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Prince George's County Department of Social Services Receives 2018 Mass Care Award

By PRESS OFFICER
PG County Government

LANDOVER, MD—On May 11, 2018, Prince George's County Department of Social Services (DSS) was named the 2018 Mass Care Services Award Recipient by the Maryland Department of Human Services (DHS) Office of Operations at its 5th Annual Liaison Conference.

The Mass Care Services Award is the premier award for the Department of Human Services' Office of Emergency Operations which recognizes innovative partners across the State who lead, plan, and coordinate crisis and stabilization resources and essential services including

congregate sheltering, feeding and distribution of emergency supplies in response to a disaster. The 2018 Award was presented by Bethany Brown, Assistant Chief, and Yvette Kelly, Assistant Director of Planning and Recovery, for the Maryland DHS Office of Emergency Operations to Prince George's County DSS for providing excellent services to its residents in response to the emergency evacuations of the Lynnhill Condominiums and the Andrews Ridge Apartments.

"Prince George's has always served as a great partner to the

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The MedStar Regional Breast Health Program Recognized as a Breast Imaging Center of Excellence

By PRESS OFFICER
MedStar

CLINTON, MD—The American College of Radiology (ACR) has recognized the MedStar Regional Breast Health Program at MedStar Southern Maryland Hospital Center (MSMHC) as a Breast Imaging Center of Excellence (BICOE). The BICOE designation is awarded to breast imaging centers that achieve excellence by

seeking and earning accreditation in all of the ACR's voluntary accreditation programs and modules, according to Anna H. Choi, MD, Chief of Radiology at MedStar Southern Maryland Hospital Center. MSMHC is accredited by this organization in Mammography, Stereotactic biopsy, Breast ultrasound, Ultrasound guided biopsy, and

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Robert Lee of the Oyster Recovery Partnership.

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Severn River to Receive Boatloads of Water-Filtering Oysters This July

By PRESS OFFICER
MDDNR

ANNAPOLIS, MD—The Oyster Recovery Partnership (ORP) and the Severn River Association (SRA) are seeking the community's support to plant a total of 50 million water-filtering oysters in the Severn River this summer. The fundraising campaign, Operation Build a Reef, presents a unique opportunity for the public to purchase

bushels of juvenile oysters to further boost already-scheduled oyster reef restoration efforts taking place this July.

"Operation Build a Reef serves as an exciting opportunity for residents to make a real, tangible difference in the health of their local waterway," said ORP Executive Director Stephan Abel. "With the help of Severn River friends and supporters, we can take advantage of the resources already being devoted

this large scale oyster reef project and maximize the amount of oysters the river will receive."

Earlier this year, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources contracted ORP to produce and plant 40 million oysters onto a carefully selected oyster reef in the Severn River, a 13-acre protected sanctuary between the Naval Academy and Severn River bridges.

The plantings, slated to begin in mid-July and take place over

several days, are the largest the Severn River has seen in nearly a decade. ORP and SRA hope to amplify these efforts, and have set a goal to plant an additional 10 million juvenile oysters in the Severn River for a total of 50 million.

"The department supports innovative partnerships and projects, such as the one between the Oyster Recovery Part-

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Conditions at Maryland Beaches Available on Mobile Devices

By PRESS OFFICER
MDDE

BALTIMORE, MD—The Maryland Department of the Environment is reminding swimmers that information on conditions at the state's beaches is available through the Maryland Healthy Beaches app for mobile devices.

"From Memorial Day to Labor Day, information on conditions at the nearly 200 monitored beaches in Maryland is just a tap on a smartphone away," said Maryland Secretary of the Environment Ben Grumbles. "Maryland beaches continue to get high grades for water quality. We urge everyone to follow our website's do's and don'ts for swimmers to stay healthy and waters to keep clean."

The app is available for download via the App Store and Google Play.

The Department of the Environment's reminder coincides with Healthy and Safe Swimming Week and the start of the summer beach season. The department's annual Maryland



Crashing waves on the shore at Ocean City Maryland.

PHOTO BY ANNIES EMBERLAND

Healthy Beaches 2018 Progress Report shows Maryland beaches met water quality requirements and were open for swimming with no health-based advisories 99 percent of the time last summer. This

marked the sixth straight year that the rate exceeded 98 percent and the 13th consecutive year that the rate was 96 percent or greater. The beaches at Ocean City have never been under a closure or advisory

since the current monitoring program began in 2000.

The report describes Maryland's beach monitoring pro-

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Maryland Conservation Corps Now Recruiting Young Adults

By PRESS OFFICER
MDDNR

ANNAPOLIS, MD—The Maryland Department of Natural Resources is now recruiting members for the Maryland Conservation Corps, an award-winning AmeriCorps program that engages young adults aged 17-25 in extensive conservation, environmental and natural resources management projects across the state.

The department seeks to hire 35 full-time members who will work on five to seven teams for an 11-month period, beginning in September 2018.

In an average year, Maryland Conservation Corps members will:

- Conduct interpretive state park programming
- Help preserve rich historical heritage sites
- Improve park nature centers
- Maintain hundreds of miles of trails
- Plant thousands of trees
- Provide environmental education programming for Maryland students
- Restore wildlife habitat

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INSIDE

Maryland's garbage Workers in Harms Way

In the last year a worker in Bowie was struck in the head when a piece of building material was ejected from his truck's compactor, said Thompson. The resulting injury left him unable to return to full health and he subsequently left his job.

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Remembering the Very Courageous Dovey Johnson Roundtree

Her family lived with her maternal grandfather, a minister, and her grandmother, who had only a third grade education but was a community and Black women's club leader who was friends with Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune.

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Maryland Casinos Generate Record \$156.5 Million in Revenue During May

The previous record month was March 2018, when the six casinos combined to generate \$150,073,958 in gaming revenue. May 2018 was the fifth full month in which it was possible to make a direct year-over-year comparison including all six of the state's casinos.

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Movie Review: Avengers: Infinity War

An unprecedented cinematic journey ten years in the making and spanning the entire Marvel Cinematic Universe, Marvel Studios' *Avengers: Infinity War* brings to the screen the ultimate, deadliest showdown of all time.

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Earth Talk

Dear EarthTalk:

My vet tells me my 18-year-old cat is nearing the end of her life and I'm wondering what my options are for a green-friendly burial?

—Sandy Monroe,
New York, NY

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Towns and NEIGHBORS

In and Around Morningside-Skyline

by Mary McHale 301 735 3451

Zumba, African Dance & Drums, Medicaid signup, lots more at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, June 23

St. Michael's Truth/OSLC is sponsoring a community event on Saturday, June 23, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 4915 St. Barnabas Rd., in Temple Hills. There will be three Amerigroup vans—one displaying Zumba videos, another featuring a kitchen area to provide healthy eating tips and a park area with games, and a photo booth with fun backdrops.

Amerigroup will also help people to sign up for Medicaid and will provide some give-away items.

There'll be a cotton candy machine and info tables. The African Dance & Drum class will entertain. All for free! Contact Kathy Gabrielsen, 301-326-3263 for information.

Duffy Appointed Ambulance Technician

Congratulations to Live-In firefighter EMT Tim Duffy for being the first Ambulance Technician at Morningside! He was chosen for this position by Acting EMS Captain Sarah McCann.

Technicians are individuals who have mastered their particular apparatus. They are responsible for maintenance, training, and operational readiness of their assigned apparatus. Tim will be responsible for maintaining the ambulance at a standard that exceeds the Morningside VFD expectations.

This is a big responsibility, and we are eager to watch Tim as he tackles any and all challenges he may face. (This item is from the MVFD website.)

People

I saw Hamilton on Broadway! Thanks to my daughter Sheila, I traveled by Megabus with her, granddaughter Leah and two friends to NYC and had a great seat at the Richard Rodgers Theatre. The show was fantastic. And I can't wait to see it again.

Dave Taylor, one of the narrators for the Surratt House's famous John Wilkes Booth Escape Route Tours, and Kaitlyn Ramirez, who often portrays Mary Surratt, were married in a lovely and historic chapel outside of Port Royal, Va. Their reception was held in Waldorf at the Dr. Samuel A. Mudd House Museum, where Kate serves as a volunteer.

Karthik Nemmani, 14, of McKinney, Tex., was declared champion of the 2018 Scripps National Spelling Bee on May 31 at the Gaylord in National Harbor. He won with "koinonia."

Tommy Lee Cook, Jr., of Mechanicsville and formerly of Morningside, died May 26 in an auto accident. I'll learn more about his life and times, and pay homage to Tommy in next week's column.

Academia

John Brandon Matthews graduated June 1 from Punxsutawney High School, in Pennsylvania, with honors and will be attending Youngstown State University on a baseball scholarship. He is the son of John and Tresa Matthews, and the grandson of Jack and Jackie Matthews, of Morningside.

Changing landscape

Capital Bikeshare finally came to Prince George's on

May 18. It currently has five Bikeshare stations available along a stretch of the Route 1 corridor from Mount Rainier to Riverdale Park in the Largo area. Believe me, it's popular, and will be expanding soon.

