

COMMENTARY

By A. Barry Rand, CEO

AARP

Martin Luther King, Jr.: a Lasting Legacy

"Take the first step in faith," Martin Luther King, Jr. Told us. "You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step."

Inspired by his eloquence and his moral courage, ordinary Americans took the first step in faith, and then more and more steps up the staircase to justice and opportunity.

As our nation marks the 48th anniversary of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom on August 28 by dedicating a memorial to Dr. King on the National Mall, we at AARP understand that the journey to fulfill the promise of our country is far from over. We can see the whole staircase, but we haven't gotten to the top yet.

As a proud donor to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial, we recall Dr. King's soul-stirring call to see, affirm, and uphold the worth and dignity of every person. If you go to aarp.org/black-community, you can see a video that shows the effects of his legacy, as well as read the reflections of a diverse group of Americans about what Dr. King meant to them.

That is a message we take to heart every day at AARP, as we apply the lessons from Dr. King's words—and his life. He taught that the path to justice requires not only overcoming prejudice but also overcoming poverty. Especially in the last stages of a life cut tragically short, he led a farsighted struggle for economic opportunity.

Like his earlier leadership against legally-enshrined discrimination, this was terribly difficult work, but Dr. King always put conscience over convenience. Today, at a time of high unemployment and widespread economic pain in our country, his example can once more light the way for us. Let's not forget the event 48 years ago was called a march for jobs and freedom.

The current economic downturn in America has hit the African-American community with special fury. More than one-third of African-American households had zero or negative net worth in 2009. The median wealth of African-American households was only one-twentieth that of white households. That is the largest disparity since the government started publishing this data a quarter century ago, as reported by Pew Research Center last month.

The Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies has found that for two in five households of retired African-Americans 65 and older who receive Social Security retirement benefits, these monthly checks are the sole source of income.

This sharp drop in assets and continued heavy reliance on Social Security shows how critical it is to protect and strengthen Social Security and Medicare.

As AARP gears up for the next round of this battle in Washington, we're reminded of something else that Dr. King said, "Change does not come on the wheels of inevitability, but comes through continuous struggle."

That was true in the days of segregation. It was true in the fight for voting rights. It is just as true today when it comes to health care and retirement security and, indeed, all the efforts to assist those who are vulnerable.

AARP itself was born of struggle—a long, uphill battle for fair treatment and dignity for every older person. For all the progress our country has made, we recognize there are many battles yet to be won. For instance, six million Americans who are sixty and older face the threat of hunger every day. People who have done so much for so many for so long now need to turn to others for help. That is why The AARP Foundation is leading the Drive to End Hunger: so we can help make sure that older men and women get the food assistance they need, whether from volunteer-supported community food banks, a caring neighbor or the federal government.

At AARP we treasure the ethic of service that Martin Luther King, Jr. embodied. He understood so well the awesome responsibility we all have to look out for each other. We know that lifting the lives of those in need is not just the work of government. It is also a matter for each of us—as a caregiver for a family member or friend, as a mentor or tutor to a child, as an active and informed citizen in our community.

We reflect on the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. not only to study the past but to shape a more hopeful future. With the glorious life of Dr. King in our minds and in our hearts, we can climb the staircase together.



To Be Equal

Marc Morial, President and CEO
National Urban League

Dream of King Memorial to Life

"We build this memorial because...when our nation was about to split in two – black versus white, rich versus poor – Dr. King said we should live together as brothers or perish as fools."

Harry E. Johnson, President & CEO, the Washington, DC Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial Project Foundation

On August 28th, the forty-eighth anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s historic "I Have a Dream" speech at the Lincoln Memorial, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial will become the first on the National Mall in Washington, DC to honor a person of color, a non-president and a man of peace. More than 250,000 people are expected to be on hand next Sunday when President Obama delivers the grand opening keynote speech.

More than a quarter century in the making and at a cost of \$120 million, the Memorial promises to rekindle global interest in the life and legacy of one of the greatest champions of civil and human rights the world has ever known. In these times of rampant domestic and international turmoil and division, Dr. King's message of justice, democracy, hope and love is needed more than ever.

The MLK Memorial project was the brainchild of Alpha Phi Alpha, the world's oldest intercollegiate fraternity founded by African American men. Fraternity leaders conceived the idea in 1984, sixteen years after Dr. King's death and only months after President Reagan signed the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday into law. Dr. King himself was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha as were National Urban League legends Lester Granger and Whitney M. Young, Jr., who were also colleagues and friends of Dr. King. I too am a proud Alpha Phi Alpha Brother. Since 2002, the

massive fund-raising effort needed to bring the MLK Memorial project to fruition, has been led by former Alpha Phi Alpha President and Houston lawyer, Harry E. Johnson, Sr. Under Johnson's leadership, the Washington, DC Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial Project Foundation has raised more than \$114 million from scores of corporate donors and thousands of citizens who want to ensure that Dr. King's legacy endures.

