soberride code is valid for the first 1,500 Lyft users who enter the code.

The charity also offers its Soberride program on St. Patrick's Day, Cinco de Mayo, Independence Day and the winter holidays this year starting on December 15, 2017 and operating throughout the Washington-metropolitan area on Saturday, October 28th.

(In March 2017, WRAP announced a partnership with the ridesharing service Lyft to provide WRAP's Soberride service in the Washington-metropolitan area through 2017. Soberride, the popular free safe ride service to prevent drunk driving, will now be solely available via the Lyft mobile app ridesharing platform.)

"In 2015 and according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 45-percent of all

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### INSIDE

#### October is One of the Deadliest Months of The Year on Roadways, the Question is why?

In 2015, October tied June and July as the deadliest months on roadways in the city, each with four traffic fatalities. As daylight recedes in the Washington metro area, October is the second deadliest month of the year for pedestrians.

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#### Congress is Holding CHIP and Children Hostage

There is bipartisan support for CHIP. Congress is following regular order. If Senate and House members, Republicans and Democrats alike, agree on what we need to do for children's health, let's do it now and for the children's sake forget the need for political wrangling.

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#### IRS Reminder for Parents, Students: Check Out College Tax Benefits

Taxpayers should keep a copy of their tax return for at least three years. Copies of tax returns may be needed for many reasons. If applying for college financial aid, a tax transcript may be all that is needed.

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#### Movie Review: Logan Lucky

Written by first-timer Rebecca Blunt, the film is as sunny and implausible as an old-timer's anecdote, with a few hints at topicality (coal miners, economic anxiety, *Game of Thrones*) that don't detract from its insouciance. It's fun for fun's sake. The conscience only nags a little bit.

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#### Earth Talk

Dear EarthTalk:

Even though I know a vegetarian diet is better for the environment, I love cheeseburgers and a good steak every now and then. If I stick to grass-fed beef, can I live with myself environmentally?

—Jeanine Smith, Hixson, TN

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# Towns and NEIGHBORS

## In and Around Morningside-Skyline

by Mary McHale 301 735 3451

### Local pilgrims visit church where 95 Theses posted Oct. 31, 1517

Betty Cottrell, of Skyline, celebrated the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation with a trip to Germany in August. She joined a group sponsored by Rev. Dennis Ferguson, former seminarian at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Temple Hills, who now has his own church in Pittsburgh. He led the group—including Betty and her daughter Kathy—on a 10-day pilgrimage along the path that Martin Luther “walked.”

Betty was most impressed by all the historical areas, especially Castle Church where, on Oct. 31, 1517, Luther posted his 95 Theses on the door.

She was impressed by the cleanliness of Germany—and the many, many bikes (gas is too expensive to own a car). And, she learned, pedestrians do not have the right of way. Betty declares, “a great trip!”

### People

Carmina Young, of Camp Springs, was among the honorees at the October Census Bureau Hispanic Heritage Program. A native of San Juan, Puerto Rico, Carmina went to work for Census, using her master's degree in math from the University of Michigan and her Spanish to serve in many capacities at the Bureau. She also married another Census employee, Donald Young. In 1985, she was awarded the Department of Commerce's Bronze Medal Award for superior service. She retired in 1992 after three decades of service. She died in December 2016.

Louise Lunn, a docent at the Surratt House in Clinton since 1978, is still on the job even though she recently turned 90.

In last week's column I wished a happy birthday to Paul Long and two readers emailed that he had died some time ago. Can anyone tell me a little about him? Did he live in Morningside? (Years ago

Long lived on Pine Grove Drive; is that his family?)

### Halloween

St. Pius X Knights of Columbus is hosting a Children's Halloween Party on Oct. 29, 2-4 p.m. Kids will enjoy the Mystery Room, hotdogs, candy, crafts, costume judging and fun.

Also, the St. Pius X Knights will hold their annual Nuns & Priests Dinner on Thursday, Oct. 26, 6 p.m. Both these events will be at Sarto Hall, 3611 Stewart Road in Forestville. Info: 301-735-8655.

Bring the kids, age 2 and up, to a non-scary Halloween event on Sat., Oct. 28, noon to 3 p.m., at Clearwater Nature Center, Cosca Park in Clinton. Sit around a campfire, enjoy nature tales, see live animals and do a craft. Costumes are not required. Marshmallows, hotdogs and roasting sticks will be available. (Bring your own drinks.) Fee, \$5.

### DPW&T invites you to Open House

The Dept. of Public Works and Transportation is hosting its 4th Annual Open House on Wed., Nov. 1, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 8400 D'Arcy Road in Forestville. Talk to transit, roadway and project experts, learn about County efforts in areas such as pedestrian safety, bus services, road maintenance and snow removal and visit the Farmers' Market for locally-grown fare. Meet and talk to state and local elected officials. For information, contact Paulette Jones, 301-883-5600, or PLJones@co.pg.md.us.

### Open House at McNamara

Bishop McNamara High School invites you to their Fall 2017 Open House on Sunday, Oct. 29, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. McNamara opened in 1964 as an all-boys' school. (My three sons, Mike, John and Brian went there.) If you go to the Open House, check out the new

Andy Mona '82 Student Center, which I reported on last week.

### Changing landscape

Catherines Plus Sizes opened a new Capitol Heights store on Sept. 29 at 1801 Ritchie Station Court. For information, call 202-365-2371.

Groundbreaking for the new Kaiser Permanente Mid-Atlantic Headquarters Building was held Oct. 4 at the site, 4000 Garden City Drive, in New Carrollton.

### From Oct. 27, 1977

**Morningside-Skyline column**  
Morningside was getting ready for the annual Halloween Parade from the Town Hall, wending through the Town, to Foulis where Mayor Glaubitz would M.C. the costume judging ... Ted Burke of Skyline was selected as Knight Commander of the Court of Honour of the Washington Scottish Rite ... The Deans returned home after attending the wedding of Angela Dean to Mark Snowden in Industry, Ill ... The Mortimer family of Poplar Road, mourned the sudden death of wife and mother Stella Mortimer ... The BP station across from the firehouse was about to become a flower shop.

### May they rest in peace

Carlethia Andrietta “Princess” Yates, 71, of Skyline, who retired after 33 years with the U.S. Custom Services, died Oct. 3. A native Washingtonian, she attended Federal City College. She enjoyed Redskin parties, cards, cruises and the Suitland Sassy Seniors. Survivors include her husband Willie “Mickey D” Dillard; daughters Andrietta “Niecy,” Robin, Debra and Nyla; son Keith, four grandsons and five siblings. Services were at Evangel Church, Bishop's Chapel, in Upper Marlboro. Her trademark, lengthy colorful nails, helped make her unforgettable.

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## Neighborhoods

### New Wellness Center Provides Telemedicine Care at Safeway in Bowie Town Center

LANHAM, MD—On August 28, Doctors Community Health System opened a new Wellness Center in the Safeway at Bowie Town Center. This new program combines personalized medical care with advanced telemedicine technology.

Located in an office next to the store's pharmacy, Doctors Community Health System's Wellness Center provides acute episodic medical services and wellness care. In addition to specially trained medical personnel, patients will be evaluated and treated using advanced videoconferencing technology. It allows patients to consult remotely with a board-certified emergency medicine physician who practices in the area. The center also has special equipment used to provide comprehensive assessments and examinations. Two examples are its videoconferencing and advanced diagnostic tools that transmit data securely and in real time to physicians.

As Dr. Sunil Madan, chief medical and population officer, explained, “Within most industries, there is an increasing demand for high-quality and convenient services. Health care is no exception. Our Wellness Center gives people easy access to excellent medical diagnosis and treatment services at an affordable price. At the same time, this center can help people better manage many chronic diseases and receive important health education. And as a result of making people healthier, we can also decrease healthcare costs in our community.”

Except on holidays, the Wellness Center is open; Monday through Friday, 12 pm–8 pm, Saturday, 12 pm–7 pm and Sunday, 10 am–4 pm.

Walk-in appointments are available and each visit costs \$49, which is covered by many insurance plans. People can receive treatments for colds and flu, ear aches, fevers, infections, minor cuts and burns, nausea, pink eye, rashes, sore throats and sprains. Also, some of the center's services include pregnancy tests, diabetes screenings and routine blood pressure screenings. In coming months, the center will have a nutritionist available who can shop alongside shoppers and educate them about reading nutrition labels and selecting foods based on specific health goals.

“Now, Bowie residents can add ‘health check’ to their Safeway grocery list,” Dr. Madan stated. “They can get their milk, apples and a diabetes screening—all at the same convenient place.”

