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Nov. 15 is National Philanthropy Day, a day when people around the country are invited to reflect and celebrate charitable acts — both financial gifts and acts of service for the benefit of others. I thought it only appropriate to acknowledge and celebrate the spirit of **Gerry Lenfest** on this day.

To many, Gerry was our region's greatest philanthropist of all time. He was also my friend, my mentor, and my hero. I feel honored and blessed to have had the opportunity to know and learn from someone who left such an incredible impact on our city, our region, and this nation.

Gerry's wealth was only superseded by his desire to help people, and the latter is why I believe our bond was so strong. Our relationship was proof that no matter how different we are, or where we come from, we all have the potential to tap into the best of us. When we exhibit love for humanity, our ability to connect with people and improve our society has no limits. That is the definition of philanthropy.

It was because of Gerry's curiosity, kindness, and philanthropy that I was able to launch a business and follow in Gerry's footsteps to further gratify my life through philanthropy and volunteer service. Gerry knew exactly what he was doing and what type of message he was sending to our region when he elevated me — someone with firsthand knowledge of the struggles of the working poor in our city — to position of board chair of the Lenfest Foundation. Aside from my role as a father, I will have no greater honor than serving as a flagbearer for Gerry's philanthropic interest.

Gerry's business and personal experiences taught him to always attempt to turn liabilities into assets, and I would remind him and our board that one of our biggest challenges in fulfilling our mission was to help transition our region's impoverished residents — who often can be viewed as liabilities — into assets. Gerry and I both saw this as an opportunity and not a threat. In fact, Gerry saw opportunity everywhere, even in people who didn't see opportunity in themselves.

Now that he is no longer with me as sounding board and mentor, I have shifted my focus on honoring and preserving his philanthropic legacy. Gerry may not physically be here to see me continue his important work, but I told him that one day I planned to be the greatest reflection of his philanthropic spirit and legacy. I am committed to making sure that Gerry's presence and impact is as large after his death as it was throughout his amazing life.

As we celebrate National Philanthropy Day, and formally enter the **Season of Giving**, I encourage the Philadelphia region's residents to take note of who Gerry was — not just the rare billionaire, but the preeminent values he represented in a life centered in love and care for others.

If you're thinking, "I already give, I serve on boards, I volunteer my time, what difference does a National Philanthropy Day make?" Gerry might just smile and say: "Even one more donation, volunteer hour, or act of kindness can make a world of difference in someone's life. What one more thing can we all do?" Gerry taught us that a life committed to others was a life well-lived. He inspired us all to think bigger, do better, and give more. I am a better person, and we are a better community because of Gerry Lenfest. — **Op-ed by Keith Leaphart, founder of Philanthropos...The Giving Company, in the *Philadelphia Inquirer***

**Atlantic Broadband** has launched gigabit Internet service in its southern Maryland service area, as well as faster business Internet tiers.

Both GigaEdge (for homes) and Pro GigaEdge (for businesses) are now available throughout the MSO's southern Maryland footprint, including California, Hollywood, Leonardtown, Lexington Park, Mechanicsville, St. Mary's City and surrounding areas. The Internet speed upgrades follow the rollout of multiple service enhancements in recent months by Atlantic Broadband in the region, including automatic speed upgrades for its residential Internet customers in May and the recently deployed TiVo Entertainment platform with voice remote.

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**Politico Trump's relationship with Fox News starts to show cracks**

**Associated Press Pa. Senate GOP wants Democrat Lindsey Williams to prove she meets residency rule**

"Atlantic Broadband continues to invest in powerful, state-of-the-art technology to serve the needs of our residential and business customers in the region," said Scott Randall, vice president and general manager of Atlantic Broadband's Delaware, Maryland and Virginia region. "With this wide deployment of gigabit Internet, our southern Maryland residential customers can watch HD movies and shows, stream music, game and post to social media, while business customers will enjoy top speeds and reliable performance that will help them stay ahead of the competition."