Harry Johnson was just eight years old when Dr. King led the 1963 March on Washington where he delivered one of the most well-known speeches in American history. He says that he owes much of his success as a lawyer and activist to the inspiration of Dr. King and the changes he brought about through non-violent action. Johnson is a graduate of Xavier University in New Orleans and received his law degree from Texas Southern University's Thurgood Marshall School of Law. He served as President of Alpha Phi Alpha from 2001-2004, and for his leadership of the King Memorial project, was awarded the prestigious "President's Award" at January's Trumpet Awards Gala in Atlanta.

Carved out of a granite boulder and situated on the Tidal Basin in a direct line between the Jefferson and Lincoln Memorials, the MLK Memorial will be a fitting tribute to Dr. King. According to Harry Johnson, "Drawing from Dr. King's speeches and using his own rich language, the King Memorial will be a public sanctuary where future generations of Americans, regardless of race, religion, gender, ethnicity, or sexual orientation can come to honor Dr. King." We applaud Alpha Phi Alpha and Johnson for their leadership of this important project and urge all Americans to visit this historic new addition to the National Mall.

Open to the Public

The National Colonial Farm



The National Colonial Farm, an outdoor living history museum, was established by the Accokeek Foundation in 1958 to educate people about life on a middle-class tobacco farm of 1775. The site features period buildings, gardens and heritage animal breeds. Tours of the farm are led by interpreters who bring the farm's history to life. Weekend demonstrations of colonial life are also offered throughout most of the year. Skilled interpreters lead tours of the National Colonial Farm, highlighting the colonial structures, fields, gardens and animals. Structures located within the colonial site are open to the public and include a circa 1770 farm dwelling, an 18th century tobacco barn, a smokehouse, and an out-kitchen. The kitchen garden features 18th century varieties of herbs, flowers, and vegetables. Historic varieties of field crops such as 'Orinoco' tobacco, 'Virginia Gourdseed' corn and 'Red May' wheat are cultivated on a seasonal basis and are the source for much of the farm's heirloom seed stock.

The National Colonial Farm is a recognized leader in the field of historic plant preservation. Weekend visitors to the National Colonial Farm may see sewing, cooking, spinning, dyeing, candlemaking, gardening, wood-working and colonial games. To find out which activities are happening during your visit, please call the Visitor Center. The National Colonial Farm and Visitor Center are open Tuesday through Sunday from 10am to 4pm from mid-March through mid-December. From mid-December through mid-March, hours are 10am to 4pm on weekends only. Guided tours of the National Colonial Farm are offered at 1pm on weekends. Visitors may walk through the site on their own. For more information, please call the Visitor Center at 301.283.2113 ext. 15.

Child Watch

by Marion Wright Edelman



Getting Children Ready For School

As our nation pauses to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with the dedication of a new memorial on the anniversary of the historic 1963 March on Washington, most will focus on only part of the story. When many Americans think of the historic March, they think of Dr. King standing on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial delivering his inspiring "I Have a Dream" words he spontaneously added at the very end of his speech. For nearly 50 years the powerful words in that section have been quoted all over the world. But too few people remember that the March on Washington wasn't focused just on racial equality but was actually named the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom and was a demand for economic opportunity and economic justice for all. Too few know or remember the central metaphor that made up the first half of Dr. King's speech: the bounced check America had written to its Black and poor citizens.

Dr. King said we had come to the nation's capital that August day to cash a check America had written nearly two hundred years earlier. He reminded us that when our nation's founders wrote the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, they had created a promissory note that guaranteed all Americans the inalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. But instead of honoring that promise for Black Americans, America had defaulted on it and given us a bad check that had come back marked "insufficient funds." Dr. King said those of us who had come to the 1963 March on Washington—over 200,000 strong—were there to cash our checks because we refused to believe "the bank of justice is bankrupt" or that "there are insufficient funds in the great vaults of opportunity of this nation."

It is a message with special resonance this year and month as our nation's leaders are locked in bitter debates about our nation's insufficient funds, whether or not to default on our country's debts, whether rich and powerful individuals and corporations whose bank accounts are overflowing from the tax breaks and subsidies which drove up huge debts will be asked to contribute their fair share, and whether millions of

hungry, homeless, poor, and poorly educated American children and families will be asked to sacrifice more and continue to receive bounced checks from the bank of economic opportunity and justice.

Congress is fighting the wrong national deficit. The real deficit every leader needs to address is our human deficit and the immoral values that drive some extremist political leaders to hijack the nation's economic wellbeing and sacrifice the lives of innocent children and the poor.

The Children's Defense Fund (CDF)'s recent The State of America's Children 2011 report shows millions of children and families fell into poverty in 2009 from the economic downturn, jeopardizing America's promise of a productive future for them and for our nation. One in every five children—15.5 million—was poor in 2009. Children of color, who will be a majority of our child population in 2019, continue to suffer disproportionately. In 2009 more than one in three Black and one in three Hispanic children lived in poverty compared to more than one in ten White non-Hispanic children. And the younger they are the poorer they are. These helpless poor babies cannot fight powerful corporate lobbyists and their political allies.