Doctors Community Health System is a network of medical and surgical services provided throughout Prince George's County and in Anne Arundel County. At the heart of this network is its flagship—Doctors Community Hospital in Lanham, Maryland. To complement the hospital's high-quality and comprehensive services, the system has more than a dozen centers of care in Bowie, Camp Springs,

Crofton, District Heights, Greenbelt, Hyattsville, Lanham, Largo, Laurel, Riverdale and Temple Hills. Also, the hospital has been rated as a high-performing facility for heart failure by U.S. News & World Report in 2017-2018 and designated as a primary stroke center by the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems. The system has experienced physicians, nurses and other healthcare professionals who specialize in:

- Ambulatory Surgery
- Breast Health
- Diabetes Care
- Digestive Disease Care
- Emergency Services
- Imaging Services
- Infusion Care
- Orthopedic Services
- Primary Care
- Radiation Oncology
- Rehabilitation Program
- Sleep Center
- Surgical Services
- Transitional Care
- Wound Care

For more information, please visit DCHweb.org or call 301-DCH-4YOU (301-324-4968).

### Maryland's Largest Law Enforcement Hiring Event is October 19th

MANASSAS, VA—Reliant Hiring Solutions, a national recruitment firm is coordinating the largest Law Enforcement Hiring events in the state. The Maryland Law Enforcement Hiring Expo will take place on Thursday, October 19th, 2017, 1:00pm–4:00pm, at the Frederick Indoor Sports Center, 1845 Brookfield Ct., Frederick, MD 21701.

“We coordinate hiring events throughout the US,” stated company owner Ian Lovejoy, “and we have seen a consistent need for sworn officer candidates by law enforcement agencies wherever we go.”

This led the company to begin coordinating Law Enforcement centric hiring events, with the Maryland event being the largest thus far. The expo will have over 35 different agencies from Maryland and elsewhere, and anyone with an interest in a career in law enforcement are encouraged to attend.

While some agencies are hiring non-sworn support personnel, such as dispatchers and administrative support staff, all are eager to meet with individuals interested in a career as a sworn officer. “It's important for the public to know that while this event is in Frederick, Maryland, the jobs are all over the area, so anyone with an interest in a law enforcement career, no matter where you're from, should attend” said Lovejoy.

Job seekers can learn more and register at [www.MD-LawEnforcementJobs.com](http://www.MD-LawEnforcementJobs.com). Walk-ins are also welcome.

The current list of agencies includes:

- Cecil County Sheriff's Office
- Charles County Sheriff's Office
- City of Rockville PD
- Easton Police Dept.
- Fairfax County Sheriff's Office
- Fort Collins Police
- Frederick Police Dept.
- Frederick Police Dept.

- Gaithersburg Police Dept.
- Greenbelt Police Dept.
- Henrico County Police Division
- Howard County Police Dept.
- Howard County Sheriff Office
- Laurel Police Dept.
- Maryland Dept. of Public Safety and Correctional Services
- Maryland State Police
- Maryland Transit Admin.
- Maryland Transportation Authority Police
- Metro Transit Police Dept.
- Metropolitan Police Department District of Columbia
- Metropolitan York Police Testing Consortium
- Montgomery County Dept. of Corrections and Rehabilitation
- Northwestern Regional Adult Detention Center
- Ocean City Police Dept.
- Prince George's County Police
- Prince William County Police Department
- Salisbury Police Dept.
- St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office
- Stafford County Sheriff's Office

### School Nurses, Health Department Screening for Tuberculosis at Dr. Henry A. Wise High School

UPPER MARLBORO, MD—Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) and the Prince George's County Health Department have informed staff members and parents of students at Dr. Henry A. Wise, Jr. High School about two confirmed cases of active tuberculosis (TB). The affected individuals are being treated and there is no risk of additional exposure to any students or staff.

Both PGCPS and county health department officials will meet with the high school staff and parents to provide additional information and answer questions.

“Although the risk of exposure is small, we are working with our health professionals to offer TB screening out of an abundance of caution,” said Dr. Kevin M. Maxwell, Chief Executive Officer.

It normally takes at least eight hours of close contact in a small room for TB transmission to occur and the air space is only contagious when an untreated patient is present. A healthy person cannot contract TB from casual exposure such as passing in a hallway or sitting in a cafeteria for an hour.

“The Health Department and PGCPS prioritize the health and safety of all students, staff, and parents. We are working expeditiously to provide information, screening, and any additional follow up to maintain the health and wellness of the Dr. Henry A. Wise, Jr. High School community,” said Ms. Pamela Creekmur, Health Officer.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention offers several fact sheets on TB exposure and treatment.

For more information, parents and guardians should call the Prince George's County Health Department, TB Control Program, at 301-583-3110.

## Brandywine-Aquasco

by Audrey Johnson 301 888 2153

### FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Every Tuesday night from 5:00 PM–7:00 PM there will be Family Game Night at Fudruckers for ages 4 and up. Every Thursday night from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM is Art Night. There will be gifts for those who participate. Join the Fudds Family for a night of fun. Location is 15810 Crain Highway Brandywine, Maryland.

### SKILLS SOCIETY

The Skills Society After School Program offers leadership training, basketball training, boxing/yoga, mixed martial arts, homework support, private tutoring available, computer lab access, large outdoor playground and MSDE Food Program Certified.

Pick up and drop off services is provided. Pick up is available from Maryland schools. Servicing boys and girls kindergarten through 8th grade. Open every day after school until 6:00 PM. They are open on most school closing days. For more information, visit them at [www.TheSkillsSociety.com](http://www.TheSkillsSociety.com) or call 301-706-5755.

### BREAST CANCER AWARENESS WALK

United Methodist Women Queen's Chapel Unit Breast

Cancer Awareness Walk is Saturday, October 28, 2017. Registration begins at 8:45 AM. Warm-up with fitness instructor Renee Boykins, begins 9:15 AM at Queens Chapel United Methodist Church. The church address is 7410 Old Muirkirk Road, Beltsville, Maryland 20705. Rev. William E. Butler is the Pastor. All participants are asked to wear pink.

For more information, please contact Vanessa Ross, 202-706-2999; Rene Marshall, 301-385-4165; Meea Dodso, 240-593-5073; Ayesha Moore, 917-815-1762. Light refreshment will be served after the walk.

### NIGHT WITH THE LEGENDS

RT Productions presents A Night with The Legends Pilgrim Jubilees 72nd Anniversary December 2, 2017. Doors open at 3:00 PM. Program starts at 4:00 PM featuring Pilgrim Jubilees, The Sensational Nightingales, The Soul Messengerz, Canton Spirituals, The Blessed Boys of Mississippi, Swanee Quintet, Southern Gospel Singers, Spencer Taylor & The Highway QC's, Helen Smith & Down Home Country Sound. Location is Scripture Cathedral 7610 Central Avenue, Landover, Maryland 20785.

Tickets: Advance \$30, Door \$35 and VIP \$45. Tickets available at all usual locations. Buses and Vans discounted. Vendors are welcome. RT Productions 240-640-6911.

### 626 CLOTHING

626 Clothing by Dominique Thomas presents The Anniversary Show Saturday, October 21st at 7:00 PM. Doors open at 6:30 PM at Edgewood Arts Center. The address is 3225 8th Street NE, Washington, DC. Tickets available at [www.626online.com](http://www.626online.com). A portion of ticket sales will be donated to a local Breast Cancer Charity.

### STUDENT ATHLETE COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS SEMINARS

PGCPS Office of Inter-scholastic Athletics will host a series of workshops for student athletes to learn about NCAA, NAIA and Division I, II and III eligibility, how to pay for college and more. Free for all students in Grades 7 thru 12.

Students should see their school's athletic director to register. The dates are October 24, 6:30 PM at Crossland High School Auditorium and November 14, 6:30 PM High Point High School Auditorium.



# COMMUNITY

## The American Counseling Association's Counseling Corner

### Reducing The Stress Of That College Application

Yes, it's college application season, which means lots of stress for many teens and their parents. But taking the time, early in the application process, to consider and address the many questions and issues related to applying to college can help reduce those stress levels.

One important issue to address early is finances. College is expensive and for most families, this requires discussion and planning. You want to sit down with your student and realistically talk about how a college education will be paid for and what schools are affordable.

If there will be college loans, who will be paying them back? Are scholarships a possibility? Might the student consider a work-study program, or getting on or off-campus job?

Remember to allow for room and food expenses if the college isn't local. Miscellaneous expenses can include that required math calculator and being able to socialize with friends. How often will there be trips home? Will the student need a new laptop or cell phone? Visiting the websites of colleges under consideration will provide a wealth of information on each school's costs and related expenses.