Coming up in Morningside

June 19: Town Meeting at the Town Hall, 7 p.m.

June 30: Spring Clean-Up and Rabies Shot Clinic, 9 a.m.

July 4: Independence Day Parade, followed by Family Fun. Amazing fireworks at dusk.

Also Coming up

National Harbor hosts the Maryland Vintage Wine & Jazz Festival on June 23, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The Surratt House, in Clinton, invites you to Celebrate Our Local Bounty on June 23, noon to 4 p.m. The museum grounds will open to local farmers and gardeners who'll sell their wares and discuss gardening techniques. Also included: free tour of the historic house.

May they rest in peace

Richard J. Fortwengler, of Arlington, a 1969 graduate of Bishop McNamara High School, died May 20. He earned a BA at St. Mary's College and an MBA at GMU and worked at NASDAQ for 30 years. He owned and restored classic Triumphs, Jaguars, Porsches, and MGs. Survivors include his parents, siblings and his wife Sheila whom he married on the rooftop of The Hotel Washington.

Myrtle B. West, 91, died May 30 in Florida. A service was held at Kalas Funeral

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Brandywine-Aquasco

by Audrey Johnson 301 888 2153

RONALD-MYAH-CHRISTOPHER-KERDYN

I was invited to Surrattsville High School to interview Ronald Crawford and his three classmates on May 16, 2018. Ronald, Kerdyn O. Garcia Flores, Myah Blanks, and Christopher Curtis who are all students in an Honor's Class. They were very enthusiastically about being interviewed. The students completed a winning prize on "Harlem Hell Fighters who were an African American infantry unit in World War I." "The students stated that the infantry unit spent more time in combat than any other American Unit. It took them six months to research, interview and complete their project. They picked the topic because they wanted to learn about African American History."

"They learned that African Americans had to fight for their rights 1917-1918. Their fighting in the War showed that they were stronger. The soldiers were used for labor. The Soldiers accomplished that they should be treated equally. The all-black fighting unit in World War I, were tough and had stamina, yet they still faced discrimination. The "Harlem Hell Fighters" heroically fought on the front lines and received the French Croix de Guerre. One of the most famous Harlem Hell Fighters was James Reese from Europe. James introduced Jazz to the group. Two more famous fighters were Niel Roberts and Harry Johnson because they were famous for their leadership roles." The students had the opportunity to interview Harlem Hell Fight-

ers best author Max Brooks who bring their history to life.

RONALD CRAWFORD

Ronald is the son of Evangelina and Ronald Crawford, Sr. and resides in Clinton. Ronald "stated that my "future goals are Military-Air Force/college. My career are Sports, Technology, Medicine, Law and Military". I like school because I was able to make friends easily at Surrattsville High School. I also like the school because of the academics and programs that they offer and I can attend."

"Some of my future career goals are Sports, Technology, Medicine, Law, Military. In sports I would try Football (when I get taller), Track, Tennis (possibly). In technology I would be a producer, (videos, movies, games). In Medicine I would be a Pediatrician or Cardiologist. In law, I would be a lawyer for defendant or offendant. In the Military I would be in the Air Force or Navy where I could fly a plane or go on rescue missions."

MYAH BLANKS

"I live in Clinton with my parents Ronald and Sharolyn Blanks. "My inspirations after high school is to enroll in college so I can be on my way to becoming a Clinical Psychologist to helping people who are depressed and guiding them to be a better and happier version of themselves."

"In my spare time, I like to read books, write poems or short stories about any topic I come up with. I like to help out in anyway with my church, home,

"Reachmore". What I like about Surrattsville is mainly my teachers. They are super nice and work with me to get good grades and pass this school year, but most importantly, they don't just give me good grades for free. They push me to put 100% effort in all the work I do, and not procrastinate with it by the type of assignments they hand out which is greatly appreciated by me. They push me to be the best and smartest version of myself."

"My goal is that I aim to maintain a 4.0 all throughout high school. So far, I have been successful with my goal. I have maintained at least a 4.0 for 1st and 2nd quarters, and 3rd quarter my grade rounded to the nearest tenth is a 4.2."

KERDYN O. GARCIAFLORES

Kerdyn is the son of Odnyer Garcia and Kenia Flores and lives in Temple Hills." I like the Band and JROTC at Surrattsville. My future goals are to become a Mechanical Engineer or a Seal in either the Airforce, Navy or Marine Corps. My grade point average for the school year are 1st Quarter 3.9, 2nd Quarter 3.5, 3rd Third Quarter 3.6.

CHRISTOPHER CURTIS

Christopher is the son of Mike and Erica Curtis and lives in Clinton. "In my spare time I code because one day, I want to create a fun game. The things that I also do in my spare time is try to learn more because I really like to code and program

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Neighborhoods

Comcast NBCUniversal Awards \$110,000 in Scholarships to 101 Maryland High School Seniors

ANNAPOLIS, MD—On May 17, 2018, Comcast NBCUniversal announced that it has awarded approximately \$110,000 in scholarships for the 2018-19 school year to 101 Maryland students as part of its annual Leaders and Achievers® Scholarship Program. The program, funded by the Comcast Foundation, is a one-time, \$1,000 scholarship awarded to the best and brightest high school seniors for their community service, academic performance and leadership skills. Since 2001, more than \$28 million has been awarded to nearly 27,000 high school seniors across the country as part of the Leaders and Achievers Program.

"All of our Leaders and Achievers Scholarship winners show a strong commitment to their communities and academic achievement," said Mary McLaughlin, Senior Vice President of Comcast's Beltway Region. "We are honored to recognize their accomplishments and look forward to supporting them as they further their education."

Comcast, joined by Bridgette Lundfelt, Director of the Governor's Office of Community Initiatives, Maryland House Speaker Michael E. Busch, and other local elected officials and school administrators, recognized the students at a special event held at Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts in Annapolis on Wednesday, May 16. One student, Leah Swindler, a senior at Friendly High School in Prince George's County, was selected to receive an additional \$10,000 Comcast Founders Scholarship—instituted in honor of Ralph J. Roberts, Founder and Chairman Emeritus of Comcast Corporation.

"I want to congratulate each and every one of these exceptional students and recognize them for their impressive achievements," said Maryland Governor Larry Hogan. "Comcast's commitment to our children by investing in their educations is commendable and I am excited to follow these students' journeys as they help shape the future of our state and our nation."

The Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship Program provides scholarships to students who strive to achieve their full potential, who are catalysts for positive change in their communities, who are involved in their schools, and who serve as models for their fellow students. The philosophy behind the program is to give young people every opportunity to prepare for the future and to engage them in their communities. The program also demonstrates the importance of civic involvement, and the value placed on civic involvement by the business community.

2018 Comcast Leaders and Achievers® Scholarship Recipients from Maryland

Anne Arundel County
Uday Aryal of Arundel High School in Gambrills
Sara Baldwin of South River High School in Edgewater
Trinity Cook of Old Mill High School in Millersville
Josseline Rodriguez of St. Mary's High School in Annapolis



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Left to right: Sean Looney, Vice President of Government Affairs for Comcast in Maryland; Bridgette Lundfelt, Director of the Governor's Office of Community Initiatives; Leah Swindler, Friendly High School senior and winner of the Founders Scholarship; Donna Rattley Washington, Vice President of Government Affairs and Community Impact for Comcast's Beltway Region; and Leah Swindler's parents.

Rebekah Rodriguez of Broadneck High School in Annapolis

Cesar Ruiz de Castilla of Annapolis High School

LaQuevia Samuel of Benjamin Franklin High School at Masonville Cove in Brooklyn Park

Jessica Schneck of North County High School in Glen Burnie

Emma Shakan of Chesapeake High School in Pasadena

Baltimore City
Timothy Alston of National Academy Foundation High School

Yvette Bailey-Emberson of Baltimore School for the Arts

Cassandra Balias of Reginald F. Lewis High School

Riona Blaine of Forest Park High School

Lacey Dixon of Mercy High School

Joshua Fitzgerald of Gilman School

Cecy Granados of Cristo Rey Jesuit High School

Cache' Harris of Western High School

Quasia James of Edmondson-Westside High

Ye Rin Kim of Bryn Mawr School

Aleem Prince of Patterson High School

Mercedes Thompson of Baltimore Polytechnic Institute

Clarity Willoughby of Carver Vocational Technical High School

Cheree Johnson of Vivien T. Thomas Medical Arts Academy

Baltimore County
Afkhar AlWakil of Randallstown High School

Alexandra Charney of Notre Dame Preparatory School in Towson

Delaram Doorandish of Dulaney High School in Lutherville-Timonium

Cydney Ellis of Pikesville High School

William Flynn of Jemicy School in Owings Mills

Leanne Garten of Garrison Forest School in Owings Mills

Jamie Givens of McDonogh School in Owings Mills

Abigail Lerman of Beth Tfiloh Dahan Community School in Pikesville

Joan Maingi of Milford Mill Academy in Baltimore

Savannah McShane of Western School of Technology and Environmental Science in Catonsville

