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Cub Pack 1031 Duty to God and Service

By Regina Halper

We are moving into the new year with enthusiasm! All the scouts in the pack have been working to finish their Duty to God achievements and service in the community.

On January 18, 9 scouts, 8 parents, and 2 BSA scouts collected over 12 bags of trash and did 28 hours of service along the Little Paint Branch Trail. It was at the suggestion of a Lion Scout, Mateo R, who pointed out that there was a lot of trash along the creek. If you regularly walk outside along the path or in your neighborhood, please bring a bag and pick up the trash you see. Even if you just clean in front of your house it will help make Beltsville cleaner.

For the coming year, our families will be working on achievements on Zoom with our den along with monthly meetings in the outdoors, and we keep it fun! We are out in the parks and on the trail when we can, wearing our masks, cleaning our hands, and staying 6 feet apart.



Lion Scouts with the trash they collected

If you are interested in discovering the fun of Cub Scouts, please contact Regina Halper at Pack1031cubscouting@gmail.com for more information.

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On the Agenda

By President Karen M. Coakley

COVID-19 vaccine distribution has begun across the state of Maryland. Some residents were able to sign up for appointments this



Karen Coakley

weekend, and many others experienced glitches and frustration with the online system. Changes and enhancements are being made daily as vaccine supply and locations evolve. Please always use this site for your updated county information: <https://www.prince-georgescountymd.gov/3730/COVID-19-Vaccination>. Use this site for updated statewide information including additional vaccine partners servicing our community, such as hospitals and retail sites: <https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/pages/vaccine>. County Executive Also-brooks announced that residents must now fill out a pre-registration form.

To make sure that Prince Georgians who are most vulnerable have access to appointments, the county is resetting all appointments currently scheduled after February 9 at the Sports & Learning Complex. The Health Department will send out notices to those individuals, and they will be required to fill out the pre-registration form online to be able to reschedule their appointments. Individuals who have an appointment on February 9 or before should keep their scheduled appointment, and they will not need to fill out the pre-registration form. Anyone who has an appoint-

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A Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

On the morning of December 3rd, while on my morning walk, I came across a dog that had been hit by a car and badly injured. While I was trying to assess the situation, Ms. Debbie Berger of Beltsville, whom I had never met before, pulled over to ask if I needed help. While we were trying to figure out how to handle the situation, we were lucky enough to have Officer Harris of the Prince Georges County Police Department pull over to help us.

Within in minutes, Office Harris called for help, and we had a total of five Prince Georges County finest helping us with the poor animal in distress.

They immediately jumped into action and tried to put the dog in their patrol car to transport him to an emergency vet. When we found this was not possible, Ms. Berger immediately volunteered her SUV to transport the dog.

The officers gave us a police escort to Rocky Gorge Animal Hospital and called ahead to ensure the animal would receive priority attention. The staff at Rocky Gorge jumped into action as soon as we arrived.

I would like to thank Ms. Berger, the officers of Prince Georges County, and the staff at Rocky Gorge for trying to save this poor dog. The commitment of the officers, the outreach of a stranger, and staff of Rocky Gorge all pulled together is the most amazing way.

A special thank you to the officers who assisted Ms. Berger and I, their outreach to the community, compassion, and actions will not be forgotten. May all the police officers stay safe in these unprecedented times.

God Bless America

By Rev. Dr. Jalene Chase

In 1918, Irwin Berlin, born Israel Baline, arrived in the US from Russia at the age of five. I know the time frame is outside of my usual 1960's to 1990's music, but I felt led to share this song. Many speeches and performances end with the words "God Bless America," and we can really use that blessing now.

My source for most of this writing is *Wikipedia*. It notes that Berlin wrote this song while serving in the US Army but sat it aside. Like many of his songs, it had remnants of his Jewish heritage. In 1938, with the rise of Adolf Hitler, Irving Berlin, who was Jewish, felt it was time to revive it as a "peace song," and it was introduced on an Armistice Day broadcast in 1938, sung by Kate Smith on her radio show. The original lyrics were changed to reflect the

following, from

While the storm clouds gather far across the sea, let us swear allegiance to a land that's free. Let us all be grateful for a land so fair, as we raise our voices in a solemn prayer: to: God bless America, land that I love, Stand beside her and guide her, Through the night with a light from above. From the mountains, to the prairies, To the oceans white with foam, God bless America, My home sweet home.