Stress can also be reduced by doing things early. Don't delay that ACT or SAT testing, especially if a retest might be needed. If you haven't already met with your child's high school guidance counselor, it should happen now. He or she can provide advice on college choices that would be appropriate to your student's grades, abilities and interests.

With answers to these questions, sit down with your student and help narrow down the list of possible schools. Now is the time to be realistic. If grades and test scores, or family finances, indicate almost no chance of an Ivy League school, take that off the list. Most students end up applying to multiple schools, usually 3 to 7, but it's also a good idea to include 1 or 2 "safety" schools where admission is almost certain.

Putting off the completion of college applications, getting the personal references needed, and writing that application essay that's required, will only increase stress and anxiety levels for the family.

Starting as early as possible, asking and answering the important questions, and getting help from your high school counselor will ensure that applying to college will be less stressful. But waiting for that admission office's answer? This remains high anxiety.

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

### Brewers from A1

U.S. traffic fatalities during Halloween involved drunk drivers," said Kurt Gregory Erickson, WRAP's President. "Compounding matters, 21-to-35 year-olds account for nearly two-thirds (64%) of U.S. traffic deaths on Halloween night 2015."

SoberRide is offered throughout Lyft's Washington, D.C. coverage area which includes all or parts of: the District of Columbia; the Maryland counties of Montgomery and Prince George's; and the Northern Virginia counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William.

"Lyft is proud of the role ridesharing has played in reducing impaired driving across the nation. Here in the DC area, partnering with the Washington Regional Alcohol Program allows us to take our commitment to providing safe, convenient, and affordable transportation a step further, particularly during times of the year when people are out celebrating and in need of a ride home," said Steve Taylor, GM, Lyft Washington, D.C.

Sponsors of this year's Halloween SoberRide campaign include the 395 Express Lanes, AAA Mid-Atlantic,

Anheuser-Busch, Brown-Forman, Constellation Brands, Diageo, District of Columbia Association of Beverage Alcohol Wholesalers, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Giant Food, Glory Days Grill, Lyft, MillerCoors, Restaurant Association Metropolitan Washington, Volkswagen Group of America and the Washington Area New Automobile Dealers Association.

Since 1993, WRAP's SoberRide program has provided 67,991 free safe rides home to would-be drunk drivers in the Greater Washington area.

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

More information about WRAP's SoberRide initiative can be found at www.sober-ride.com.

### Morningside from A4

Mary H. O'Connell, 95, of Silver Spring, sister of the late Prince George's County Exec Lawrence J. Hogan, back in the early '80s, died Sept. 28. She is the aunt of Maryland Governor Larry Hogan.

### Milestones

Happy birthday to Clyde Miller, Catherine Alvis, Jody Nyers and Christina Ramsey Eckloff, Oct. 22; Mary Flood Dawes, Oct. 23; Daniel John Fitzgerald and Anna Norris, Oct. 24; my granddaughter Kathryn Shearer and Donna Anderson, Oct. 25.

## October is One of the Deadliest Months of The Year on Roadways, the Question is why?

*The Glare of "That Lucky Old Sun" and "Darkness Duration" Risk Factors in October*

By PRESS OFFICER  
AAA Mid-Atlantic

WASHINGTON, D.C. — October, the first full month of fall, has dethroned July, as one of the most deadly months of the year on the highways. With its low-slung sun at dawn and dusk, its longer duration of darkness beginning at sunset, and the elapsed time between the two time-points at the beginning of the month and the ending of the month, a solid hour or so, October, not July, is now the second deadliest month of the year, cautions AAA Mid-Atlantic. It is eclipsed only by August for the dubious distinction as the most dangerous days on our roadways, but only by the slightest of deadly margins.

It is a marked variation in long-term patterns a generation earlier, from 1974 to 2002, with monthly motor vehicle crash fatalities peaking in July and August. Yet October has surpassed July as of late. This was the case in the seven-year span of time from 2010 to 2016, when more persons perished in traffic crashes in August than in any other month of the year, with October occupying second place. The change in the hours of daylight may be a factor. In the District, the highest number of traffic crashes occurred in October, while the lowest occurred in February, notes the 2013-2015 D.C. Traffic Crash Statistics Report. In 2015, October tied June and July as the deadliest months on roadways in the city, each with four traffic fatalities. As daylight recedes in the Washington metro area, October is the second deadliest month of the year for pedestrians.

"Why October? So far, there is no clear consensus on the question of this disturbing rise in traffic deaths in October among traffic safety advocates and researchers," said John B. Townsend II, AAA Mid-Atlantic's Manager of Public and Government Affairs. "Here is a working theory. Historically, for pedestrians, 'January 1 and October 31' were the 'two most deadly days of the year,' having the highest number of pedestrian fatalities. October 31, Halloween, when the number of pedestrian fatalities quadruples, and October 26, have historically ranked among the days of the year with most pedestrian deaths. An average of 401 pedestrian deaths transpired on October 31, and 350 pedestrian deaths occurred on October 26."

Other risk factors include "riding off into the sunset," which can prove deadly in October, as we lose an hour of sunshine. Earlier studies have also delved into the fatal crash rate in October. The "fatality rate per mile driven was highest among U.S. drivers in October," a 2009 study by the University of Michigan found. Researchers cited "the duration of darkness, which increases in the fall," as one possible reason for the "systematic seasonal variation in the road fatality rate." Although "the highest rate" occurred in October, the researchers also said "there is no single cause" for the uptick in highway deaths during the tenth month.

Since creation, the sun rises in the east (so too "the moon, the planets and the stars") and it sets due west. That means just after sunrise and before

Deadliest Months on The Roadway and Least Deadly Month 2010-2016								
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	**2016	TOTAL
August	3,083	2,982	3,073	3,136	3,037	3,319	3,740	22,370
October	3,056	3,086	2,849	2,987	3,068	3,271	3,790	22,107
July	3,095	3,149	3,126	2,871	2,932	3,266	3,560	21,999
February	2,016	2,037	2,325	2,100	2,056	2,153	2,880	15,567
<b>Total</b>								
<b>Fatalities 2010-2016</b>	32,885	32,367	33,561	32,719	32,675	35,092	40,200	239,499

sunset, the "daystar," that is, the sun can shine directly into drivers' eyes, advises AAA Mid-Atlantic. The glare of the orb of October "is worst when the sun is low, against the horizon." In October, east to west commuters are often dazzled or blinded by sun glare, which is acute this time of the year, just after the autumnal equinox (and in early spring, right after the vernal equinox).

As "that lucky old sun" rolls "around heaven all day" in October, the glare of the sun also makes it more difficult for drivers to see red lights and other traffic signals and signage, especially when the sun or natural light is behind them, advises AAA Mid-Atlantic. For motorists traveling westbound, and older drivers, bright sunlight, sun position and ultraviolet light can lead to driver error, optical illusions on roadways, and life-

threatening or high severity motor vehicle crashes, studies show. In fact, "38.5 percent of drivers involved in crashes related to glare exposure were 45 years of age or older," according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). It's due to the alignment of the low-lying sun against the morning sky during their morning commutes and the setting of the sun on the horizon during their evening or vesper commutes.

The days of October are "swifter than a weaver's shuttle." An autumnal increase in traffic fatalities occurred in October. It happens, in part, because October sheds a lot of daylight. After the "September Equinox, Washington, D.C., loses 2 minutes and 30 seconds of daylight each day," meteorologists explain. From October 1 to 31, day-length decreases by an hour and 12 minutes,

from 11 hours, 46 minutes and 5 seconds to 10 hours, 33 minutes and 52 seconds, calculates timeanddate.com. On October 1, sunrise occurs at 7:04 a.m. in the metro area and sunset occurs at 6:50 p.m. On Halloween, daybreak occurs at 7:34 a.m. and nightfall occurs at 6:08 p.m. Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 5. We lose another hour of light.

In these parts in October, it gets "dark earlier each day and the sun rises later in the morning." From 2013 to 2016 October edged out July as the second most deadly month on the highways, albeit it by the slightest fraction in vehicle-related deaths. That's notwithstanding the fact that the Fourth of July is singularly the "deadliest driving day of the year." That was

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# COMMENTARY

## Cong. Chris Van Hollen United States Senator for Maryland



### Van Hollen Fights for Working Families in Budget Markup

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Today U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen offered several amendments at the Senate Budget Committee markup designed to protect working families in Maryland and across the country from the disastrous consequences of the Republican budget.

“The Senate Republican Budget is a recipe for disaster for American families,” said Senator Van Hollen. “This Republican budget puts Medicare, Medicaid, and education funding on the chopping block to finance windfall tax breaks for millionaires and billionaires. Both our budget and our tax code should be focused on growing our economy, creating good paying jobs, and helping families succeed. What Republicans are proposing does the exact opposite. Marylanders deserve better.”

