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An Update From The Beltsville Fire Department

**Note: We are printing this in this month's edition because we know that not all of our subscribers are on Facebook. This was the latest update posted to The Beltsville Fire Department's Facebook page on April 1.*

It has been a while since we've shared an update regarding the career staffing at the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department (BVFD) and where we stand on possible temporary housing for both personnel and apparatus while any life safety hazards are addressed at our permanent station.

As of today, the County still has not been able to provide the results of our station assessment that was started on March 4th, we were told it may take up to 6 weeks to be completed, so hopefully we will receive that in the near future. The BVFD requested that an air quality test be performed during the

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President Margie Dickey and Vice President Billy McNeel speak with former Governor Larry Hogan during his visit on April 10 to the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Station.

Former Governor Larry Hogan visits The Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department

By Rick Bergmann

On Wednesday April 10, Former Governor Larry Hogan made a stop at the Beltsville Vol-

unteer Fire Department while on his tour across Maryland as part of his U.S. Senate campaign. He was greeted by President Margie Dickey and several volunteer

and career firefighters. While he was there the former Governor toured the fire station and spoke to the fire fighters and community leaders that were there.

NEXT ISSUE:

Submissions Due

No Later Than:

May 22

Paper Out:

May 31

News You Can Use



Karen Coakley

By Karen M. Coakley

Where can you shop for fresh produce, summer annuals, perennials, tropical plants & vegetables? First, Behnkes closed, now Spicknall's has closed as well. Yes, we have Lowes and Home Depot but there are other options too. Here are a few:

- Heyser Farms (14526 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring) is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9 am – 6 pm. They sell plants, fresh fruit, and vegetables to name a few items.
- Frank's Produce and Greenhouse (6686 Old Waterloo Road, Elkrige, Maryland) which is open seven days a week from 8 am – 6pm. Their set up is identical to Spicknall's with a larger variety of plants.
- Fehr's Nursery & Garden Center (4340 Route 198 [Sandy Spring Road] Burtonsville) They are open seven days a week.
- Meadowbrook Farms (15930

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Cub Pack 1031 Viewing the Eclipse and Arrow of Light Campfire

By Regina Halper

The Pack 1031 scouts went out and enjoyed the Eclipse on April 8th using their eclipse glasses they received at school. We were lucky to have mostly sunshine which gave us a great view! Scout families also used colanders and anything else with circular holes

to look at the crescent shape of the moon blocking the sun. At the pack meeting that evening they recreated the eclipse and an Oreo cookie and then they got to eat the moon (cookie)The scouts earned a glow in the dark Eclipse patch by answering a few questions.

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Cub Scouts used a lightboard and Oreos to recreate the eclipse on April 8th and had a snack!



UpStage Artists Board Members Joanne Breen, Melvin Smith, and Rick Bergmann present the President Margie Dickey of the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department with a check for \$800.

UpStage Artists Donates To The Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department

By Rick Bergmann

UpStage Artists, Beltsville's local community theater group, raised and donated \$800.00 to the Beltsville Fire Department this past winter. Board Members Rick Bergmann, Joanne Breene, and Melvin Smith were pleased to present a check to President Margie Dickie at their business meeting on March 25th. Helping and being

a part of the community is important to the members of UpStage Artists and they were extremely pleased to be able to help out the members of Beltsville's Volunteer Fire Dept. They hope you can come out and see their next show, Much Ado About Nothing opening May 31. Details can be found at www.upstageartists.com/current-show.

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Beltsville News: Blast from the Past

By Ted Ladd

(From the Beltsville News issue of May 2009)

Birth of James William Summers

Bill and Scarlet Robertson are proud to announce their first grandchild, James William Summers, born at 2:21 a.m. on April 13, 2009, in Waynesboro, PA. James William, who weighed in at 7 lbs. 1 oz., is the son of Larry and Aimee Summers



At right: James Williams Summer baby picture from April 13, 2009.

Understanding Your Car's Evolving Technology

(StatePoint) Over-the-air updates, which are remotely delivered updates to a vehicle's technology, offer potential benefits to everybody on the road and improve the driving experience. Yet a new study reveals that in many cases, these updates should be accompanied by consumer education.

Timely research from Toyota's Collaborative Safety Research Center (CSRC) and the University of Iowa highlights that drivers are not always sure what new automotive software entails or how to use it.

"Our goal is to support the integration of the latest automotive tech so that drivers reap the full



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NOW IS THE TIME

Though it passes, seemingly,
To race as we age,
Steadily it metronomes
Our lives ev'ry day.
No one knows how many hours
Each one has been giv'n;
Shouldn't we, then, wisely spend
Them this side of Heav'n?
But, too often, we decide,
Hiding truth instead
Of reality, to
Play games in our head.
Scripture says there is a time
For whate'er we face
Set aside to bring about
Good things by God's grace.
There's no power in this life
Greater than His love,
Even if we're called to wait
His best will show up.
All our pains may be the path
Jesus, by His hand,
Carves His character within
Humbled hearts of men.
This old earth won't last for long
Sin's caused its decay;
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Beckie Hutchings
4/09/2024

*"He ... fixes a certain day...
TODAY, if you hear His voice,
Do not harden your heart."
(Hebrews 4:7; Psalm 95: 7)

Beltsville Community Cats Miracles

Beltsville Community Cats (BCC) operates a successful rescue program, having trapped, spayed/neutered, and vaccinated over 1,500 cats between 2019 and 2023. Of these, almost half were taken into BCC's rescue program. Many of the young kittens and abandoned house cats rescued by BCC initially have minor illnesses that must be promptly treated. However, some are severely ill. Here are two of many stories of cats that BCC saved from near death:

In late 2021, a man brought a



kitten to a BCC volunteer, mentioning that it might be sick before quickly leaving. The volunteer was shocked to find the kitten barely clinging to life and covered in filth. Rushed to the vet, the kitten, appropriately named Lazarus, was diagnosed to be suffering from severe dehydration, malnutrition, a respiratory infection, parasites, and ear mites. It was given medication and follow-up care for three weeks, eventually recovering. Lazarus was then adopted into a loving home where he brings immense joy to the family.

