

# BUSINESS

## Business Exchange

by William Reed



### Is Social Security a Ponzi Scheme

*"Social Security is indeed a Ponzi scheme"*  
— Texas Governor Rick Perry, November 2010.

Social Security is one of Americans' most important safety-nets.

The current Social Security program is a mainstay for women. Women are 52 percent of all adult beneficiaries, including retirees, the disabled, and the survivors of deceased workers. Twenty-five million adult women receive Social Security checks every month.

Social Security may be the chief support for adult American women, but there are warnings that Social Security is in danger. Texas Governor Rick Perry says Social Security is "bankrupt" and compares the program to a Ponzi scheme that is a "safety net" young 20-somethings are "not ever going to see."

There is also reason for auntie to have some angst about the stability of Social Security. Social Security is actually a social insurance program that is officially called the federal "Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance" (OASDI). It is primarily funded through dedicated payroll taxes called Federal Insurance Contributions Act tax (FICA). For the moment, Social Security is solvent, and will be until 2037. Social Security currently has "\$2.6 trillion in reserves. During 2009, total benefits of \$686 billion were paid out versus income (taxes and interest) of \$807 billion that produced a \$121 billion annual surplus. In 2011, 156 million people paid into the program as 53 million received benefits - a ratio of 2.94 workers per beneficiary.

Social Security's main problem is that long-term revenues are smaller than promised benefits. Starting in 2015 program expenses are expected to exceed cash revenues. The aging of Baby-boomers has resulted in a lower ratio of paying workers to retirees, as have continuing low birth rates and increasing life expectancies. The government has borrowed and spent the accumulated surplus funds - the Social Security Trust Fund. The trust fund consists of the savings of worker contributions and associated interest, to be used towards future earned benefit payments. Funds are held in US Treasury bonds and securities. The funds borrowed from work-

er contributions are part of the total national debt of \$14.3 trillion as of March 2011. The U.S. Government has perpetuated a Ponzi scheme by looting the Social Security Trust Fund. By 2015, the government is expected to have borrowed nearly \$3.25 trillion from the Social Security Trust Fund.

To fix Social Security and other entitlement programs Congress and the Obama administration are going to have to go beyond the mundane and employ new and sounder practices and policies. Changes are certainly needed to keep Social Security working to reach the goals it was established to meet. Either benefits will need to be decreased or the government will need to kick in funding. Between 2015 and 2037, Social Security has the legal authority to draw amounts from other government tax sources besides the payroll tax. However, this will liquidate the trust fund, which by 2037 will be "officially exhausted".

The U.S. Social Security program is the largest government program in the world and the single greatest expenditure in the federal treasury. It currently keeps roughly 40 percent of Americans age 65 or older out of poverty. Like auntie, nearly two in every five African Americans expect Social Security to be a major source of income during their retirement. African Americans who were low-wage workers receive back more benefits in relation to past earnings than do high-wage earners. In 2009, among African Americans receiving Social Security, 29 percent of elderly married couples and 56 percent of unmarried elderly persons relied on Social Security for 90 percent or more of their income. In 2010, Social Security's total income was \$781.1 billion and expenditures were \$712.5 billion.

America's government is broke and Social Security is evolving into more of a "feather bed" than safety net. For Social Security to be relied upon and more relevant we will have to require much more in legislation and practices from government officials. Stop staying stuck on stupid, remember: When government increases its debt limit, it's still a debt Americans have to pay.

*(William Reed is available for speaking/seminar projects via BaileyGroup.org)*

## Secretary Napolitano Announce Initiatives to Promote Startups and Spur Job Creation

WASHINGTON—Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Director Alejandro Mayorkas outlined a series of policy, operational, and outreach efforts to fuel the nation's economy and stimulate investment by attracting foreign entrepreneurial talent of exceptional ability or who otherwise can create jobs, form startup companies, and invest capital in areas of high unemployment.

"The United States must continue to attract the best and brightest from around the world to invest their talents, skills, and ideas to grow our economy and create American jobs," said Secretary Napolitano. "Today's announcements will help our nation fully realize the potential of existing immigration laws."

"Current immigration laws support foreign talent who will invest their capital, create new jobs for American workers, and dedicate their exceptional talent to the growth of our nation's economy," said Director Mayorkas. "USCIS is dedicated to ensuring that the potential of our immigration laws is fully realized, and the initiatives we announce today are an important step forward."

These actions mark the six-month anniversary of Startup America, a White House-led initiative to reduce barriers and accelerate growth for America's job-creating entrepreneurs. They have also been one key focus of the President's Council on Jobs and Competitiveness, which has recommended taking action to help ensure that America can out-innovate and

out-compete the world in a global economy.

USCIS has published a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document on its website clarifying that entrepreneurs may obtain an employment-based second preference (EB-2) immigrant visa if they satisfy the existing requirements, and also may qualify for a National Interest Waiver under the EB-2 immigrant visa category if they can demonstrate that their business endeavors will be in the interest of the United States. USCIS will complement these FAQs with internal training on the unique characteristics of entrepreneurial enterprises and startup companies and incorporate input from the upcoming stakeholder engagements detailed below.

The EB-2 visa classification includes foreign workers with advanced degrees and individuals of exceptional ability in the arts, sciences, or business. Generally, an EB-2 visa petition requires a job offer and a Department of Labor certification. These requirements can be waived under existing law if the petitioner demonstrates that approval of the EB-2 visa petition would be in the national interest of the United States.