Leanne Garten of Garrison Forest School in Owings Mills

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Joan Maingi of Milford Mill Academy in Baltimore

Savannah McShane of Western School of Technology and Environmental Science in Catonsville

Noor Nabulsi of St. Timothy's School in Stevenson

Jennifer Nguyen of Owings Mills High School

Alyssa Perna of George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology in Towson

Savannah Taylor of Kenwood High School in Essex

Calvert County
John Dodsworth of Calvert High School in Prince Frederick

Morgan Miller of Northern High School in Owings

Caitlyn Tolomei of Huntingtown High School

Caroline County
Rachel Jesse of Colonel Richardson High School in Federalsburg

Alison Ward of North Caroline High School in Ridgely

Carroll County
Erin Delph of Carroll Christian Schools in Westminster

Sarah Engles of Century High School in Sykesville

Rosemary Jones of Manchester Valley High School

Mariana Yeager of Westminster Senior High School

Cecil County
Gina Handley of North East High School

Lauren Pahutski of Rising Sun High School in North East

Charles County
Elisha Anne Barrientos of Southern Maryland Christian Academy in White Plains

Madisyn Clark of St. Charles High School in Waldorf

Loryn Cottle of La Plata High School

De'Leon La Fleur of Thomas Stone High School in Waldorf

Ashley Smith of North Point High School in Waldorf

Diamond Williams of Westlake High School in Waldorf

Frederick County
Sophia Ford of Governor Thomas Johnson High School in Frederick

Kealy Murphy of Brunswick High School

Sophia Posada of Linganore High School in Frederick

Alexander Struntz of Frederick High School

Garrett County
Paige Smith of Southern Garrett High School

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COMMUNITY

The American Counseling Association's Counseling Corner

Now, What Was it I Wanted To Remember to Tell You?

As we grow older most of us forget more often than we once did. Although memory loss is a natural part of the aging process, experts say it usually isn't problematic for most people until after age 70.

This doesn't mean that you might not be forgetful, even though 70 still may be a ways off. We all have memory lapses, regardless of our age. Even as teenagers we forgot things (cleaning our rooms! that English assignment!), but as we get older we notice more the frustrations that forgetting can bring.

Fortunately, if you find your memory really does seem weaker and more troublesome, there are steps you can take to combat the problem.

A health check is your starting point. Talk with your physician about all drugs you are taking (over the counter and prescription), and have your cholesterol and blood pressure checked. These things, as well as some diseases, have been linked to memory problems.

Researchers report smoking and heavy alcohol use can also affect memory. Harvard Medical School studies found that smokers perform much worse than non-smokers in memory and thinking skills tests.

Staying physically and mentally active can also combat memory loss. When you exercise regularly you're increasing blood flow for better brain health and function. Studies have found that 30 minutes of aerobic exercise, like walking or jogging five times a week, may even reverse some memory issues.

There's also some evidence that an active brain performs better. A full social life, interacting with family and friends, is one way. Anything that challenges your brain, from puzzles to playing games to reading and writing, also appears to stimulate brain cells and their connections.

A healthy diet, rich in fruits and vegetables, but low in saturated fat and cholesterol, may also benefit brain health. And yes, fish really may be brain food, especially when it's fish rich in omega-3 fatty acids like salmon and tuna.

Occasional forgetfulness isn't a reason to worry. Simply writing down things you want to remember can reduce memory frustration, but do pay attention if your memory issues are more severe.

If you forget things much more frequently, have difficulty learning new tasks, repeat phrases or stories in the same conversation, or forget how to do things you've done many times before, there may be a more serious problem. Talk with your doctor or professional counselor for an evaluation.

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Brandywine from A2

scripts on the computer. I find coding to be very easy. I want to create a fun A.I Game and own a company when I get older. When I finish creating my game; I will try to make a movie called Rodent Boy or some type of name similar to

Rodent Boy. I like the school because all the adult's cares about you and you can learn a lot when you apply yourself to learning. Also when I get older I want to help the homeless."

Thanks to the students and everyone who made it possible for me to do this interview.

AmeriCorps from A1

- Support the improvement of the Chesapeake and coastal bays
 - Work with schools to plant bay grasses
- "The Maryland Conservation Corps provides young adults with a meaningful opportunity to gain experience in environmental science and natural resource conservation," Maryland Park Service Superintendent Nita Settina said. "From aquatic systems and public lands management, the

program offers hands-on, real-world experience in a team-based environment that supports community service and conservation stewardship."

To be considered, interested individuals must submit an online application. Placement will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Maryland Conservation Corps program is funded by the Corporation for National and Community Service, Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism and Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

Maryland's Garbage Workers in Harm's Way

By AARON ROSA
Capital News Service

ANNAPOLIS, MD—Jimmy Elben is almost 10 times more likely to die at work than most of the commuters who pass his truck every day.

Elben doesn't strap into a jet, or heave nets of fish onto a pitching deck at sea, but when he starts his work week, he may as well, since his profession is one of the top five most dangerous jobs in America.

He's a garbage man. Waste collection workers in Maryland face a daunting task: gathering tons of solid waste in the face of unpredictable weather, distracted drivers and inherently dangerous equipment.

For Elben's garbage crew, the difference between life and death can lie in a quick tap of the truck's horn.

"It's gotten worse, everyone is in a hurry, 25 years ago you didn't see people on their phones while driving," said Elben, a 28-year veteran garbage truck driver for the City of Bowie.

Elben's eyes scan the road, noting changes in traffic, monitoring the haulers with a mounted rear-facing camera—his hand poised to sound the horn at the first sign of oncoming vehicles.

Roadway incidents involving land vehicles have jumped more than 52 percent for waste collectors in the U.S. between 2011 and 2016, according to data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

"Your biggest fear as a collector is distracted or impatient drivers," said Melvin Thompson, 75, a supervisor for the City of Bowie Public Works Department and veteran waste collector.

And the danger is not just limited to motor vehicle collisions. An OSHA report details a worker in Aspen Hill, Maryland, being crushed to death after his arm was caught in a truck compactor.

In the last year a worker in Bowie was struck in the head when a piece of building material was ejected from his truck's compactor, said Thompson. The resulting injury left him unable to return to full health and he subsequently left his job.

Used needles—improperly disposed of, and insidiously difficult to see—pose a common danger to haulers, Elben told Capital News Service.

"A hauler last year picked up a bag and got stuck by a needle," said Elben. Thompson confirmed the story and added that the worker had to get medically examined afterward.

Changing seasons bring new hazards—shorter daylight hours in the winter make for dangerous collection routes, and as people prepare their swimming pools for the summer months, discarded pool chemicals mix and combust in the truck, Elben said.

Summer months can also mean more trash as students are off school and spend more time at home.

"The trash is always heavier in the summer than in the winter," said Elben.

Musculoskeletal injuries are common among garbage workers. Shoulders and backs give out frequently, and such injuries account for almost 13 percent of all injuries in 2016, according to Bureau of Labor Statistics data.

High rates of injury contribute to a low retirement rate among haulers, and a high turnover rate for new hires, Elben said.

Haulers occupy the entry level in the hierarchy of the solid waste collection world.

Once a worker earns a Class C license, they are eligible to work as a driver. The physically strenuous hauler positions attract younger workers, Elben explained, but fail to keep them.

Maryland garbage workers between the ages of 45 and 54 have had the highest rate of injury among all ages in the profession over the past 10 years, according to U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics data.

Ten years of data collected by the bureau show that despite increasing regulations protecting workers, the first four hours of a sanitation worker's shift are consistently the most dangerous.

"Monday mornings are the most dangerous," said Elben. "People get up late for work after the weekend and are in a hurry to get someplace."

On a recent Monday morning, Elben honks his horn just seconds before a car passes the truck—he explains that though side streets are somewhat safer due to less volume, certain roads are more dangerous in the morning as high-schoolers use them as a shortcut to drive to class.

People late for work, students late for class and distracted driving has made Monday morning the most dangerous time of the week for waste collection workers, said Elben—and the labor agency data supports him. On average over the past 10 years, Monday and Tuesday have had the highest injury rates, according to federal data.

State law requires motorists to change lanes when able while approaching emergency vehicles, but until this year waste col-

lection and utility vehicles had been left out.

A bill passed this year by the Maryland General Assembly will require drivers to change lanes, when able, approaching any vehicle flashing an amber light, a measure supported by the waste collection industry.

Gov. Larry Hogan signed Senate bill 445 into law on May 8. It goes into effect Oct. 1.

Last year, in Laurel, Maryland, Marcus Colbert, 30, was killed when a passing SUV sideswiped a parked car and pinned him against his garbage truck. An OSHA investigation noted that Colbert had been wearing all required reflective clothing and was not impaired by headphones or noise-cancelling devices.

The accident happened at 8:54 a.m. on Jan. 23, 2017—a Monday morning.