Child poverty is closely tied to economic opportunity. Although two-thirds of poor

children live in families with at least one family worker, the available jobs and wages often aren't enough. A study prepared for CDF by Dr. Andrew Sum, director of the Center for Labor Market Studies at Northeastern University, found the American dream and employment opportunities vanishing for countless poorly educated Black young people. In 2010 the unemployment, underemployment, and hidden unemployment rate for all Black 16 to 29-year-olds was a shocking 40 percent and 43 percent for Black males. The large number of young Black adults not working full-time jobs will severely limit their future employability, earnings, and ability to support their families.

Fifty years after the March on Washington, jobs and economic opportunities are still missing for huge numbers of Black families today, and millions of families of all races who are feeling the pain of soaring unemployment and low wages. In another new study Dr. Sum found: "To date, through the first quarter of 2011, the nation's recovery from the 2007-2009 recession is both a jobless and a wageless recovery... The only major beneficiaries of the recovery have been corporate profits and the stock market and its shareholders," with workers and

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BUSINESS

Business Exchange

by William Reed



Justice for Black Farmers

My hope is that the farmers and their families who were denied access to USDA loans and programs will be made whole and will have the chance to rebuild their lives and their businesses

— Barack Obama

It's time President Barack Obama paid up on Pigford.

Pigford represents a landmark case of racial discrimination in America and illustrates how government leaders have, and continue to use a plethora of tricks to avoid paying Blacks their just due for wrongs do for wrongs committed against them in America. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has been the bane of American racism and held the reputation of "The Last Plantation" for decades. Twelve years after the USDA agreed to settle the discrimination illustrated in the Pigford case, the money promised remains unpaid.

Pigford is proof positive of institutional racism in America. Occasionally patterns of racism are scheduled for righting. In 1999 federal courts ruled that the USDA engaged in racist practices by denying financial help to economically distressed Black farmers. North Carolina farmer Timothy Pigford, along with hundreds of other Black farmers, won their class-action discrimination lawsuit against then-Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman when Pigford v. Glickman discovered that between 1981 and 1996 "minorities received less than their fair share of USDA funds for crops and disaster payments and loans. The case was settled out of court and about 15,000 farmers were paid a total in excess of \$900 million. But Pigford continued with tens of thousands of claimants who filed claims after the settlement deadline. Now many in Congress and the federal government seek to deny these farmers their due.

Payment for Pigford is mocked by many. Flooding damage to mid-western farms along the Missouri River provided Repp. Michele Bachmann (R-Minn.) and Steve King (R-Iowa) a press audience. Reporters asked them if their calls for drastic cuts in federal spending would mean less money for emergency aid to help beleaguered farmers. King responded that there would be more money for the mostly White farmers if the government was not paying

so much to settle cases involving racial discrimination against Black farmers. Presidential candidate Bachmann joined King in saying that the mid-western farmers deserved the money and charged that a large percentage of the USDA settlement consisted of "fraudulent claims". "King said "I'd like to apply that money to the people that are under water right now" and characterized the Black farmers' suit as "modern-day reparations."

Despite having won the largest civil rights discrimination settlement in history, Black farmers are still struggling to get paid. Flagrant discrimination has dominated Black lives on farms in America. Although the U.S. government never followed through on its promise of "40 acres and a mule" to freed slaves, and in spite of systematic processes and programs to stymie their efforts African-Americans were able to establish a foothold in Southern agriculture. Black land ownership peaked in 1910, when 218,000 African-American farmers had ownership stakes in 15 million acres of land. But, through the machinations of southern bureaucrats and the USDA, by 1992 Black ownership numbers had dwindled to 2.3 million acres held by 18,000 farmers. The problem is the number of Black farmers that have been forced off their land. In 1920, one of out seven U.S. farms was Black-owned and operated; but by 1992 Black farmers operated just one of every 100 farms.

Pigford shows America's legacy of slavery, segregation and Jim Crow. Black farmers have been done a series of injustices and those who have lost family land and legacies shouldn't be slandered as bums looking for a handout. The Pigford settlement was not reverse racism, or for undeserving people trying to pull some scam on the government. It was the end result of a thorough legal process "to make them whole."

Many African Americans are owed "a debt" of reparations. But for Black farmers the USDA was an agency that never played fair with them. The USDA caused generations of Black farmers enormous economic hardships; now viable steps toward funding Pigford and Black farmers' claims are in order.

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

Routes from A1

trains traveled at 15 mph. Although no one was panicky, a number of unnerved parents left their offices early to pick up their children from school. As they left, they wondered about the best way home.

Federal, state and D.C. Homeland Security & Emergency Management officials have spent more than \$2 billion to protect the Washington, D.C. area since 9/11. Since then, area officials have established "25 primary evacuation routes of the city," during an emergency situation. The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) has placed clearly marked "e-route" signs around the city that direct motorists to the Capital Beltway (I-495) and beyond.