Early in 2023, a unique-looking cat with a serious limp appeared at a BCC volunteer's home. Despite

efforts to locate the owner through social media, no one came forward. The cat, named Ghost, was taken to the vet, where he was diagnosed with Feline Leukemia (FeLV) and Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV). Despite the vet's recommendation for euthanasia, BCC chose to advertise Ghost for a special needs' adoption. He was eventually adopted by a woman with experience as a vet tech.

BCC recently received a report that Ghost, now named Yoshi, is thriving in his new home where he receives extra care to manage his health conditions. He is described as mellow and brave. He has become a beloved member of the family and is especially close to their 10-year-old daughter. A DNA test revealed his mixed heritage that includes Bengal, British Shorthair, and Persian ancestry.

BCC does all that it can to save cats and kittens that need more than typical veterinary care such as Lazarus and Yoshi. We appreciate all those who are willing to

take on the responsibility of caring for special needs cats. While a special needs kitty may demand a little extra care and time, the love that their owners receive in return makes it all worthwhile.

Do you have a place in your home and heart for one of our special needs cats, or are you simply ready to bring a cat or kitten into your family? Contact us at 240-444-8353 or rescue@beltsvillecats.net or check out the kitties we have available for adoption at: <https://www.petfinder.com/member/us/md/beltsville/beltsville-community-cats-md506/>.

Coyote Alert: BCC has been informed that a coyote has been spotted several times off Power Mill Road not far from Rhode Island Avenue. One colony caretaker reported that all four of his cats disappeared over a few weeks. If you feed free-roaming cats in that area, or if you have any pet cats or dogs that go outside, please exercise extra caution to protect these animals.

4 Things Millennials and Gen Zers Should Know About Life Insurance

(StatePoint) For a Millennial or Gen Zer who is young and healthy, life insurance may be the last thing on their mind.

However, life is unpredictable and having coverage is important in the event of unforeseen circumstances. According to Bankers Life, a national life and health insurance brand, these are four reasons why Millennials and Gen Zers should consider life insurance coverage.

1. People rely on you.

Life insurance promises to pay your loved ones a sum of money in the event you pass away. If you're in a committed relationship, engaged, married or have children, having life insurance is key to protecting those people who matter most to you. If you're gone, your life insurance benefits can help your loved ones replace



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your income and maintain their home and lifestyle.

And even if you're single and don't have children, chances are there are still people who would be financially impacted if you

were to pass away. For example, life insurance can help protect parents, siblings and loved ones from your burial expenses. And if

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BY ANDRE GIBSON, CHAMPION HOME IMPROVEMENTS

I'm sitting and waiting for the Eclipse with excitement. Sitting here I thought of some quick ideas for spring house projects and improvements to share:

- Gardening:** Spring is the perfect time to start a garden or refresh your existing one. Consider planting flowers, vegetables, herbs, or shrubs to add color and life to your yard. It can lift your spirits to see your home bursting with color.
- Outdoor Living Space:** Create or enhance an outdoor living area where you can relax and enjoy the spring weather. This could include adding patio furniture, a fire pit, or outdoor lighting. Try sitting on the porch and see how a wave or hello to a neighbor brightens the day.
- Spring Cleaning:** Dedicate some time to deep cleaning your house after the long winter months. This might include decluttering, organizing closets, and giving everything a good scrub. How about donating those unused items to charity?
- Painting:** Give your home a fresh look by painting walls or updating furniture with spring-inspired colors. Soft pastels or bright, cheerful hues can help bring a sense of renewal to your space.
- DIY Projects:** Take on some DIY projects to personal-



ize your home for spring. This could involve making wreaths, creating floral arrangements, or crafting decorative items to display around your house.

- Energy Efficiency Improvements:** Consider making energy-efficient upgrades to your home, such as installing a programmable thermostat, sealing drafts, or replacing old windows with more efficient models. Can you say money saved?!
- Outdoor Maintenance:** Spring is a great time to tackle outdoor maintenance tasks like cleaning gutters, pressure washing siding, and inspecting your roof for any damage. This one is tough. If you aren't comfortable on ladders, please call the professionals.
- Window Treatments:** Swap out heavy curtains or blinds

for lighter options to let in more natural light and fresh air during the spring months.

- Decor Accents:** Add spring-inspired decor accents throughout your home, such as floral throw pillows, lightweight throws, and botanical artwork. I am going to swap out my 20-year-old couch pillows for something lighter and brighter finally. Maybe.
- Outdoor Lighting:** Install outdoor lighting to illuminate pathways, gardens, and outdoor entertaining areas for evening enjoyment.

Remember to prioritize tasks based on your budget, time, and personal preferences. Whether you're looking to refresh your space with small updates or tackle larger renovation projects, spring is the perfect time to breathe new life into your home.

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On April 29th, we will be bridging the Arrow den over to Scouts BSA. Three Arrows will be bridging over to Scout BSA Troops 1033 and 214G. This den joined the Pack in 2019 and has done a fantastic job being flexible and creative to achieve the highest rank in Cub Scouts in spite of the Pandemic! They met on Zoom and outside in the park or on the trail- and had fun!

We also will be volunteering at the Anacostia Watershed Earth Day cleanup on April 20th. We have around 40 volunteers signed up and no rainy skies are expected!

If you are interested in Cub Scout contact Regina Halper at Pack1031cubscouting@gmail.com for information. We are a family scouting unit. We learn outdoor skills, citizenship, STEM, nature and do community service. We meet at Beltsville Academy for our den meetings. We are happy to be meeting in our usual place and learning about engineering, nature, doing service and hiking in the outdoors.