In response to stakeholder feedback, USCIS has also updated existing FAQs to clarify that an H-1B beneficiary who is the sole owner of the petitioning company may establish a valid employer-employee relationship for the purposes of qualifying for an H-1B nonimmigrant visa - which is used by U.S. businesses to employ foreign workers in specialty occupations that

require theoretical or technical expertise in specialized fields, such as science, engineering, and computer programming.

The EB-5 immigrant investor program is also being further enhanced by transforming the intake and review process. In May, USCIS proposed fundamental enhancements to streamline the EB-5 process which include: extending the availability of premium processing for certain EB-5 applications and petitions, implementing direct lines of communication between the applicants and USCIS, and providing applicants with the opportunity for an interview before a USCIS panel of experts to resolve outstanding issues in an application. After reviewing stakeholder feedback on the proposal, USCIS is developing a phased plan to roll out these enhancements and is poised to begin implementing the first of these enhancements within 30 days.

Created by Congress in 1990, the program stimulates the U.S. economy through capital investment and resulting job creation

by immigrant investors. As of June 30, 2011, it is estimated that the program has resulted in more than \$1.5 billion in capital investments and created at least 34,000 jobs.

USCIS has also announced the expansion of its Premium Processing Service to immigrant petitions for multinational executives and managers (often referred to as "E13"). The Premium Processing Service allows employers to expedite processing of their petitions, absent evidentiary deficiencies, fraud or national security concerns.

Finally, USCIS is launching a new series of engagement opportunities for entrepreneurs and startup companies. These opportunities will focus on soliciting input from stakeholders on how USCIS can address the unique circumstances of entrepreneurs, new businesses and startup companies through its policies and regulations in the employment-based arena. For detailed information on USCIS's public meetings, please visit [www.uscis.gov/outreach](http://www.uscis.gov/outreach).



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Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano

### Broadband from A1

Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP).

\$72 million will be used to lay broadband fiber in the ten Central Maryland jurisdictions that make up the ICBN: Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Prince George's and Montgomery counties and the cities of Baltimore and Annapolis. The entire project is expected to connect over 1,000 community sites statewide and create 2,000 jobs over the next three years.

The Inter-County Broadband Network (ICBN) represents a phenomenal opportunity for Prince George's County, demonstrating the benefit of partnering with other jurisdictions to expand our capabilities as a region," said Baker. "This day represents a victory for all of us - our schools, public safety facilities, business community, and our region as a whole. I want to thank Senator Mikulski, Governor O'Malley, and Howard County Executive Ulman for their leadership on this project. The ICBN will improve our quality of life, and create jobs in Prince George's County and the State of Maryland."

"Broadband is the information superhighway we need to

bring the jobs of tomorrow to Maryland," said Senator Mikulski, a long-time champion of broadband access and the Chairwoman of the Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriations Subcommittee on Capitol Hill, which funds the Department of Commerce. "Broadband is absolutely critical to Maryland's job and economic growth. First, it will bridge the 'digital divide' that has for far too long redlined and sidelined communities without access to the information superhighway. Second, it will connect people to the jobs of today, and create the jobs of tomorrow by fostering business growth and sparking innovation."

The funding parameters established by the federal government for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) mandated a focus on "middle-mile" fiber that connects "anchor institutions." The grant selection process rewarded applications that focused on connecting schools and public safety facilities. Prince George's County and the other members of the One Maryland Broadband Network conceptualized and designed their network with that model in mind. The process of site selection was based on a collective desire to maximize the amount of fiber that could be constructed

and the number of sites that could be connected.

"Broadband is the backbone of a 21st century cyber infrastructure - and therefore of innovation, job creation, education, and entrepreneurship," said Governor Martin O'Malley. "Working with our federal and local partners, we are strengthening the connections between citizens and their government, bridging the gaps between opportunity and progress."

"The broadband fiber that will link Prince George's and Howard counties, among others, will create more than just economic development opportunities," said Howard County Executive Ken Ulman. "The project represents unprecedented cooperation among local, state and federal governments, and I applaud Executive Baker for his vision in helping move this initiative forward."

"We are looking forward to the opportunities this technology will present for both students and educators," said Dr. William R. Hite, Jr., Superintendent of Schools. "It will not only provide access to advanced learning technologies via the Internet, it will expand our options for internal data sharing and interactive video in the classroom."

"We are thrilled that Prince George's County public school students will have the opportuni-

ty to benefit from one of the largest federal broadband grants in our nation," said Verjeana M. Jacobs, Esq., Board of Education Chair. "This new high-quality network will enhance connectivity for our schools and provide accessibility to greater resources for learning and achievement."

The sites chosen in Prince George's County are schools, public safety facilities and anchor institutions, such as libraries and government buildings. Based on a labor intensive and unique engineering design process, Prince George's County will build shorter fiber runs in close proximity to as many key buildings as possible, maximizing construction. The majority of the County's sites are clustered in communities where development is most dense.

#### Project Chronology

- March, 2009: Initial collaborative inter-jurisdictional meeting.
- August 20, 2009: Deadline for grant application.
- September 17, 2010: Notification to State of Maryland of grant award - the 3rd largest in the country.
- August 1, 2011: Ceremonial groundbreaking to begin project.
- August 31, 2012: 67% project completion anticipated.
- August 31, 2013: Anticipated final completion date.

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# OUT ON THE TOWN

ERIC D. SNIDER'S  
IN THE DARK

## Movie Review

### "Cowboys & Aliens"

"COWBOYS & ALIENS"  
C+

Rated PG-13 for a lot of violence -- some of it graphic enough to push the PG-13 boundary -- and moderate profanity and some innuendo.  
1 hr., 58 min.