The new business Internet packages include:

- Pro Basic, 25 x 10 Mbps
- Pro Advantage, 100 x 20 Mbps
- Pro Power, 200 x 30 Mbps
- Pro Edge, 500 x 40 Mbps
- Pro GigaEdge, 1 Gbps x 50 Mbps

Promotional pricing for residential gigabit service starts at \$79.99 a month for new customers, and \$279.99 a month for new business customers with a three-year agreement with autopay. Atlantic Broadband serves the following southern Maryland communities: Abell, Avenue, Bushwood, California, Callaway, Chaptico, Clements, Coltons Point, Compton, Dameron, Drayden, Great Mills, Helen, Hollywood, Leonardtown, Lexington Park, Loveville, Mechanicsville, Morganza, Park Hall, Patuxent River, Piney Point, Ridge, Saint Inigoes, Scotland, St. Mary's City, Tall Timbers and Valley Lee.

In other Atlantic Broadband news, the company has launched TiVo's Unified Entertainment System with voice-controlled remote and a new VOD platform in its eastern Pennsylvania service areas including Berwick, Pocono, Schuylkill and surrounding communities. Atlantic Broadband first launched the service in July and currently has it deployed in parts of Virginia, Delaware, Maryland, South Carolina, Connecticut, New Hampshire and Maine. – ***Broadband Technology Report***

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According to the Leichtman Research Group, the largest cable and telephone providers in the United States - representing about 95% of the market - acquired about 580,000 net additional broadband **Internet** subscribers in the third quarter of 2018, compared to a pro forma gain of about 390,000 subscribers in 3Q 2017. The top broadband providers now account for 97.7 million subscribers, with top cable companies having 63.6 million broadband subscribers and top telcos having 34.1 million. Among the findings:

- Overall, broadband additions in 3Q 2018 were 149% of those in 3Q 2017.
- The top cable companies added about 730,000 subscribers in 3Q 2018, compared to about 540,000 net adds in 3Q 2017. Comcast added 363,000 broadband subscribers in 3Q 2018, the most net adds in a third quarter for Comcast since 2008.
- The top telcos lost about 150,000 subscribers in 3Q 2018, compared to a net loss of about 155,000 subscribers in 3Q 2017. Telcos have had net broadband losses in each of the past 10 quarters.
- In the first three quarters of 2018, cable companies added about 2,165,000 broadband subscribers, while telcos lost about 325,000 subscribers.

"The broadband industry added about 150% as many subscribers in 3Q 2018 as in last year's third quarter," said **Bruce Leichtman, president and principal analyst for LRG**. "This quarter marked the first year-to-year quarterly broadband subscriber increases in a third quarter since 3Q 2014." – ***Broadband Technology Report (Bruce Leichtman returns to the Cable Academy program in 2019)***

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Attorneys representing the Trump administration laid out an expansive view of a president's power to control media access, saying in a court hearing that the president has the right to exclude reporters from government property for the content or tenor of their reporting.

U.S. District Court Judge Timothy Kelly on Wednesday heard roughly two hours of arguments on an emergency motion to restore the press credential of Jim Acosta, a CNN reporter whose access to the White House was revoked last week. The motion came as part of a closely watched CNN lawsuit against the Trump administration that could decide key questions about media freedom and the government's ability to curtail access.

Attorneys for the government said Mr. Acosta had his press pass revoked because of his conduct, not his reporting. But they laid out a legal theory of presidential discretion that would give the president the ability to exclude reporters from the White House whom he deemed overly critical. Judge Kelly, who was appointed to the bench by President Trump, gave little indication how he would rule, but he suggested the 1977 case of Robert Sherrill would be key to his decision. In that case, a court found that the White House couldn't deny a press pass to a reporter without due process.

The lawsuit stems from an incident in a postelection press conference last week, when Mr. Acosta initially refused to surrender his microphone during a testy exchange with Mr. Trump. After the press conference, the Secret Service revoked Mr. Acosta's press credential, also called a hard pass, granting him access to the White House grounds and the press briefing room. "After Mr. Acosta asked the President two questions—each of which the President answered—he physically refused to surrender a White House microphone to an intern, so that other reporters might ask their questions," White House press secretary Sarah Sanders said about the suspension. "This was not the first time this reporter has inappropriately refused to yield to other reporters," she added.

The White House originally accused Mr. Acosta of placing his hands on an intern who was trying to take a microphone from him, but video of the altercation showed only incidental contact between the intern and Mr. Acosta before he gave up the microphone. CNN's lawsuit, filed in federal district court in Washington, alleges the White House violated Mr. Acosta's constitutional rights to gather news and his due-process right to challenge a government-imposed punishment. The lawsuit also charges that the Secret Service is in violation of administrative law in revoking his pass.

