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## Maryland Approves Permit for Aquaculture

*Mikulski, Cardin Applaud Important Step Forward for Bay's Economy*

BY PRESS OFFICER  
Sen. Barbara Mikulski's Office

WASHINGTON — U.S. Senators Barbara A. Mikulski and Ben Cardin (Both D-MD) applauded approval of a streamlined permit authorizing new commercial, research and education oyster aquaculture permits by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). Approval of the general permit is an important step forward for fishery jobs and new economic opportunities in Maryland's coastal communities created by promoting oyster aquaculture as a sustainable alternative to wild harvesting of oysters on the Chesapeake Bay.

Earlier this year the Senators made personal appeals to the both the USACE and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to speed the stalled review and approval of the streamlined permit. NOAA provides environmental assessments to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in the approval of permits in Maryland.

"I am relieved the aquacul-

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PHOTO BY PETE SOUZA

President Barack Obama holds a town hall meeting at the Seed Savers Exchange in Decorah, Iowa, during his three-day Economic Bus Tour in the Midwest.

## Obama's Initiative to Spur Biofuels Industry

*Energy, Navy Partner to Advance Biofuels to Displace Need for Foreign Oil*

BY PRESS OFFICER  
The White House

WASHINGTON, August, 2011 — President Obama announced that the U.S. Departments of Agriculture, Energy and Navy will invest up to \$510 million during the next three years in partnership with the private sector to produce advanced drop-in aviation and marine biofuels to power military and commercial transportation. The initiative responds to a directive from President Obama issued in March as part of his Blueprint for A Secure Energy Future, the

Administration's framework for reducing dependence on foreign oil. The biofuels initiative is being steered by the White House Biofuels Interagency Work Group and Rural Council, both of which are enabling greater cross-agency collaboration to strengthen rural America.

"Biofuels are an important part of reducing America's dependence on foreign oil and creating jobs here at home," said President Obama. "But supporting biofuels cannot be the role of government alone. That's why we're partnering with the private sector to speed development of next-generation

biofuels that will help us continue to take steps towards energy independence and strengthen communities across our country."

Increased use of advanced biofuels is a key component of the Administration's energy security agenda, but there is currently a lack of this manufacturing capability for next-generation drop-in biofuels in the United States. To accelerate the production of bio-based jet and diesel fuel for military and commercial purposes, Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack, Secretary of Energy Steven Chu, and Secretary of the Navy

Ray Mabus have developed a plan to jointly construct or retrofit several drop-in biofuel plants and refineries. This effort will help address energy security and national security challenges, and will provide economic opportunities in rural America.

"America's long-term national security depends upon a commercially viable domestic biofuels market that will benefit taxpayers while simultaneously giving Sailors and Marines tactical and strategic advantages,"

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## Maryland Continues Reduction In Crime

*Decreases Follow Increased Use of Technology*

ANNAPOLIS, MD (August, 2011) - Governor Martin O'Malley announced that total crime in Maryland is at its lowest level since 1975. According to 2010 year-end crime data compiled by the Maryland State Police and submitted to the FBI for use in the national crime statistics report, total crime in Maryland was down 5.1 percent — its lowest level since modern crime tracking began in 1975. Additionally, violent crime decreased 6 percent and property crime was down 4.9 percent. Currently both the violent crime and property crime rates (per 100,000 people) are the lowest ever on record in Maryland. Since 2006, total crime in Maryland has decreased 12 percent and violent crime has decreased 17 percent.

Among violent crimes, homicides dropped 3.2 percent in 2010 with 14 fewer people murdered last year in Maryland than the year before. The data for 2010 also show reductions in robbery (-7.9%), aggravated assault (-5.6%), burglary (-0.6%), larceny/theft (-5.7%), and motor vehicle theft (-8.1%).

"The most important responsibilities we have in government are to create jobs and protect the

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## Congressional Delegation Announces Funds to Help Establish Health Insurance Exchange

BY PRESS OFFICER  
Sen. Barbara Mikulski's Office

WASHINGTON — U.S. Senators Barbara A. Mikulski and Ben Cardin and Reps. Steny Hoyer, Elijah E. Cummings, Chris Van Hollen and John Sarbanes (all D-Md.) today announced Maryland was awarded \$27,186,749 million in competitive grant funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to develop the state's Insurance Exchange. The Affordable Care Act requires states to have operational Insurance Exchanges — one-stop marketplaces where consumers can choose a private health insurance plan that fits their health needs — by 2014.

"This grant recognizes Maryland's role as an innovation state, and I'm so proud we're at the forefront of putting

health care reform in action," Senator Mikulski said. "I fought for health care reform to save and strengthen Medicare, improve the quality of care to save lives and save money, and end the punitive practices of insurance companies. Health care exchanges help meet these goals by helping Maryland families and small businesses afford care and achieve long-term health security."

"Thanks to this grant under the Affordable Care Act, we're one step closer to our goal of ensuring that health care in America is a right and not a privilege," said Senator Cardin. "I will continue to work to keep Maryland at the front of the line when it comes to resources that will help our state develop an affordable insurance exchange,

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## Baker Announces Community Partnership Grant Programs

*Million in Discretionary Grant Funding Available to Non-Profits*

By PRESS OFFICER  
County Executive's Office

Upper Marlboro, Maryland — Prince George's County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III announced the release of FY 2012 Community Partnership Mini-Grant (CPMG) and Community Partnership Grant (CPG) applications. \$2 million in discretionary grant funding has been allocated in the County Executive's current fiscal year budget. This funding to eligible organizations will assist in developing and maintaining strong partnerships with non-profits in order to meet the needs of County citizens and residents. The Prince George's County Office of Management and Budget will administer this grant process.

"Our non-profit organizations provide critical services across Prince George's County, usually to our most

needy citizens," said Baker. "My Administration looks forward to expanding this partnership by offering much needed monetary assistance to our non-profit community."

Any organization, institution, or association, incorporated as a private, not-for-profit organization designated under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, providing services or activities in Prince George's County is eligible to apply. Applications will be accepted continuously through the County's fiscal year (July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012).

The Community Partnership Mini-Grant (CPMG) is targeted toward requests that are less than \$15,000. These grants will address more immediate, short-term event, program, or sponsorship requests for one-time projects or activities of a limited duration.

The Community



PHOTO BY COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE

Prince George's County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III announced the release of FY 2012 Community Partnership Mini-Grant (CPMG) and Community Partnership Grant (CPG) applications.

Partnership Grant (CPG) requests of \$15,000 or more will support mid-term to long-term organizational goals for non-profit organizations. These grants will provide general program, or capacity

building support for organizations delivering services.

Review Process

The grant review process

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**Harriet Tubman Visitors Center**  
Governor Martin O'Malley announced that the U.S. Department of Transportation has awarded the State of Maryland \$8.5 million in Federal Transportation Enhancement Program funding for construction of the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Visitor Center in Dorchester County.  
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**JOBS, JOBS, JOBS**  
Despite all the attention paid in recent months to spending cuts, there are some Members of Congress who agree with the National Urban League that the nation's number one priority must be job creation and putting America back to work. The Urban Jobs Act that would provide jobs..  
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**Lending to Small Businesses**  
The Department of the Treasury announced that Monument Bank (Bethesda, Maryland) has received \$11.4 million through the Small Business Lending Fund. The SBLF, was established as part of the Small Business Jobs Act to encourage community banks to increase their lending to small businesses.  
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**Movie Review**  
"THE HELP" B+  
Rated PG-13 for moderate profanity and thematic material.  
2 hrs., 17 min.  
"The Help" is about a young white woman in segregated Mississippi who seeks to give a voice to the black maids and nannies by gathering and publishing their personal stories.  
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**Earth Talk**  
*Dear EarthTalk:*  
*I am a retailer and have had customers ask whether the plastic bags in wine boxes are BPA free or not. What can I tell them?*  
-- Chris Tod, via e-mail  
*The short answer is: "It depends."*  
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# Towns and NEIGHBORS