The D.C. Homeland Security

& Emergency Management offers the following emergency evacuation tips.

Evacuation by Car or Other Vehicle

In an emergency situation, Washington's universally famous street, Pennsylvania Avenue, will be the North/South dividing line during an evacuation. No vehicles will be permitted to cross Pennsylvania Avenue during an evacuation. Take this into account as you plan where your family will reunite after an emergency.

During an emergency, stay tuned to your local emergency station or Highway Advisory Radio station (1650 AM), or listen to emergency personnel for instructions about which route to follow.

Take your Emergency Go Kit with you.

Evacuation by Walking

State Business Agency Promotes Job Creation and Economic Development Strategies for Elected Officials

BALTIMORE, MD (August, 2011) – Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development (DBED) Secretary Christian S. Johansson joined Prince George's County Executive Rushern L. Baker III, State Senator George Edwards and Howard County Economic Development Authority Deputy Director Larry Twele for a panel discussion titled "The Value of Economic Development: Investing in Traditional Tools and New Resources" at the Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) Summer Conference. Jointly sponsored by DBED and the Maryland Economic Development Association (MEDA), the panel provided information on tools and resources available at the State and local levels to strengthen economic development opportunities, create jobs and expand businesses.

"We applaud MACo for making job creation a critical part of their summer conference agenda. By expanding the dialog to include economic development tools and strategies, MACo is providing elected officials and their department heads with a direct line to important resources they can use immediately to help business owners in every county," said Secretary Johansson.

In his presentation, Secretary Johansson outlined available financing and tax credit programs including the \$23 million Maryland was recently awarded through the State Small Business Credit Initiative for loan guarantees, start-up and seed funding and business grants and the recently announced FastTrack Maryland Made Easy as well as existing programs like the Maryland Economic Development Assistance Authority (MEDAAF), the Military

Reservist and Service-Disabled Veterans No-Interest Loan Program and the many special benefit districts and tax zones.

"Economic development is critical to the future of Prince George's County and the State of Maryland," said Prince George's County Executive Baker. "I am honored to join Secretary Johansson and Larry Twele on this panel to discuss the importance of investments in economic development to local jurisdictions and how those investments can grow revenues needed for improving services such as education and public safety."

"I was pleased to see that a session focused on economic development was added to the agenda," said Larry Twele. "It's an honor to be part of the panel discussion. By looking at a real-life case study, we hope to show the impact of economic development and how state and local professionals partner to help companies retain and grow jobs in Maryland."

"MEDA is dedicated to not only enhancing the knowledge and skills of our members, but also to encouraging partnerships and networking among those committed to bringing jobs and investment to Maryland," said Pam Ruff, Executive Director, adding, "MACo is a perfect setting for convening with like-minded professionals."

About State Small Business Credit Initiative:

The State Small Business Credit Initiative is designed to expand the capacity of small business loan guarantee programs in 34 states and U.S. territories have currently. The SSBCI is based in part on Maryland's MIDFA loan guarantee program, which has helped to leverage more than \$2.2 billion of private sector financing over the years for Maryland businesses.

Grants from A1

research record. A black scientist's chance of winning NIH funding was 10 percentage points lower than that of a white scientist." The NIH-commissioned analysis was conducted by research economist Donna Ginther of the University of Kansas (Lawrence) who previously has studied the participation of women in science.

"The Ginther study raises concerns about the NIH grant review process. After control-

ling for education, training, affiliations, and other factors, African-American scientists are less likely to receive funding for research proposals than their white counterparts. It also is discouraging that the sample size for Native American researchers was too small to measure.

"NIH, which receives \$30 billion annually in federal taxpayer dollars, has a responsibility to ensure that its grant review process is transparent and equitable, and that its research workforce is diverse.

has a white cover along it.

Use the box with the emergency door release handle located to the left of the center doors of the car. Pull the handle down, slide the left-center door to the left, and exit the train.

Do not touch the third rail or the paddles protruding from beneath the train. They carry high voltage electricity. Also, stay away from the tracks. A train could come without warning, and there may be electric current in the rails.

The walkway in Metro tunnels switches from one side of the tunnel to the other or may run between two sets of tracks. To get from one walkway to another, cross the track bed. Do not attempt to cross the third rail.

Look for emergency exits marked with lighted signs. Use these exits, unless Metro or emergency response personnel



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World Trade Center Baltimore, 401 East Pratt St., Baltimore, Maryland

About Maryland Made Easy:

Maryland Made Easy is part of Governor Martin O'Malley's ongoing efforts to improve the conditions that allow businesses to grow and create jobs. The initiative includes specific strategies for state agencies to help improve Maryland's business environment by streamlining processes, simplifying regulations and improving communication.

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.

About MEDA:

MEDA is a nonprofit organization of economic development professionals. Established in 1961, MEDA members promote the economic well being of Maryland by working to improve the states business climate and the professionalism of those in the field of economic development. Membership includes economic development practitioners employed by government, business, chambers of commerce and other professionals with an interest in the economy of Maryland. Through its regular meetings, special programs and projects, members address such diverse issues as local planning, workforce, transportation, international trade, tourism and finance.