#### Amendments offered by Senator Van Hollen include:

Block any budget that would repeal the state and local income tax deduction. This deduction is used by the middle class—including almost half of all Maryland taxpayers, which is the highest percentage in the country. The President wants to

eliminate the tax deduction in order to pay for tax cuts for the top 1 percent.

Block any budget that would repeal the estate tax. This is a giveaway to .2 percent of taxpayer estates. If you have a small business or a family farm worth less than \$5.5 million, or less than \$11 million if you're a couple who owns it, you don't pay a penny in estate tax—you don't even have to file any paperwork on it. In order to give this windfall to the wealthiest families in the country, the Republican budget puts \$240 billion over 10 years on the nation's credit card.

Eliminate \$1 trillion in cuts to Medicaid in the Republican budget. In order to help pay for tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans, this Republican budget includes a \$1 trillion cut to Medicaid—a health care program that provides care to 68.5 million people in this country. Efforts to make the same kind of cuts through health care repeal were just roundly rejected by the American people and by the majority of the Senators in this body.

Block any budget that would increase taxes on families making less \$250,000 annually. The President's tax plan raises the bottom individual tax rate from 10 percent to 12 percent while cutting the top individual rate. It is estimated that this Republican plan will raise taxes on 21 million families, rising to 47 million by 2027. Working families should not bear the burden of tax cuts to millionaires and billionaires.

## Marc Morial, President and CEO National Urban League



### Fake Math Fuels Trump's Lopsided, Lousy Tax Reform

*“Rightful taxation is the price of social order. In other words, it is that portion of the citizen's property which he yields up to the government in order to provide for the protection of all the rest. It is not to be wantonly levied on the citizen, nor levied at all except in return for benefits conferred.”*  
—Journal of the Senate of the State of Ohio, December 6, 1847

Hard on the heels of yet another failed effort to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act, President Donald Trump and some congressional leaders have swiftly pivoted to another top legislative agenda item on their shared wish list: tax reform. Regardless of your political stripe, tax reform enjoys near universal support—but, as we all know, the devil is in the details.

Like most public positions or legislative efforts endorsed by Trump, comprehensive tax code reform is heavy on hype and light on details. Given what we do know of the president's work-in-progress proposal, it is lopsided. The vast majority of its benefits, including “historic” tax cuts and a repeal of the estate tax, will fatten the pockets of the wealthiest one percent of Americans. And that's a lousy deal for low-income and middle-class families—including Trump's working-class supporters—who will ultimately foot the bill and bear the brunt of enriching the already rich.

To hear Trump tell it—or sell it—any payouts to the top one percent, of which he is a card-carrying member, would be incidental to nonexistent. During Trump's announcement of his skeletal nine-page framework to rewrite our nation's tax code, Trump insisted his proposal included an, “explicit commitment that tax reform will protect low-income and middle-income households, not the wealthy and well-connected,” adding that, “They can call me all they want. It's not going to help. I'm doing the right thing. And it's not good for me. Believe me.” Perhaps it would be easier to believe the president if he had released his own taxes during his 2016 presidential run?

We have no way of knowing how Trump's tax code revisions would benefit him, his family, his associates and his global network of businesses,

but virtually every non-partisan analysis of his still-in-development framework arrives at the same conclusion: the plan profits wealthy Americans and barely tips the scale for low income and middle-class families.

The Tax Policy Center, a think tank of nationally recognized experts in tax, budget and social policy, estimates that the top one percent of households would get close to 80% of the framework's tax cuts, adding up to an annual, after-tax boost of close to \$200,000. The top 0.1 percent of households would receive 40% of the framework's tax cuts, giving our nation's wealthiest Americans an annual \$1 million boost in after-tax income. Middle class and lower earning families in the bottom 80% would get almost 13% of the tax cuts and see less than half a percent increase in after-tax income.

Tax cuts sound appealing, but the reality is that there is no free lunch. Tax cuts are not free and cannot pay for themselves. Traditionally, tax cuts are paid for through a combination of spending cuts—think Medicaid. The president's outline includes the elimination of personal tax breaks and itemized deductions (excluding mortgage interest and charitable deductions) that have likely benefited you in the past. And think tax increases. For many middle-class Americans who are supposedly a protected class under Trump's tax code rewrite, an analysis by the Tax Policy Center predicts nearly 30% of those in the middle class could see their taxes increase. Bottom line: fake math only arrives at unequal outcomes.

Tax cuts do not add up to tax reform. Our nation does not benefit from tax cuts that widen income inequality and unfairly burden families struggling to get by. We need tax reform with a focus on fairness. Prudently designed tax policy should raise revenue to bring desperately needed relief to poor, working and middle-class Americans, and it should reduce our stubbornly wide income inequality gap.

The National Urban League has longed believed in—and advocated for—tax reform that prioritizes economic mobility for low-income families and strengthens the middle class. A constructive approach to tax reform would increase the Earned Income, Low-Income Housing and New Markets tax credit programs while reining in tax and special interest loopholes and expendi-

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## Child Watch

by Marion Wright Edelman



### Congress is Holding CHIP and Children Hostage

Dr. Lanre Falusi knows firsthand the anxiety families face when the future of their child's health insurance is in jeopardy. A pediatrician at Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C., Dr. Falusi recently had a routine visit from a seven-year-old patient with asthma. For the last few months this little girl has been fairly stable thanks to her daily controller and rescue medication covered through D.C.'s *Children's Health Insurance Program* (CHIP). But she often has tough winters and her mother was trying to plan ahead having heard CHIP's future funding was uncertain. “That was her question: ‘If I don't know if she's going to have insurance, can I get a prescription for extra medication and save it just in case?’ ... She was in crisis planning mode for her daughter's health and she wanted to stockpile the medication. It was really disconcerting to me that that's what we're asking parents to start doing. States are dealing with an incredible amount of uncertainty about their funding—and maybe they are used to doing that—but the fact that we're asking families now to do that around their children's health is inappropriate and unconscionable to me.”

States and families across the country are in this crisis mode because Congress let the deadline to extend funding for CHIP pass at midnight on September 30th leaving nine million children like Dr. Falusi's young patient uncertain about their health coverage. For months Congress has been busy debating whether or not to repeal the *Affordable Care Act* (ACA) and destroy Medicaid as we know it. While the death of the Graham-Cassidy health repeal bill in late September was a major win for 37 million children who rely on Medicaid for their health coverage, in the midst of that major fight, funding for CHIP was left by the wayside.

Earlier this week it appeared Congress was coming together and might move forward a strong, long-term extension of CHIP with bipartisan support. On Wednesday the Senate Finance Committee quickly passed its Keeping Kids' Insurance Dependable and Secure (KIDS) Act (S.1827) with the support of all

but one member of the Committee, but the momentum for CHIP stalled in the House Energy and Commerce Committee later that evening. While Energy and Commerce approved the *HEALTHY KIDS Act* (H.R. 3921), a bill with nearly identical CHIP provisions to those in the KIDS Act, it lost the support of all its Committee Democrats because of their serious concerns about bad proposals used to pay for CHIP and other pieces of the bill, especially given that many Republicans don't seem concerned about how to pay for tax cuts for wealthy individuals and corporations in their “Big Six” tax cut plan. So politics jeopardizes children's health again.

We're so close to the finish line. There is bipartisan support for CHIP. Congress is following regular order. If Senate and House members, Republicans and Democrats alike, agree on what we need to do for children's health, let's do it now and for the children's sake forget the need for political wrangling.

Although the deadline has come and gone, most states still have some carryover funds to continue to operate their CHIP programs in the short term, leading many in Congress to erroneously believe the September

30th deadline was arbitrary when in fact it has immediate implications for real children and families. Some states have taken steps to put families on notice and are even prepared to modify or end their CHIP programs because of continuing uncertainty. Every day Congress delays action makes a difference. Dr. Falusi added: “We haven't fallen off a cliff yet, but the uncertainty that there is a cliff looming ahead makes it harder to help parents think proactively about their child's health. For me as an individual provider, it can affect the positivity—the certainty of saying ‘See you back in six months for the two-year well-child visit,’ when I don't know if they'll still be insured and able to afford it, or if they'll be trying to decide between whether they can afford transportation to the pediatrician's office or transportation to work.”

The Minnesota State Health Department was the first to send a letter to Congress warning that despite predictions that said otherwise, its CHIP funding would run out September 30th and it would have to take “extraordinary measures” to continue cov-

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## Social Security Matters

### Ask Rusty — Government Pension Offset (GPO)

**Dear Rusty:** Several years ago the husband of a friend of mine died before he collected any of his Social Security. She applied for widow benefits from his Social Security, but she was told that because she had never paid into Social Security and because she had a pension from her employer, she was not eligible to draw survivor's benefits on his Social Security. What has this got to do with her not getting his Social Security? Please help us understand this.