This is a song of patriotism that reflects cultural, religious, and political tolerance among all groups that call America home. The request for God to stand with us and guide us paints a picture of unity among people journeying together. Regardless of the faith we practice or the many names we call God the

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To Be Fearfully and Wonderfully Made

By Camylle Fleming

I've been in touch with two lifelong friends, folks I've known since childhood. Chosen family. Over the course of a week, they both happened to message me, informing me that they are in the midst of an unintelligible crisis on the home front. In one instance, a family member's life was lost. In another, a loved one went missing and had been unreachable for 48 hours. And when I inquired about the state of their faith amidst it all, they both separately claimed that it was not only present, but more robust than before. It is like the crisis had augmented their capacity for belief in hope, like seeds with the capacity for drought-resistance faring better without water.

I grew up in Beltsville, but prior to COVID-19, I was living with my fiancé in Lagos, Nigeria.

I love it there. Lagos translates to "lakes" in Portuguese. The mega city of 20+ million people on the coast of West Africa boasts a bevy of beaches, sands that my partner and I spend a lot of time on. Part of my love of Lagos is the year round warmth. Often, it's in the 90s. And I've always been the type of person who flourishes in womb-like conditions. Now, I'm home in Beltsville during the winter, in the middle of a global pandemic, awaiting my fiancé who will soon fly over. It's all quite humbling.

I've never liked the winter. But I'm realizing it's because I never had the right clothes on. These days I wake up and check the weather, finding a forecast ranging between 30s and upper 40s, if I'm lucky. Based on those degrees and a cursory glance out my bedroom window, I get dressed in the number of layers that seem most

appropriate for what's to come.

Long johns are a godsend. This deserves stating. Perhaps, I never wore them when I was younger because I was invested in "fashion" and feeling cool. Now, I'm much more invested in feeling warm. So, I put on my long johns, the tops and bottoms. I dither between sweatpants or spandex to wear over top of them. One pair of socks or two? Fur-lined boots or rain-proof wellies? Mitten gloves or the ones that separate out your fingers? A scarf or none at all? A windbreaking zip-up or a full-on coat? The options delight me.

And once I'm outside and a few steps into my morning walk, I find out whether I did it right. Do I feel warm enough? Will my body survive this season of life? This whole ritual of matching my insides with what's outside resounds in my ears when I reflect on a text exchange with my best friend of 18 years, when she tells me she lost her brother suddenly and relatedly that her "faith is strong": "You can be a thermometer or a thermostat." She writes. One tells the temperature, and one sets it—I quickly do the math in my head.

"The whole point of faith is having peace thru it all...we gotta choose to receive that peace because it's not like it automatically kicks in. We gotta set the thermostat for it."

My other beloved friend tells me that she's juggling the emotional turmoil of waiting to hear back from or news of her missing family member, that alongside watching the preparations for a change of government in the USA. Strange times.

A lesson I learned in my plant medicine class in Lagos included the following: there is this concept of peristalsis. It is what our organs do to move food + nutrients + waste through our digestive system. Google it and find this incredibly poetic and apt description, that "Peristalsis is a radially symmetrical contraction and relaxation of muscles that propagates in a wave down a tube...."

Meaning our bodies are literally made for holding conflicting "radically symmetrical" movements. Could one ever mistake

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Today, BCC's colony support team visits these industrial/commercial colonies, ensuring that these feral colonies have healthy food and clean water every day and adequate shelter in the winter. Volunteers continuously monitor these colonies for unaltered cats, injured/sick cats, and dumped



house cats (a growing problem with the COVID pandemic). BCC's colony support program is financed primarily out of our volunteers' pockets. BCC does receive some donated dry and canned cat food. This food is distributed to student volunteers and to volunteers who lost their jobs due to COVID.

How can you help?

Consider volunteering to feed an industrial/commercial colony one day a week, donating cat food to help defray the costs volunteers incur in feeding industrial/commercial colonies, or donating money to pay for spay/neuter surgeries and/or care for sick cats. Learn more about volunteering at www.beltsvillecats.net/volunteer. To donate to BCC, visit: www.beltsvillecats.net/donate. Call 240.444.8353 to report community cat colonies.