## 250 Jobs to Scream About at Six Flags America

Maryland's favorite theme park event hiring talented "boils and ghouls" for Fright Fest positions

(BOO!-wie, MD) — August 17, 2011 – Six Flags America, Maryland's favorite theme park, offers more than 250 jobs this October for Fright Fest, the region's largest and best Halloween celebration with epic thrills by day and hideous frights by night. The theme park is accepting applications for positions throughout the park now at sixflagsjobs.com

A majority of the haunting opportunities available during Fright Fest are in Six Flags America's acclaimed Entertainment Department. Selected spooks may perform in the park's Halloween-themed stage shows, inspire shrieks and screams in the park's haunted walk-through attractions- including the NEW Backwoods Bloodshed, and rise up to terrorize the park as monsters, zombies, and other assorted creatures of the night. To hunt for talented ghouls and goblins, Six Flags America will host auditions Tuesday, August 29 through Friday, September 2, nightly from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Candidates must apply online prior to attending the auditions. For the audition, candidates should bring a recent headshot and resume, be prepared to move, scream, participate in characterization exercises, and reveal a wicked sense of "boo-mur." Musically-inclined monsters will be asked to pass the regular auditions before being called back to groan and lurch sing and dance. Halloween costumes are not permitted at auditions. If selected, candidates must be available to attend rehearsals beginning in late September and work throughout the Fright Fest season (weekends in October, plus Fridays, October 21 and 28). Questions may be directed to the Six Flags Entertainment Department at 301.249.1500 x5092.

In addition to eerie entertainment opportunities, Six Flags America is hiring additional staff throughout the park, in such departments as admissions, guest relations, ride operations, food service, retail,

and security. Visit sixflagsjobs.com for information about available opportunities and to submit an application online. Candidates must be at least 16 years of age to work at Six Flags America.

Fright Fest at Six Flags America is the Baltimore/Washington area's largest and best Halloween event. The park offers family-friendly thrills during the day with a special Halloween-themed children's area and all of Six Flags America's signature rides, games, and attractions. In the evening, Six Flags America turns up the frights as the park shifts to a chilling domain where monsters lurk in dark alleys and roller coasters like BATWING and SUPERMAN: Ride of Steel aren't the only things inspiring screams. This year, there is even MORE of an opportunity for frighteningly fantastic times at Fright Fest as bloodthirsty boils and ghouls infiltrate the midways, rousing terror around every corner.

*Fright Fest is presented Saturdays and Sundays in October, beginning October 1, through October 30, with bonus Fridays, October 21 and 28. For park hours or to purchase tickets, dare to visit sixflags.com/America.*

## Prince George's County Named to 2011 Digital Counties Survey Top Ten List

Prince George's County ranked 6th in nation amongst counties with populations of 500,000 or more for technological advancements

Upper Marlboro, MD— Prince George's County has been named in the 2011 Digital Counties Survey as one of the top ten large counties in the nation for the use of information and communications technology. The survey focuses on results achieved through technology, particularly ways that counties are cutting costs and improving services through technological advancement. The County was ranked 6th among all counties

with populations of 500,000 or more.

"I was excited to hear that Prince George's County has been recognized yet again for our efforts to promote transparency and efficiency through technology," said County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III. "This survey shows us how we've made our government better through technology, while giving us feedback on how we can continue improving services for our residents."

The survey considered a number of accomplishments by the Prince George's County Office of Information Technology and Communications (OITC). In May of this year, OITC submitted an extensive account of the County's recent efforts to improve services and security.

"Prince George's County Government is so pleased to be acknowledged as one of the top ten digital counties in the nation," said Tonya Gott, Director of OITC. "Although we continue to experience fiscal constraints, the Office of Information Technology and Communications has remained focused on seeking new methods of providing IT services and support, and improving the delivery of public services. Our team is continuously seeking new channels of collaboration to contain costs and generate revenue while advancing the use of technology to meet the needs of the County, its citizens, communities, businesses, environment, and the region."

Among the accomplishments that propelled the County to its top ranking are: technological advancements in public safety communications, enhanced library computing, infrastructure improvements, broadband technology extensions, network speed upgrades, enhanced security and disaster management measures, upgraded election technology, heightened social media activity, and increased transparency and government accessibility.

The Digital Counties Survey, in partnership with the National Association of Counties (NACo), identifies the best examples of counties using technology to support efficient and responsive government. Over the past four years, Prince George's County has consistently

## Congressman Chris Van Hollen Legislative Update

*Van Hollen on MSNBC: 'The most effective way to reduce deficits is to get America back to work'*

Congressman Chris Van Hollen, Ranking Member of the House Budget Committee, today appeared on MSNBC to discuss job creation and the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction. Video of the interview is available here and the transcript is below.

**CRAIG MELVIN:** Congressman thanks so much for thanks joining us this morning. The White House said this morning they would like to see more than \$1.5 trillion in cuts, and there's also talk of job creation measures being included in the plan. Are both of those things politically feasible?

**REP. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN:** Yes, I think those are both important goals. First, the most effective way to reduce our deficits in the short term is to get America back to work, to help people find jobs, to help small businesses create those jobs, so that has to be priority number one. It should be coupled with a long-term plan to reduce the deficit. And I

agree with the President that the more we can do in terms of deficit reduction over the long term, the better off we'll be. That will help create long-term sustainable economic growth. It has to be done in a balanced way, and a fair way. The President has laid out some ideas earlier in that regard, and obviously the committee, the Joint Committee, will be looking at different ideas as well.

**MELVIN:** Will you support cutting Medicare and Medicaid to fund that money?

**VAN HOLLEN:** Well, I will certainly not support the kind of plan that the House Republicans put forward, which would end the Medicare guarantee and just gut the program. We've made it clear we're prepared to modernize the Medicare program, and build on some of the steps that we took in the Affordable Care Act. We do need to move the incentives in Medicare away from the volume of care and the quantity of care more toward value and quality, so there are things that we can do in that area, and in fact we've put ideas on the table already in that regard.

**MELVIN:** If the six

Republicans on that so-called "Super Committee", they have all signed that anti-tax pledge, as they all have, what makes you think that there is even a remote possibility that the 12 of you are going to be able to generate some type of compromise here in late November.

**VAN HOLLEN:** Well, Craig, first of all I think the American people are sending a message loud and clear that it's time for people to work together for the good of the country. So I hope our Republican colleagues will come to the table in that spirit. Every bipartisan group that has looked at this challenge, the challenge of reducing the deficit, has said we need to do it in a balanced way. Yes, we need to make cuts, and in fact, cuts were already made as part of the earlier round here, but you can cut the loopholes and cut the subsidies for big oil companies, you can cut loopholes for other special interests as part of reducing the deficit as well. So I hope they will come around to a balanced approach. Clearly the overwhelming majority of the American people support that approach, as they have said in various surveys.

## Brandywine-Aquasco

by Ruth Turner 301 888 2153

### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Makayla and Morgan Eugene for their excellent Student Achievements for the year of 2010-2011. Makayla and Morgan are daughters of Curtis and Stephanie Eugene and the granddaughters of Frank and Gwen Deville who reside in Brandywine, Maryland.

Makayla received PR (A's) in all subjects at Baden Elementary School. She was above grade level in Reading and 1st place, Top Reader for the entire 1st grade at Baden Elementary School and recipient of the Citizenship Award.

Makayla's other achievements included 1st place Tap-Solo-Showstoppers Dance Competition, 1st place overall (all categories)-Solo-Showstoppers - Dance Competition, 1st place Jazz and Tap Group and Competition Dancer-Power Explosion Studio of Dance. She won 1st place in the Prince George's County Soil Conservation Art Contest.

Morgan received all A's, in all subjects, for the entire school year-Principal's Honor Roll at Baden Elementary School. She was 1st place - 5th Grade- SRI Reading Test and Accelerated Reading and had advanced scores in MSA Reading, Math, and Science, FAST Reading and Math.