#### Signed: Helpful Friend

**Dear Helpful:** It sounds as though your friend's survivor benefits are affected by something called the Government Pension Offset (GPO). The GPO affects people who have a pension from employment which did not contribute to Social Security, such as a State or local government agency, a school system, college or university, or even older Federal employees who were covered under the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS). Under the GPO, Social Security reduces spousal and survivor's benefits by \$2 for every \$3 received from a government pension. This can partially, and often totally, offset the Social Security benefit a person might otherwise be entitled to. For example, if your friend was entitled to a Social Security survivor benefit of \$1,500 per month, and she is receiving a civil service pension of \$3,000 per month, she would get no Social Security benefit because 2/3rds of her civil service pension (\$2,000) is more than her Social Security survivor's benefit. This appears to be what has happened in your friend's case.

Public service employers who don't participate in the Social Security program usually offer employees an enhanced alternative pension program designed to replace Social Security benefits. GPO was first enacted in 1977 in order to prevent those employees from "double dipping" by receiving both a pension from work where they did not pay into the Social Security system and Social Security (which they did not contribute to). The Government Pension Offset, as well as another Social Security rule called the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP), as you can imagine, are not very popular with those affected by them. GPO affects a non-covered worker's spousal and survivor benefit, while WEP affects a non-covered worker's Social Security retirement benefits and their spouse's spousal benefit, but not their spouse's survivor benefit. Despite their unpopularity these are, nevertheless, existing laws which affect Social Security benefits for those receiving a pension from work in which they did not contribute to Social Security.

The trend appears to be that more and more public service employers are now participating in the Social Security program. Even the Federal Government, which prior to 1984 didn't participate in the Social Security program, switched to a retirement system called the Federal Employee Retirement System (FERS) which now requires employees to pay into Social Security and, thus, be eligible for Social Security benefits. Federal employees covered under FERS, and public service employees with a pension from an employer who participates in Social Security, are not affected by the Government Pension Offset.

For information, the Social Security Fairness Act of 2017 (H.R. 1205 and S.915) proposes to eliminate both the GPO and the WEP, and has been referred to appropriate committees in both the House and the Senate, but there is currently no estimated probability of passage.

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### Tax Reform from A4

tures that solely benefit wealthy individuals and corporations.

Our nation deserves more than a hastily cobbled together plan that cuts taxes for the top one percent, drives up the deficit, adds a check mark in the win column for congressional Republicans looking ahead to the 2018 midterm

elections, and allows Trump to finally make good on at least one campaign trail promise. The tax code is a serious and important tool that can incentivize and stimulate job creation and economic development. The current plan must be restructured to produce equitable and efficient outcomes. Anything else, and anything less, is simply unacceptable.

### Scholarship from A1

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## IRS Reminder for Parents, Students: Check Out College Tax Benefits

By PRESS OFFICER  
Office of the Comptroller

ANNAPOLIS, MD—With school now in session, the Internal Revenue Service reminds parents and students about tax benefits that can help with the expense of higher education. Two college tax credits apply to students enrolled in an eligible college, university or vocational school. Eligible students include the taxpayer, their spouse and dependents.

### American Opportunity Tax Credit

• *The American Opportunity Tax Credit*, (AOTC) can be worth a maximum annual benefit of \$2,500 per eligible student. The credit is only available for the first four years at an eligible college or vocational school for students pursuing a degree or another recognized education credential. Taxpayers can claim the AOTC for a student enrolled in the first three months of 2018 as long as they paid qualified expenses in 2017.

### Lifetime Learning Credit

• *The Lifetime Learning Credit*, (LLC) can have a maximum benefit of up to \$2,000 per tax return for both graduate and undergraduate students. Unlike the AOTC, the limit on the LLC applies to each tax return rather than to each student. The course of study must be either part of a post-secondary degree program or taken by the student to maintain or improve job skills. The credit is available for an unlimited number of tax years.

To claim the AOTC or LLC, use Form 8863, Education Credits (American Opportunity and Lifetime Learning Credits). Additionally, if claiming the AOTC, the law requires taxpayers to include the school's Employer Identification Number on this form.

Form 1098-T, Tuition Statement, is required to be eligible for an education benefit. Students receive this form from the school they attended. There are exceptions for some students.

### Other education benefits

Other education-related tax benefits that may help parents and students are:

- Student loan interest deduction of up to \$2,500 per year.
- Scholarship and fellowship grants. Generally, these are tax-free if used to pay for tuition, required enrollment fees, books and other course materials, but taxable if used for room, board, research, travel or other expenses.
- Savings bonds used to pay for college. Though income limits apply, interest is usually tax-free if bonds were purchased after 1989 by a taxpayer who, at time of purchase, was at least 24 years of age.
- Qualified tuition programs, also called 529 plans, are used by many families to prepay or save for a child's college education. Contributions to a 529 plan are not deductible, but earnings are not subject to federal tax when used for the qualified education expenses.

To help determine eligibility for these benefits, taxpayers should use tools on the Education Credits Web page and IRS Interactive Tax Assistant tool on [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov).

### Keep A Copy of Tax Returns

Taxpayers should keep a copy of their tax return for at least three years. Copies of tax returns may be needed for many reasons. If applying for college financial aid, a tax transcript may be all that is needed. A tax transcript summarizes return information and includes adjusted gross income. Get one from the IRS for free.

The quickest way to get a copy of a tax transcript is to use the Get Transcript application. After verifying identity, taxpayers can view and print their transcript immediately online. The online application includes a robust identity verification process. Those who can't pass the verification must request the transcript be mailed. This takes five to 10 days, so plan ahead and request the transcript early.

### HOCKEY from A1

of making the Washington Capitals' opening-night roster.

"I'm going to give everything I can to make the team," Walker said at the team's media day earlier this month. "If it happens, it happens. If it doesn't, I'll just keep working until eventually, hopefully it [does]."

Passed over completely in the 2012 and 2013 drafts, the five-foot-nine Walker was selected by Washington with the 89th pick in his final draft-eligible year. Walker has showcased his speed and penalty-killing ability during the preseason, emerging as a compelling candidate to make the team. Should he, Walker would become the first ever Australian to play in the NHL.

Walker was born in Cardiff, Great Britain, but raised in Australia after his family relocated when he was two-years-old. After seeing the Mighty Ducks movies and watching his older brother play ice hockey, Walker took up the sport. As a teenager, he convinced his parents to let him move overseas in order to

play more often and against tougher competition.

He spent parts of six seasons playing in the Czech Republic before joining Youngstown for the second half of their season.

"When you find out his story, that he moved away from home into a foreign country where he didn't speak the language at the age of 15 and he was living on his own to play hockey and chase his dream, obviously he's going to be a little bit more mature than your average 18-year-old, 19-year-old," Noreen said.

Walker played 29 games with the Phantoms, scoring 27 points before a broken bone in his neck ended his season. Walker acclimated to the Youngstown locker room so quickly that his teammates unanimously voted him team captain for the following year.

"Anytime it's a guy like that, no matter where you're from and what the cultural difference is, I think when you play that hard and you work that hard, guys seem to look up to you and guys tend to want to bring you into the group pretty quickly,"

Noreen said. "He was part of the group almost instantly."

After attending Capitals development camp and training camp on a tryout basis, Walker ultimately never returned to Youngstown, accepting a contract with Washington's AHL affiliate in Hershey for the 2013-2014 season. He scored 11 points in 43 games with the Bears, prompting the Capitals to trade back into the third round of the 2014 draft to pick him.

Excluding an injury-shortened season in 2015, in which he tore his ACL, Walker's numbers have steadily climbed, culminating with a career-best 17 goals and 24 assists in 2016. Walker was being considered for his first NHL call-up last January during the NHL All-Star break, according to Capitals head coach Barry Trotz, until he broke his hand blocking a shot.

Walker, who is listed at 186 pounds, is undersized compared to the NHL average, but employs a high-energy and physical style of play. The Australian scored the lone goal in the Capitals' first preseason game against New Jersey September 18.

"He just continues to become a better player," Capitals general manager Brian MacLellan said at the team's media day earlier this month. "Better positionally, reads the game better, more intelligent on his reads, instead of being a pure energy player."

For the first time in two years, the Capitals have spots available in their lineup entering training camp after six players left the team during the offseason. Walker is competing for one of the two expected openings on the fourth line alongside center Jay Beagle. The Capitals trimmed down their roster to 30 players Tuesday, with Walker still in Washington.