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6. Popular pickup
9. Johnny Depp's 2001 biopic
13. Jousting pole
14. Mozart's "L' ___ del Cairo"
15. Figure of speech
16. Oak nut
17. Be off base
18. Less typical
19. *Graduating class
21. *S in BS
23. *Graduating NCAA player's goal?
24. FedEx, verb
25. "I Want My ___," television channel
28. Daytime drama
30. Online business
35. Fleur-de-lis
37. Dart
39. Planktonic tunicate
40. Not naughty
41. Break of day
43. Last row
44. Verdi's opus
46. Lion's do
47. D.E.A. agent
48. Sell again
50. Penny
52. To the ___ degree
53. Prep for certain potatoes

55. Metered ride
57. *Final reward
61. *Academic ___, a.k.a. Cap and Gown
65. Gibson garnish
66. Rocks, to a bartender
68. Angry
69. Lieu
70. Not solid or liquid
71. Post-it user
72. Of two minds
73. Bldg unit
74. Opposite of friend

DOWN

1. "Oh, woe!"
2. Riot spray
3. At another time, archaic
4. Substitute for tender
5. Mistery in Spain
6. Fish eggs, pl.
7. Acronym, abbr.
8. Wet land
9. Highlands hillside
10. Forsaken
11. Oil org.
12. "The Way We ___"
15. *Finals at Cambridge University
20. Building toppers
22. El ___, Spain's national hero
24. Popeye's fuel
25. *Major's partner
26. Beef ___, dim sum choice
27. Moral weaknesses
29. *Grad
31. Mountain lake
32. As a whistle?
33. 1960s abstractionism
34. *"Pomp and Circumstance," e.g.
36. Dried up
38. Adjust the pitch, with "up"
42. Previous VP
45. Marcona nut
49. Skedaddle
51. Moroccan spiced stew
54. Eurasian antelope
56. Sacha Cohen's middle name
57. Olden days "do", second person singular
58. Sean Penn's movie "___ the Wild"
59. Embarkation location
60. *Student aid
61. Catch one's breath
62. Not on time
63. One on a list
64. Bald eagle's nest
67. *Graduation garb topper

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Older Americans Month

Older Americans Month is a yearly occasion dedicated to honoring and appreciating the valuable contributions made by senior residents to our society and nation. Held in May annually, it serves as a platform for citizens to delve into the rich tapestry of life experiences of individuals aged 65 and above. Celebrating Older Americans Month not only pays tribute to their achievements but also expresses gratitude for the significant impact they continue to have.

Observing Older Americans Month offers a beautiful opportunity to express gratitude for the seniors in your community. Here are several suggestions on how individuals can pay homage and acknowledge older adults during this significant month:

Engage with seniors in the community and lend an ear to their stories; Offer your time as a volunteer at local facilities such as the Laurel-Beltsville Senior Center or Riderwood Village, utilize technology to connect with seniors, such as through video calls; Contribute to organizations that cater to the needs of our older adults.

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All Hands On Deck!

The State of Maryland has 3,190 miles of coastline, which provides excellent recreational boating opportunities for local residents. You may have noticed the increase in boats throughout Beltsville. Please be sure to make sure your boat complies with County codes and regulations.

Boats must be tagged and legally parked. (A) The boat and boat trailer shall be located at least eight (8) feet from a street line; (B) The boat and boat trailer shall be parked on a dust-free surface area such as concrete, asphalt, or gravel; (C) The boat and boat trailer shall be properly licensed and operable; (D) The boat and boat trailer shall not be in excess of twenty (20) feet unless located on a lot at least two (2) acres in size; and (E) The boat and boat trailer shall be covered to prevent the accumulation of water.

These and other violations of the County Code may result in a fine or other consequences. You may not store untagged vehicles, old vehicle parts, junk cars or motorcycles, old appliances,

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Obituaries

Doris A. Eugene
 May 17, 1934 ~ April 8, 2024
 Lifetime advocate for children & education

Doris Ann Eugene, 89, passed away Monday April 8, 2024, in Easton, MD. Doris was born in New Orleans, Louisiana on May 17, 1934 to Louis P. and Lucille (Rossi) Gaudin. Doris was married for 66 years, to Gerard L. Eugene, also of New Orleans, and a pharmacist with the US Public Health Service.

Doris lived on both coasts of the United States as Gerard was stationed in New York (twice), Connecticut, California and Washington, DC. When Gerard retired from the USPHS, they decided to remain in the DC area. Doris and Gerard raised their four children (2 sons and 2 daughters) in Beltsville, MD where Doris lived in the same house for 51 years before moving to a retirement community in Easton, MD in February 2021.

Wherever they lived, Doris was always involved with the PTAs of her children's schools. She was twice elected as President of the Prince George's County Council of PTAs. In 1978, Doris was appointed by then Maryland Governor Winfield M. Kelly, Jr. to fill a vacancy on the Board of Education of Prince George's County. Doris won election to the PGC



Doris A. Eugene

School Board three times, serving a total of 14 years, including multiple terms as the Board's vice-chairman and chairman. Upon her retirement in 1992, Doris received many letters of commendation and appreciation from across local, state and national educational groups, and from Maryland's US Representative Steny Hoyer and US Senator Barbara Mikluski.

In 1994, Doris was honored to be nominated and included among the "Women of Achievement in PGC History."

After retiring from the School Board in 1992, Doris and Gerard enjoyed many years of traveling both the United States and the world with their friends. Among their favorite trips, besides visiting family in New Orleans for Oyster

Po'boys, were trips to Alaska and the Arctic Circle; to the majestic beauty of the Grand Tetons, Mt Rushmore, Sedona, and the Grand Canyon; to Holland during tulip season; to South America and traveling through the Panama Canal; and a river boat cruise through Russia.

In addition to education and traveling, Doris' passions included quilting and playing cards. On their many trips, Doris and her friends taught many a traveler "Liverpool Rummy." Almost every visit with her daughters ended with a game of Liverpool or "Fourteen," a good card game for two to four people. Doris also enjoyed music, sports, reading and the "slots."

Doris is survived by her children, Michael (Rose), Yvonne, Renee, and Stephen (Renee); 10 grandchildren, Christopher (Magda), Daniel (Ting), Patrick (Andrea), Erica, Brent (Ashley), Jenna (Jake), Adam, Abigail, Sarah, and Emily; and 6 great-grandchildren, Jaxon, Waverly, Eliza, Penny, Adrienne, and Jette; many nieces and nephews; and dear friends.

Doris was predeceased by her husband Gerard Eugene, sister Jean Gaudin deMonsabert Powers, and son-in-law Robert Genova.