As President Obama wrote this week in his executive order on diversity in the federal government, "The Federal Government has a special obligation to lead by example ... We are at our best when we draw on the talents of all parts of our society."

"As a member of the Senate Budget Committee, and one of the strongest advocates in Congress for NIH funding, I am calling on NIH to conduct a thorough, agency-wide evaluation of NIH's grantmaking process and implement steps to

ensure equal opportunities for all qualified applicants. The leadership of the new National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD) must be integrally involved in every step of this effort, and Congress must conduct aggressive oversight to make certain the integrity of the process. I am encouraged that significant progress in this area can be made, but only with the sustained commitment of the NIH leadership."

tell you not to do so. Follow the stairs up to the hatchway doors, and exit to the surface.

On the Bus

If there is an emergency while you are on a bus, wait for the bus to stop. Listen to the bus operator's instructions.

Windows and ceiling hatches serve as emergency exits. Use the red levers on either side of a window to release it.

Through Metro eAlerts, commuters can be notified of Metro service disruptions via email or text messages. eAlerts can be sent to computers, cellular phones, pagers or personal digital assistants capable of receiving data. Shortly after the tremors, the Alert DC system sent the following rapid text notification to subscribers: "Small aftershocks reported. As safety measure if experiencing please take cover under a desk,

table, bed or door frames. Stay clear of windows and other glass. Please stay put. If you are outdoors find areas clear of buildings. Stay tuned to radio and TV news updates." Since 9/11, the Council of Governments (COG) has established a Regional Transportation Coordination Program known as "CapCom" to provide timely public communications during emergency incidents.

AAA Mid-Atlantic advocates on behalf of its nearly four million members in the District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia, Delaware, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey. It provides a wide range of personal insurance, travel, financial and automotive services through its 56 retail branches, regional operations centers, and the Internet. For more information, please visit our web site at www.AAA.com.

OUT ON THE TOWN

ERIC D. SNIDER'S
IN THE DARK

Movie Review

"Fright Night"

"FRIGHT NIGHT" B
Rated R for a lot of harsh
profanity, a fair amount of
blood and gore, some sexuality.
1 hr., 46 min.

Any questions about the validity of Ed's assertions regarding Jerry are put to rest for the viewer pretty quickly, and for Charley not long after. Jerry is definitely a vampire, and potentially a very dangerous one.

There develops a "Rear Window" scenario (translation for our younger readers: a "Disturbia" scenario), with Charley seeking proof of Jerry's evil intentions while Jerry nonchalantly goes about his business of being charmingly masculine, all the better to woo the ladies, including Charley's mom. Charley also seeks help from Peter Vincent, a flashy magician of the Criss Angel school who has a show on the Strip and claims to be an expert in the occult. In a parallel universe, this role would be played by Russell Brand, but here it's David Tennant, preening and posing hilariously.

The screenplay, based on Tom Holland's original, is by Marti Noxon, whose many years of writing and producing for "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" and "Angel" seem like good credentials. (Did I hear a reference to "Scooby-Doo" in there, just like Buffy used to make?) The story moves at a satisfying pace, and doesn't lean too heavily on the frustrating angle of Charley and Ed knowing something that nobody will believe. I missed whatever explanation there might have been for how Ed knew Jerry was a vampire, or how Ed knows so much about real-life vampires in general, but hey, nobody's perfect.

The director is Craig Gillespie, who made "Lars and



PHOTO COURTESY ROTTENTOMATOES

Senior Charlie Brewster (Anton Yelchin) finally has it all—he's running with the popular crowd and dating the hottest girl in high school. In fact, he's so cool he's even dissing his best friend Ed (Christopher Mintz-Plasse). But trouble arrives when an intriguing stranger Jerry (Colin Farrell) moves in next door.
-- (C) DreamWorks

the Real Girl" and "Mr. Woodcock" and is therefore, unlike Marti Noxon, not an obvious choice to be involved in a "Fright Night" remake. But he does just fine in his first foray into the supernatural, handling both the action and the comedy scenes smoothly.

Wisely, Gillespie mostly stays out of the way and lets his actors have fun with their characters, which they do in great abundance. Yelchin is an agreeable lead, albeit an improbable one; pale and scrawny, he's the laid-back version of Jesse Eisenberg. And when was the last time Colin Farrell appeared to be enjoying himself this much? I'll tell you when: last month, in "Horrible Bosses." But before THAT, it was a long time ago. David Tennant makes the most of his flamboyant

showman, with Sandra Vergara earning some laughs as his angry girlfriend/assistant; Dave Franco and Reid Ewing have a few good moments as dimwitted bullies who harass Ed; and Christopher Mintz-Plasse continues to find new ways to refresh his McLovin character without wearing out his welcome.