The Maryland State's Attorney declined to file charges against the driver of the SUV stating "there was insufficient evidence to support any violations to state transportation or criminal laws," according to a press release by the City of Laurel.

"If we had a law in place that requires drivers to pull over for trash trucks, just like for emergency vehicles, Marcus might still be alive," Laurel City Council President Michael Leszcz said earlier this year in written testimony to the Maryland House Environment and Transportation Committee.

"Where possibly could you have been going, that you could not have waited two minutes?" Ralph Brent, Colbert's father, himself a veteran of the Laurel Sanitation Department, asked lawmakers. "Now I have no son when I go home."

Jimmy Elben shook his head when recalling Marcus Colbert's death.

"The main thing out here is pay attention."

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Home with burial June 6 at Epiphany Episcopal Church Cemetery in Forestville. She was the widow of attorney/realtor Marion West who, 60 years ago, had a law office on the Silver Hill Road and sold the McHale family the Skyline Drive home where I still live.

Bishop David Foley, 88, former pastor of Holy Family Church in Hillcrest Heights

and St. John the Evangelist in Clinton, died April 17 at a residence for priests in Birmingham, Ala. A native of Worcester, Mass., Bishop Foley served for 30 years in the Archdiocese of Washington before being assigned as the third Bishop of the Diocese of Birmingham.

Milestones

Happy birthday to Ryan Fowler and John Nichols, June

8; Robin Murphy and Rev. Frank Ways, June 9; Laura Smith Jenkins, June 10; Fannie Dimes, Meghan Trexler Decker and Jennifer Jenkins McClelland, June 11; Keenus Clark and Shirley Proffhit, June 12; Aimee Crawford, Joel McCune and Cameron Nichols, June 13; Rep. Steny Hoyer, June 14; Kara Dameron, Dot Pfeil and June Zaccagnino, June 15; Helen Padgett and Lucia Scott, June 16; Bill Kimbles, June 18;

Stephanie Phipps, June 19; Christian Nichols and Michael Taylor, June 20.

Congratulations to Kathy and Bob Elborne, on their 47th anniversary, June 12; Jill and Ken Kimmel, their 20th on June 15; Ange and Marlyn Meoli, their 56th on June 16; Steve and Cornelia Blankenship, their 13th on June 18; and Calvin and Debbie Brown, who'll celebrate their Silver Anniversary on June 20.

Awards from A2

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Harford County
Nnaemeka Ede
of Bel Air High School
Allison Frick of Havre De Grace High School
Nia Hammett of Edgewood High School
Amber McCafferty of C. Milton Wright High School in Bel Air
Howard County
Kiley Bitner-Parish of Wilde Lake High School in Columbia
Noemi Gonzalez-Martinez of Oakland Mills High School in Columbia
Siddharth Karunakaran of Reservoir High School in Fulton
Aayushi Roy of Marriotts Ridge High School in Marriottsville
Hannah Wehrmeister of Hammond High School in Columbia
Montgomery County
Kathryn Amar of Covenant Life School in Gaithersburg
Camille Devincenti of

Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School
Samantha Heidler of Richard Montgomery High School in Rockville
Zakayah Hoes of Seneca Valley High School in Germantown
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Fresnelle Kene Nguetack of Springbrook High School in Silver Spring
Na Hye Kim of Poolesville High School
Ada Mejia of Wheaton High School in Silver Spring
Precious Melchizedek of Winston Churchill High School in Potomac
Arzoo Paracha of Northwest High School in Germantown
Jason Peng of Thomas Sprigg Wootton High School in Rockville
Zachary Stango of Paint Branch High School in Burtonsville
Hailey Wolff of Our Lady Of Good Counsel High School in Olney
Lixia Yu of James Hubert Blake High School in Silver Spring
Prince George's County
Zamora Bonner of Grace

Brethren Christian School in Clinton
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Franco Britos of Parkdale High School in Riverdale
Aleah Cherry of From the Heart Christian School of Suitland
Kaylah Cook of Suitland High School in Forestville
Lauryn Davis of Bishop McNamara High School in Forestville
Naomi Jones of New Hope Academy in Landover Hills
Joshua McCants of Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Greenbelt
Jordyn McCollum of Surrattville High School in Clinton
Mary Clare Neissess of St. Vincent Pallotti High School in Laurel
Dominique Phelps of Riverdale Baptist School in Upper Marlboro
Kamaani Richardson of Laurel High School
Leah Swindler of Friendly High School in Fort Washington
Somerset County

Aron Lankford of Holly Grove Christian School in Westover
Wicomico County
Bryce Bond of Mardela Middle & High School in Mardela Springs
Jaibyn Hull of James M. Bennett High School in Salisbury
Colleen Simpkins of Parkside High School in Salisbury
Worcester County
Piajah Johnson of Pocomoke High School
Laila Mirza of Worcester Technical High School in Newark
Prince George's County's students are earning more scholarship money than ever before, "Congratulations to Fort Washington's Leah Swindler for winning Comcast's Leaders and Achievers \$10,000 Founders Scholarship. I am proud of Leah for representing Prince George's County through her academic and community achievements. And I am very appreciative to Comcast for helping support the education of all Leaders & Achievers scholarship winners."
—PG County Executive Rushern L. Baker.

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COMMENTARY

Benjamin L. Cardin United States Senator for Maryland



Cardin Statement on LGBT Pride Month 2018

WASHINGTON, D.C.—U.S. Senator Ben Cardin (D-Md.), Special Representative on Anti-Semitism, Racism, and Intolerance for the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) Parliamentary Assembly, issued the following statement recognizing June as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month. Among the many events around the state and region, Capital Pride (DC) took place June 7–10. Baltimore Pride 2018 will be June 15–17. Frederick Pride is June 23. LGBT Pride Night at Camden Yards is June 27. In addition, Cumberland Pride Festival will be July 11–15 and the Hagerstown Pride Festival is July 14.

“Every June, we recognize Pride month across this country to celebrate LGBT Americans. We commemorate the Stonewall riots of 1969 and all of the struggle and progress that has come since then. At Stonewall, police raids targeted at the LGBT community sparked riots in which people of all genders and backgrounds showed the resilience, diversity and strength of their community. The transformation of this moment of conflict and pain into a celebration of pride is a lesson for all communities that courage and conviction are demanded in the face of adversity.

“During Pride month and throughout the year, we embrace the certainty that love is love and you

should never have to hide your true self. LGBT individuals are our neighbors, our parents and our children. They come from all socioeconomic backgrounds, races and religions. They have shown leadership from city halls to battlefields, from courtrooms to classrooms, and everywhere in between. These United States of America have been made great by their accomplishments big and small.

“In spite of victories in Windsor and Obergefell affirming a constitutional right to marriage regardless of sexual orientation, there is still much to be accomplished. The current administration continues its quest to curry favor with extreme conservatives by banning patriotic, transgender Americans from serving in the military and it has removed LGBT-focused content from federal websites. These actions concern me deeply and should disturb all those who support the free flow of information, as well as the belief that anyone able and willing to serve in uniform should have that opportunity.

“Earlier this month, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in favor of a Colorado baker who refused to make a wedding cake for a gay couple. Despite

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The Train at Watkins Park

Open to the Public

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THE MINATURE TRAIN AND ANTIQUE CAROUSEL AT WATKINS PARK
Watkins Regional Park features an authentic, hand-carved, hand-painted, 80-year-old carousel. Featured on the Carousel are 45 animals with a rare combination of kangaroo, jackass, goat and seahorse. Do not miss the train as it passes through the lovely, wooded surroundings. The carousel and train are open Memorial Day–Labor Day, Tues–Sun, 10–7 p.m. Located at 301 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro, MD, 301-218-6761. (\$)

Child Watch by Marion Wright Edelman



Remembering the Very Courageous Dovey Johnson Roundtree

When Dovey Johnson Roundtree passed away on May 21 at age 104 our nation lost another far too unknown extraordinary groundbreaking Black woman leader. During World War II she was part of the first cohort of Black women admitted to the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps. Later she became one of the first women to be ordained in the African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Church. Above all she was a pioneering Black woman lawyer in an era when neither Black nor women lawyers were welcome in many courtrooms. She was often forced to leave the building to use the restroom or eat during her trials. But she helped pave the way for other Black women lawyers who followed in her huge footprints seeking equal justice before the law for non-White and poor clients.

Dovey Roundtree was born in Charlotte, North Carolina in 1914 in the Jim Crow South even before White women had the right to vote. Her family lived with her maternal grandfather, a minister, and her grandmother, who had only a third grade education but was a community and Black women's club leader who was friends with Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune. Dr. Bethune was one of the role models who inspired Dovey to continue her education and she worked three jobs to put herself through the Black women's Spelman College—our shared alma mater—where she graduated in 1938 with dual degrees in English and biology.