Morgan received 1st place award in the 5th grade Baden Elementary School Science Fair and 3rd place award -5th grades in the Prince George's County Public Schools County Fair.

Morgan received the 3rd place competitive award-National Society of Black Engineers Science and Tech Camp-Washington, D.C. Her other achievements included Yellow Belt- Tae Kwon Doe and an Equestrian Rider at the Hideaway Horse Center.

### GOSPEL PROGRAM

St. Philip's Church will sponsor a Gospel Program on Sunday, September 11, 2011 at St. Philip's Church Hall in Brandywine, Maryland. The Gospel Program will feature

the Burning Lights, The Spiritual Inspirations, the Briscoe Brothers and more. Donation is \$10.00. All proceeds to benefit St. Philip Church. Please contact Harry Butler or Debra Butler for tickets at 301-888-1353 or 301-520-2145.

### HOMECOMING

You are cordially invited to worship with us in our services on Sunday, September 18, 2011. We will be celebrating our 135th Homecoming Celebration at St. Philip's Episcopal Church Baden Parish. Our address is 13801 Baden Westwood Brandywine, Maryland 20613.

Morning Worship and Holy Communion Service at 9:30 AM. Rev. Vaughan Booker will be the celebrant and speaker. We are pleased and honored to have Rev. Alhassan Macaulay as the speaker of the hour at our 3:00 PM service along with the Male Chorus of Asbury United Methodist Church of Brandywine, Maryland. Lunch will be served 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM.

## Earn College Credit for Life Experience

### Save time and money while earning a degree in your field of experience

LARGO, Md.—Students have the opportunity to turn life and work experience into college credit through the Prior Learning Assessment Network (PLAN) program at Prince George's Community College. Applicants must have five or more years of work and life experience in a single field as well as college level writing skills. Through portfolio assessment, students are able to translate work/life experience into college credit. As many as 15 credits can be earned toward many degree programs.

mize their life experience for college credit," she added.

Students interested in PLAN should attend an orientation session or schedule an appointment to meet with an advisor. To register for an orientation or for more information, call 301-322-0437, e-mail PLAN@pgcc.edu, or visit Bladen Hall, Room 124.

*Prince George's Community College is a National Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Two-year Education designated by the National Security Agency and the Department of Homeland Security (2010-2015). Established in 1958, Prince George's Community College provides transfer and career programs that help students transfer to four-year colleges and universities and prepare them for the workforce. Each year, 40,000 students take*

*part in more than 200 academic programs and workforce development and continuing education courses. Located in Largo, Maryland, Prince George's Community College has additional sites at Joint Base Andrews, University Town Center in Hyattsville, Laurel College Center, Westphalia Training Center in Upper Marlboro and the Skilled Trades Center in Camp Springs.*

*For more information, visit the college website at www.pgcc.edu.*

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## Prince George's County Department of Environmental Resources Welcomes New Deputy Director

*Gary E. Cunningham brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Department of Environmental Resources*

LARGO, MD – The Prince George's County Department of Environmental Resources (DER) welcomed Gary E. Cunningham, a retired Lieutenant Colonel from the Police Department, as the new Deputy Director for the Department. Mr. Cunningham will oversee the Divisions that handle property maintenance, and licenses and inspections.

"I am very pleased to welcome Gary Cunningham to the Department," said DER Director Samuel E. Wynkoop, Jr. "With his experience, leadership and

knowledge of the County and its communities, he will be instrumental in providing a high quality of service to the residents of Prince George's County."

Mr. Cunningham joined the Police Department in 1985 and was assigned to the Beltsville Station as a criminal investigator and crime prevention officer. During that time, he also piloted the first community policing satellite office in the area and worked in Prince George's County Public Schools teaching the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) and Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) programs. After his promotion to Sergeant, he served as the Officer in Charge of the

Press Information Office and was also assigned as the Officer in Charge of the Violent Crime Enforcement Unit and the Intelligence Unit. As he was promoted through the ranks, he served the County in various capacities including Commander of the Robbery Section, Commander of the Special Crimes Section, Assistant Commander of the Clinton Station and Commander of the Oxon Hill Station. When he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in December 2009, he was assigned to the Bureau of Administration and was reassigned to the Bureau of Support Services where he served until his retirement in 2011.

# COMMENTARY

## THE PRINCE GEORGE'S POST

A Community Newspaper for Prince George's County

**By James N. Martin, Jr, MD**  
*President, The American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists*



### A Toast to Your Health

For many Americans, having a couple of drinks to unwind at the end of the day or to connect socially with friends is a fun and occasional indulgence. But for a growing number of women who drink, these occasions have gone from few-and-far-between to routine.

Drinking too much alcohol can cause a slew of negative physical, social, and mental consequences in women such as decreased fertility, menstrual disorders, heart and liver problems, injuries, seizures, malnutrition, and an increased risk of breast, liver, rectal, and head and neck cancers. Loss of income, child neglect or abuse, altered judgment, driving under the influence, and depression may also occur.

So how much is too much? Moderate drinking is defined as no more than one drink per day for women and no more than two per day for men. It's recommended that women drink less because, pound for pound, they have less water in their bodies to help dilute alcohol and its toxic by-products than men, making them more vulnerable to alcohol-related health problems at lower levels of alcohol intake.

Serving size also matters. One drink equals five ounces of wine, 12 ounces of beer, eight to nine ounces of malt liquor, or 1.5 ounces (one shot glass) of 80-proof spirits. The large drinks commonly served at bars and restaurants can easily pack three or more servings of alcohol, not to

mention hundreds of empty calories.

Thirteen percent of women in the US consume more than seven alcoholic drinks each week. More than one-quarter of women aged 18-25 binge drink, meaning they consume more than three drinks per occasion. Binge drinking causes a sudden peak in the blood alcohol, which can lead to unsafe behavior and a higher risk of reproductive and organ damage.

Many of us don't realize that we drink too much. Understanding what a reasonable level of consumption is may be enough to encourage some people to cut back. However, others may find that it is hard to curb their drinking or may not stop drinking even though it threatens their health, safety, or relationships. These are signs of alcohol dependence. Women are often more reluctant than men to admit that they need help or have an addiction, fearing repercussions at work or with the police, social isolation, or the loss of their children. But the sooner the problem is addressed, the better.

If you think you may have a drinking problem, talk to your doctor. He or she can be an excellent resource for advice and information and can refer you to support groups that can help.

For more information, the Patient Education Pamphlet "Alcohol and Women" is available at [www.acog.org/publications/patient\\_education/](http://www.acog.org/publications/patient_education/). ♀

*To Be Equal*  
**Marc Morial, President and CEO**  
*National Urban League*



### Pass the Urban Jobs Act Now

*"This program would give city organizations the tools and resources they need to help our youth prepare for future jobs, find employment opportunities, and reach their full potential."*

*New York Senator, Kirsten Gillibrand*

Despite all the attention paid in recent months to spending cuts, there are some Members of Congress who agree with the National Urban League that the nation's number one priority must be job creation and putting America back to work. Months ago, New York Senator Kirsten Gillibrand and New York Representative Edolphus Towns introduced the Urban Jobs Act that would provide much-needed federal funding to non-profit organizations engaged in preparing at-risk youth, ages 18-24, for the world of work.

On Tuesday of this week, Gillibrand, Towns and I participated in a press conference at the New York Urban League in Harlem to generate greater Congressional and public support for this important legislation. We were joined by New York Congressman Charles Rangel, NY Assemblyman Keith Wright, and New York Urban League President, Arva Rice. All of us agree: the nation's recovery cannot be complete until we bring jobs and hope back to hard pressed urban communities.

More than one-third of the nation's minority youth are unemployed. But, even with 14 million Americans out of work, at least 2 million jobs remain unfilled because employers can't find workers with the needed skills. The Urban Jobs Act would help close that gap by targeting federal funding to assist urban youth, many of whom have dropped out of school or are in need of a second chance, in obtaining the education and skills necessary for success in the labor market. This would help reduce youth unemployment, provide workers for open jobs and strengthen the economy.