This remake was probably green-lighted to capitalize on the recent popularity of vampires in entertainment, but Noxon and Gillespie were smart not to follow any of the current trends. Their vamps aren't like the ones in "True Blood," "Underworld," or (obviously) "Twilight," not in appearance or behavior. "Fright Night" might be a response to a craze, but it gnaws out its own niche within the catacombs of B-moviedom.

The Edge of Sports

by DAVE ZIRIN

Look Who's Standing for LGBT Rights: Tim Hardaway

The lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community has a new ally and his name is Tim Hardaway. The former NBA All-Star traveled to El Paso, Texas, last Thursday -- where he perfected his killer crossover dribble, also known as the UTEP-Two Step -- to stand up for gay rights. There is a group in El Paso who are trying to recall mayor John Cook and two members of the city council for re-establishing domestic partner benefits for both gay and unmarried couples. Hardaway arrived from Miami to speak at a press conference organized by the "No Recall" group.

"It's not right to not let the gays and lesbians have equal rights here," Hardaway told the crowd. "If I know El Paso, like they came together when the 1966 team won a championship and Don Haskins started those five [black] guys, I know the city will grow and understand that gays and lesbians need equal rights." Hardaway was referencing UTEP's 1966 national championship team when coach Don Haskins' all-black starting five made history by beating Adolph Rupp's all-white Kentucky squad.

Hardaway is the last person you would expect to speak out for gay rights. It was just four years ago when Hardaway said "I hate gay people" on a Miami radio show after John Amaechi became the first former NBA player to come out of the closet. Hardaway went further by adding, "I don't like to be around gay people. I'm homophobic. I don't like it. It shouldn't be in the world for that or in the United States for it. So yeah, I don't like it."

Hardaway was hit with an avalanche of criticism. He apologized, even promised to go into counseling and -- as public figures are prone to do -- pledged to change. Now it looks like he actually has.

I spoke with Amaechi to get his thoughts on Hardaway's change of heart. Amaechi said that he "heard about the story. I was in contact with the people he did his 'emergency rehab' with after his 'I hate gay people rant.' They were overwhelmed to say the least. Back then his contrition seemed more to do with the financial and reputation hit he had taken in the aftermath. However, it seems to me that this is a far more genuine piece of outreach ... I hope this is a story of true redemption rather than a savvy p.r. ploy. Either way, he is at least saying the right words, and that will make a positive difference."

Amaechi's cynicism is understandable. But Rus Bradburd, the assistant on Don Haskins staff who recruited Hardaway to UTEP, was in El Paso for the event and said Hardaway was there for the right reasons. "Tim has shown great compassion in re-thinking his position," said Bradburd. "It's one thing for a celebrity to apologize as damage control. But in this case, Tim has taken a much bigger step: he's pushing for the correct cause now, and equated the movement with Civil Rights struggles of the past. And the fact that he's pushing for equal rights in a place that is not exactly the national stage makes his move even more authentic."

As for Hardaway, he told the media in El Paso that he was a different person. "My family and friends came to me and were like, 'What are you doing?'" Hardaway said of his comments four years ago. "I talked to them and they made me understand that wasn't right."

In many ways, sports are different today than in 2007. Teams like the Boston Red Sox and the Chicago Cubs do public service announcements against anti-gay bullying. Steve Nash, Michael Strahan and Sean Avery do commercials for New York State's Marriage Equality campaign. Charles Barkley says he knows he had gay teammates and couldn't care less. Hardaway's unglamorous activism in 100-degree heat on an August day is commendable. It brings us closer to a sports world where the sexual orientation of athletes is little more than a detail. For that Hardaway deserves recognition, if not praise.

This was truly Hardaway's best crossover.

[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.]

District 9 Day Recap Thank you District 9!

Thank you to the more than One Thousand (1000) District 9 residents who helped make the first District 9 Family & Friends Day a tremendous success. In addition to the fellowship with neighbors across District 9, countless numbers of District 9 residents received access to key information about County agencies & services and got the opportunity to discuss issues of importance with their elected officials, like County Executive Rushern Baker, Delegate Joe Vallario, Council

Chair Ingrid Turner, Council Member Andrea Harrison, School Board Vice-Chair Donna Hathaway Beck, and School Bd. Member Edward Burroughs, all of which who were in attendance. Thank you also to the many county agencies and organizations who provided services and information to District 9 residents. To give us feedback on how to make the day even better next year, contact District 9 Chief of Staff Brendon Laster at blaster@co.pg.md.us.

Lt. Governor Brown Visits Crossland High School, Highlights College Summit Program

Visits from A1

In addition, College Summit staff provide ongoing professional development and support for teachers, counselors and principals as they seek to build a college-going culture in their classroom and school community. Data and account-

ability tools equip school leaders to manage improved student outcomes.

Crossland is one of six high schools in Prince George's County that are being served by College Summit-National Capital Region. During the 2010-11 school year, over 2,600 students, grades 9-12, at 22

high schools in the National Capital Region benefited from College Summit's curriculum. This year, the program expects to serve approximately 3,700 students at 23 schools in the region.