She began her professional life as a teacher but within a few years took a job working for Dr. Bethune at the National Council of Negro Women in Washington, D.C. Dr. Bethune, who was working with First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt to make sure the newly-created Women's Army Auxiliary Corps would include Black women, encouraged her to take advantage of the new opportunity. Dovey Roundtree became a captain in the Corps, fighting segregation at every

turn and traveling to recruit other Black women along the way. After the war she used the G.I. Bill to continue her education and was one of five women in her class at Howard University Law School. She knew a law degree would help her fight the daily discrimination she faced on a much larger scale.

For decades she was a fixture in Washington, D.C. courtrooms. One of her early cases with law partner Julius Robertson was representing Sarah Keys, a Black private in the Women's Army Corps traveling in uniform on an interstate bus who was arrested for disorderly conduct after refusing to give up her seat to a White Marine, an experience Mrs. Roundtree herself had endured several years earlier. Their landmark victory led to the first ban on segregation in interstate bus transportation by the Interstate Commerce Commission. One of her high-profile murder trials ended with the acquittal of a poor Black defendant, Raymond Crump Jr., who was wrongly accused

of murdering Washington socialite Mary Pinchot Meyer.

As her main caseload evolved from criminal law to family law Dovey Roundtree helped some of the same families she ministered to at Washington, D.C.'s Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church, where she served for 35 years while practicing law. Though she never had birth children she later said she lost count of the number of children she took in and helped raise. She was a courageously fierce and effective child and family advocate in her professional and personal lives and broke down huge barriers for other Black women lawyers like me who did not have to face the same discrimination she did. But role models like her opened up new worlds of possibility and service and I am pleased that in her passing, younger generations can know of her great skills, courage, and persistence in the pursuit of justice for Black and poor people.

In a letter commemorating the release of Dovey Roundtree's autobiography Justice Older Than the Law, First Lady Michelle Obama wrote: “Ms. Roundtree set a new path

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Marc Morial, President and CEO National Urban League



Black Entertainment Trailblazer: The Legacy of Debra Lee

“If they don't give you a seat at the table, bring a folding chair.”

—Shirley Chisholm,
African-American Politician & Activist,
November 30, 1924–January 1, 2005

Debra L. Lee is a dues-paid member of an exclusive club: African American CEOs. While the Oscars struggles to be less white and dashes of color are increasingly becoming a mainstay on our movie and television screens, Black representation in leadership and executive office suites remains abysmally few and far between at media companies—or otherwise. Despite the long odds and doubly fortified barriers to entry for African American woman in corporate America, Lee sat at the helm of Black Entertainment Television for two decades, and for 17 of those years, BET Networks remained the #1 cable network among African American viewers, broadening the media landscape for creatives of color and audiences in search of their experiences and stories on screen.

Lee's story begins in the American South. She was born in 1954, the year of the Supreme Court's Brown vs. Board of Education decision that outlawed public school segregation. In 1972, Lee graduated from North Carolina's Greensboro-Dudley High School in a county school system still divided by racial segregation. As she recalls, what was lacking in resources was compensated for by “teachers who really cared.” From there she attended Brown University, graduating with a bachelor's degree in political science with an emphasis in Asian politics. Lee went on to attend Harvard University, receiving her law degree from Harvard and a master's degree in public policy in 1980.

After serving as both a law clerk and an attorney at a corporate law firm, in 1986, Lee joined BET as its first vice president and general counsel. Ten years later, Lee was elevated to network president and COO. By 2005, Lee had successfully worked her way up the ranks to become BET's chairman and CEO. Her commitment to reinvigorating a brand once synonymous with the excesses of 90s Hip-Hop came with a new direction for BET and a series of cable television network successes.

Under Lee's leadership, the series premier of The Game debuted as the most-watched series premiere in cable television history. In 2017, The New Edition Story mini-series became the highest-rated television biopic of all times. After doubling BET's production budget, Lee introduced new talent and original programming to the channel, including fan-favorites Being Mary Jane and The Real Husbands of Hollywood. The push for original, authentic programming brought with it high ratings, growing popularity, soaring profit and a determination to assert BET's reach beyond the edges of our television screens.

BET's evolution also included the launch of its website, BET.com, and the launch of the network's sister channel, BET Her, the first network designed to target African American women. Lee acquired the television rights to the annual award show Black Girls Rock! and continued to elevate the prominence and prestige of the BET Awards. Lee recently launched Leading Women Defined, an annual gathering of thought leaders that convenes notable African American woman, including former First Lady Michelle Obama, Venus Williams and Issa Rae, to discuss issues that have a direct impact on the Black community.

Her decades long commitment and dedication to the success of BET has not gone unnoticed either in or outside of the entertainment industry. Lee's litany of honors include being named Hollywood Reporter's 100 Most Powerful Women in Entertainment, she also earned a well-deserved spot on Forbes World's 100 Most Powerful Women list and Black Enterprise's 50 Most Powerful Women in Corporate America. She has also been honored with the Distinguished Leadership Vanguard Award by the National Cable & Telecommunications Association (a first for an African American female executive) and she was inducted into the Broadcasting & Cable Hall of Fame. In 2017, the Grammy organization recognized her with the Salute to Industry Icons Award—making her the first and only woman to receive the honor. Being no stranger to the

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Social Security Matters

Ask Rusty — Does Turning 65 Change My Social Security Benefit?

by Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I started drawing Social Security at age 62. At that time I checked what half of my ex-husband's Social Security amount is and it was not much different than what I am getting so I decided to just draw off of mine. We were married 15 years. Since then my cousin mentioned I might be eligible for more money from my Social Security at age 65; is there any truth to that?

Signed: Turning 65 soon.

Dear Turning: Well, since you're already collecting your Social Security retirement benefit, there's nothing especially significant about age 65 that will change your retirement benefit amount; but there will be a reduction in the net amount you receive because your Medicare premium will be deducted from your Social Security payment (unless you make other arrangements, in which case you'll need to pay the Medicare premium separately). Age 65 was once the Social Security full retirement age but today it is between 66 and 67 depending upon the year you were born. In any case, since you're already collecting Social Security, there will be no change to your benefit just because you turn 65.

Generally, once you claim your Social Security retirement benefit, it doesn't change except for cost of living adjustments or an increase due to current high earnings replacing any past year's earnings used to compute your original benefit amount. There is, however, another way your benefit could change—you might become entitled to a higher spousal benefit or a survivor's benefit.

Since you say that you are drawing only your own retirement benefit and not a spousal benefit from your ex-husband, you should know that if you haven't remarried, you may still be entitled to a larger benefit as an ex-spouse. Spousal benefits are based upon full retirement age amounts, so even if years ago you compared half of your ex-husband's early retirement benefit to yours and found "it wasn't much different," you may want to verify now that your benefit as an ex-spouse isn't more than you are currently receiving. And just to be clear, you can apply for your spousal benefit at any time before you reach your full retirement age, but it will be reduced for claiming it early.

Finally, please be aware that if your ex-husband predeceases you and you didn't remarry before you were 60, you would be entitled to 100% of the benefit he was receiving at his death (instead of what you're now receiving) if you have reached your full retirement age. None of this is related to you turning 65 but might nevertheless result in an immediate or future increase of your Social Security benefit.

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Office of Emergency Operations, at DHS, and has done a great job providing disaster services to their county residents", stated Bethany Brown.

The Department of Social Services is the lead agency for Mass Care services in response to man-made and natural disasters. DSS coordinates with key partner agencies, the National Capital Region American Red Cross, Prince George's County Office of

Homeland Security, Prince George's County Public Schools and the County's other Health and Human Service agencies to operate disaster shelters, services centers and stabilization services to displaced residents.

For additional information about Mass Care activities provided by the Department of Social Services, please contact Kai Boggess-de Bruin, Ph.D., Assistant Director of Quality Assurance & Compliance at (301) 909-7003.

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recognition and celebration of Black excellence, the National Urban League presented Lee with an award for Lifetime Achievement at our annual Whitney M. Young Awards.

In the beginning, Lee's journey to BET may have appeared far from promising. In her early school career, she suffered from some of the very same inequities too many students of color continue to face today in our public schools.

Despite the obstacles and the odds, Lee went on to successfully run a multi-billion dollar enterprise. This year, Lee steps down as the chairman and CEO of BET, but her story, her era and her legacy does not end here. Her lasting influence will be felt every time another man or woman of color advances through the unwieldy doors she pried open, takes the helm of a corporation and increases the membership roll of the exclusive African American CEO club.

Prince George's County Celebrates \$1 Billion in Capital Investment and Impact of Over 12,000 Jobs

Economic Development Incentive Fund Proves to Be a Great Return on Investment!

By R. JOSHUA REYNOLDS
PGCEDC

LANHAM, MD - Yesterday, Prince George's County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III, joined officials from the Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) and the Financial Services Corporation (FSC First) at a press conference to highlight and celebrate the success of the Economic Development Incentive Fund (EDI Fund). Mr. Baker was joined by several of the EDI Fund recipients who commended the Fund as a primary catalyst for their business expansion and job creation in the County.