"Sometimes you're just around guys when you coach long enough and play long enough, you're just around certain guys where you just know that they're going to find a way somehow to make it," Noreen said. "And there was no doubt that after spending a couple days around him and especially the rest of that season, that he was going to be one of those guys that would find a way to make it."

### Roadways from A3

the case between 1998 and 2014, when July 4th posted an average of 161 crash deaths nationwide, compared to 106 traffic fatalities on an average day of the year. By a hairsbreadth, October was the deadliest motor-vehicle crash month of the year in 2014, and again in 2016, surpassing August. In the most recent annals, however, October has emerged as the "new July."

By contrast, in the period from 1975 to 2002, for example,

monthly crash fatalities peaked in July and August. Of recent, more persons lost their lives on the nation's highways in October, the tenth month of the year, slightly overtopping its seventh month. Consistently fewer persons died in February, during the dead of winter, in the USA in the seven-year period. To derive these deadly trends, AAA Mid-Atlantic analyzed motor vehicle crash data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), the Insurance Institute for Highway

Safety (IIHS), and provisional estimates by the National Safety Council (NSC).

At the onset of this decade, July was deadlier than August and October, as was the case in 2010, 2011 and 2012. A deviation in the monthly concave patterns occurred during 2016, according to provisional estimates by the National Safety Council (NSC), which concedes its figures are not comparable to NHTSA's by accounting. Last year, 2016, saw more persons dying in October

(3,790 highway deaths) than in August (3,740 highway deaths), a difference of 50 persons or in July (3,560 highway deaths), which witnessed 230 fewer traffic deaths than October. In contrast, from 1986-2002, October averaged 126 traffic deaths a day, compared to 132 per day in August and 129 each day in July. October emerged as an outlier in 2014 and 2016, supplanting July and August as the topmost deadly 4 weeks during the 12 divisions of the calendar year.

### Navy from A1

"Not many people I know have had this type of opportunity."

With more than 50 percent of the world's shipping tonnage and a third of the world's crude oil passing through the region, the United States has historic and enduring interests in this part of the world.

"Our alliance is rooted in shared interests and shared values," said Adm. Harry Harris, Commander, U.S. Pacific Command. "It's not hyperbole to say that the entire world has benefited from the U.S.-Japan alliance. While our alliance

helped stabilize the region after the Second World War, it also enabled the Japanese people to bring about an era of unprecedented economic growth. And for the last six decades, our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen have worked side by side with the Japan Self Defense Force to protect and advance peace and freedom."

Approximately 300 men and women serve aboard the ship. Their jobs are highly specialized and keep each part of the cruiser running smoothly, according to Navy officials. They do everything from maintain-

ing gas turbine engines and operating the highly sophisticated Aegis weapons system to driving the ship and operating small boats.

Forward-deployed sailors are crucial to the success of the global Navy mission and earn high praise from their leaders.

"I wanted to get out, see and experience all the Navy had to offer," said Nixon. "In doing so, I've had a lot of opportunities to help mold junior sailors. This is rewarding for me."

Sailors serving abroad in Japan are highly motivated and quickly adapt to changing conditions, explained Navy officials.

"I joined the Navy not only for the travel, but I also feel it's my duty. Patriotism is very important to me," added Nixon.

A Navy cruiser is a multi-mission ship that can operate independently or as part of a larger group of ships at sea. The ship is equipped with a vertical launching system, tomahawk missiles, torpedoes, guns and a Phalanx close-in weapons system.

Sailors play a vital role in the overall military mission around the world.

"The U.S.-Japan alliance remains the cornerstone for peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region," said Harris.



# OUT ON THE TOWN

ERIC D. SNIDER'S  
IN THE DARK  
Movie Review

## Logan Lucky

Logan Lucky  
Grade: B+  
Rated PG-13, a little profanity and crude language, mild innuendo, comic violence  
1 hr., 59 min

Steven Soderbergh tried to retire a few years ago, but it didn't take. Perhaps he can relate to Jimmy Logan (Channing Tatum), the lovable West Virginian ne'er-do-well at the center of *Logan Lucky* who tries to make an honest living but keeps coming back to the bullet-pointed plan for robbing a bank that's posted on his kitchen wall.

*Logan Lucky* is a heist comedy like Soderbergh's *Ocean's* trilogy, with the Coen Brothers-ish condescension of his *The Informant!* and the shaggy, unhurried pace of his *Magic Mike*. Written by first-timer Rebecca Blunt, the film is as sunny and implausible as an old-timer's anecdote, with a few hints at topicality (coal miners, economic anxiety, *Game of Thrones*) that don't detract from its insouciance. It's fun for fun's sake. The condescension only nags a little bit.

Jimmy, a former high school football hero who's now paunchy and bad-kneed, is an out-of-work coal miner whose most recent job was on a project shoring up the tunnels under the Charlotte Motor Speedway in North Carolina, a hundred miles or so from the West Virginia county where Jimmy and a lot of other drawling rednecks live. His brother, Clyde (Adam Driver), missing half an arm from a tour in Iraq, is a bartender who believes the Logan family is cursed, citing as examples his arm, "Pawpaw's diamond, Uncle Sticky's electrocution," and so forth. Their sister, Mellie (Riley Keough), works in a beauty parlor, but her real skills are behind the wheel.

Jimmy is close to his daughter, Sadie (Farrah Mackenzie), about



ROTTENTOMATOES  
Trying to reverse a family curse, brothers Jimmy (Channing Tatum) and Clyde Logan (Adam Driver) set out to execute an elaborate robbery during the legendary Coca-Cola 600 race at the Charlotte Motor Speedway.

10 and currently into beauty pageants, though she's also a good assistant when Jimmy's working on his truck. Sadie's mom, Bobbie Jo (Katie Holmes), exasperated from years of dealing with Jimmy's unreliability, has a new husband, Moody Chapman (David Denman), who owns a Ford dealership but can't drive a stick. This is a culture where that sort of thing matters, masculinity-wise.

Family curse notwithstanding, Jimmy enlists his siblings to help with a plan to steal the cash out of the Charlotte Motor Speedway's vault on a busy event day. For us, the plan is made all the more delicious by the fact that one of its key participants will need to be broken out of jail so he can help, then secreted back before he's missed. That'd be Joe Bang (Daniel Craig), a bleach-blond explosives expert whose drawl is the drawliest of them all. Joe's idiot brothers, Sam (Brian Gleeson) and Fish (Jack Quaid), are, at his insistence, also involved, but they're such screw-ups that even a screw-up like Jimmy Logan finds them frustrating.

Once the plot is in motion, Soderbergh sits back, puts his feet up, and lets things unfold casually. Sure, as a heist caper it has its requisite twists and switcheroos, and a few moments of giddy "will they get caught?" tension. But Soderbergh allows plenty of time to enjoy the amusements of Blunt's screenplay: Jimmy and Clyde's dopey brotherly rapport; Mellie's taunting of her ex-sister-in-law's new husband; Joe Bang's crafty intellect and unpredictability; the prison warden's (Dwight Yoakam) smug arrogance ("We don't have [blank] at Monroe" is his mantra, spoken every time [blank] happens at Monroe). It's the kind of heist film that can pause mid-heist for one of the principals to give his co-conspirators an impromptu chemistry lesson, for no better narrative reason than that it would be funny to do so.

The film takes broad swipes at West Virginia white-trash bumpkins. Joe Bang's brothers are the biggest targets—misspelled tattoos, frequent malapropisms, a reverence for NASCAR—but the whole enterprise is full of rubes and goobers for us to laugh at. Tatum and Driver

are semi-serious about giving the Logan brothers depth, but there's always the sense that they're mocking them at the same time, playing like hillbillies. Which is fine if it's funny—which it generally is. Meanwhile, Daniel Craig is doing his own crazy thing as Joe Bang, and seems to love every minute of it (as do I).

One aspect that sticks out like a sore thumb is a subplot with Seth MacFarlane doing a mediocre English accent as an aggressively douchey energy-drink mogul who sponsors a NASCAR driver. Where everyone else is doing their level best to bring the stock characters to life, MacFarlane plays Max Chilblain like a villain in a comedy sketch. (Of all the people in the world to play a British jerk, why Seth MacFarlane?) It's like you're watching *Ocean's Eleven* and next to Clooney, Pitt, and Damon, there's Rob Schneider's "makin' copies" guy. But it's only a minor dent in what is admittedly a leisurely, off-the-cuff sort of movie about whimsical decisions. Soderbergh can make as many of those as he wants if it means he stays un-retired.

## A Little This, A Little that

### Keep Orchids Beautiful and Blooming

By Melinda Myers

Lift your spirits, enliven your indoor décor or give the gift of beautiful blooming orchids. You'll enjoy these exotic blossoms for months with just minimal care—once you know what to do.