"Crossland High School, and our other school partners, are shining examples of how a school can leverage the right tools like the ones College Summit provides, and completely change the school culture so that all students understand that high school is a launchpad to their future and not a final destination," said Shana Payne, Acting Executive Director for College Summit-National Capital Region. "In Maryland, DC and Virginia we see administrators, educators, and students tapping into their power to create a college-going culture. Over the last 10 years we have served over 15,000 students in the National Capital Region, helping them to enroll in college and to create a path to their full potential."

Crossland has partnered with College Summit for six years and garnered much recognition, being named an International Baccalaureate World school in 2009 and presented with the 2010-2011 College-going Culture School of the Year award by College Summit-National Capital Region. Most recently, Crossland has been recognized by the United States Department of Education (USDE) as a national model for best practices in preparing stu-

dents for college as part of the Doing What Works initiative.

In 2010, 51 percent of Crossland's College Summit seniors went on to enroll in college, 67 percent of which attended Maryland public institutions (2011 enrollment rates not released yet). All junior and senior students at Crossland are required to enroll in the College Summit course.

Lt. Governor Brown kicked off his Back-to-School tour on Monday, when he was joined by Interim State Superintendent of Schools Dr. Bernard Sadusky and Prince George's County Superintendent Dr. William Hite, Jr. for visits to James H. Harrison Elementary and Parkdale High School.

Lt. Governor Brown leads the O'Malley-Brown Administration's efforts to increase higher education opportunities. The administration has taken steps to make higher education more accessible and affordable for all Marylanders, including making record investments in our community colleges and freezing tuition four years in a row at our four year public colleges and universities. Last year the Lt. Governor launched the Skills2Compete initiative, which promotes programs and activities that lead to increasing the skill level of Marylanders through the attainment of a post-secondary credential, apprenticeship program or degree.

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WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2011**

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Calendar of Events

September 1 - September 7, 2011

2011 Prince George's County Fair

Dates & Times: Thursday, September 8, 4-10 pm;

Friday, September 9, 5-11 pm;

Saturday, September 10, 11 am-11 pm; and

Sunday, September 11, 11 am-6 pm

Description: Don't miss out on the county's biggest and most anticipated event of the year that draws people from all over! There will be entertainment, rides, attractions and much more! For more details about the Prince George's County Fair, visit www.countyfair.org.

Admission tickets: \$6/person ages 12 & up; \$5/person ages 6-11; FREE/ages 5 & under Ages: All ages

Location: *The Show Place Arena/Prince George's Equestrian Center*

14900 Pennsylvania Avenue, Upper Marlboro 20772

Contact: 301-952-7999; TTY 301-952-7998;

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.

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Heights

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Jennifer Funn, Program Coordinator 301-403-2080

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Cheverly Community Market

Date & Time: Saturdays through October 29, 9 am-1 pm

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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

EARTH TALK ... "Stripping the EPA of water quality regulatory authority."

Dear EarthTalk:

The U.S. House of Representatives recently voted to strip the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) of its authority over state water quality. Why did they do this, what are the ramifications and what do leading green groups have to say about it?

-- Joseph Emory, York, PA

The legislation in question, the Clean Water Cooperative Federalism Act of 2011 (H.R. 2018), passed the House of Representatives this past July with strong support from Republicans and will likely be voted on by the Senate in the Fall. It aims to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (also known as the Clean Water Act (CWA) in order to give authority over water quality standards back to the states.

The bill's backers—including most House Republicans and lobbyists for the mountain-top coal mining industry and factory animal farms—claim it will bring jobs to Appalachia and other distressed regions of the country where they say economic growth has been crippled by stringent environmental regulations. The bill would prevent the EPA from overruling decisions made by state regulatory agencies.

"By second-guessing and inserting itself into the states'...standards and permitting decisions, EPA has upset the long-standing balance between federal and state partners in regulating the nation's waters, and undermined the

system of cooperative federalism established under the CWA in which the primary responsibilities for water pollution control are allocated to the states," says GOP.gov, the website of the Republican majority in Congress. "EPA's actions have created an atmosphere of regulatory uncertainty for the regulated community, and have had a chilling effect on the nation's economy and job creation."

But those opposed to the bill, including the White House and many Congressional Democrats, say that its provisions would undermine stringent federal water quality protections some four decades in the making.

"H.R. 2018 could limit efforts to safeguard communities by removing the Federal Government's

authority to take action when State water quality standards are not protective of public health," said the White House after the bill passed in the House by a count of 239-184. Such changes, they added, could adversely impact public health and the environment through increased pollution and degradation of water bodies that provide drinking water, recreation and tourism opportunities, and habitat for fish and wildlife.