"The EDI Fund has been the 'grease' that has allowed Prince George's County to become the economic engine of the State of Maryland and the National Capital Region," said County Executive Baker. "Prior to my administration, Prince George's County did not have this critical economic development tool, and was an after-thought in the business community. The \$50 million EDI Fund was established to 'Wow' the business community and demonstrated that Prince George's County was willing to put our own skin in the game. Within six years, \$36 million in Fund awards have or will generate \$1 billion in private



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Prince George's County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III (center) with officials from the EDC, FSC First, and Prince George's County

investment that has created or retained over 12,000 new jobs. I want to thank and congratulate the Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation, FSC First, and the Prince George's County Council for their hard work to make the EDI Fund a critical part of our County's successful efforts to attract \$1 billion in investment over the past seven years, leading the State in job growth for five quarters in a row."

The EDI Fund was proposed by the Baker Administration in 2011 on the heels of the recession in an effort to jump-start the

County's stagnant economy and to dispel its negative reputation among the business community. The \$50 million was set aside to be infused into projects around the County that promised to create a high volume of jobs. At the time, many believed the establishment of such a fund to be risky business. This type of initiative was unprecedented and offered many "wow factors" including its record low projected interest rate for those successful at attaining support from the fund. The idea for economic empowerment that was once "laughed at" by Wall Street

proved to have a high return on investment and high job creation and retention capabilities.

"County Executive Baker saw possibilities that others were unable to see," said Jim Coleman, President and CEO of the Prince George's County EDC. "Some men see things as they are and ask, 'why?' County Executive Rushern L. Baker dreams of things that never were and asks, 'why not?' That is why the EDI Fund has been able to generate \$1 Billion in capital in-

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GREEN HOUSEKEEPING WORKSHOP

June 27, 2018

DETAILS

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June 27, 2018
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Laurel, MD 20707

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- ▶ Indoor air quality
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OUT ON THE TOWN

ERIC D. SNIDER'S
IN THE DARK

Movie Review

Avengers: Infinity War

Avengers: Infinity War
Grade: B-
Rated PG-13, some profanity, a lot of the usual fantasy violence
2 hrs., 29 min

You can go crazy trying to understand the thinking of people who make and sell Hollywood blockbusters, but what they've done with *Avengers: Infinity War* is fascinating. It was filmed concurrently with its own sequel (due 52 weeks from now), and the movies were first announced as *Infinity War: Part 1 and Part 2*. But at some point the decision was made to give them separate titles (next year's hasn't been announced yet) and bill them as two standalone movies. "I wouldn't call it one story that's split in half," said Marvel producer Kevin Feige. "I would say it's going to be two distinct movies."

Well, I haven't seen the second one yet, but having seen *Infinity War*, I have to say: It sure feels like one story that's split in half. If it's not, then *Infinity War* has a dismal, disappointing climax that deflates everything the franchise was building toward. If it's an ending, it's a bad one. If it's a cliffhanger, it's just a cliffhanger. You sigh and wait for it to be resolved while you wonder how they can expect you to care about an earth-shattering conclusion when the previous two hours (and 18 movies) were all about these magic stones that can undo anything.

Why pretend it's a standalone conclusion when it clearly isn't? Won't audiences enjoy it more if they understand going in that it's a two-parter? Ugh, like I said, you could go crazy.

Except for the "you can't really expect us to think this is the end" ending, it's a fun superhero crossover event, directed by the same team (Anthony and Joe Russo) who deftly handled so many characters in *Captain America: Civil War*. Curiously, the protagonist isn't one of the Avengers or the Avengers as a team; it's the villain, Thanos (Josh Brolin), a large purple titan with a scrotal chin and an unquenchable desire to collect six precious gems called Infinity Stones so that he can fulfill his dream of killing 50 percent of the universe's population.



ROTTENTOMATOES

An unprecedented cinematic journey ten years in the making and spanning the entire Marvel Cinematic Universe, Marvel Studios' *Avengers: Infinity War* brings to the screen the ultimate, deadliest showdown of all time. The Avengers and their Super Hero allies must be willing to sacrifice all in an attempt to defeat the powerful Thanos before his blitz of devastation and ruin puts an end to the universe.

Thanos has shown up in a few previous Marvel films, usually as a cameo in a mid-credits scene, but he and these stones have been the topic of considerable discussion—often to the annoyance of viewers who wanted to focus on the story at hand and didn't care about groundwork being laid for future chapters. The gems are at last relevant in *Infinity War*, their locations known, Thanos' plans for getting them and everyone else's plans for stopping him manifest. The MacGuffins that seemed like unnecessary distractions are finally given their due in an engaging, planet-hopping story.

Like Lucky Charms, the stones are each a different color and control a different facet of the universe: time, space, power, mind, soul, and reality. Thanos had one before *Infinity War* started and has a second one before it's 15 minutes old. While he pursues the two remaining stones that are in space, his brutal "children" are dispatched to get the two believed to be on Earth, leading to showdowns in New York City and a certain fictional African nation. Bruce Banner (Mark Ruffalo), who's having trouble getting his Hulk up, returns to Earth to warn everybody, starting with Doctor

Strange (Benedict Cumberbatch), who enlists Tony Stark (Robert Downey Jr.), which leads to Peter Parker (Tom Holland) getting involved, etc.

There's never a point where all of the superheroes are together in one place, and at least two of them aren't in the movie at all (adequately explained by a single line of dialogue). But the pairings that longtime Marvel screenwriters Christopher Markus and Stephen McFeely did come up with are inspired, showing just a few of the entertaining combinations that are possible when you have such a deep bench of well-established characters. Stark and Strange, both brilliant egotists who are used to being in charge, have much to say to each other. In space, Thor (Chris Hemsworth) is rescued by the Guardians, and Quill (Chris Pratt) feels out-manned by his muscles and general Thor-ness. ("This is no 'dude,'" Drax says to Quill. "You're a dude. This is a MAN.") Peter Parker hustles around like the team's gofer, eager to please, apologetic over not remembering all the new people's names. When Vision (Paul Bettany) proposes that the Infinity Stone lodged in his skull be destroyed so Thanos can't get it, Steve Rogers (Chris Evans) sug-

gests going to Wakanda to see if T'Challa (Chadwick Boseman)—or more likely his sister, Shuri (Letitia Wright)—can extract it without killing him. Thor, Rocket Raccoon (Bradley Cooper), and Groot (Vin Diesel) have a side mission involving someone played by Peter Dinklage (perfect casting; you'll know why when you see it).

The banter among these and the many, MANY other characters is usually funny, but there's not as much of it as you want there to be. There's no time! *Infinity War*, perhaps more so than any previous Marvel film, is extremely plot-driven, and there's a ream of Thanos-related exposition to catch up on. (Josh Brolin brings impressive nuance to the guy, and Zoe Saldana's performance as his adopted daughter Gamora is the film's heart.) After a while, the battles and face-offs grow repetitive. It's just so much, you know? And that's aside from the characters who are present but don't have much to do, which I suppose might be rectified in Part 2 (sorry, in next year's untitled *Avengers* sequel). Only time will tell, but let's not be surprised if both movies together end up feeling like they ought to have been one three-hour epic instead of two overstuffed CGI orgies.

Beaches from A1

gram and efforts to make information on beach conditions readily available. The Department of the Environment works with local health departments to make sure water quality is monitored. The department sets water quality standards and assures conformity in the program statewide. Prior to the start of beach season on Memorial Day, local health departments collect water samples from beaches and perform surveys to identify any nearby pollution sources that might adversely affect water quality. If any pollution sources are found they are corrected when possible.

Local health departments determine where, when and how often a beach is sampled. The health departments continue to collect water samples during the season. Samples are sent to the Maryland Department of Health laboratory for analysis. When fecal indicator bacteria standards are exceeded, the results are re-

ported to local health departments so that beach managers can issue an advisory. An advisory is a recommendation against swimming or activities where submersion under water is likely. Beaches are only closed when the waters are affected by a sewage spill or overflow or other harmful contaminants.

The Maryland Healthy Beaches website (www.MarylandHealthyBeaches.com) provides color-coded status reports on beaches throughout the state and daily updates on rainfall, which causes runoff that can affect water quality. Swimmers can also receive information through Maryland Healthy Beaches mobile device applications and by signing up for email or text alerts.

The Department of the Environment's website also includes information on Vibrio, bacteria that occur naturally in brackish water such as the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries, and in salt water, especially during warm weather

months. Vibrio infections are relatively rare in Maryland and nationwide. However, when Vibrio or other bacteria come into contact with an open wound they can cause serious infections. Vibrio infections can be particularly dangerous for people with liver disease or weakened immune systems.

Although swimming in natural waters is not risk-free there are several things you can do to reduce the likelihood of getting sick.

- Avoid swimming near storm drains along the beach and within 48 hours of a heavy rain event, or until the water clears.
- Try not to swallow beach water.
- Shower or bathe after swimming.
- Dogs may not be allowed at some beaches. Dispose of dog waste properly (bring small plastic bags with you).
- Avoid swimming if you feel ill or have open cuts

or sores. If water contact can't be avoided, cover your open cut or sore with waterproof bandages.