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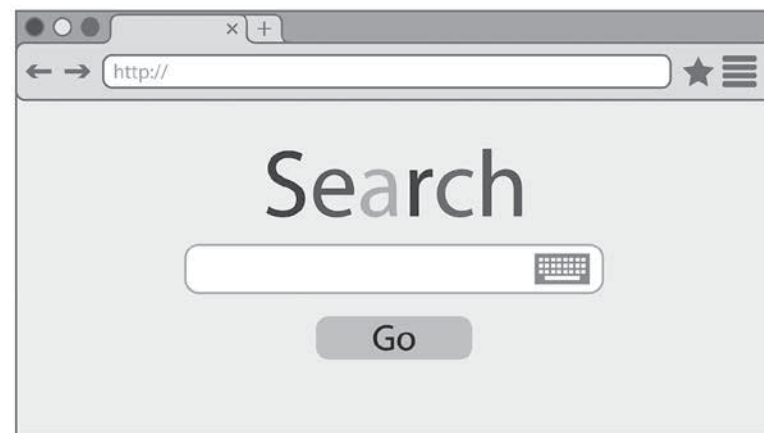
By John Bell

How Search Engines Work

Happy New Year! Welcome to 2021, hopefully a better year. Last week I was asked how search engines like Google or Bing work. This led me to believe that others may wonder about this as well, so this month that is what we will cover.

The Web Crawler

A search engine is composed of several major parts, the first of which is the web crawler. The web crawler tries to visit every webpage on the World Wide Web. It loads (or reads) each web page and examines every word it finds. Common words, some-



times called noise words, are discarded or ignored. These noise words include pronouns, articles, prepositions, and conjunctions. So, words like "and," "but," "or," "to," "the," and "from" are typically ignored. Important words are noted and sent to be stored in an index file. When the crawler has completed indexing the words on the page, it will look at the links to other pages and other websites. If a link points to another page on the same website, the crawler moves to the linked page and processes it. This is repeated until all of the links have been followed and the pages on the site have been indexed.

If a link is found that points to a different site, a new crawler will be sent to create or update the index for that new site. When this happens, an entry is added to the index showing that the two sites are connected via the link.

The Search Index

The Search Index is the second major part of a search engine. The Search Index is built and kept up to date by the web crawlers. The index pairs the address of the page with the words found on the page, the number of times each word was found, and the importance of each word on the page.

Importance of a word may be determined by where the word is used on the page. A word found in normal text may be less important than the same word found in a header, or title. Words in a bold style might indicate more importance than words in the normal style. Each page in a website can also configure keywords for the page. The keywords are supposed to show the words that are most important for the topics of the website or a page within the website. The links to other pages on the website and to pages on other websites are also stored. These links will be used by the Search Engine to help determine the relevance of a match.

The Search Engine

The Search Engine is expected to use the Search Index to find and return the most relevant web pages matching the query. The query, typically called the "search term," is the input to the Search Engine. The Search Engine looks in the index for matches with the search term and orders or sorts the results based on relevance. Relevance is a

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this as random?

Bearing witness to people whose faith rises in the face of uncertainty and trauma allows me to see that God is rigorously at work. And that he built these internal levers to activate a level of joy and peace that can only specifically follow episodes of being mangled up by the world, over and over, again.

There are no real words to fathom this. What a world we live in. What a world.

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measure of the goodness of the match. This relevance calculation is what distinguishes one search engine from another. In general, the algorithms use the importance of the words on a page and the number of linked pages on the same site with the same important words and the number of sites that link back to the page.

Other factors may also be applied based on your own search history. This is search personalization. So, if you typically search for nuts as in the food you can eat then a search for nuts might return grocery-related nuts before returning hardware nuts. This is because based on your personal search history grocery nuts are likely to be more relevant. You may also add terms to a search to impact relevance like "nearby," which would rank results higher if they were located geographically closer to your location. The ranking or ordering of the search results is

typically called the relevance order with the most relevant results showing at the top of the results.