The average unemployment rate for minority

youths in urban communities in July was approximately 39 percent for African Americans and 36 percent for Latinos. In New York, these minority youth are twice as likely to drop out of school and make up 80 percent of the city's detention centers. Clearly, we must make targeted, effective investments now to spur urban job growth and prevent the loss of an entire generation. That is the real potential of the Urban Jobs Act. The Act would create an Urban Jobs Program that would award competitive grants to national non-profit organizations, in partnership with local affiliates, to prepare youth ages 18 through 24 for entry into the job market. A national organization that received a grant would provide a comprehensive set of services that includes:

Case management services to help participants effectively utilize the services offered by the program;

Educational programming, including skills assessment, reading and math remediation, educational enrichment, GED preparation, and post-secondary education;

Employment and job readiness activities, including mentoring, placement in community service opportunities, internships, on-the-job training, occupational skills training, job placement in unsubsidized jobs, and personal development; and

Support services, including health and nutrition referral, housing assistance, training in interpersonal and basic living skills, transportation, child care, clothing, and other assistance as needed.

The Act would increase the capacity of organizations like the Urban League of New York which operates two city employment centers and has helped prepare many young adults for full-time employment.

Our message to Congress is clear: The time for debate and delay is over. Pass the Urban Jobs Bill now.



**Montpelier Arts Center**

The Arts Center which opened in 1979 houses three galleries, artist's studios, and classrooms. Exhibitions include cutting edge work as well as more traditional approaches and feature both emerging and established regional, national and international artists.

The Main Gallery is also the site for the performances of the Jazz, Folk/Blues and Classical music series. The gallery is also available on a limited basis for rental by community groups. Artist studios are open to the public, and offer insight into the process of creating artwork.

### Child Watch

by **Marion Wright Edelman**



### Getting Children Ready For School

From new backpacks to sharp pencils, parents across the country are doing their best to cross the items off their children's back-to-school checklists. They want to be sure that when the first day of school comes, their children will have everything they need to be ready to start and ready to learn. But as a country we're failing to do the same thing and in the current budget debate, some of our leaders are threatening to do just the opposite. Instead of budgeting our limited resources wisely so we'll be able to stock up on the things we know our children need, some shrill, ideologically driven leaders are hijacking the political process and trying to grab money out of our children's small piggybanks and spend it on more gift cards for big corporations and billionaires. No new tax pledges have been signed by 277 members of Congress throwing the entire weight of debt reduction on children, our poorest Americans, the homeless, jobless, helpless, and a middle class treading water and trying to stay afloat.

We know that between birth and age five, children learn social, emotional, behavioral, and cognitive skills that set the foundation for academic success. Factors including poverty and the "lottery of geography" create barriers to young children's healthy development. Cognitive gaps emerge between children from families with low and higher incomes as early as nine months, and more often than not, these children are unable to catch up by the time they enter kindergarten. The resulting achievement gap increases over time and often propels children into the cradle to prison pipeline – especially if they are poor children of color.

Quality child care and early childhood educational experiences are crucial to giving chil-

dren a sound start in life – but they are still out of reach for many families. Although child care is a necessity for many families with working parents, the annual cost of center-based child care for a four-year-old is more than the annual in-state tuition at a public four-year college in 33 states and the District of Columbia. In 18 states, a family must have an income below 175 percent of the poverty level (below \$32,043 for a family of four) to receive a public child care subsidy. Only 13.8 percent of three-year-olds and 38.9 percent of four-year-olds were in state-funded pre-kindergarten programs, Head Start, or early intervention/special education in 2008-2009 and only 10 states require all schools districts to offer full day kindergarten to get children ready for school.

Without positive early childhood experiences, it is easy for children to fall behind in school

and American education, which used to be the envy of the world, is in dire straits. Many public school students, kindergarten through 12th grade, are struggling; children of color and poor children struggle most. More than 60 percent of all fourth, eighth, and 12th grade public school students and nearly 80 percent or more of Black and Hispanic public school students in the same grades are reading or doing math below grade level. The U.S. ranks 24th among 30 developed countries on overall educational achievement for 15-year-olds, and in a study of education systems in 60 countries, we ranked 31st in math achievement and 23rd in science achievement for 15-year-olds. Too often children fall behind in school and drop out, increasing their risk of entering the cradle to prison

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# BUSINESS

## Monument Bank Receives \$11.4 Million to Help Small Businesses Access Capital, Create Jobs

By Treasury Public Affairs  
Department of the Treasury

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of the Treasury announced that Monument Bank (Bethesda, Maryland) has received \$11.4 million through the Small Business Lending Fund (SBLF). The SBLF, which was established as part of the Small Business Jobs Act that President Obama signed into law, encourages community banks to increase their lending to small businesses, helping those companies expand their operations and create new jobs.

"These funds will provide critical support to Main Street community banks so they can expand their lending to small businesses," said Deputy Secretary of the Treasury Neal

S. Wolin. "This program helps entrepreneurs in communities across the country access the capital they need to grow their operations, invest in new equipment, and hire additional workers."

Monument Bank is the second Maryland community bank to receive SBLF funding. In July, Eagle Bancorp (Bethesda, Maryland) received \$56.6 million of SBLF funding.

Small businesses play a critical role in the U.S. economy and are central to growth and job creation. Small businesses employ roughly one-half of all Americans and account for about 60 percent of gross job creation. But small business owners faced disproportionate challenges in the aftermath of the recession and credit crisis, including difficulty accessing



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Treasury announced the approval of applications for State Small Business Credit Initiative funding.

capital.

The SBLF helps small businesses meet this challenge by providing capital to community banks that hold under \$10 billion in assets. The dividend rate a community bank pays on SBLF funding is reduced as that bank increases its lending to small businesses — providing a strong incentive for new lending to small businesses so they can expand and create jobs. For more details on the SBLF program, please visit, link and link.

The SBLF is one part of the Obama Administration's comprehensive agenda to help small businesses access the capital they need to invest and hire. The State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI), which is also a key part of the Small Business Jobs Act, allocates

\$1.5 billion to new and existing state programs that will leverage private financing to spur \$15 billion in new lending to small businesses and small manufacturers.

The Obama Administration has also supported 17 direct tax breaks that provide tax relief of more than \$50 billion for small businesses. These tax breaks were designed to support job creation and retention, entrepreneurship, investment, and growth. The Administration has also worked with Congress to extend and expand existing Small Business Administration loan programs that helped put more than \$42 billion in the hands of small businesses and deliver other important benefits to help small businesses expand and hire.

### Biofuels from A1

said Navy Secretary Ray Mabus. "Today's announcement not only leverages our home grown fuel sources to support our national security, but it also helps advance the biofuels market, which ultimately brings down the cost of biofuels for everyone."

"By building a national biofuels industry, we are creating construction jobs, refinery jobs and economic opportunity in

rural communities throughout the country," said Agriculture Secretary Vilsack. "As importantly, every gallon of biofuel consumed near where it is produced cuts transportation costs and, for the military, improves energy security."

"These pioneer plants will demonstrate advanced technologies to produce infrastructure-compatible, drop-in renewable fuels from America's abundant biomass resources," said Energy Secretary Chu. "It will support development of a new,

rural-focused industry that will replace imported crude oil with secure, renewable fuels made here in the U.S."

The joint plan calls for the three Departments to invest a total of up to \$510 million, which will require substantial cost share from private industry — of at least a one to one match. The partnership aims to reduce U.S. reliance on foreign oil and create jobs while positioning American companies and farmers to be global leaders in advanced biofuels production.

The United States spends more than \$300 billion on imported crude oil per year. Producing a domestic source of energy provides a more secure alternative to imported oil and improves our energy and national security.