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Prince George's Community Federal Credit Union Announces 2024 Scholarship Winners

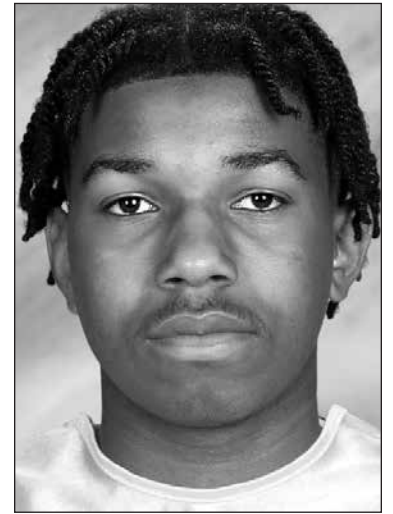
The Prince George's Community Federal Credit Union awards \$10,000 in scholarships to four Prince George's County scholars.

April 17, 2024, Bowie, MD -- Prince George's Community Federal Credit Union (PGCFU) is happy to announce the 2024 Virginia Stallings and Cindy Prestandrea Scholarship award winners. Credit union members Josiah N. Hicks (Bowie, MD), Adefunsho "Ashley" Adeyemi (District Heights, MD), A'Nya Vest (Upper Marlboro, MD), and Ava K. Garland (Upper Marlboro, MD) were each awarded \$2,500 towards their pursuit of higher education.

In early 2024, PGCFU increased the scholarship money awarded from \$2,000 to \$10,000 and expanded the number of awards from two to four. The scholarship application was also extended to high school, undergraduate, graduate, and trade or vocational students residing or having a home base in Prince George's County, Maryland.

Applicants were required to complete an application to highlight their academic history and community involvement. In place of a written essay, applicants had to create an Instagram or Facebook video post to share their thoughts on the importance of financial literacy.

Josiah Hicks, a senior at Chesapeake Math & IT Academy North High School, will attend Morgan State University in the fall to study Entrepreneurship. Suitland student Adefunsho "Ashley" Adeyemi will study Anthropology at Sewanee: University of the South. A'Nya Vest attends Trinity Washington University and will use her award to continue to study Health Services. Ava Garland, a Business Administration major at the University of Michigan, will also use scholarship monies to



Congratulations to the 2024 Virginia Stallings and Cindy Prestandrea Scholarship award winners: (Right to left): Adefunsho Ashley Adeyemi, A'Nya Vest, Ava Garland, and Josiah Hicks

complete her studies. "Prince George's County has a long history of producing many of the country's top leaders and innovators. As a proud pillar of the community, PGCFU is happy to play a part in supporting the next wave of thought leaders, and we look forward to following their journey on the path to success," stated Darryl Jones, Prince George's Community Federal Credit Union Board Chair.

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building materials, furniture, garbage, or unlicensed boats on residential property.

See 2010 legislation on boats outlining regulations here <https://bit.ly/4cYjfnk>

Summer Camp Registration is Underway

Summer is approaching, so our kids will soon be out of school. Registration for Prince George's begins on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, and for non-residents on Wednesday, March 20, 2024. The registration process is straightforward and fast. You can sign up your child for as many day camp sessions as possible. Rest assured, your child will have a safe and memorable summer experience. Visit <https://www.pgparcs.com/activities-events/summer-programs> to explore the programs and get additional information.

Public Library Free Summer Reading Program

Are you looking to stay engaged with reading during the summer months? Join the Nationals and the Prince George's County Memorial Library System for a unique program that combines baseball

and reading. Open to all ages, this program runs from May 15th to August 17th, offering a fun way to keep your child or yourself connected with reading while enjoying the excitement of baseball. Please visit <https://www.pgcmli.info/summer> for more information.

Coffee with the COPS

We encourage residents to attend the Coffee with the COPS to voice concerns, ask questions, and get to know your COPS officer. COPS stands for Community Oriented Policing Services. This once-a-month event circulates in the district, where residents can enjoy a cup of coffee and pastry while they meet with our local police on any issues of their choice. Please join the Beltsville Division VI police on May 8th from 10-11 AM at the Laurel-Beltsville Senior Center, 7120 Contee Road, Laurel for their monthly Coffee with the COPS. <https://bit.ly/3Q7vBQ9>

Join our District 1 eNewsletter here: <https://bit.ly/D1eNewsletterOptIn>. We will email you about twice a month to provide you updates with local happenings and, on occasion, alert you to important county news.

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World Password Day 2024

World Password Day occurs on the first Thursday each May. This year it is May 2nd. The day makes a good reminder to update passwords and verify or reset your security settings. To follow the best security practices, modify your passwords at least annually and use a different password for everything that needs protection. In general, a secure password consists of at least 15 characters, including a mix of upper- and lower-case alphabetic characters, digits, and special characters.

Keeping your passwords secure is one of the most important things you need to do to keep your accounts safe and secure. Because it is so very important, I tend to create a column for each May to remind people about various ways of creating secure and hopefully memorable passwords.

A Word on Password Managers

Many people recognize a password manager as a good way to create and store secure passwords. Both the Firefox browser and the

Google Chrome browsers have password managers built into them. The passwords stored synchronize between your phone and your computers if you install the browsers on both devices. Be aware that Chrome Password Manager currently has some vulnerabilities apparently due to the use of Microsoft Security.

Practically Perfect Passwords

Practically Perfect Passwords is a way that I share to create memorable passwords that tend to be secure. The system builds on rules to follow that lead to strong passwords. Rules are included to generate letters, numbers, special characters, capitalization rules, and sequence rules. You can also add letter change and other special rules. An example of a simple set of rules might be:

- Use a memorable phrase from a song lyric, poem, famous quote or phrase or another source. Use the first letter of each word in the phrase and make sure you have at least 7-9 letters. Select-

ing a separate phrase for Highly, Moderately, or Lightly sensitive access.

- Select two to four or more memorable numbers.
- Pick the symbols above the first two numbers from the previous rule and insert the number between them.
- Pick the first two and the last two letters of the domain name of the website.
- Concatenate the result of each of the first four rules in rule order.
- Capitalize the first and last letters and each letter that is adjacent to a symbol.