"Cowboys & Aliens" is a great title. It suggests a scenario wherein Wild West frontiersmen encounter extra-terrestrials, which is a great premise. For all I know, the 2006 graphic novel is indeed the great. But the movie -- which is attributed to no fewer than five writers, plus a sixth who gets "story by" credit -- definitely isn't, though it avoids botching it entirely. The cowboys and aliens are here, sure enough. They just didn't bring enough fun with them.

From what I can tell, apart from the basic idea, the plot bears almost no resemblance to the graphic novel (which was published long after the original concept had been pitched as a movie anyway). Here we have a mysterious man named Jake Lonergan (Daniel Craig) who wakes up in the sagebrush outside a small town in the Old West and has no memory of who he is or how he got what looks like a gunshot wound in his side. He also cannot recollect the origin of the odd bracelet now affixed to his wrist. He knows how to draw, shoot, and fight, though, and it becomes clear soon enough that he is an outlaw, albeit the charming and lovable kind.

In town, Jake stands up to Percy Dolarhyde (Paul Dano), the bratty son of a wealthy cattleman who, owing to his father's influence, can usually do pretty much whatever he wants, and isn't used to being stood up to. That puts Jake at odds with Percy's father, Woodrow Dolarhyde (Harrison Ford), but those matters are set aside when, out of nowhere, several small aircraft swoop through town and snatch up a bunch of townsfolk. Among the taken are Percy, the sheriff (Keith Carradine), the lovely wife (Ana de la Reguera) of the saloon owner (Sam Rockwell). It befalls Jake and Dolarhyde to gather up a posse and go a-searchin' for them.

As luck would have it, that bracelet on Jake's arm is a laser gun that he can sometimes use as a weapon. Other than that, all they've got to help them defeat the aliens are the six-shooters and lassos common to the Western genre. They aren't short on stock characters, though: an Indian (Adam Beach) who serves as Dolarhyde's faithful employee; a young boy (Noah Ringer) whose grandpa was taken and who is just learning the ways of the West; a preacher man (Clancy Brown); and a beautiful stranger, Ella (Olivia Wilde), who says some of her people were taken, too.

Cheerfully but rather aimlessly directed by Jon Favreau ("Iron Man"), the film does well when it's employing the



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**1875. New Mexico Territory. A stranger (Craig) with no memory of his past stumbles into the hard desert town of Absolution. What he discovers is that the people of Absolution don't welcome strangers, and nobody makes a move on its streets unless ordered to do so by the iron-fisted Colonel Dolarhyde (Ford). It's a town that lives in fear. - Western, Action & Adventure, Science Fiction & Fantasy**

Western genre devices and giving the charismatic Daniel Craig and grumpy-puss Harrison Ford something to argue about, shoot at, or run from. Ford, who has seemed a little ... let's say "detached" ... the last few films, actually appears to be having a good time here, which raises everyone's spirits. And hey, Sam Rockwell is always fun to have around. Walton Goggins, the terrifically hotheaded actor from "The Shield" and "Justified," livens things up as a member of Jake's former gang. The Southwestern scenery is gorgeous. The special effects are outstanding.

But man, does it ever drag

on for too long, and with too little payoff. The humor tends to be almost (but not quite) funny, the action almost (but not quite) thrilling, the story almost (but not quite) original. There are sequences where all of those elements rise to the level of quality befitting the talent involved, and you start thinking, "OK, this is fun. I'm enjoying this!" And then it wears off, and there's yet another scene meant to show us that gruff old Woodrow Dolarhyde is really a softie. (The film is intent on showing us that.) This is the kind of blandly entertaining summer flick that you'll happily watch a half-hour of when you catch it on cable in a few years.

## Lottery Achieves 14th Straight Year of Record Sales

Lottery Revenue Exceeds  
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\$519 Million for State's General Fund

Slots Program Generates Nearly \$50 Million for Education Trust Fund

Baltimore — The Maryland Lottery added another year to the record books. The agency generated \$1.714 billion in sales

in fiscal year 2011, breaking its sales record for the 14th year in a row. The Maryland Lottery also contributed \$519.37 million to the state's General Fund, an increase of \$8.86 million from last fiscal year. This revenue is used to support important initiatives, such as education, public safety, health and environmental programs. This revenue total makes the Maryland Lottery the fourth largest contributor to the state's coffers after sales, income and corporate taxes. Fiscal year-

end highlights include:

- Sales of \$1.714 billion, an increase of \$7.83 million from last fiscal year
- Revenue of \$519.37 million, \$8.86 million more than last fiscal year and the second-highest return in the Maryland Lottery's history
- Commissions earned by Lottery retailers totaled \$113.7 million
- Prizes paid to players reached more than \$1.03 billion
- While Lottery sales hit the highest level ever, operational expenses remained low at 3.1% of overall sales

"It's gratifying to have added yet another year to the record books, especially in light of the challenging economy," Lottery Director Stephen Martino said. "However, we are particularly pleased the Lottery has generated more than \$519 million to support the good causes of the State of Maryland. Every dollar in revenue from the Maryland Lottery is a dollar less that needs to come from taxes."