- If they are available, use diaper-changing stations in restroom facilities, or change diapers away from the water's edge.
- Remember to properly dispose of used diapers.
- Wash your hands with soap and warm water after using the bathroom or changing diapers.
- Take all trash with you offsite in a bag.
- Volunteer in local beach cleanup efforts.
- Do not feed seagulls or other wildlife.
- When boating, use an approved marina pump-out station
- Report any unsafe or unhealthy conditions to a lifeguard or beach manager.
- Visit the Current Conditions page on marylandhealthybeaches.com, or your county website, for water quality information.

A Little This, A Little that

Grow Unique Edibles to Wow Your Guests

By MELINDA MYERS

Make your next gathering one to remember by including a few unique vegetables on the relish tray, as a side dish or for dessert. Your guests will be "wowed" not only because you grew your own ingredients, but because of the unique shape, color or flavor of the vegetables you serve.

Create a memorable dining experience with attractive edible containers adorning the patio, balcony or deck. Include a few Candle Fire Okra plants in large containers to create a tropical feel. The dark green leaves, hibiscus flowers and colorful red pods make a striking display in a container or the garden.

Surprise guests with roasted Candle Fire okra and Candyland Red currant tomatoes. Roasting okra eliminates the slime that prevents many from eating this unique vegetable. And don't discard any overripe pods, use them in flower arrangements to dress up any event.

Allow your guests to harvest their own greens, herbs and cherry tomatoes to toss into their salads or season their meal. Use Prizm kale as a vertical dark green accent in your containers. Then add a contrasting ornamental leaf lettuce like Red Sails, long lasting vibrant Red Kingdom Mizuna (Japanese mustard) and edible flowers like calendulas, nasturtiums and pansies. The new Patio Choice tomatoes produce up to 100 yellow cherry tomatoes on an 18" plant. Plant it in a container for a splendid display then watch as guests harvest fresh tomatoes from your centerpiece.

Dress up the table, indoors or out, by using a few potted herbs as centerpieces. Include Dark Opal Basil with dark purple leaves and compact Dolce Fresca in a simple container or more decorative pot to create a splendid display. Just place a pair of garden snips on the table and let your guests flavor their meals.

Make any meal special with a Bok Choy Frittata. Your guests will be impressed when you create this popular dish from your own homegrown ingredients. Asian Delight Pak Choi (or Bok Choy) is slow to flower so you will enjoy season-long harvests. The mild flavored tender white stems and textured dark green leaves look good in containers, the garden and when served fresh in a salad, frittata or stir fry.

Serve a colorful platter of sliced tomatoes with the Chef's Choice series of red, pink, orange, yellow and green fruit. The globe shaped beefsteak tomatoes have the perfect balance of acid to sugar. Their disease resistance, productivity, yield, flavor, color and performance made them winners in the non-profit All-America Selections national trials (all-americanselections.org).

Stuff a few of the uniquely shaped Mad Hatter sweet peppers with cheese. Your guests will enjoy the beauty and refreshing citrusy floral flavor of this three-sided red pepper. The vigorous plant produces an abundance of fruit, so you'll have plenty to use fresh in appetizers and salads throughout the growing season or pickled for future enjoyment.

End the evening with a surprise. Serve each guest their own watermelon for dessert. Mini Love watermelon packs lots of sweet flavor into individual size fruit. Or brighten their dessert plates with a slice or two of Gold in Gold. This eye-catching watermelon has a yellow rind with golden stripes. The orange-gold flesh is crisp and sugary.

With just a little planning, you can plant unique and beautiful edibles in your garden and containers this season. Then find fun ways to include these in dishes shared at potlucks, meals for family and friends, or as a snack to enjoy on a summer afternoon.



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The uniquely shaped Mad Hatter sweet red pepper has a refreshing citrusy floral flavor.

Melinda Myers has written over 20 gardening books, including *Small Space Gardening* and *the Midwest Gardener's Handbook*. She hosts *The Great Courses* How to Grow Anything: Food Gardening For Everyone DVD set and the nationally syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment TV and radio segments*. Myers is also a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and was commissioned by *Bonnie Plants* for her expertise to write this article. Myers' website is www.melindamyers.com.

Calendar of Events

June 14 — June 20, 2018

Blue Sky Puppet Show *Super Pig*

Date and time: Friday, June 15, 2018, 10:00 AM–11:30 AM
Description: In this Blue Sky Puppet show our main character, Chester, dreams of having Super Hero Powers. The question is, does Chester the powers to stop a bully? Bring your pre-K to 5th-grade level children to watch Chester make and learn about everyday life decisions, such as anti-bullying techniques, recognizing the importance of helping others, see everyday people doing helpful things, and understanding the importance of reading and writing.

Cost: \$5/person
Ages: All ages are welcome
Location: Kentland Community Center
2413 Pinebrook Avenue, Landover, MD
Contact: 301-386-2278; TTY 301-699-2544

Xtreme Teens: CSI Rookie

Date and time: Friday, June 15, 2018, 6:00 PM–9:00 PM
Description: Learn investigative techniques through interactive games and hands-on case solving. Do you have what it takes to be an up and coming investigator? Come join us to find out!

Cost: FREE with M-NCPPC Youth ID
Ages: 10–17
Location: Columbia Park Community Center
1901 Kent Village Drive, Kentland, MD
Contact: 301-341-3749; TTY 301-699-2544

Xtreme Teens: Skate Night

Date and time: Friday, June 15, 2018, 7:00 PM–9:00 PM
Description: Who remembers the rollerskating movie, *Roll, Bounce?* Well, we are going to recreate our very own “Cascade” roller rink with a night full of fun! Come show us how you can “Roll, Bounce” skate to the music!

Cost: FREE with M-NCPPC Youth ID
Ages: 12–17
Location: Glenn Dale Community Center
11901 Glenn Dale Boulevard, Glenn Dale, MD
Contact: 301-352-8983; TTY 301-699-2544

Xtreme Teens: End-of-School Celebration

Date and time: Saturday, June 16, 2018, 7:00 PM–10:00 PM
Description: Sound the alarm, school is OUT! Summer is here, so let's celebrate the end of another successful school year! We will play music to have you dancing to the beat, and play a variety of fun games to capture your imagination!

Cost: FREE with M-NCPPC Youth ID
Ages: 10–17
Location: Kentland Community Center
2413 Pinebrook Avenue, Landover, MD
Contact: 301-386-2278; TTY 301-699-2544

Antoné Chooky Caldwell

Date and time: Saturday, June 16, 2018, 8:00 PM–10:00 PM
Description: Antoné “Chooky” Caldwell is a Grammy-nominated producer and a key player in D.C.’s jazz, soul, and hip-hop music scene. Performing contemporary jazz with influences of R&B, soul, and gospel, Caldwell’s silky vocals and mastery of numerous instruments makes for a great way to spend a summer evening.

Cost: \$15/person
Ages: All ages are welcome
Location: Publick Playhouse
5445 Landover Road, Cheverly, MD
Contact: 301-277-1710; TTY: 301-699-2544

Dad’s Day Challenge

Date and time: Sunday, June 17, 2018, 12:00 PM–4:00 PM
Description: Celebrate Father’s Day colonial-style! Bring the entire family and help dad learn how to be a proper 18th-century gentleman. Try hands-on activities highlighting different colonial trades, 18th-century entertainment, colonial cooking and more!

Cost: FREE
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

Yoga in the Parks at Tucker Road Community Center

Date and time: Tuesday, June 19, 2018, 6:00 PM–7:00 PM
Description: Yoga is an excellent form of exercise regardless of your age or practice level. It combines body movements, breathing, and mental relaxation to build strength, relieve stress, and to maintain health and well-being. Learn basic moves to strengthen your body, increase flexibility, and free your mind.

Our Yoga classes run Memorial Day through Labor Day at M-NCPPC sites throughout Prince George’s County. Class are scheduled for one hour and are designed for all levels. Certified Yoga instructors teach our Yoga classes. Come and see what the calm is all about!

Cost: FREE
Ages: 13 and older
Location: Tucker Road Community Center
1771 Tucker Road, Fort Washington
Contact: 301-248-4404; TTY 301-699-2544

Chicago Style Steppin’

Date and time: Wednesday, June 20, 2018, 7:00 PM–9:00 PM
Description: This drop-in activity is a fun way to have you steppin’ into an active healthy lifestyle! Chicago Steppin’ is a specific form of swing dance. Learn to dance with a partner with stylish and soulful steppin’! Synchronize your movements to the rhythm and beat of the music. This class is taught using the eight-count method.

Have fun, meet new people and make sure you make it to the next drop-in session!
Cost: Resident: \$8; Non-resident: \$11
Ages: 16 and older
Location: Glenarden Community Center
8615 McLain Avenue, Glenarden, MD
Contact: 301-772-3151; TTY 301-699-2544

EARTH TALK ... Greener Pet Burial: Why Not?