Start with a healthy flowering plant. The phalaenopsis or moth orchid is the most widely available and easiest to grow. It's similar to caring for an African violet. When you provide the proper growing conditions, maintenance is a breeze.

The challenge comes with less-than-ideal indoor growing conditions of low light and dry air. Fortunately, there are a few things you can do to create a better environment for your orchid.

Keep in mind that most orchids are epiphytes. In nature they grow on other plants and obtain water and nutrients from the air, water and plant debris that accumulates in their environment. This is why they are grown in an orchid mix made of organic material such as peat, fir bark and perlite. This or a similar combination retains water while providing needed drainage.

Give your orchid a good soaking once a week. Pour off any excess water that collects in the saucer. Don't allow orchids to sit in water and don't water them too often. This can lead to rot root and death of your plant.

Further improve the environment by increasing the humidity around the plant. Group them with other orchids and indoor plants. As one plant loses moisture, or "transpires", the others will benefit from the increase in humidity. Plus, you'll create a beautiful display while improving the growing conditions.

Alternatively, you can create humidity trays. Place pebbles in the saucer and the pot on top of the pebbles. Allow excess water to collect in the pebbles below the pot. As this evaporates it increases the humidity around your plant. This also eliminates the need to pour off the excess water that collects in the saucer.

For larger plant collections use rubber humidity plant tray grids. These save space by allowing you to place several plants on one tray. These are perfect for growing on tables or light stands.

Place your plant in a bright location. Orchids do best with 12 to 14 hours of sunlight. Unobstructed south- or east-facing windows are usually the best. Or give plants a boost with artificial lights. Newer full spectrum LED lights provide needed light while using less energy.

And there's no reason to hide your orchid and light setup in the basement. Check out the attractive, new indoor grow light systems like the Coltura LED Grow Frame (gardeners.com). It can be mounted on the wall or set on a table. Either way, your orchids will be in full view for all to enjoy.

Fertilize actively growing plants with an orchid fertilizer. Michigan State University developed a fertilizer that efficiently provides the nutrients orchids need. They have "Orchid Tap Water" and "Orchid Pure Water Fertilizer" formulations. Just follow label directions for best results.

Once the plants are done flowering, you can keep them growing indoors. If you like a challenge, try reblooming. On phalaenopsis orchids, just cut back the flowering stem between the second or third node from the bottom. Or give the plant a rest and cut the flower stem back to the leaves. Continue to provide proper care and wait to see if you were successful.

You can also simply treat an orchid plant like a long-lasting bouquet. That way there's no guilt if you decide to toss it. And if the guilt is too much, just look for an avid gardener. There's always someone who would be happy to adopt and try to rebloom your non-flowering plant.



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# Calendar of Events

October 19 — October 25, 2017

## Kid's Day Out Arts Field Trip:

### Imagination Stage and Theatre Games

Date and time: Friday, October 20, 2017, 9:30 am–4:30 pm  
Description: Join us for the world premiere of *The Smartest Girl in the World* at Imagination Stage. Then spend the afternoon participating in fun-filled theatre games perfect for young actors! The trip starts and ends at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center at the University of Maryland.

Cost: Resident \$34, Non-resident \$45  
Ages: 8–12

Location: The Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center  
8270 Alumni Drive, College Park, MD  
Contact: 301-446-3232; TTY 301-699-2544

## Xtreme Dodgeball

Date and time: Friday, October 20, 2017, 7:00 pm–9:00 pm  
Description: What happens when you cross your favorite gym activity with a group of your friends on a Friday night? A riveting game Xtreme DodgeBall, of course! Gather your best team, then come test your reflexes to see if you've got what it takes to earn bragging rights.

Cost: FREE! with proper ID  
Ages: 11–17

Location: North Forestville Community Center  
2311 Ritchie Road, Forestville, MD  
Contact: 301-350-8660; TTY 301-699-2544

## Xtreme Teens: Chopped Halloween Edition

Date and time: Friday, October 20, 2017, 7:00 pm–10:00 pm  
Description: Ready to show off your cooking chops? Are you able to demonstrate your cooking mettle with a kettle? Well, teens, this is the event for you! We will provide ingredients for you to make your own, Halloween-themed appetizers, main courses, and desserts. Warm up those ovens, it's time to get hot!

Cost: FREE! with appropriate ID  
Ages: 10–17

Location: Rollingcrest/Chillum Community Center  
6120 Sargent Road, Chillum, MD  
Contact: 301-853-2005; TTY 301-699-2544

## American Indian Festival

Date and time: Saturday, October 21, 2017, 10:00 am–4:00 pm  
Description: Celebrate the rich and diverse cultures of Native Americans at the annual "American Indian Festival," featuring traditional native foods, free activities and interactive exhibits and demonstrations such as archery, beading and native horsemanship! Great entertainment, games, and fun activities make it a great family day!

For full details, visit the American Indian Festival website at <http://www.pgparcs.com/709/American-Indian-Festival>

Cost: The event is FREE!, but there may be a nominal fee for food and some activities.

Ages: All ages are welcome

Location: Patuxent River Park  
16000 Croom Airport Road, Upper Marlboro, MD  
Contact: 301-627-6074; TTY 301-699-2544

## Calabash Carnage Pumpkin Carving

Date and time: Saturday, October 21, 2017, 2:00 pm–4:00 pm  
Description: You and your family can observe Halloween and have lots of fun at this Pumpkin Carving Workshop. Use your imagination and create your very own frighteningly-scary designs!

Cost: Free admission, Pumpkins are sold at cost, \$5 each.  
Ages: All ages are welcome

Location: Brentwood Arts Center  
3901 Rhode Island Avenue, Brentwood, MD  
Contact: 301-277-2863; TTY 301-699-2544

## Fall Fun Festival

Date and time: Saturday, October 21, 2017, 6:00 pm–8:00 pm  
Description: Bring the entire family out for an evening of fun! Enjoy a horse-drawn hayride, gather around the campfire, do an exciting harvest arts & crafts project, play outdoor games, and more!

Cost: Residents \$6, Non-residents \$8  
Ages: All ages are welcome

Location: Fort Washington Forest Community Center  
1200 Fillmore Road, Fort Washington, MD  
Contact: 301-292-4300; TTY 301-699-2544

## The Great Jack O' Lantern Campfire

Date and time: Saturday, October 21, 2017, 7:00 pm–8:30 pm  
Description: Bask in the warmth of a Fall campfire, roast marshmallows, and enjoy popcorn and hot cider. Listen to haunted Halloween tales, and see a dazzling display of hand-carved illuminated jack o' lanterns!

Rain date: Sunday, October 23 at 6 pm. No reservations required.  
Cost: \$4/per person

Ages: All ages are welcome  
Location: Darnall's Chance House Museum  
14800 Governor Oden Bowie Drive, Upper Marlboro, MD  
Contact: 301-952-8010; TTY 301-699-2544

## The Harvest Renaissance Festival

Date and time: Sunday, October 22, 2017, 12:00 pm–4:00 pm  
Description: Celebrate the harvest season, Renaissance style! Renaissance arena games, puppet show, crafts, amusements, storytelling, pumpkin patch, pony rides, best jester contest, and more. Parents or guardians get in free! Costumes are welcomed.

Cost: Advance purchase—Resident \$10, Non-resident \$13  
At the gate—Resident: \$11; Non-Resident: \$13

Ages: All ages are welcome  
Location: Stephen Decatur Community Center  
8200 Pinewood Drive, Clinton, MD  
Contact: 301-894-6616; TTY 301-699-2544

# EARTH TALK ... Is Grass Fed Beef Actually Better For the Environment?

Dear EarthTalk:

*Even though I know a vegetarian diet is better for the environment, I love cheeseburgers and a good steak every now and then. If I stick to grass-fed beef, can I live with myself environmentally?*

—Jeanine Smith,  
Hixson, TN

Yes and no, depending on how much imperfection you're willing to tolerate. Calorie-for-calorie, an acre of land can feed more mouths growing vegetables and grains for direct human consumption than it can growing feedstock for farm animals that end up on our plates.