Mega Millions and Powerball, the Maryland Lottery's multi-state jackpot games, registered a combined \$159.3 million in sales. Combined sales for all Lottery jackpot games -- Mega Millions, Powerball, Bonus Match 5 and Multi-Match -- totaled \$208.7 million. The Maryland Lottery's monitor games, which include Keno, Keno Bonus, Keno Super Bonus, Racetrax and Racetrax Bonus, made a strong showing with combined sales of \$496.7 million, an increase of nearly \$4.7 million from last fiscal year.

In other game figures, Pick 3 totaled \$260.8 million in sales

with \$130.8 million in prizes to players. Pick 4 sales came in at \$254.6 million with \$126.9 million in prizes to players. The Lottery's instant games, or scratch-offs, garnered nearly \$493.5 million in sales.

Since its inception in 1973, the Maryland Lottery has contributed more than \$12.2 billion in revenue to the State of Maryland.

In addition to traditional Lottery sales, the state's casinos generated millions of dollars to support K-12 public education in fiscal year 2011. The Maryland Lottery regulates the casinos and accounts for all revenue generated by the slot machines, which are owned and/or leased by the state. The cumulative fiscal year gross gaming revenue for Maryland's two operating casinos, Hollywood Casino Perryville and the Casino at Ocean Downs, totaled \$103.054 million with 48.5% -- \$49.981 million -- going to benefit the state's Education Trust Fund.

Martino added, "As regulator of the state's casinos, the Lottery is pleased that the program is generating money for the public schools of Maryland and creating new jobs and career opportunities while adhering to the highest standards of integrity and fair play."

To keep Marylanders informed and maintain integrity and transparency in its regulation of the state's casinos, the Maryland Lottery posts monthly financial reports on slots revenue on its website, slots.mdlottery.com. For more information on all Lottery products, promotions and news, go to mdlottery.com.

## The Edge of Sports

by DAVE ZIRIN

### The Autumn of David Stern

NBA Commissioner David Stern emits an aura that inspires an energy-sapping, dull fear in those around him. Players, media, and even the owners that pay his rumored eight figure salary all acquiesce meekly in his presence. The brave get gelatinous. The brownnosers polish their kneepads. The toadies ribbit.

It's certainly understandable why. Players fear that their employment opportunities will wither upon retirement. Media members fear that their access to the league will simply end. Fans fear that Stern could pull a Seattle Sonics and simply jack their team. Even owners don't speak out against him. After thirty years, he's become more like a tin-pot dictator or a small town southern sheriff than a commissioner. Stern has become the emperor no one dares say is buck-naked and now the basketball world is paying the price. We are going to lose much or all of the 2010-2011 season due to a David Stern engineered owner's lockout. The NBA right now has more story lines than General Hospital. Could this be the year LeBron and the Miami heat figure it out? Will Kobe tie Jordan with six rings? Can the Miracle Mavs repeat? What could Derrick Rose do for an MVP encore? But these questions won't be answered. We don't get answers to these questions because too many teams are losing money, and Stern has determined that only a lockout and taking it out of the union's hide is a path to solvency.

There are of course exceptions to this conspiracy of silence. Mark Cuban, owner of the Dallas Mavericks once made a sport of tweaking Stern, but after several million dollars in fines, he got the hint. Last year, Orlando coach Stan Van Gundy said that there is no free speech in the NBA and Stern responded, "We won't be hearing from him for the rest of the season." He then said of Van Gundy, "I see somebody whose team isn't performing...who seems to be fraying." Rasheed Wallace was an exception, saying, "I ain't no dumb-ass n----- out here. I'm not like a whole bunch of these young boys out here who get caught up and captivated into the league.... I know what this business is all about.... I know the commissioner of this league makes more than three-quarters of the players in this league."

Stern responded publicly, "Mr. Wallace's hateful diatribe was ignorant and offensive to all NBA players. I refuse to enhance his heightened sense of deprivation by publicly debating with him." You might notice that Rasheed Wallace isn't providing commentary on NBA TV.


Mess with Stern, and become an object lesson. As Stern said to a group of NBA All-Stars, "I know where the bodies are buried because I've buried some of them myself." Stern has built an atmosphere of fear and intimidation over three decades with the subtlety of Rupert Murdoch. Even the owners, the ones who pay his salary, don't dare ask how much Stern, ostensibly their employee, gets paid.

Adrian Wojnarowski of Yahoo Sports quotes a source who says that "two maybe three" owners even know the answer to this question. As Wojnarowski writes, "Mostly, it speaks to the authoritarian culture created within the league office, and how Stern carries it out through the NBA. Some younger owners have been warned to never push the issue with him, never ask, because it's simply unadvisable to get on the wrong side of the commissioner."

Meanwhile the solution to the NBA's financial crisis is obvious. It's doesn't lie in dramatic slashing of salaries, or more public subsidies. It's revenue sharing. The NBA shares less revenue than any other major league. In the NFL, the Green Bay Packers make the same television money as the New York Giants. In the NBA, it takes the Portland Trail Blazers more than 10 years to make the same broadcast revenue that the Lakers make in one year. Forbes magazine determined that the league as a whole made money and if revenue was shared, the league would be fine. Stern's response to Forbes's findings was a sneer and a growl.