Search Expressions

In most search engines, the search term is actually an expression that if used properly can enhance your search. In Google, for example, if you enter multiple words, Google will normally rank pages containing all of the words over pages with just a few of the words. If you use quotes around words in a search, Google will try to match the exact phrase with the quotes. Putting a minus sign (dash -) in front of a word Google will not return matches that have the subtracted word. These advanced search capabilities can be examined here: https://www.google.com/advanced_search, and for Bing they can be found here: <https://help.bing.microsoft.com/#apex/18/en/10002/-1>. Go ahead and try them out.

And in the End

I am hoping this serves as a gentle introduction to how search engines work. There is a lot more that goes on behind the scenes, but I think this covers most of the basics. For example, Search Engine Optimization (SEO) is a specialty area that helps websites improve their relevance, so they show up higher in the rankings. Most search companies make their income by selling advertising and use relevance calculations to determine the best people to show specific ads based on their search histories. Most search companies want to remember what you have searched for so they can present you with targeted ads. This is why when you search for something online you will often start to see ads about related products and services. You can reduce this by using a search engine like DuckDuckGo or by regularly clearing your cookies and search history for sites like Google and Bing. Until next time, search wisely.

Club News

College Park Unit 217 American Legion Auxiliary Is Big on Community Service

By Ivy Christoffers

In these troubling days, it is more important than ever that we pull together when a need arises. To this extent, College Park Unit #217 has continuously answered the call. Since July 1 of 2020, a member of the unit has been delivering food to needy families every Saturday. She rises at 6 am and leaves home by 6:30 am, drives to McDonalds, purchases a sausage biscuit and a senior decaf coffee, then drives to the food distribution point and is in line by 7 am. The food distribution begins at 9:30 am. The back seat of her car is filled with boxes of produce, fruit, dairy, and meats. She then begins her rounds to the several grateful families to deliver the foodstuff. This woman is 85 years old. As she says: "I cannot do much, but what I can do, by the grace of God, I will do."

On other community needs, the unit has stepped up to offer financial assistance to the Reynosa Family who resided on Montgomery Road

but suffered a fatal fire on New Year's Day. Also, hearing of a family known to the members of unit #217, whose family were all suffering from COVID-19, our hearts were all touched to offer our financial support to this family. Greenbelt Unit #136 also assisted in helping these families. We also donated to the comfort and wellbeing of the National Guard deployed to protect our Nations' Capitol. Greenbelt helped here as well. I am very proud of College Park Unit #217 and their continuing community service.

I must report that our post home is again closed, following Gov. Hogan's orders, just to be as safe as possible during the sudden rise in the pandemic. Let us pray that the ban will be lifted soon and we can once again meet and greet our friends.

Keep our country in your prayers as well as our troops who are serving around the world. May God bless you and the United States of America.

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COVID Vaccinations for Beltsville Residents

As you know, COVID-19 vaccines are just becoming available, with the first ones going to health-care workers and nursing home residents. As production ramps up, more and more people will get vaccines, but the timing remains

unclear. The Maryland Health Department sets priorities as long as supply is limited. And we have asked them to keep us and the public up to date on access. Prince George's County has now entered Phase 1b, meaning

vaccines are becoming available for adults ages 75 and up, assisted living (including staff and residents of homeless shelters), and educators (teachers and support staff, child care workers). To learn more, visit www.21stDistrictDelegation.com or call 301.883.6627.

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To apply online for a 2020-2021 Senate scholarship, students should visit www.21stDistrictDelegation.com/college-scholarships, and the deadline to apply is Friday, July 9. A separate Delegate scholarship application from Delegates



Jim at the COVID testing site in Annapolis before the opening of the 2021 legislative session. All Senators are tested before each Senate session. (Jim tested negative.)

Ben Barnes, Joseline Peña-Melnyk, and Mary Lehman is on that page as well. Information on other financial aid for Maryland college students can be found at www.mhec.state.md.us.

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Check the library's current status at www.pgcmis.info/branch/location/Beltsville. Inquire about curbside pickup. Address: 4319 Sellman Rd., Beltsville, next to the police station. Main phone number: 301.937.0294.