In June, President Obama signed an Executive Order establishing the first White House Rural Council to build on the Administration's robust economic strategy for rural America and make sure that continued federal investments

create maximum benefit for rural Americans. Administration officials have been working to coordinate programs across the government and encourage public-private partnerships to improve economic conditions and create jobs in rural communities.

President Obama's Administration has taken significant steps to improve the lives of rural Americans and has provided broad support for rural communities. The Obama Administration has set goals of

modernizing infrastructure by providing broadband access to 10 million Americans, expanding educational opportunities for students in rural areas, providing affordable health care, promoting innovation and expanding the production of renewable energy. In the long term, these unparalleled rural investments will help ensure that America's rural communities are repopulating, self-sustaining, and thriving economically.

### Permit from A1

ture permit has finally been approved," said Senator Mikulski, who is Chairwoman of the Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriations Subcommittee that funds NOAA. "A lack of urgency in the permit process left the lives and livelihoods of Maryland's watermen on hold over the last several months. This permit means jobs for Maryland's

watermen."

"The action taken today is an important step in restoring oysters to a central role in the Bay economy," said Senator Cardin, chairman of the Water and Wildlife Subcommittee of the Committee on Environment and Public Works. "Oyster aquaculture will provide a new generation of watermen a valuable fishery while also allowing wild oysters to return to

their central role in the Chesapeake ecosystem."

"We are cutting the red tape, streamlining the permitting process and making it easier to do business in Maryland," Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley said. "I want to thank Colonel Anderson and his team for helping us improve this process. Together, we can create jobs, grow our seafood industry and make a more sus-

tainable future for the Chesapeake Bay and our native oyster."

The General Permit for Maryland waters would be used in lieu of individual permits. General Permits are used when a number of similar conditions need to be met and the risk of environmental harm relatively low. If the applicant can satisfy the basic requirements, permitting is faster,

more predictable and administratively easier to manage.

The Senators have also called upon the Corps to develop a "one-stop shop" system that is user-friendly and would allow oyster farmers to go the State to obtain all the permits they would need, including the General Permit from the Corps. Virginia has been promoting aquaculture for more than a decade and most of the oyster

harvest in Virginia now comes from these licensed operations. They are profitable and allow the state to provide stronger protections to natural oyster reefs, which are recovering.

A copy of the Army Corps of Engineers' public notice and permit can be found online here:

[http://www.nab.usace.army.mil/Wetlands%20Permits/public\\_notices.htm](http://www.nab.usace.army.mil/Wetlands%20Permits/public_notices.htm)

### Grant from A1

which will expand access to quality healthcare to thousands of Marylanders."

"Maryland is a national leader when it comes to the implementation of health reform, and this grant recognizes the important and innovative work our state is doing," said Rep. Steny Hoyer (MD-05). "Health reform put an end to insurance company abuses and discrimination, giving all Marylanders the ability to access quality, affordable health care. Maryland's exchange will facilitate that access, helping individuals, families and small businesses secure affordable insurance."

critical funding for the centerpiece of the Affordable Care Act," said Rep. Cummings. "These exchanges will allow all Marylanders to search for a side-by-side comparison of private insurance companies so that they can protect themselves and their families in the most efficient and effective way possible. It has often been said that the greatest wealth is health. With this grant, Maryland residents will be able to better their lives and provide a strong and healthy future for their children. I commend HHS on assisting our state in this effort."

"Maryland is a national leader on health care reform," said Rep. Chris Van Hollen. "Today's grant will enable our

state to move full-speed ahead with its health insurance exchange so that individuals and small businesses will be able to comparison shop for affordable and quality health insurance coverage."

"The health care exchanges will allow uninsured individuals and small businesses to benefit from access to the kind of group rates that are now available only to large employers," said Rep. John Sarbanes. "I am pleased that Maryland is among the leaders in implementing health reform and developing an innovative health care exchange."

Maryland will use the federal funds to conduct policy development and detailed planning that will shape the techni-

cal and operational infrastructure of the state's Insurance Exchange. This will result in the rapid implementation of the Exchange information technology (IT) platform and an ultimate streamlining of the implementation of the Exchange.

The grant was awarded through the HHS Exchange Establishment grant program, developed to help states continue their work to implement this Insurance Exchange provision of the Affordable Care Act. States can choose when to apply for grant funding based on their needs and planned expenditures, and each state will have multiple opportunities to apply for funding in the years ahead. Maryland's award was a part of \$185 million in

grants HHS awarded to 13 states and the District of Columbia to help them build Insurance Exchanges.

Maryland's grant is second in dollar amount only to California, and comes just six months after Maryland won more than \$6 million in an HHS Innovator grant, which is being used to develop information technology infrastructure needed to implement the state's Insurance Exchange. Last year, Maryland also received a \$1 million Exchange Planning grant from HHS to evaluate best practices for setting up an Insurance Exchange.

Insurance Exchanges will provide individuals and small businesses with a "one-stop shop" to find and compare

affordable, quality private health insurance options. With these Exchanges, Americans will no longer be on their own in trying to find comprehensive, affordable health coverage that is right for their needs. Exchanges will bring new transparency to the market so that consumers will be able to compare plans based on price and quality. By increasing competition between insurance companies and allowing individuals and small businesses to band together to purchase insurance, Exchanges will help lower costs.

For more information about the HHS grant program, go to: <http://www.healthcare.gov/news/factsheets/exchanges05232011a.html>

### Crime from A1

public's safety," said Governor O'Malley. "Working together with state and local law enforcement, with our partners and neighbors in communities across Maryland, we have helped drive crime down to its lowest level in recorded history. As we continue to make our streets safer, we improve the quality of life for our residents and businesses."

Sixteen jurisdictions reported reductions in total crime, with three reporting double-digit reductions between 2009 and 2010. Seventeen jurisdictions noted specific reductions in violent crime (murder, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault), with eight reporting double-digit decreases. Fifteen jurisdictions noted specific reductions in property crime (breaking and entering, larceny/theft, and motor vehicle

theft), with three jurisdictions reporting reductions of 10 percent or more.

The declines in crime come at a time when state and local law enforcement agencies are intensifying their use of technology and information sharing. As a result, more criminals are being taken off the streets of Maryland communities. License plate reader technology is now being used by law enforcement across the State and

the goal is to network as many jurisdictions as possible to increase information sharing about stolen or suspicious vehicles. The law enforcement Dashboard allows police officers instant access to information from 100 different databases as they investigate crimes.

"The additional tools available to law enforcement and the sharing of pertinent information in partnership with our allied police departments helps us all

to continue the trend in crime reduction," said Colonel Marcus L. Brown, Superintendent of the Maryland State Police. "As a result, the people of Maryland are safer in their homes and neighborhoods."

DNA hits resulted in the arrests of 290 murderers, rapists, robbers and burglars since 2007. Cross-border collaboration through the Violence Prevention Initiative allowed the Division of Parole and Probation to share

live arrest data with the District of Columbia and Virginia. In 2010, Maryland received 2,434 electronic arrest hit notices from its partner probation agencies in Virginia and the District of Columbia. Law enforcement has also been able to reduce the number of guns in Maryland neighborhoods through multi-agency task forces designed to track down violent criminals and remove them and their weapons from the streets.

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# OUT ON THE TOWN

ERIC D. SNIDER'S  
IN THE DARK  
Movie Review

## “The Help”

*“THE HELP” B+*  
Rated PG-13 for moderate  
profanity and thematic material.  
2 hrs., 17 min.

“The Help” is about a young white woman in segregated Mississippi who seeks to give a voice to the black maids and nannies by gathering and publishing their personal stories. You cringe just thinking about it, don't you? Movies like this are usually sanctimonious and preachy, or else embarrassing because they focus on saintly white characters who swoop in and save those poor Negroes.