It's obvious to me that what stands in the way of a logical financial agreement is that Stern himself. His intransigence is the logical extension of a decade of dress-code dictates, bullying officials, and even changing the material on the basketball despite the fact that it was cutting the hands of players. He has created a logic that no one dares stand up and say, "This guy has to go." He has become like Gabriel Garcia Marquez's dictator in the novel Autumn of the Patriarch. As Marquez wrote, "The regime wasn't being sustained by hope, or conformity, or even by terror, but by the pure inertia of an ancient and irreparable disillusion, go out into the street and look truth in the face, your Excellency, we're on the final curve." We are on the "final curve" of a Commissioner's reign that saw the league go global, win millions of new fans, and create a remarkable constellation of superstars. But it's a reign that now ends with us, the fans, being robbed of the game we love. Yet this "inertia of disillusion" has fans, players, media members and owners on the sideline, too cowed to speak truth as obvious as it is unspoken: we don't need David Stern to have the NBA. His removal as commissioner would provide a path to labor peace and get the league back in business. But if no one stands up, Stern gets to fulfill every dictator's wish: to destroy the very world of his own creation.

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**MARYLAND LOTTERY WINNING NUMBERS**  
WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, JULY 30, 2011

Midday		Evening		Daily		
Date	Pick 3	Pick 4	Pick 3	Pick 4	Bonus Match 5	Bonus
07/24/11	895	7447	391	7161	01 07 32 33 39	09
07/25/11	980	3695	304	7696	01 13 25 33 35	17
07/26/11	188	9679	361	5227	03 13 15 32 36	33
07/27/11	399	8609	797	7316	09 11 23 30 31	01
07/28/11	997	5225	405	7566	01 16 19 25 32	17
07/29/11	732	3774	807	3786	13 14 16 30 35	27
07/30/11	246	5742	247	4627	08 13 20 23 38	11

Date	Mega Millions	MEGA BALL	Megaplier
07/26/11	20 25 35 52 55	10	3
07/29/11	08 10 22 47 48	35	4

Date	Powerball	POWER BALL	Multiplier
07/27/11	38 40 41 51 59	33	2
07/30/11	20 40 41 47 55	19	2

Date	MULTI-MATCH
07/25/11	01 06 08 16 27 34
07/28/11	11 14 15 27 36 43

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# Calendar of Events

## August 11 - August 17, 2011

### LOCAL FARMERS MARKETS

#### Beltsville/USDA Farmers Market

Date & Time: Thursdays through October 27, 10 am-2 pm  
Description: Support local farmers! Call to find out about its selection of fruits, vegetables, organic food, local specialties and crafts. FMNP Checks (WIC & Senior) & FVC accepted. Read more about local farmers markets.

Location: 5601 Sunnyside Avenue, Parking Lot B, Beltsville  
Contact: 301-504-1776 (Carletha McGriff)

#### Bowie Farmers Market

Date & Time: Sundays through October 30, 8 am-12 noon  
Description: Support local farmers! Call to find out about its selection of fruits, vegetables, organic food, local specialties and crafts. FMNP Checks (WIC & Senior) & FVC accepted. Read more about local farmer's markets.

Location: 15200 Annapolis Road, Bowie 20715  
Contact: 301-809-3078 (Matt Corley)

#### Branch Avenue In Bloom - Farmers' Market

Occurs every week(s) on Friday effective 7/8/2011 until 11/19/2011 from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

Location: Iverson Mall Parking Lot, Branch Avenue, Hillcrest Heights

Date: Every Friday Time: 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Location: Mall Parking Lot, at the intersection of Branch Avenue (Maryland Route 5) and Iverson Street (Maryland Route 458), in Hillcrest Heights, Maryland

Jennifer Funn, Program Coordinator 301-403-2080  
jfunn@mdsdc.umd.edu www.branchavenueinbloom.org

#### Cheverly Community Market

Date & Time: Saturdays through October 29, 9 am-1 pm  
Description: Support local farmers! Call to find out about its selection of fruits, vegetables, organic food, local specialties and crafts. FMNP Checks (WIC & Senior) & FVC accepted. Read more about local farmer's markets.

Location: 15200 Annapolis Road, Bowie 20715  
Contact: 301-809-3078 (Matt Corley)

www.cheverlycommunitymarket.com

#### College Park Farmers Market at Linson Pool

Date & Time: Saturdays through November 19, 7 am-12 noon  
Description: Support local farmers! Call to find out about its selection of fruits, vegetables, organic food, local specialties and crafts. FMNP Checks (WIC & Senior) & FVC accepted. Read more about local farmer's markets.

Location: M-NCPPC, Wells-Linson Complex (parking lot)  
5211 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park 20740

Contact: 301-399-5485 (Phil Miller)

#### Greenbelt/Silver Diner Farmers Market

Date & Time: Saturdays through August 27, 10 am-2 pm  
Description: Support local farmers! Call to find out about its selection of fruits, vegetables, organic food, local specialties and crafts. Read more about local farmer's markets.

Location: 6040 Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt 20770  
Contact: 240-304-8535 (Shelby Watson)

# EARTH TALK - "The Green Cafe Network."

Dear EarthTalk:

*I heard about something called the Green Café Network. What is it and what are they trying to accomplish for the environment?*

-- Jane Stevenson,  
Los Angeles, CA

The Green Café Network (GCN), a project of the non-profit Earth Island Institute, seeks to reduce Americans' environmental impacts by greening the coffeehouse industry and harnessing cafe culture for community environmental awareness. By educating and working with cafe owners and staff, GCN helps network members reduce waste, save energy, conserve water and increase community stewardship. GCN's 30-plus cafes scattered across Northern California (as well as one in New York City and another in Keshena, Wisconsin) are committed to reducing their carbon footprints, promoting environmental responsibility and generally operating in as sustainable a manner as possible.