Dear EarthTalk:

My vet tells me my 18-year-old cat is nearing the end of her life and I'm wondering what my options are for a green-friendly burial?

—Sandy Monroe, New York, NY

Some 94 million cats and 89 million dogs living with us as our pets in the United States. Given that these animals become part of our families, it’s hard to let them go when their time comes. And beyond that, it’s hard to know what to do with their remains.

More than two-thirds of us leave our pet’s remains at the vet’s office, which usually ends in communal cremation. But the process of cremation leads to the release of vaporized mercury, dioxins and furans—noxious air pollutants that spread for miles around—not to mention greenhouse gases.

One eco-friendly alternative to cremation is aquamation (otherwise known as alkaline hydrolysis) which entails accelerating the decomposition process by applying a combination of gentle water flow, temperature, and alkalinity.

“At the end of the process, the body has been returned to its natural form in water,” reports Colorado-based Guardian Pet Aquamation. “Similar to cremation, the

only solid remains are the mineral ash of the bones.” The end result is a sterile, EPA-neutral liquid solution of amino acids, peptides, and sugars that can be released onto the earth guilt-free.

Many of us just bury our deceased pets in our backyards, which is a perfectly good way to go if staying true to your environmental ideals is a factor, given that the body can decompose naturally over time in the soil and at least in theory contribute to soil health and plant growth. You can help move the process along by burying your pet in one of The Forever Spot’s shrouds or beds which contain a “bio-mix” of mushrooms and other microorganisms that aid in decomposition, neutralize toxins and transfer nutrients to plant life. They come in a range of sizes accommodating anything from a small hamster to a large dog.

If you don’t have a backyard that works, maybe an eco-friendly pet cemetery—where pets are interred in biodegradable caskets or shrouds and landscaping is done without synthetic chemicals—is a good option. The non-profit Green Pet-Burial Society lists several around the U.S. on its website, including Deceased Pet Care in Atlanta, Georgia; Ridgeview Memorial Gardens in Grandville, Michigan;



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Green-minded pet owners might consider choosing aquamation instead of cremation when it comes time to deal with a deceased pet’s remains.

Angel’s Rest in Kanab, Utah; La Puerta Natural Burial Pet Cemetery in Albuquerque, New Mexico; Carolina Memorial Sanctuary in Mills River, NC; and Greenhaven Preserve in Eastover, SC. Many of these facilities are starting to offer aquamation as an alternative to cremation as well. Yet another option would be finding an eco-friendly human cemetery that allows pet remains to be buried in family plots.

Meanwhile, if you dream of releasing your pet’s remains into a grand natural setting that you can go visit and commune with nature, Better Place Forests lets families spread human and pet remains under a reserved memorial

tree in a 20-acre Redwood forest along California’s stunning Mendocino Coast.

CONTACTS: Guardian Pet Aquamation, guardianpetaquamation.com; The Forever Spot, theforeverspot.com; Green Pet-Burial Society, greenpetburial.org; Better Place Forests, betterplaceforests.com.

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Oysters from A1

nership and Severn River Association, aimed at putting more oysters in the Bay and its tributaries,” Natural Resources Secretary Mark Belton said. “Reef building and construction are an essential part of the state’s commitment to oyster restoration, and complements and enhances our existing efforts.”

To reach the 50-million oyster goal, the organizations are asking local residents and businesses to purchase bushels of spat on shell (baby oysters) at buildareef.org. Every donation will directly support the production, transport and planting of juvenile oysters in the

Severn River. Each bushel contains approximately 2,600 spat that will grow, reproduce and provide critical water-filtering and habitat services.

“SRA and ORP are taking this bold step to repopulate the Severn River because our river and creeks are hurting,” said SRA President Lynne Rockenbauch. “We just suffered through two algae blooms, a red mahogany tide and a toxic green tide all at the same time. To make sure we can fish and swim in our river and creeks, we need to take action now. That’s why we’re investing in oyster restoration— to take advantage of the oyster’s remark-

able ability to clean and filter up to 50 gallons of water a day.”

Maryland’s large scale oyster planting projects typically take place on the Eastern Shore as part of the 2014 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement, which calls for restoration of native oyster habitat and populations in 10 Maryland and Virginia tributaries by 2025.

In this instance, ORP’s planting vessel, the Robert Lee will journey beyond its usual planting sites in the Little Choptank and Tred Avon rivers. The donated spat on shell will be added to the vessel at the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science Horn

Point Oyster Hatchery located in Cambridge, Maryland, and make its way to the Severn River in Annapolis on the tentatively scheduled dates: July 16, 18, 23 and 30.

“This joint effort will help strengthen our Bay’s natural filtration system and further assist in our efforts to clean up Anne Arundel County’s more than 530 miles of majestic shoreline,” said Anne Arundel County Executive Steve Schuh. “I encourage every citizen to do their part to restore our oyster population.”

For more information, updates or to donate, visit Operation Build a Reef at buildareef.org.

MedStar from A1

Breast MRI (via a relationship with MedStar Washington Hospital Center).

“The breast imaging team has been instrumental in maintaining high standards and meeting the high bar set forth by the American College of Radiology (ACR),” said Dr. Choi. “I am very proud of the teamwork!”

MSMHC employs a team approach to treat breast health, of which Dr. Choi, as a breast image specialist, is a part. The team also includes a roster of OB/GYN’s, medical and radiation oncologists, a contracted genetic counselor, Dr. Ekaterini Tsiapali, breast surgeon, and Dr. Sarah Sher, plastic surgeon.

“We are honored to receive this recognition,” said MSMHC President Christine R. Wray. “Breast health is a significant health concern for women, and in southern Maryland, they can be reassured by our comprehen-

sive program that includes preventative care, early screening, use of the latest technology and innovations in treatment, surgical options that minimize risk and recovery times, and after-care that is compassionate and diligent in follow-up. We are proud of our program, proud to serve southern Maryland and proud of this attention given by the Commission on Quality and Safety, and the Commission on Breast Imaging with the American College of Radiology.”

MSMHC’s breast care experts provide comprehensive breast care for both women and men. They treat a wide range of breast conditions, including breast cancer and benign breast disease. They also follow women who are at increased risk for developing breast cancer.

Our breast health services at MSMHC include:

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- Comprehensive treatment: treatment for benign breast disease and breast pain, fine needle aspiration, lumpectomy, partial or total mastectomy, reconstructive surgery, chemotherapy, radiation therapy

For more information, visit: <https://www.medstarsouthernmaryland.org/breast>.

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Cuatro de Julio

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THURSDAY JUEVES	Friday, July 6, 2018 (change in schedule) Viernes, Julio 6, 2018 (cambio de día)
FRIDAY VIERNES	Saturday, July 7, 2018 (change in schedule) Sábado, Julio 7, 2018 (cambio de día)

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Watch from A4

for the many women who have followed her and proved once again that the vision and perseverance of a single individual can help to turn the tides of history ... She has clearly demonstrated that even in the face of enormous challenges, an unblinking belief in equality and justice will spur real change. I am inspired by Ms. Roundtree, and I hope that her story continues to motivate all Americans to fight for our shared values. It is on the shoulders of people like Dovey Johnson Roundtree that we stand today, and it is with her commitment to our core ideals that we

will continue moving toward a better tomorrow." Dovey Roundtree is and should be an inspiration to all of us, especially young Black women.

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.

LGBT from A1

this victory for one individual, this was not a defeat for the cause of equality. Justice Kennedy maintained that 'gay couples cannot be treated as social outcasts or as inferior in dignity and worth.' We should seize this moment as an opportunity to fight harder for equality and fairness everywhere.

Although Maryland has had statewide protections against discrimination based on sexual orientation since 2001 and gender identity since 2014, other states continue to lag behind. The Equality Act is an imperative measure to fill this gap.

"In order to guarantee protection for LGBT civil rights, I have joined nearly half of my fellow senators in sponsoring the Equality Act (S. 1006). This federal legislation would rightfully define sexual orientation and gender identity as protected classes alongside race, religion, age, and sex. LGBT Americans finally would have improved protections against discrimination in employment, housing, accommodations and other sectors.

"Our nation was founded on the twin ideals of equality and liberty. For 242 years, Americans have moved closer to making those ideals reality, not just for some, but for all. We aren't there yet. For these values to prove true, all love must be treated with equal worth.

"We must be free to love whomever we love, without fear of discrimination or bias. My hope is that we can come together to use Pride Month 2018 to celebrate the progress that has been made for LGBT rights and to continue the fight for real equality and liberty."

PGCEDC from A1

vestments and create and retain a combined 12,000 jobs. Prince George's County is the economic engine of the region because of the vision of County Executive Baker and the EDI Fund."

Thompson Creek. Together, the projects have impacted over 12,000 jobs by retaining 5,138 and creating 7,009. The EDC and FSC First continue to work collaboratively to review applications, disburse funds and monitor the progress of each potential EDI Fund recipient.

To date, 44 projects have been submitted to and approved by the County Council. The EDI Fund recipients include companies such as 2U, F&G Development, Berman Enterprises and

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