CNN is represented by several attorneys from the powerhouse law firm Gibson Dunn, including former solicitor general Ted Olson and Ted Bontemps, a veteran litigator with experience in media law. A number of other major media outlets, including CNN competitor Fox News, said they planned to file briefs in support of the network's position.

The Wall Street Journal issued a statement condemning the action, calling the decision troubling. "We believe that decision should be reversed and support efforts to restore Mr. Acosta's full access. The Journal remains committed to the exercise of free speech rights promised by the First Amendment and to reporters' ability to question elected officials," a spokesman for the newspaper said. In a brief filed on Wednesday, the government said there is no First Amendment right to access the White House and that the president had broad discretion to decide whom to allow in the building.

The government denied it was attempting to exclude Mr. Acosta or CNN on the content or tenor of their reporting, saying that "dozens of CNN reporters still retain White House hard passes...as do a number of other journalists who ask [the president] hard-hitting questions." Rather, the government said Mr. Acosta's behavior was the sole reason for the suspension. The suspension of Mr. Acosta's press credential comes after years of tension between Mr. Trump and the nation's oldest cable-news network, tension that CNN's attorneys argued was the basis for an unconstitutional attempt to silence reporting critical of the president. — **Wall Street Journal**

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At last the great charade is over and the bridesmaid cities can get back to ordinary life and dreams. The great and holy quest for HQ2 was supposed to be a transformative opportunity for some American city — a city that did not already dominate the American national economy, pop or political culture. Amazon might even bring its second headquarters to middle America — to Columbus or Pittsburgh or Chicago, or even Detroit in tandem with Windsor, Canada.

Some \$5 billion in investment and 50,000 in jobs would come to the heartland. Such a community would offer Amazon employees one of the linch-pins of a high quality of life: The ability to buy a decent home. But the quest for Amazon's second headquarters devolved into a shakedown, with heartland cities falling over each other to offer the sweetest incentive packages, in some cases in excess of the initial investment Amazon would make.

All of those cities were *used* as leverage on the cities where Amazon really wanted to go all along. Middle America got disrespected again. And it will never recover until it *is* respected again — until Des Moines, Indianapolis and Kansas City matter as much culturally and economically as Hollywood and Boston. Moreover, almost all officials in all of the 20 finalist cities took vows only slightly short of blood oaths of secrecy — to keep their taxpayers in the dark about the financial promises they'd made. And this, ultimately, would be taxpayer debt made on the taxpayers' behalf.

Worse, far worse, than the bidding war was that Amazon insisted on this promise of secrecy from the bidding cities and their city, county and state governments. Indeed, Amazon virtually required immunity from freedom of information law. Buried in the language of the agreement between Virginia and Amazon is a promise by Virginia to provide the company with advance notice about any Virginia Freedom of Information Act requests regarding the agreement. This would “allow the Company to seek a protective order or other appropriate remedy.”

Well, this is America, and Amazon has a right to go anywhere it wants to go. But it does *not* have the right to place itself above the law. In the end, the promise of sharing some wealth and power and prestige to a city *not* on either coast turned out to be a cruel hoax. Amazon chose to enrich the rich. What could be more of an insult to the rest of the country than the ultimate choice of suburban Washington, (where Amazon will, in its limitless arrogance, reconfigure and rename three different communities as “National Landing”) and the borough of Queens in New York? Maybe Queens will be renamed “Shakedown City.”

Meanwhile, city after city and state after state has debased itself, not only by promising the sun and the moon and the stars in financial incentives but by promising to cover up whatever dubious deal Amazon demanded. And Amazon’s own employees get the ultimate shaft, because, instead of an affordable and livable city, they can go to one of two places where rent is astronomical and getting from A to B is a daily strategic challenge.

Amazon’s contempt for the little people in Pittsburgh, Columbus and Detroit is not sour grapes, it is morally noxious. American cities, states and their political leaders have never learned the lesson that professional sports teams have been teaching them for decades: Bullies always take *all* the money in your pockets and knock you down in the snow drifts anyway. – **Pittsburgh Post-Gazette editorial**

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**Lancaster County Rep. Bryan Cutler** has been elected majority leader of the Republican caucus of the Pa. House of Representatives. Cutler will succeed the retiring floor leader Rep. David Reed, R-Indiana County, when the new legislative session begins in January. Cutler has served in the state House since 2006. – **Harrisburg Patriot-News**