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Vaccination in Maryland began in December. On January 18, citizens over 75 became eligible for the vaccine, and on January 25 citizens over 65 became eligible. There is no single sign-up sheet for various locations. Here are the best we have located as of mid-January:

- State of Maryland Health Department, <https://maryland-vax.org/search> allows you to schedule your own appointments currently available at the Prince Georges Sports & Learning Center in Landover
- University of Maryland Medical System, <https://www.umms.org/coronavirus/covid-vaccine/get-vaccine>, allows you to fill out a request form.
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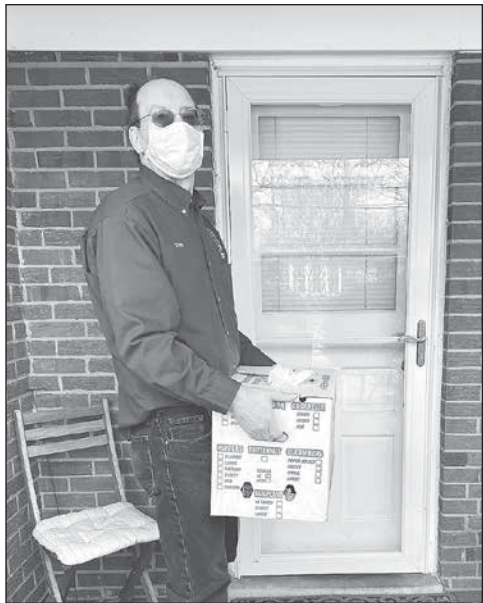
So, while you are waiting for your group to be eligible, please continue to wear your mask, wash your hands frequently, and keep social distancing.

Development on or Near the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC)

My last article highlighted the proposal of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing's desire to relocate from Washington, DC, to the BARC. Since then, two additional proposals have moved forward that would further impact BARC. They are outlined below.

Development Federal Drug Administration (FDA) Site at BARC

For those who have not followed this issue, the FDA is proposing to add an additional 458,000 square feet of office space and increase its employees at this site from 300 to 700 upon completion of initial work and ultimately up to 1,800 employees on site. This project is in the scoping stage, which precedes a full Environmental Impact Statement. I am interested in hearing your comments and concerns so I may include them in my formal response—send an email to CouncilDistrict1@co.pg.md.us. You may also submit your comments directly to the GSA project



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office (Marshall.Popkin@gsa.gov). Comments are due February 11, 2021.

MAGLEV Update

The MAGLEV project is moving forward and has just issued the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (<https://www.bwmaglev.info/index.php/project-documents/deis>). The MAGLEV includes two terminal stations (Washington, DC, and Baltimore, MD) and one intermediate station at the Baltimore-Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI Marshall Airport). The system requires additional facilities to operate including one train set maintenance facility (TMF), two maintenance of way (MOW) facilities, and other various smaller ancillary facilities to be located in Beltsville in BARC and in Laurel. The proposed routes for the MAGLEV are along the east and west sides of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. The section through Prince George's County District 1 would be above

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Updates on District 1 Development

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ON THE AGENDA

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ment for a second dose of the vaccine after February 9 will not have their appointment changed.

When the county has more vaccines available and/or moves to future phases of vaccine distribution, individuals who have pre-registered will be notified when they are eligible, and the Health Department will follow up with links to schedule appointments as they become available, based on vaccine supply. **Prince George's County COVID-19 Vaccine Pre-registration form:** <https://covid-19vaccination.princegeorgescountymd.gov/>.

I am aware of numerous complaints about fireworks and flash bombs over the past few months. In order for the Police or Fire Department to respond, you must give an address. The dispatch system is not set up to work without an address. Another problem is the county can only issue a \$25.00 fineClearly this is not a deterrent.

If you have a community concern or a topic that you would like to discuss at a future meeting, please contact me at 301.937.3490 or karenmcoakley@msn.com.

AMERICA

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creator, the journey to freedom must be inclusive. The song was sung during the early Civil Rights movement, at labor rallies, and sports games. Several noted people, and the Klan, objected to the song because of its Jewish origin and wrote other patriotic songs. But this inspiring song, written by an immigrant, calls us all to swear allegiance to a land that is free. This is a land of immigrants. The only original people are the Indigenous people, and we must do better by them. Unfortunately, we got lost on our journey to liberty and justice for all. We must raise our voice in solemn prayer to seek freedom from bondage, hatred, bigotry, poverty, injustice, exclusion, violence, gender identity intolerance, and political polarization. It causes an inequity in our nation that hinders our ability to recognize that all deserve the blessing that this American home can provide. Then one day we can truly be grateful for a land that is FAIR.

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