But lo and behold, “The Help” gets it right. Based on Kathryn Stockett's bestselling novel (which I haven't read) and adapted and directed by the author's longtime friend Tate Taylor, the film presents the thorny, emotionally charged material with respect and abundant good humor. Though a white woman is the catalyst, the film belongs entirely to the complex and fully formed black characters. Movies about Southern racism in the 1960s are often so black-and-white (pardon the expression) that they become cartoonish, making the awful realities of the era seem unrealistic. But “The Help” feels authentic, with people talking and behaving in the nuanced manner of real people rather than stereotypes. We get a strong sense of what Jackson, Mississippi, was probably really like in 1963 -- the bad, the good, and the in-between.

This is a world in which any self-respecting white family with even a modest income employs black women as domestic help. They cook, clean, and essentially raise their employers' children, then go home at the end of the day to their own families on the other side of the tracks. One such maid is Aibileen Clark (Viola Davis), a luminous woman of about 50 who works for the Leefolt family. She genuinely loves the chubby Leefolt daughter she's currently raising, just as she has loved all the other children in her care. The girl's mother, Elizabeth (Ahna O'Reilly), is a hands-off kind of parent, which is typical of this society. She considers Aibileen



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**The Help stars Emma Stone as Skeeter, Viola Davis as Aibileen and Octavia Spencer as Minny—three very different, extraordinary women in Mississippi during the 1960s, who build an unlikely friendship around a secret writing project that breaks societal rules and puts them all at risk. From their improbable alliance a remarkable sisterhood emerges, instilling all of them with the courage to transcend the lines that define them, and the realization that sometimes those lines are made to be crossed—even if it means bringing everyone in town face-to-face with the changing times. -- (C) DreamWorks**

and all other blacks to be inferior, of course, but harbors no particular ill will or distrust.

Upon graduating from Ole Miss, one Eugenia “Skeeter” Phelan (the plucky Emma Stone) returns to Jackson to look for work and tend to her ailing mother, Charlotte (Allison Janney). Skeeter is different from the other women her age in that she's not single-mindedly seeking a husband, nor does she accept without question what she's been taught about black folks. Skeeter was raised by a maid (played by Cicely Tyson), just like all the other Junior League girls, but she's come away from the experience with more insight than her contemporaries.

A would-be writer, Skeeter gets the idea to interview Aibileen and the other maids of Jackson, figuring this would make for an eye-opening story. No one has presented their point of view before! Turns out there's a reason: any maid who talked frankly about her employers in public would be fired lickety-split, then bad-mouthed until she couldn't find work anywhere else in town. Nonetheless, circumstances eventually embolden Aibileen enough to take the risk.

If Aibileen is the strong, digni-

fied black woman, her best friend and fellow maid Minny Jackson (Octavia Spencer) is the loose cannon. Minny, legendary for her cooking, has worked for senile old Mrs. Walters (Sissy Spacek) for decades, and now works for her daughter, Hilly (Bryce Dallas Howard), who's the most stone-cold racist b-word in town. While most of her fellow maids have suppressed their indignation in order to make a living, Minny has grown bitter and resentful. It's only a matter of time before she's fired.

Adding more flavor to the story is Celia Foote (Jessica Chastain), a bubbly Southern belle who is an outcast from polite society and has, for some reason, none of the attitudes toward “the help” that she's supposed to have. Newly married but woefully inadequate in the kitchen, she needs a maid who can help out in that department.

Viola Davis and Octavia Spencer give some of the best performances of the year, imbuing their characters with small touches -- a sigh here, a raised eyebrow there -- that make them feel lived-in and real. Aibileen is wise but fallible; Minny is angry but good-hearted. They have their functions in the plot, of course, but they don't seem to

exist for the sole purpose of performing those functions. (The same cannot be said for Hilly, the film's lone one-dimensional villain, though even she is played with startling iciness by Bryce Dallas Howard.) Stone, Janney, and especially Chastain turn potentially patronizing characters into lively and memorable ones.

Not everything works perfectly. The inclusion of a potential love interest for Skeeter adds nothing to the story, and Mary Steenburgen's version of a New York publisher -- only seen talking on the telephone, usually barking orders -- feels like it belongs in another movie entirely. You could also make the argument, though I might disagree with you, that the film resorts to some gimmickry to earn cheap applause in a couple instances.

What is surprising is that it doesn't do that sort of thing constantly, as many lesser films have. When the tears come (and believe me, they do), they are sweet and well-earned, not jerked out of you. This isn't a movie that you watch just because it's good for you (though it is good for you). You watch it because it's also a crowd-pleasing, Friday-night-at-the-movies experience, a great mix of noble intentions and popular entertainment.

## Arena Stage Updates Concessions

(Washington, D.C.) Moving into the second season in its expanded campus, Arena Stage at the Mead Center for American Theater has updated the culinary options available to patrons in the venue. The upper lobby-level dining area has become Catwalk Café. This casual self-service café, along with its adjoining bar and the main lobby-level concessions, will continue to be operated by Ridgewells Catering, who ran the café launched during the inaugural season in the Mead Center: Next Stage Café by José Andrés.

“We want to thank 2011 James Beard Foundation Award recipient José Andrés and his staff for his vision, insight and creative impact on our successful inaugural season,” shares Arena Stage Managing Director Edgar Dobie. “We are pleased that Ridgewells will continue as our café and concessions operator.”

Catwalk Café features a variety of sensational selections, ranging from quick bites to custom-designed salads, soups and

entrées. It offers dramatic cuisine featuring flavors inspired by the great American plays currently in production, inspired views of the Southwest Waterfront and the Mead Center and features environmentally friendly service products. Catwalk Café opens two and a half hours prior to the start of scheduled evening performances and weekend matinees and closes once the show begins. Concessions, which serves lighter fare, opens 30 minutes prior to curtain and remains open one hour after the show.

Catwalk Café Menu (through September 9, 2011)\*

SALADS BLT Salad - \$10 Bacon, Chopped Romaine Lettuce, Cherry Tomatoes, Cucumber, Scallion Greens and Croutons Tossed in a Buttermilk Ranch Dressing Classic Caesar Salad - \$10/\$8 With Chicken or Shrimp; Chopped Romaine Lettuce, Parmesan Cheese and Croutons Asian Salad - \$12 With Chicken or Shrimp;

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## The Edge of Sports

by DAVE ZIRIN

### The London Olympics and the London Riots

And so they played beach volleyball in small bikinis; on imported sand; while the world burned.

It aint exactly Shakespeare, but it is actually what happened earlier this week as the London Olympic Committee staged a beach volleyball exhibition as fires engulfed the city.

Opening Ceremonies for the London Olympics are in less than a year and this week's explosion of bottled fury has the International Olympic Committee on edge. Even worse for Tory Prime Minister David Cameron, the riots took place as representatives from 200 Olympic Committees across the globe visited the city, just in time for the days of rage. Can you imagine the scene? It would be like Michele Bachman and her 197 children visiting New York City and walking straight into the Gay Pride Parade.

As Tony Travers, a professor at the London School of Economics said, [1]“There's no doubt that this is a very bad day, a worrying day.... Olympic organizers in London planned to protect London from conventional terrorism. But of all the things they might have thought might happen, I'd be surprised if civil insurrections was high up on their list of expected risk factors.”

The knotty problem however is that the Olympics - courtesy of Tony Blair's Labour Party - aren't a parallel operation to the mass civic unrest but an aggravator. As social services wither, the Olympics will cost upwards of 20 billion pounds and the Olympic torch has acted as an instrument of arson. Ask the residents of Clays Lane Estate, in East London. Clay's Lane Estate was the largest housing cooperative in the UK, and the second largest in all of Europe. Over protests, Clay's Lane was demolished to make way for Olympic Facilities. The protests haven't been heard, and we get riots, or, as Dr. King put it, “the language of the unheard.”

But much of the political class choose to hear nothing. London Mayor Boris Johnson rushed back from holiday to say, [2]“In less than 12 months we will welcome the world to a great summer Games in the greatest city on earth -- and by then we must all hope that we will look back on these events as a bad dream.”

Tom Jenkins, the European Tour Operators Association executive director, sniffed, [3]“I don't think the rioting will impact the Olympics. The Olympics is, overwhelmingly, a domestic event. British people won't be put off from visiting the Olympics in Stratford because a year earlier shop windows were broken in Hackney.”