The approach of the GCN is to build on the influence of key institutions—neighborhood cafes and Americans' infatuation with coffee—to try to raise environmental awareness and spur individual action. The idea is that when people see their local café as a positive example of green business practices and community building, there is a

ripple effect, and the community is strengthened accordingly.

For cafes interested in getting involved, GCN provides personalized consulting services to help owners reduce their ecological footprints, enhance and streamline their operations, and set a visible good example of environmental responsibility for the community at large. Services can address specific areas in need of attention, such as energy and water conservation, waste reduction, toxics minimization and eco-friendly purchasing, and also overall efforts to green the business from top to bottom. GCN can also consult on green building issues in the design, construction and remodel phases of a café's lifecycle. With a project tagline of "Love Our Planet a Latte," how could one not love what GCN is doing?

Cafes and coffee shops can take steps to align environmental considerations with business operations even without membership in GCN. The Barista Exchange website, for one, offers a treasure trove of information and tips on greening up cafes and coffee shops through energy and waste reduction, eco-friendly procurement and the sourcing of organic fair trade coffee. U.S. coffee shops serve up about 25 million cups every day, so coffee shops can make a huge difference by being green.

For its part, the nation's leading coffee retailer,



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**The Green Café Network (GCN), a project of Earth Island Institute, seeks to green the coffeehouse industry and harness cafe culture for community environmental awareness. Pictured: San Francisco's Border Lands Cafe, a GCN member.**

Starbucks, has been a pioneer in greening the coffee industry, and the company considers environmental stewardship a priority. With dedicated programs for increasing recycling, conserving energy and water, sourcing greener beans, using sustainable building techniques and materials in new stores, and offsetting carbon emissions, Starbucks has worked hard to set a green example.

Of course, cafe owners and staff aren't the only ones responsible for greening your coffee habit. You can play a role too. One obvious place to start is to bring in your own reusable mug to fill up on your favorite blend to cut down on paper cup waste. And requesting fair trade coffee will help ensure living wages for coffee workers out in

the fields and send a message to café owners that you value doing the right thing.

CONTACTS: Green Café Network,

www.earthisland.org/index.php/projects/gm; Barista Exchange, www.baristaexchange.com; Starbucks Environmental Stewardship,

www.starbucks.com/responsibility/environment.

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### Vote from A1

#### Senator Ben Cardin

*Cardin Says Vote to Raise the Debt Ceiling was a Vote to Avoid Unprecedented Default*

Senator Ben Cardin (D-MD), a member of the Budget and Finance Committees, today voted to keep the United States of America from defaulting on its debts for the first time in our nation's history. He made the following remarks after the Senate passed a bipartisan measure 74-26.

"This budget crisis has already harmed our nation and could have been avoided. Unfortunately, a few Republican lawmakers have held our economy hostage, playing a dangerous game with the full faith and credit of the United States. The American people made it clear that they want us to work together to find a bipartisan solution to avoid default. They have urged us — through Facebook, twitter, phone calls, e-mails and letters -- to provide certainty to the markets, our creditors, as well as our soldiers fighting overseas, seniors depending on Social Security, small businesses relying on affordable credit, and working families struggling to keep up payments on credit cards.

"The resulting agreement is far from perfect, but it is a positive step forward by raising the debt ceiling through 2013, providing important stability to the American people and the financial markets. Short-term proposals would have continued to harm our economy and likely would have brought about a rerun of the latest partisan episode. The agreement provides for nearly \$1 trillion in deficit reduction during the next 10 years. But importantly, it protects domestic priorities by allowing more than \$40 billion in discretionary domestic spending next year than the Republican budget that passed the House. The agreement also calls for at least an additional \$1.2 trillion in deficit reduction to be agreed to later this year. The failure to enact these additional reductions would trigger across-the-board cuts. The package balances these cuts equally between defense and domestic programs, and — a very important point — it protects Social Security and Medicare beneficiaries.

"However, I remain concerned that this 'compromise' may not

provide appropriate balance to solving our long-term deficit and debt problem. I'm also troubled by the lack of additional revenue measures, including closing tax loopholes for millionaires and subsidies for oil companies already making record profits.

"We have a responsibility to act. Default on our debt for the first time in our nation's history is not an option. Our leaders have negotiated a bipartisan compromise. Now that it has passed the Congress, we must turn our attention to creating jobs and strengthening our economy."

#### Congressman Steny Hoyer

*Hoyer Democratic Whip Steny H. Hoyer (MD) released the following statement after the Senate passed legislation to reduce the deficit and ensure America can pay its bills:*

"Today, the Senate passed legislation ensuring that our nation will pay the bills it has incurred and avoid a default on its debt, which would have been an economic catastrophe. It also cuts spending by \$1.2 trillion and establishes a bipartisan committee tasked with agreeing by year's end on an additional \$1.5 trillion in deficit reduction. Democrats worked hard to make sure that this agreement preserves Medicare and Social Security, protects Medicaid and other programs for the most vulnerable, and phases in cuts over the next decade to minimize harm to our economic recovery.

"It is absolutely essential that the members of the bipartisan committee put every aspect of our budget on the table and work together to arrive at a balanced solution, which shares the burden of deficit reduction fairly among all Americans, including the best-off. That is what the American people expect.

"Now that the debate on paying our bills is over, it is time for Republicans to stop ignoring jobs and the economy. Democrats have remained focused on efforts to create jobs for the millions of Americans out of work through our Make It In America plan, a legislative plan aimed at strengthening American manufacturing, creating jobs, and boosting working families. I hope when Congress returns to session in September, Republicans will work with us to move the Make It In America plan forward."