So applying the rules to Amazon.com, I might get:

“The Beatles say ‘We, all live in a yellow submarine’”
→ tbswaliays

The year Columbus sailed the ocean blue. → (1492)
!\$ → !1492\$

Amazon.com → amon
tbswaliays!1492\$amon
TbswaliayS!1492\$AmoN

Applying the same rules to Facebook would lead to the password TbswaliayS!1492\$FabK

A Password Codebook

A couple of years ago I wrote about a method to create a password codebook. The codebook is based on an idea to create passwords by randomly selecting words from a word list. My problem with the original idea is that I have over 800 passwords and I have trouble remembering a single list of five words. These short word lists still work well if you need to remember a single password for a primary password for example. I had another idea, create a code list where each letter in the alphabet corresponds to a randomly selected word.

Make the code list by selecting a random word for each letter of the alphabet. The randomness is enforced rolling dice randomly selecting words from a word list. The electronic Freedom Foundation (EFF) maintains these word lists for this purpose list at https://www.eff.org/files/2016/07/18/eff_large_wordlist.txt. The lists have numbers reflecting the roll of dice. The numbers pair with words on the list. A die rolled five times creates a five-digit number. The number matches one word of 7776 unique words on the word list. To

select a random word from the list, roll the die 5 times and lookup the word on the list that matches.

Create the code list by adding a line for each letter of the alphabet and rolling die to get a word to match with that letter. To finish the codebook, we create rules again. One rule selects letters from the domain name. Another rule will tell us how to separate the words from each other. This is where I use the numbers and symbols, but you can choose your own rules.

To provide the Amazon example let's assume the words in the codebook are A=Gravel, M = Laundry, and N=Junkie, O=Upper. For the number rule, we will use the digits 1492 and use the last 3 digits to separate the words. We will use the symbols to begin and end the password. The capitalization rule will be capitalizing any letter to the right of a symbol or digit.

This should give us: !Gravel-4Laundry9Junkie2Upper\$ A very strong password indeed. While it is not easy to remember, it is easy to recreate by using your codebook. Store the codebook in a secure file and look it up when you need

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Rosapepe's Report to Beltsville

State business tax and fee waivers thru May 31st

Maryland Comptroller Brooke Lierman announced the state will waive late payment penalties and interest for Maryland businesses through May 31, 2024, to mitigate the economic impact of the Francis Scott Key Bridge collapse.

The waiver of late payment penalties and interest will apply to all business filings for the following tax types with due dates between January 1, 2024, and May 31, 2024:

- Employer Withholding Tax
- Sales and Use Tax
- Tobacco Tax
- Motor Fuel Tax
- Admissions and Amusement Tax
- Tire Fee
- Bay Restoration Fee
- Transportation Network Fee

Late payment interest and penalties will automatically be waived if payment is received on or prior



Senator Jim Rosapepe

to May 31, 2024. Businesses do not need to take any action to request this waiver; the waiver will apply automatically.

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Beltsville Young at Heart Club

Beltsville Young at Heart Club – lots of music, fun and conversation is to be had at the Beltsville Young at Heart Club. Meetings are held every third Thursday of the month starting at 11 AM at the Beltsville Community Center located at 3900 Sellman Rd., Beltsville. For more information, call Lois at 301-498-9736.

New help for first time

home buyers

Prince George's County's First-Time Homebuyer Assistance Program now offers up to \$25,000 in downpayment and closing cost assistance. The program still provides zero percent deferred loans that are forgiven after 10 years.

Call the Pathway to Purchase program at 301-883-5456 for more information.

Senate and House college scholarships for Beltsville students

This spring and summer, Delegates Joseline Pena-Melnyk, Ben Barnes, Mary Lehman, and I will award college scholarships for Beltsville students. Applications for the scholarships for school year 2024-25 are posted on the 21st District Delegation website. The application will automatically go to Dels. Barnes, Pena-Melnyk, and Lehman. You will need to fill out a separate application with my

office, for the Senatorial Scholarship.

In the meantime, please make sure you have a Maryland College Aid Processing System (MDCAPS) account and fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) when it becomes available.

21st District Delegation Website: <https://www.21stdistrictdelegation.com/college-scholarships>

If you have questions, email my office at jim.rosapepe@senate.state.md.us or call at 410-841-3141.

Contact me

Please let me know if there are other issues you have questions or thoughts about. And, of course, feel free to be in touch if I can be of help to you. Just email 21stDistrictDelegation@gmail.com or call 410-841-3141.



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Beltsville Lions Activities

By Ted Ladd

The Beltsville Lions will hold their 66th Charter Night on Wednesday, 5 June. Past International Director Joe Gaffigan is expected to induct new officers for Lion Year 2024-25, which runs from 1 July 2024-30 June 2025.

The Lions are planning to provide vision, hearing, and eye pres-

sure screenings at several events in the near future. The first event is a health fair at the Vansville Community Center on 4 May from 10 am to 1 pm.

The next event may be the Beltsville Community Festival at the Beltsville Community Center on 9 June. Details are being worked out.

On 6 August the Club plans

to provide screenings via the Lions Mobile Health Unit during National Night Out from 6 to 8 pm on the grounds of Prince George's County Police Division VI and the Beltsville Library.

The final event is a Community Health Fair scheduled for 10 August, 8 am to 1 pm at Queen's Chapel United Methodist Church in Beltsville.



The Women's Community Club of Beltsville completed its spring Adopt A Road project Saturday morning, April 20.

The Beltsville Young At Heart Club

by Lois Hamilton, President

By the time you read this we will have had our April 18 meeting and the entertainment group "Supreme/Temptation" with their Motown sounds. I look forward to this because this was the music of my high school and college years. I should know most of the words. The May 16 meeting will be Beltsville native, Johnny

Seaton. I know he is an Elvis impersonator, but he has a wide range of other songs to present to us. We'll continue to have our light refreshments, Ways & Means table, 50/50, and trips to sign up for (Bring a check to pay for any trip). And we have our new 2024 Member Directories to hand out to members. You can become a member on your first visit. We still meet at the Beltsville Community

Center, 3900 Sellman Road, at 10:30 am in the community room. We usually end about 1:00 pm. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at 301-498-9736 and I'll get back to you if you leave a message.