Former Olympic great, and current Olympic flak Lord Sebastian Coe even called everything this past week, [4] “Business as usual.”

But the many others are far less confident. Paula Radcliffe, the world record holder in the marathon said, [5] “In less than one year we welcome the world, and right now they don't want to come.”

The question now is whether the IOC will demand an even more severe police crackdown to ensure that the games will be run according to plan.

The IOC told us at the Nation that they will keep completely out of any security arrangements altogether. Andrew Mitchell, Media Relations Manager of the IOC emailed, “Security at the Olympic Games is a top priority for the IOC. It is, however, directly handled by the local authorities, as they know best what is appropriate and proportionate. We are confident they will do a good job in this domain.”

This assertion has left many rolling their eyes. Bob Quellos, an organizer for No Games Chicago, which helped keep the Olympics out of the Windy City for 2016, said to me, “Simply, what the IOC wants, it gets. In London next summer, the IOC will be dictating the level of police repression. Billions of dollars have been spent on the security. London's Olympic Park is already a highly militarized zone protected by barbed wire, dogs, and armed patrols.”

Chris Shaw, the author of the book Five Ring Circus: Myths and Realities of the Olympic Games [6], points out, based on his experience in Vancouver during the 2010 Winter Games, that the harassment would only get worse. “[As the games approached] the Charter [their Constitution] went out the window for the duration of the games; People were followed and harassed. Reporters were deported and cops were acting like reporters.”

This has certainly been the case for previous Olympic festivals as well. In other words, every historical precedent points to an increased crackdown in the months ahead, which will only further fan tomorrow's flames. We have a collision coming between the Olympic Monolith and the poor, angry youth of Great Britain. Conflict is ensured if David Cameron's ultimate response continues to be, “Let them eat beach volleyball.”

[Dave Zirin is the author of “Bad Sports: How Owners are Ruining the Games we Love” (Scribner) and just made the new documentary “Not Just a Game.” Receive his column every week by emailing dave@edgeofsports.com. Contact him at edgeofsports@gmail.com.]

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# Calendar of Events

August 25 - August 31, 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@mdsbdc.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)

### Laurel Farmers Market

Date & Time: Thursdays through October 27, 9 am-6:30 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: 300 Block of Main Street, Laurel 20708  
 Contact: 301-483-0838 (Gail Reinhardt)

### Mount Rainier Farmers Market

Date & Time: Saturdays through October 29, 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: 1 Municipal Place, Mount Rainier 20712 (next to City Hall; near the circle)

Contact: www.mountrainierfarmersmarket.com

### National Harbor Farmers Market

Date & Time: Saturdays through November 5, 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: American Way (Waterfront & Fleet Streets), Oxon Hill  
 Contact: 301-248-8079 (Phyllicia Hatton)

www.americanmarketnh.com

### Riverdale Park Farmers Market

Date & Time: Thursdays through November 17, 3-7 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: Queensbury Road, Riverdale park 20737 (MARC station parking lot)

Contact: 301-332-6258 (Jim Coleman)

### St. Thomas Church Farmers Market

Date & Time: Saturdays through October 1, 8 am-12 noon  
 Description: "Our Local Bounty" the St. Thomas' Parish Farmers' Market is back for its second year! Featuring locally-produced fruits, vegetables, baked goods and meats from Southern Maryland farmers, and local artists' products. Cost: FREE Ages: All ages

Location: St. Thomas Church  
 14300 St. Thomas Church Road, Upper Marlboro 20772  
 Contact: Jane Young at 202-365-0331

### From the Garden to the Kitchen: Seasonal Selections

Date & Time: Saturday, August 13, 12 noon-3:30 pm  
 Description: Using produce from the garden and orchard, the Riversdale Kitchen Guild members demonstrate foodways in the Dependency kitchen. Selections are inspired by the traditional seasonal cycles of a 19th century farm.

Cost: FREE Ages: All ages

Location: Riversdale House Museum  
 4811 Riverdale Road, Riverdale Park 20737  
 Contact: 301-864-0420; TTY 301-699-2544

### Juke Joint Saturday & Blues BBQ

Date and Time: Saturday, August 13, 7-10 pm  
 Event Description: This popular annual event is an intimate, soul-stirring, "raise the roof" expressive celebration under the evening sky. Ages: All ages Fee: \$30/person  
 Location: Arts/Harmony Hall Regional Center  
 10701 Livingston Road, Fort Washington 20744  
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# EARTH TALK ... Ocean dead zones

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 -- Chris Tod, via e-mail

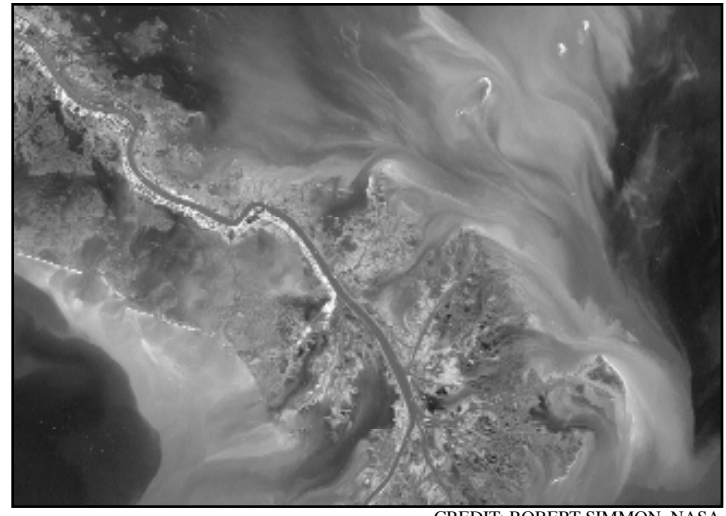
The short answer is: "It depends." A fairly recent innovation in wine packaging, the so-called Bag-in-Box (BIB) dispenser makes use of a plastic bag with a nozzle surrounded by a corrugated cardboard box. The whole package sits easily on a shelf and usually features a built-in spout for easy pouring and resealing. The main benefit is that each box can hold about four bottles-worth of wine, and the BIB technology prevents oxidation, keeping the wine fresh for up to six weeks after the seal has been broken initially.

Besides costing less to manufacture than glass bottles, the Bag-in-Box apparatus, invented by Scholle packaging a half century ago, weighs significantly less, stacks more efficiently (meaning more wine can go with each container load) and will not shatter if dropped. As such, they are easier to transport, which keeps costs down and reduces the carbon footprint of the entire distribution process. While U.S. wine buyers traditionally have viewed wine in a box as cheap and unsavory, several American and European wineries are working to turn that view around

by putting out award-winning vintages by the box. Eco-conscious yet no less discriminating wine consumers are helping to drive the growing demand for boxed wines in the U.S., which currently command about 10 percent of U.S. supermarket wine sales.

But boxed wine may have an environmental dark side: Some of the plastic bags inside the boxes contain Bisphenol-A (BPA), a synthetic chemical that has been in use for four decades to strengthen plastic food containers and other items but recently has been linked to a range of human health problems. "A growing amount of scientific research has linked BPA exposure to altered development of the brain and behavioral changes, a predisposition to prostate and breast cancer, reproductive harm, diabetes, obesity and cardiovascular disease," reports the non-profit Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC).

The bags are made out of #7 plastic, a catchall category typically containing mixed types of plastic ("polycarbonate"), combined for various practical reasons. As more and more research comes to light, many environmentalists and public health advocates are warning consumers to avoid storing any food or drinks in containers made out of #7 plastic, as there is likelihood that BPA could be part of the mix.



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Perhaps the most infamous U.S. dead zone is an 8,500 square mile swath of the Gulf of Mexico, not far from where the nutrient-laden Mississippi River, which drains farms up and down the Midwest, lets out.