#### Congressman Chris Van Hollen

*Congressman Chris Van Hollen Statement on S. 365*

Maryland Congressman Chris Van Hollen, Ranking Member on the House Budget Committee, spoke on the House Floor on S. 365, The Budget Control Act of 2011. Below are his remarks.

REP. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We should never have gotten to the point where our troops in Afghanistan had to ask whether they were going to be paid. That's a scandal. And it's scandalous that our Republican colleagues would threaten for the first time in American history to torpedo America's credit worthiness and American jobs unless they succeeded in enacting a budget plan to end the Medicare guarantee, slash Medicaid and slash critical investments in education in our future. That was the plan.

They wanted to do that now and they wanted to have this whole debate again six months from now. Why? Not to reduce the deficit. If the goal is to reduce the deficit, why refuse to end taxpayer subsidies for the oil companies? If reducing the deficit was the purpose, why refuse to end special breaks for corporate jets and the folks at the very high end of the income scale? The plan was not to reduce the deficit. The plan was to use this moment to threaten the economy, to try and slash the social safety net and those critical investments in education and innovation and in our future. And guess what? They failed to do that. They failed to end the Medicare guarantee. They failed to slash Medicaid. They failed to slash education. In this measure we succeeded in protecting Medicare and Social Security beneficiaries. We succeeded in protecting seniors in nursing homes, individuals with disabilities and poor kids who depend on Medicaid for their health care. And we succeeded in providing room for critical investments in education and America's future.

Don't get me wrong, Mr. Speaker, there's much in this plan I don't like. We did not succeed in shutting down special interest tax loopholes that add hundreds of billions of dollars to our deficits. Our Republican colleagues refused to cut those subsidies for big oil companies, they refused to end breaks for corporate jets. Now we're going to have a great debate about how to grow the

economy and reduce our long-term deficit. It will be a debate about our national priorities.

I hope we will support the balanced approach that the President has called for. One that refuses to put greater burdens on Medicare beneficiaries in order to provide greater tax breaks to the wealthiest Americans. And in the coming months our Republican colleagues will be given the following test: will they choose to protect special interest tax breaks over investments necessary to keep our nation strong and secure? And will they finally demonstrate a willingness to pay for our national defense rather than put it on the credit card?

Mr. Speaker, let's get on with that big national debate and let's finally focus on jobs and getting the economy going as we reduce our long-term deficit. Thank you.

#### Congresswoman Donna F. Edwards

*Congresswoman Edwards' Statement on Passage of the Budget Control Act*

Washington, D.C. — Congresswoman Donna F. Edwards (D-MD) released the following statement today on S. 365, the Budget Control Act of 2011, which passed the House 269-161.

"After much consideration, I stood with over half of the Democratic Caucus in opposing this unfair, unbalanced attack on the poor and working families," said Congresswoman Edwards. "Our most vulnerable have been asked to sacrifice time again, while corporations and the wealthy are required to give little or nothing. Unfortunately, I felt this legislation continues that unacceptable trend. I remain resolved to protect Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and programs that benefit millions of Americans.

"I look forward to the work of the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction in hopes that a truly fair and balanced approach can be taken to address our short- and long-term budgetary challenges that includes revenue increases, an end to our costly wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and an end to tax breaks for the wealthy and corporations that ship jobs overseas.

"The real agenda should be one that creates jobs, rebuilds our roads, bridges, water and sewer systems, and grows our economy for future generations."

## PENNYTON ESTATES CIVIC ASSOCIATION CELEBRATES 45TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION

Elizabeth Clarke-Rich, Upper Marlboro, MD

On July 16, 2011 the PENNYTON ESTATES CIVIC ASSOCIATION, located in Clinton, Maryland, sponsored a reunion for its current members, former residents, and friends. The event was held on the lawn at the end of Pella Place, the main street leading to the development.

Among other activities the reunion featured a catered luncheon and informal program. The program covered several themes. Included among them were historical references, special recognitions and future planning. The program began with preliminary remarks by the president, Dr. Carl Bennett, and then octogenarians were recognized.

Mrs. Audrey Penny, a member of one of the first families of the community gave a brief but moving account of its experiences during the early years. Subsequently, the name of the development PENNYTON was taken from the family surname, PENNY.

Special acknowledgements were extended to individuals, families and the youth for noteworthy news or achievements: Christine Green, a local resident, received an honorary certificate for being a nonagenarian.

Delores Greenfield, a local artist, was applauded for the outstanding contributions made in her field of endeavor. Eddie and Marie Jones of Wake Forest, NC celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 2, 2011.

Other people that were recognized for laudable contributions to the association and community included: Nimrod and Mary Harris, Russell and Cestelle Smith, Eddie and Ruth Wilson and Carl and Barbara Bennett.

Elizabeth Clarke-Rich was acclaimed as being a club founder, playwright, poet, and for being listed in Who's Who

in The East.

The young people took the stage for the latter part of the program and included were the following: Kyle Suggs, Greensboro NC, gave a moving expose' of his achievements, which included being elected president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Skyler Austin, son of Phyllis Austin, announced his recent graduation from Surrattsville High School.

Valerie Barnwell M.D., Raleigh-Durham, NC, gave a tribute to the association for the positive impact it had had on the youth through the years.

Carol D. Clarke, actress and bank analyst, directed most of her remarks toward the Barnwell family for its remarkable achievements and outstanding contributions.