"In the spring I have counted one hundred and thirty-six different kinds of weather inside of four and twenty hours." Mark Twain

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Old Columbia Pike Burtonsville) They are open Monday - Saturday from 8 am - 7 pm and Sunday from 9 am - 6 pm.

All the Garden Centers offer a different variety of plants, shrubs, perennials and vegetables.

There are also several local farmers markets. Here are a few:

- Hollywood Farmer's Market (9801 Rhode Island, Avenue, College Park [next to Mom's]) They are open on Saturdays from 10 am - 2 pm.
- College Park Farmer's Market

at Paint Branch (5211 Campus Drive, College Park) They are open on Saturdays from 8 am - 1 pm.

- Greenbelt Farmer's Market (Roosevelt Center, Centerway, Greenbelt) The Farmers Market opens for the season on Sunday May 12th. Their hours of operation are Sundays from 10 am - 2 pm.

Fresh Produce, Baked Goods, Coffee, Flowers, Pottery plus a variety of other vendors can be found at all the Farmer's Markets.

As we go to press, I do not have any updates of the status of Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department.

Updates will be posted on the Beltsville News Facebook Page.

Finally, don't forget about the upcoming election day! Primaries for President, U.S. Senate, and U.S. Congress Primary Election voting is Tuesday May 14th. Information about early voting and mail-in voting as well as information and locations will be posted on the Beltsville News Facebook page and Nextdoor. If you have a question, contact me at karenmcoakley@gmail.com

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assessment since diesel exhaust fumes were one of the main complaints - we have not received a report on this either. However, all personnel, both career and volunteer, still remain housed at our station.

It is our understanding that the County has acquired trailers that will be able to house personnel and accommodate daily operations if staffing should need to be relocated during any construction that may need to be done. The County is requesting use of our butler building across the street from the fire station for apparatus should it be needed. Currently, BVFD is working with the County to establish an agreeable memorandum of understanding (MOU) for the placement of the trailers and use of our property during any proposed contract work that may need to be done. Because this is a

unique situation, the "cookie cutter" MOU proposed by the County was not agreeable to the Board of Directors of the BVFD and we are in the process of reviewing and making changes that will be proposed should something long term need to be established. In the meantime, our property will be made available for storage of the trailers if necessary.

Before we commit to anything that may be an unnecessary use of taxpayers dollars; and since we do not know exactly what work may need to be done to our station, or even if personnel will need to be relocated during the scope of work that may be proposed we are inclined to wait for the results of the assessment.

I would like to personally thank you for your continued support, concern, and commitment to the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department.

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CUB CORNER: CELEBRATING MUSEUMS

Saturday May 18th 10:30 am-11:30 am. Ages 5 and Under. Price: FREE with museum admission. Enjoy a short story and craft in the gallery. These programs are designed for younger learners 5 & under. THIS MONTH: We're joining museums across the globe in celebration of International Museum Day. Explore your community and dream up your very own museum. Registration is not required and drop-ins are welcome. For more information: 301.864.6029 or see collegeparkaviation@pgparks.com.

AFTERNOON AVIATORS: CELEBRATING MUSEUMS

Saturday May 25th 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm. Ages 8-12. Price: FREE with museum admission. Explore a variety of STEM and aviation-themed sciences with a short lesson and hands-on activity. Ideal for learners ages 8-12. THIS MONTH: Discover how museums celebrate their communities. Registration is not required, and drop-ins are welcome. For more information: 301.864.6029 or see collegeparkaviation@pgparks.com.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE VISITOR CENTER

Main phone: 301.497.5772. Address: 10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel, MD 20708. The entrance is accessed from Powder Mill Rd. between the Baltimore-Washington Pkwy. and Rt. 197. Free admission and free parking. All dogs must be kept on a leash (no longer than 6 feet) for their own safety as well as that of other visitors and wildlife. There are five miles of walking trails. Regular hours of operation for the trails and grounds are: Open daily from sunrise to sunset, *except for federal holidays*. See the Friends of Patuxent website for more information and events at <https://friendsofpatuxent.org>.

THE BUILDING & BOOKSTORE

Main phone: 301.497.5772. More information can be found at www.fws.gov/refuge/patuxent. The Visitor Center is open Tuesday – Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; closed on Sunday, Monday, and federal holidays. The bookstore is open Tuesday – Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ART GALLERY EXHIBIT & RECEPTION

The featured artist for May is nature photographer Bill Reichardt. Regular hours of operation for the art gallery are the same as those for the Visitor Center. The gallery is adjacent to the bookstore.

KIDS DISCOVERY CENTER

Tue. – Sat. at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., and 12 noon. Duration: 35 minutes, each session. **Ages 3 – 10***; *Parents are required to work with their child at each of the parent-led activities. Registration is strongly recommended; call 301.497.5760.* Children will explore and learn about nature and the environment through engaging, age-appropriate activities, crafts, and games. Older siblings are welcome to join with parents and work with younger siblings to help them understand and complete the activities. ***NOTE:** The Kid's Discovery Center is neither baby-proofed nor appropriate for children younger than 3-years-old, due to small items featured in the exhibits and activities.

FAMILY FUN

Contact the Visitor Center for the date and time. This is a drop-in program: come when you wish and leave when you're ready. All ages, no registration required. Learn about different habitats at Patuxent Refuge and around the world, and how animals have adapted to survive in even the harshest environments. Explore self-paced interactive games, crafts, and activities for all ages.

THE WILD BEE & FLOWER FESTIVAL

Sat., May 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., *rain or shine*. Come celebrate Maryland's native bees and flowers! There will be fun for the whole family. Learn about our native bees and receive native plant gardening advice. There will be nature walks and talks, discovery crafts, and native seed planting activities. Some activities and exhibits will be indoors; others will be outdoors, weather permitting. The event is sponsored by the Friends of Patuxent. For more info contact the event's co-chairs, Liz Humes and Helen Lowe Metzman, at liz.humes@gmail.com and helometz@hotmail.com.