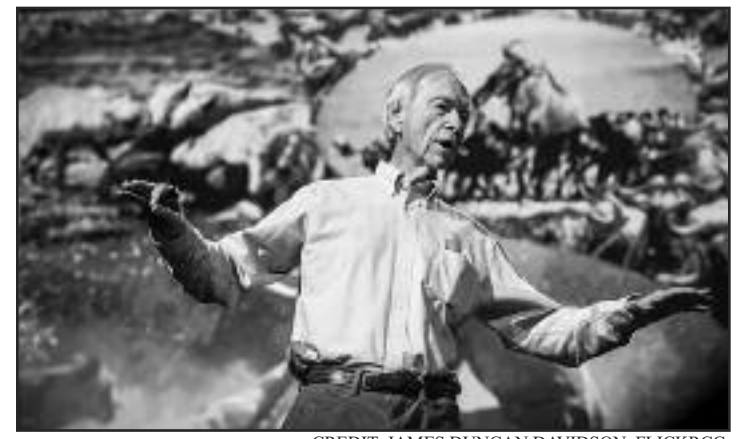
But for years beef industry defenders have pointed to the "carbon sequestration" benefits of grazing cattle on grasslands as an environmental justification for continuing to raise and sell livestock. According to the theory, grasslands around the world hold the potential to store (sequester) enough atmospheric carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) to reverse global warming if they are used to graze livestock "bunched and moving, as a proxy for former herds and predators"—in the words of "holistic management" guru Allan Savory—to mimic what were once naturally-occurring processes in nature. Since grasses, like all plants, consume (and then store) atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>—a key component of photosynthesis—to grow to full maturity, using grassland

to graze cattle helps sequester untold amounts of greenhouse gases as new grasses shoot up after the livestock has passed through.

But a recent analysis by Tara Garnett and researchers at Oxford's Food Climate Research Network found that the carbon sequestration benefits of even "holistic management"-based livestock grazing are limited at best. They concluded that, even under "very generous assumptions," livestock grazing could only offset 20-60 percent of the average annual greenhouse gas emissions of grass-fed beef—and only between 0.6 and 1.6 percent of total annual greenhouse gas emissions. This last figure is the real clincher, given that livestock account for some 18 percent of global greenhouse gas emissions all told.

Livestock agriculture—grass-fed or otherwise—is already a big contributor to global warming purely as a result of methane gas "emissions" from cattle. (Methane is an even more potent greenhouse gas than CO<sub>2</sub>.) All of this cattle belching and flatulence, combined with millions of tons of off-gassing manure generated on farms around the world, combine to make animal agriculture responsible for 35-40 percent of annual "anthropogenic" (human-caused) methane emissions worldwide.

And it turns out that grass-fed cattle actually generate sig-



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**tion benefits of grazing cattle on grasslands as an environmental justification for continuing to raise and sell livestock.**

nificantly more methane than their feedlot-held counterparts due to how difficult it is to digest wild grasses versus the corn- and soy-based feed offered back in the barn. Meanwhile, agricultural researchers are working on ways to reduce methane emissions even further for feedlot cattle by adding chemical and biological agents into feed that cancel out the "methanogenic" microorgan-

isms that lead to intestinal production of so much methane in the first place.

That said, environmentalists warn that we shouldn't rely on such "interventions" when we can solve our problems the old-fashioned way: Reducing your overall intake of meat, if not going vegetarian or vegan altogether, is the only way to guarantee that our meat addiction doesn't kill us in the end.

CONTACTS: Food Climate Research Network, [www.fcrcn.org.uk](http://www.fcrcn.org.uk); "Restoring The Climate Through Capture And Storage Of Soil Carbon Through Holistic Planned Grazing," The Savory Institute, [www.savory.global/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/restoring-the-climate.pdf](http://www.savory.global/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/restoring-the-climate.pdf); "Carbon, Methane Emissions and the Dairy Cow," Penn State Extension, <https://extension.psu.edu/carbon-methane-emissions-and-the-dairy-cow>.

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# Last Chance for High School Students to Apply for 2018 Disney Dreamers Academy at Walt Disney World Resort

By PRESS OFFICER

## Black PR Wire

LAKE BUENA VISTA, FL—High School students participating in the 2018 Disney Dreamers Academy with Steve Harvey and Essence will experience a once-in-a-lifetime career-inspiring weekend—but there's only a few weeks left for students to apply at [DisneyDreamersAcademy.com](http://DisneyDreamersAcademy.com). Applications close on Oct. 31 for the innovative, outside-the-classroom, mentoring program that takes place in March at Walt Disney World Resort in Florida.

For more than a decade, Disney Dreamers Academy has inspired young minds nationwide by fueling their dreams and showing them a world of possibilities. Each year, students participate in hands-on, immersive career workshops, ranging from animation to zoology. Each participant learns important skills, such as communication tech-

niques, 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 Resort vice president of commercial management resorts and Disney Dreamers Academy executive champion. "We are excited about



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the opportunity to add to the many success stories, as this program continues to cultivate the minds of young high school students from across the nation and inspire them 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 in Florida.

## Bulldogs from A1

more, MD) rushed 124 and 101 yards respectively.

Hall and senior Jay Adams (Clinton, MD) combined to complete passes to 12 different receivers. Leading the Bulldogs in reception yards was junior Lansana Sesay (Bowie, MD) with 129 yards on just two receptions. Redshirt senior Kerrick Pollock (Miami, FL) recorded a team-high five receptions for 89 yards.

Junior Derrick Tate (Baltimore, MD) paced the powerful Bowie State defense with a team-high eight tackles (5 solo and 3 assisted), which included three tackles for a loss of 18 yards. Redshirt junior Kyle Jackson (Upper Marlboro, MD) and senior Sean Copeland (Baltimore, MD) tallied a half-dozen tackles apiece. Redshirt freshman Reicardo Smith (Fort Washington, MD) and redshirt junior Jaylen Harris contributed four tackles each in the rout. As a team, Bowie State's defense notched a season-high five sacks against Shaw.

The Bulldogs rolled up a school record 748 yards of total offense with 440 coming in the first half

of play. However, Bowie State accounted for 11 penalties in the contest for 110 yards, second highest penalty yard total of the season.

Bowie State scored on the opening drive off an 18-yard pass from Hall to Pollock to give the Bulldogs the early 7-0 lead over Shaw. A three and out for the Bears resulted in BSU's Chesson scoring on a 23-yard rush, following the extra point from sophomore Gene Carson (Accokeek, MD) to extend their lead 14-0 at the 9:30 mark. An out-of-sync Bears team went three and out again the next possession down only to allow the Bulldogs to add to their score after a 46-yard pass from Hall to redshirt sophomore Brandon Abrams (Baltimore, MD) for BSU's third-straight touchdown of the game in the first quarter.

Despite the early deficit, the Bears were still in the contest thanks to penalties from the Bulldogs that led to first downs for Shaw but an attempted field goal from Beni Kinsemi (Charlotte, NC) was partially blocked by BSU redshirt junior Jaylen Harris (Clinton, MD) as the Bears trailed 21-0 with 2:42 remaining in the first stanza.

Bowie State would add 14 more to the scoreboard ignited by an 80-yard touchdown reception by Sesay, followed by a 20-yard touchdown reception redshirt junior Brandon Britton (Columbia, MD) that pushed the Bulldogs lead to 35-0 heading into the second quarter.

After scoring another touchdown and field goal by the Bulldogs to lead 45-0 over Shaw, the Bears finally got on the scoreboard when Vidal Woodruff (Tampa, FL) connected with Michael Sherman (Powder Springs, GA) for a 20-yard pass, catch and score to close out the first half.

The second half started pretty much like the first half with Bowie State scoring 17 points in the third and 14 in the fourth quarter. Carson drilled a 28-yard field goal for the first Bulldogs' points in the third at the 11:36 mark. Marquise Watts recorded his first touchdown of the season, scoring on a 4-yard reception from Hall with 4:40 left in the third quarter. Chesson punched it in for the second time in the game, this time from 38 yards out a little over a minute later.

Bowie State's Adams recorded his first touchdown of the season, rushing for a 1-yard score at the

12:21 mark of the fourth quarter to push the Bulldogs cushion to 69-7. Redshirt junior Adam Gillis (Lanham, MD) scored the final rushing touchdown of the contest, pounding in from 3-yards out to with 5:45 remaining to account for the final margin.

Shaw finished with 208 yards of total offense that included 74 rushing and 134 passing. Woodruff completed 13-of-29 passing for 137 yards, but was intercepted three times and was responsible for one touchdown.

Sherman had a team-best 107 yards rushing on 19 carries and a touchdown while freshman Daniel Bender (Jacksonville, FL) had six receptions for 79 yards.

Hakiem Swann (Portsmouth, Va.) led the Bears defense with a game-high 10 total tackles (7 solo). Devon Hunt (Rockingham, NC) added eight tackles, one sack and a tackle for loss while Kevin Sherman (Powder Springs, GA) contributed seven tackles and a tackle for loss.

Bowie State will hit the road for the fourth time in five weeks, traveling to Fayetteville (NC) State next Saturday (9/30) with kickoff in the Luther "Nick" Gerald Stadium set for 1 p.m.

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