Dr. Carl and Barbara Bennett were presented with a certificate of appreciation for organizing and directing this very special event.

Donna Ashley led a discussion related to future anniversary celebrations. She informed the group about the youth's intentions of planning the next event, possibly two years hence. She was accompanied by Jo Anne Toye and Gail Robinson.

The attendance numbered well over a hundred. Out-of-towners came from many parts of the country and as far away as Georgia and Illinois. Serving as MCs were Juanita Harrell and W. James Clarke. They did an admirable job!

The program ended with a special benediction that was given by Nimrod Harris Jr.

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TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF LAZELLE THOMAS BUGGIE

Notice is given that Cassandra L. Davis whose address is 8816 Keewatin Road, Lanham, MD 20706 was on August 5, 2011 appointed personal representative of the estate of Lazelle Thomas Buggie who died on July 19, 2011 with a will.

Further information can be obtained by reviewing the estate file in the office of the Register of Wills or by contacting the personal representative or the attorney.

All persons having any objection to the appointment (or to the probate of the decedent's will) shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 5th day of February, 2012.

Any person having a claim against the decedent must present the claim to the undersigned personal representative or file it with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned on or before the earlier of the following dates:

(1) Six months from the date of the decedent's death, except if the decedent died before October 1, 1992, nine months from the date of the decedent's death; or

(2) Two months after the personal representative mails or otherwise delivers to the creditor a copy of this published notice or other written notice, notifying the creditor that the claim will be barred unless the creditor presents the claims within two months from the mailing or other delivery of the notice.

A claim not presented or filed on or before that date, or any extension provided by law, is unenforceable thereafter. Claim forms may be obtained from the Register of Wills.

CASSANDRA L. DAVIS  
Personal Representative

CERETA A. LEE REGISTER OF WILLS FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY 14735 MAIN STREET 4TH FLOOR UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20773

101779 Estate No.88213 (8-11-8-18-25)

## NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF: AUDREY GREEN

FOR THE CHANGE OF NAME TO: AUDREY BENJAMIN

In the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland Case No. CAE 11-17164

A Petition has been filed to change the name of Audrey Green to Audrey Benjamin.

The latest day by which an objection to the Petition may be filed is September 6, 2011.

Marilynn M. Bland Clerk of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland 101783 (8-11)

## NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF: AMIE KANU TARAWOLLIE

FOR THE CHANGE OF NAME TO: AMIE KANU

In the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland Case No. CAE 11-05828

A Petition has been filed to change the name of Amie Kanu Tarawollie to Amie Kanu.

The latest day by which an objection to the Petition may be filed is September 6, 2011.

Marilynn M. Bland Clerk of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland 101782 (8-11)

## LEGALS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN OF A MINOR CHILD

Case No: CAE 11-13837

### ORDER OF PUBLICATION

This is to give notice that on the 3rd day of June, 2011 a Petition for Guardianship of a Minor Child, LAYLAH S. PHILLIPS, was filed in the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, by JULIA D. SANDERS, Petitioner, against LAVONIA C. PHILLIPS, birth mother, and UNKNOWN BIRTH FATHER. The birth mother, LAVONIA C. PHILLIPS, last known address is 190 36th Street, NE, Apt. 2, Washington, DC and the last known address of the birth father is unknown and his whereabouts are unknown. The petition alleges that the birth father's whereabouts are currently unknown and that they have made attempts to locate the birth father and have been unsuccessful. The petition further alleges that Petitioner is a resident of Prince George's County, and has been so for more than one year.

The relief prayed in the petition CAE 11-13837, Guardianship of Minor Child, is that she be granted Guardianship of the Minor Child and any other relief deemed just and proper by the Court.

Whereupon, it is Ordered by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, this 8th day of August, 2011, that the Petitioner cause a copy of the order to be inserted in a newspaper published in Prince George's County, once a week in each of three successive weeks, by the 8th day of September, 2011, giving notice to the UNKNOWN BIRTH FATHER, the object and substance of the Petition and warning him to show cause, if any there may be, on or before the 12th day of September, 2011 why the relief requested should not be granted.

MARILYNN M. BLAND  
CLERK

101781 (8-11-8-18-8-25)

### THE ORPHANS' COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

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In The Estate Of: STEPHANIE DENISE ROBINSON

Estate No.: 88063

### NOTICE OF JUDICIAL PROBATE

To all Persons Interested in the above estate:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed by KATHALEEN THOMPSON for Judicial Probate for the appointment of a personal representative. A hearing will be held at 14735 Main Street, Courtroom D4010, Upper Marlboro, MD 20773 on **September 14, 2011 at 9:30 AM.**

This hearing may be transferred or postponed to a subsequent time. Further information may be obtained by reviewing the estate file in the Office of the Register of Wills.

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101780 (8-11-8-18)

## NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF: MARCELO CELO CORPENO

FOR THE CHANGE OF NAME TO: MARCELO CELO COPON

In the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland Case No. CAE 11-17185

A Petition has been filed to change the name of Marcelo Celso Copeno to Marcelo Celso Copon.

The latest day by which an objection to the Petition may be filed is September 6, 2011.

Marilynn M. Bland Clerk of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland 101784 (8-11)

## NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF: FATMATA K KARGBO

FOR THE CHANGE OF NAME TO: THERESA KELE KARGBO

In the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland Case No. CAE 11-16300

A Petition has been filed to change the name of Fatmata K. Kargbo to Theresa Kele Kargbo.

The latest day by which an objection to the Petition may be filed is September 6, 2011.

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