LAUREL-BELTSVILLE SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

Masks are optional. Contact the center for updates. Membership is free for Beltsville residents who are 60 years old or older. Closed on Sundays and most major holidays. Address: 7120 Contee Rd., Laurel, MD 20707, around the corner from the University of Maryland Medical Center. Phone: 301.206.3350. Fax: 301.206.3387. Maryland Relay 7-1-1 for customers who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability.

LAUREL SENIOR FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Interested people can contact the LSFC office for more details on Mon., Tue., Wed., and Fri. from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at 301.206.3380.

- *Our May 8 meeting is cancelled* because the meeting room is being used for primary elections voting.

- **Please note our inclement weather policy:** Our meetings and Bingo follow the P. G. Co. school policies. If the schools are delayed by 2 hours or are closed, then we will not have meetings or Bingo on those days.

- **Every Tuesday Bingo:** 12 noon each Tuesday (doors open at 11 a.m.); fee for cards, No admission fee. *Call the office for the holiday schedule.*

- **Monthly luncheons:** Advance reservations and payment are required (a

minimum of two weeks in advance is requested). Contact the LSFC office to check on availability.

BELTSVILLE EVENTS

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YOUNG AT HEART CLUB

Thur., Apr. 18 at 10:30 a.m. Address: the Beltsville Community Center, 3900 Sellman Rd., Beltsville, MD 20705. **Our inclement weather policy: If P.G. schools are late or closed, we DO NOT meet.** The Beltsville Young at Heart Club meets on the third Thursday of each month (weather permitting) and is for residents who are 55 years of age and older. Membership fees are \$15/person for 2024. Contact Lois at 301.498.9736 for more information.

BELTSVILLE LIBRARY EVENTS

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On March 4, 2024, Brian "Bizzle" Chase, took off from Miami on flight AA 2580, headed for St. John's, Antigua. He was not a passenger or First Officer. He was Captain of this American Airlines flight. Captain Chase agreed to share with Jason's Jive, a look back at that day.

Permit me to acknowledge his sister, Timmi Samuel, whom I have known since 1995. She posted the story on a social media page and that is how I was able to reach out to her brother.

March 4, you flew and landed in Antigua, your country of birth. What was that experience like? When you saw the schedule, what was the first thing you did or thought of? Who was the first person you mentioned it to?

March 4th, 2024, I landed an American Airlines Boeing 737 as a Captain from The Island of Antigua a first to be done by on that particular aircraft and Airline. The experience was bittersweet I was excited, overjoyed felt a sense of pride happiness but was sad at the same time because I wish my late mother would have been there to witness it, she always spoke it into existence God Bless her soul. However, I was extremely thankful my father (Winston Chase) was able to witness it. First thing I thought about is that my Late Mother (Bernadine Tally Chase) God Bless her soul would have been extremely overjoyed of yet a great accomplishment. She was alive when I brought the first flight for American Airlines after the covid had closed the airport in Antigua. That flight reopened the Airport to Air Travel from the United States and American was one of the first to do it and she was so proud of the moment. The first person I mentioned it (AA 2580) to, that I was doing the flight on March 4th, 2024, was my Father.

You always wanted to be a pilot. What will you say to a little person who may have

watched you land the plane, and they have aspirations to fly like you one day? You are now an inspiration to many youth...what would you advise high school students to do in terms of prep for a career in aviation?

I would always say if this is what you truly want to do. It can be accomplished. Never give up. I got my pilots license 22 years ago and there were some very tough times. The easiest thing to do is give up but tough times don't last, tough people do. My high school students, this is the time to get focused and stay locked in on your studies. Stay away from the drugs, smoking and all illegal activities and stay focused and locked in if this is truly your goal. Also suggest going on Google search up what is it like to be a pilot, search what are some of the things I should be reading? And just do it if you can get ahead by reading a chapter or two or even just studying for a private pilot written exam, that would be the way to go.

Have you flown to any other Caribbean island? If so, which one (s)?

Funny you should ask. To date I have been to every Caribbean island except a few. I have flown from the Bahamas, Cuba all the way down to Trinidad and Tobago. I recently completed my Caribbean map when I landed in Bonaire. That was the only Caribbean island I didn't go to, but it finally got done in 2023.

Apart from Antigua, what destination do you have on your bucket list to fly to?

Japan is number one on my bucket list Spain, France and Greece are some top places on my bucket list.

Air travel in the Caribbean is now a challenge with the absence of a major air carrier. Do you see us ever getting out of this situation?

Yes, we will. We have a few options in the mix Caribbean Airlines, InterCaribbean, Winair and Silver Airways are all in the mix I think we will be alright.

What other airlines have you flown for and what type of aircraft?

Carib Aviation- Twin Otter -DHC-6 (June 2006 to September 2008), LIAT 1974 LTD. DASH 8 100 & 300 Series - (Sept 2008-April 2014), US Airways Express/American Eagle - CRJ 200/700/900 Series (April 2014-October 2019) and American Airlines Inc. BOEING 737

(October 2019 to Present) Captain Chase, or Bizzle, as he is known in Antigua said "...I also want to take time out to thank all my fellow Antiguan and Barbudans. The outpouring of love and kind words means a lot and for that am grateful. March 4th, 2024, was a great day. For that I say thank you. To all my followers and supporters around the world I say thank you for all your kind words and for your support. For my entire flight crew who assisted me on flight AA2580 thank you."

So, my dear reader, if you are ever on an American Airlines flight and you hear his name come over the PA system welcoming you on board, be sure to let him know, AFTER the flight, that you 'met' him on Jason's Jive. Pose for a picture or two with him and if you do social media, Facebook, you can follow him there. Space limitations will not allow me to post photographs, but please look him up on Facebook and be sure to leave a comment for him.

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Church News

Emmanuel United Methodist Church's Food Distribution Returns

In December 2023 Emmanuel United Methodist Church's Food distribution closed its doors for a brief time so that they could revamp the program as they were passing the torch to some new leadership. They are back up and running but the format has changed a bit. Before Covid, the food distribution required those who needed food to come into the building, but that format changed during the pandemic. It became a drive-up service. Now, the original format is back which allows

volunteers to be more comfortable and not have to brave the elements by standing outside the whole time. The Food Distribution happens on the fourth Saturday of each month from 8 am to 11 am at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville, MD 20705. This is a free service for anyone who is in need. If you have any questions, reach out to them at community_outreach@eumcbeltsville.com. The next few distributions are April 27, May 25, June 22, and July 27.