Most wineries offering boxed wines make it clear if their plastic bags do not contain BPA. For one, Scholle Packaging, inventors of the BIB system and one of the largest wine box manufacturers, uses only BPA-free #7 plastic in their bags. Perini, Campo Largo, Bota Box and many other box wines come in BPA-free packaging. The simple way to know is to read the labels when you're wine shopping.

Also, don't think that by avoiding boxed wine you are necessarily avoiding BPA. Researchers have found that the plastic stoppers so many of us use to cap an unfinished bottle, not to mention the lining of concrete vats used to store wine at many wineries, contain and can leach BPA into your glass.

That's not to say that all wine contains BPA; quite the contrary, in fact, as most bottled wine still never comes into contact with plastic and as such does not carry any BPA-stigma. Regardless, the more you know, the safer you can be—so that the worst thing you get from your wine is a hangover.

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# Businesses Announce 6,261 Jobs \$1.6 Billion in Capital Investment in First Six Months of 2011

## State's Economic Development Agency Releases New and Expanding Businesses Report

By PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE  
**Department of Business & Economic Development**

BALTIMORE, MD (August, 2011) – Maryland businesses announced the creation of more than 6,200 jobs and \$1.6 billion in capital investment in the first half of 2011, according to a report released today by the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development (DBED). New and Expanding Businesses in Maryland January – June 2011 details a total of 207 projects announced in 21 counties and Baltimore City, which includes 39 businesses that are new to the State and 168 expansions of existing businesses.

"Our strategy has been to continue to give Maryland businesses the resources they need to start or expand a business," said DBED Secretary Christian S. Johansson. "We have focused on moving Maryland's economy forward by developing targeted initiatives such as Maryland Made Easy and InvestMaryland and focusing on our core strengths in cyber security and life sciences to continue to grow jobs and accelerate Maryland's economic recovery."

The 39 new businesses to

Maryland announced between January and June represent 787 new jobs and include several high profile projects, including a new Social Security Administration service center in Frederick County, which is expected to create 200 new jobs and a \$500 million capital investment. Other new businesses announced are Apttis, an IT company in Anne Arundel County, which announced it will create 70 new jobs; EMD Sales, a grocery wholesaler in Baltimore City, which is slated to create 70 new jobs and Telcordia Technologies, a network software company in Baltimore County, which announced the creation of 50 new jobs.

Expansions of existing Maryland businesses represent 5,474 jobs, or 87 percent of all new jobs in first half of 2011. Significant expansion announcements include Holy Cross Hospital in Montgomery County, which is expected to create 1,548 jobs and a \$202 million investment; Kohl's distribution facility in Harford County, which is creating 1,200 new jobs and a \$90 million investment; athletic apparel giant Under Armour, which is creating 225 new jobs at its Anne Arundel facility; and software developer Vocus,

which is creating 200 new jobs in Prince George's County.

The Central region, which includes Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford and Howard counties and Baltimore City, accounted for the largest number of announced projects with 22 new and 101 expanding businesses, which represents more than 50 percent of all new jobs in the first half of the year and 66 percent of total new capital investment. Of the counties, Howard County announced the most new and expanding projects with 31, followed by Baltimore City with 29, Baltimore County with 25 and Montgomery County with 24.

The health care industry created the largest number of new jobs announced with more than 1,600, largely from the expansion of Holy Cross Hospital, followed by retail trade with nearly 1,300 announced new jobs, and manufacturing with 922 announced new jobs and \$153 million in capital investment, led by the expansions of Under Armour and Thompson Creek Window. The federal government generated the largest new investment with nearly \$740 million in capital expenditures, largely from the planned SSA facility in Frederick.

The New and Expanding Report, which is done on a semi-annual and annual basis, is compiled by DBED's Office of Research with input from county economic development officials. It is based on public announcements of planned employment creation and capital expenditures by businesses in Maryland. Some of the new facilities announced may not yet be in operation, as there can be a lag time between announcement and occupancy.

About DBED: The Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development's mission is to attract new businesses, stimulate private investment and create jobs, encourage the expansion and retention of existing companies and provide businesses in Maryland with workforce training and financial assistance. The department promotes the State's many economic advantages and markets local products and services at home and abroad to spur economic development, international trade and tourism. As a major economic generator, the department also supports the arts, film production, sports and other special events. For more information, visit www.choosemaryland.org

### Cafe from A6

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Breast of Chicken with Natural Herb Jus

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### Funding from A1

consists of a five-member Executive Review Panel that will convene monthly, or more frequently as the need arises, to review and evaluate complete applications from non-profit organizations. Funding decisions will be based upon an evaluation of the following criteria – cost benefit, public benefit, strength of the organiza-

tion, and overall strength of the proposal.

CPG requests do not have a grant award or ceiling amount. However, each CPG application will be reviewed and rated for reasonableness and consistency with realistic and achievable outcomes.

New Accountability Requirements

In order to ensure that the funds are being used in the most

effective manner, and result in positive outcomes, there are several new requirements to the County Executive's discretionary grant process.

- Applicants must provide proof of 501(c)(3) status

- Applicants must provide proof of "good standing" with the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation

- Applicants will be subject to semi-annual and annual

programmatic and financial reporting.

For additional information or questions, non-profit organizations should refer to this FAQ Sheet or contact the Prince George's County Government, Office of Management and Budget at (301) 952-3300 or send inquiries to

CDiscretionarygrants@princegeorgescountymd.gov.

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The American Red Cross, Greater Chesapeake and Potomac Region is honoring those who have struggled with this disease with "Walls of Hope" at all blood drives and donor centers throughout the month of October. Participants may write a small card in honor of a cancer patient to post on the Wall Of Hope. Call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to schedule a life-saving donation appointment. Platelet donors can call 1-800-272-2123 to schedule an appointment.

Blood is often used to treat those undergoing treatment for all types of cancer, including breast cancer. Cancer treatments such as chemotherapy can kill red blood cells and platelets, and these patients rely on blood transfusions throughout their treatment to remain strong and recover. According to the American Cancer Society, over 1.5 million people are expected to be diagnosed with cancer in 2010 in the United States. Many of those patients will require transfusions of blood and platelets.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to give life to local patients in need with a blood donation and show your support of the fight against Breast Cancer" said Gary J. Ouellette, Chief Executive Officer for the GC&P Region. "Many of us know someone who has been touched by this disease, or by another form of cancer, and this give our donors the opportunity to share their experience with others while giving hope to patients who may currently be fighting the battle."

The "Wall of Hope" will be available at all American Red Cross Donor Centers and participating blood drives throughout October. In addition, all participants will receive a commemorative "I Gave Hope" lapel pin (while supplies last). Blood donations are needed to treat patients throughout the Greater Chesapeake and Potomac Region undergoing treatment for cancer, premature babies, trauma victims, transplant surgeries, those with chronic blood disorders, and many others. Over 1000 units of blood are needed daily to meet the needs of local patients.

## Child Watch from A4

pipeline. Staying in school and receiving a quality education are the best deterrents to juvenile delinquency and the surest route towards responsible, productive adulthood. Yet almost half of our states spend on average more than three times as much per prisoner as per public school pupil. I can't think of a dumber investment policy, one that hurts countless children and families every day.

It's clear we're not getting our children what they need to be ready for and to succeed in

school and to learn all that we need them to know in order to keep our workforce, military, and country strong in the future. It's time for every voter to tell those shrill partisan and ideologically driven extremists that America's children are not to be sacrificial lambs on the altar of their destructive agendas. If we saw parents spending money to buy themselves a private jet but sending their child to school unprepared, hungry, and empty-handed, we would be shocked and furious at how misguided their priorities were. Why should any of our nation's lead-

ers be allowed to make the same choice?

Marian Wright Edelman is President of the Children's Defense Fund whose Leave No Child Behind® mission is to ensure every child a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start and a Moral Start in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities. For more information go to [www.childrensdefense.org](http://www.childrensdefense.org).

Mrs. Edelman's Child Watch Column also appears each week on The Huffington Post.