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Contact the Church office if you are interested in any of these resources

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for Beginner level English-language learners. ¿Estas aprendiendo ingles y te gustaría practicar el idioma? ¡Esta clase es para estudiantes de inglés de nivel principiante listos para aprender en persona! For information regarding dates for the month of May, please contact the **Call Center at 301.937.0294 and ask for Arianna Gomez.**

OTHER EVENTS

BELTSVILLE COMMUNITY CATS SPRING YARSALE & ADOPTION EVENT
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it. Create a new codebook annually and replace your passwords on World Password Day.

Lighter Weight Passwords

Yes, I do have more than 800 passwords, at least according to my password manager. However not all of my passwords are as robust as the ones I suggest here. Many websites I do not trust to store my password properly and I do not give them any true data about me, but I want to access the data they offer. These websites get a still secure but lighter weight credential and often do not get a real name or email address. Instead, I use a disposable email address. And I select two random words using the dice method and I reuse these two words instead of the poem or song lyric. I also change the rule for selecting letters from the domain name and the number and symbol selection rules.

Monitoring the Passwords

Both Google, Firefox, and now Windows 11 monitor your passwords to see if they are compromised. Other password managers and some antivirus programs will also check. You can check a password yourself by using <https://haveibeenpwned.com/Passwords>.
 And in the End... Have a happy World Password Day. Until next month, stay safe online!

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benefits of these updates. As we continue to develop new vehicle safety systems, or simply improve the ones we already have, consumer education may help build trust, acceptance and use," says John Lenneman, Ph.D., senior principal research scientist, Toyota North America, CSRC.

This seminal research included two driving simulator studies at the University of Iowa, assessing the understanding of over-the-air updates without consumer education, and measuring the benefit of including consumer education. The project also developed a tool for designers to measure the change in a system following an update.

One of CSRC's primary aims is to share its research, with the hope that the automotive industry can benefit from the findings of its safety advances. That's why the

research team is excited that the study is already having an impact on system design and educational materials, helping designers identify when and how consumer education should be incorporated into updates. For example, the research found that for updates that don't require interactions from the driver, such as automatic emergency braking, education is not necessarily needed, whereas for other updates, the driver may need a description of what the system does, or even an understanding of what their responsibility is when using the technology.

More information about the work of the Toyota Collaborative Research Center can be found by visiting amrd.toyota.com.

Over-the-air automotive updates, when combined with proper consumer education, have the potential to make roads safer for everybody.

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someone has ever co-signed a loan or credit card for you, life insurance can help protect them from your debts.

2. Life insurance tends to cost less when you're younger.

Life insurance premiums, what you pay in exchange for coverage, are calculated based on many factors, beginning with how much coverage you're purchasing and the type of policy. Then, your personal information and risk level are considered. Your age, health and life expectancy are all factored in when determining the premium amount.

That said, the younger and healthier you are, the less your life insurance will likely cost. When you lock in low, long-term rates in your 20s or 30s, you can enjoy them for decades to come. Further, if you develop an illness later

in life, your coverage cannot be revoked if you keep paying your premiums.

3. Your employer policy may not be enough.

Does your employer provide free or low-cost life insurance? Employer-sponsored life insurance is a great benefit, but it may not be enough, especially if you own a home, are married or have children. This is because workplace policies often only provide a basic minimum amount of coverage, and you probably can't keep the coverage if you change jobs. That's why many people decide to purchase their own individual policies outside of work.

4. Choosing the right policy can help you meet other financial goals.

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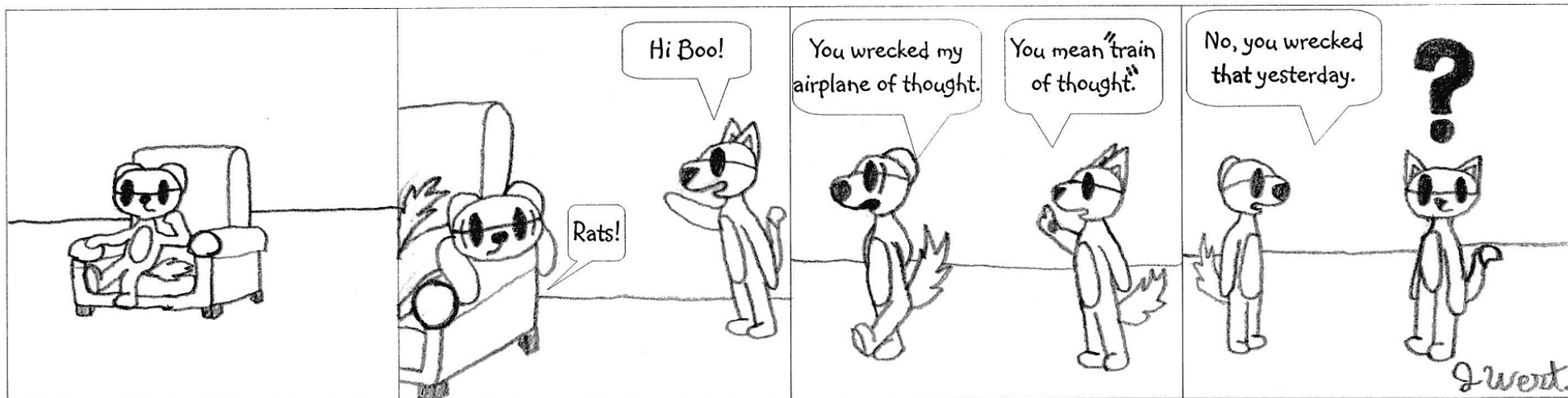
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For more information on life insurance, reach out to a Bankers Life agent or visit bankerslife.com.

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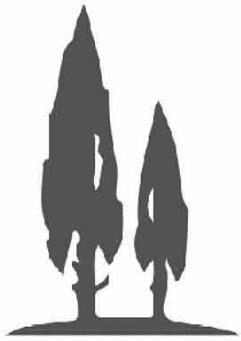
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