For their part, environmental groups couldn't agree more. "Make no mistake: This bill would take the environmental cop off the beat and put at risk drinking water for millions of people, the habitat for scores of wildlife, and the jobs and eco-



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A new bill, passed by the House of Representatives and awaiting vote in the Senate, aims to strip the EPA of its authority over individual states' water quality. Pictured: The Cuyahoga River on fire in 1952. When it happened again in 1969 it helped kick start the modern environmental movement including the establishment of the Clean Water Act and the founding of the EPA.

nomie growth that depends on a safer, cleaner environment," said Larry Schweiger of the non-profit National Wildlife Federation, adding that, if enacted, the bill would take us "back to a time when rivers caught fire because of rampant pollution."

Environmentalists are optimistic that backers won't have enough Senate votes to pass the bill. Meanwhile, President Obama has pledged to veto any such legislation that does make its way across his desk. But political winds shift quickly inside the Beltway, and only time will tell if the bill will gain enough support to withstand a veto. The quality of the nation's water supply hangs in the bal-

ance.

CONTACTS: H.R. 2018, www.govtrack.us/congress/bill.xpd?bill=h112-2018; U.S. EPA, www.epa.gov;

GOP.gov, www.gop.gov; National Wildlife Federation, www.nwf.org.

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Hoyer Hosts Make It In America Town Hall

GLENN DALE, MD — Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-5) hosted a Make It In America town hall to discuss with an audience of local business owners, labor groups, and other community members how Democrats' Make It In America agenda will help support job creation today and in the future. Below are his remarks as prepared for delivery:

I'm happy to be here at Immediate Response Technologies—a prime example of a Maryland business demonstrating that some of the world's most innovative products are made right here in America, and in our state.

"With millions out of work, Americans want to know if Congress has a plan to rebuild American industry and create jobs. Democrats do have a plan: the Make It In America plan, an initiative to strengthen American manufacturing and the jobs it creates.

"Manufacturing matters to all of us, whatever sector we work in. It doesn't just create well-paying jobs. It drives more economic growth and innovation than any other sector, which means that all Americans have an interest in stronger manufacturing. Beyond that, being a country that makes things has long been a point of

American pride.

"As part of the initiative to strengthen manufacturing, I'm committed to building industry and jobs here in Maryland—so that more businesses, and more families, can Make It In Maryland. The facets of the Make It In America plan are: providing incentives for manufacturing investment, encouraging innovation, creating a level playing field for U.S. manufacturers, improving U.S. infrastructure, strengthening the labor pool through education and training, coordinating federal, state, and local efforts to support U.S. manufacturing, corporate tax reform, and smarter regulations.

"Make It In America bills on the agenda right now include a plan to create an infrastructure bank to facilitate investment in everything from broadband to energy systems to modern ports, so that we can out-build our international competitors. We're also working on currency reform, to hold accountable countries that manipulate currency to gain an unfair trade advantage. We want to expand and make permanent the R&D tax credit to spur innovation. We want to promote job-training links between advanced manufacturers and community colleges here in Maryland. And



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Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-5)

we want a simpler, more efficient tax code for businesses.

"President Obama signed six Make It In America bills into law last year, and we need to build on that success. MIIA can appeal to everyone—liberals and conservatives, Democrats and Republicans, urban and rural—because the American people understand that a strong manufacturing base is essential to U.S. prosperity.

"I've been reaching out to manufacturers, trade associations, labor groups, think tanks, and academics to identify and develop additional legislation. And I've had the chance to visit and listen to some of the leading manufacturers in our state to discuss the ways we can help more people Make It In Maryland.

"It's been informative and inspiring to meet with Maryland manufacturers and

learn about both their successes and their challenges—businesses like Stone Industries, in College Park, which originated the straw, and the innovative defense company Adcor, in Baltimore. And, of course, Immediate Response Technologies, whose products—like rapid deploy shelter systems—are used by our Armed Forces and Army National Guard and Air Guard in all 50 states. Those are businesses that are growing here, creating jobs here, and innovating here. Those are the kind of Maryland employers that can benefit from the Make It In America plan.

"I look forward to hearing from you today and working with you on policies that will grow the manufacturing base and our economy, increase U.S. exports, and create jobs."

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across state lines and share information that can benefit citizens of both states, especially as technology allows us to know more and do more. By working collaboratively and using our collective knowledge, we serve everyone by making our streets and our communities safer."

Delaware Governor Markell and key Delaware officials, including Elizabeth Olsen, Deputy Secretary of the Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security; Colonel Robert M. Coupe, Superintendent of the Delaware State Police; and Alan Grinstead, Deputy Bureau Chief of Delaware Community Corrections, joined their counterparts from Maryland for the meeting that included Gary

Maynard, Secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; Colonel Marcus Brown, Superintendent of the Maryland State Police; and Sam Abed, Secretary of the Department of Juvenile Services.

The new strategic partnership will allow parole and probation officials and law enforcement in both states to exchange information with one another on arrests, enabling the Maryland Division of Parole and Probation to take appropriate action if a suspect from Maryland violates the terms of release while in Delaware. Additionally, law enforcement and public safety officials in both states will be able to prioritize warrant service. Between January and June of this year, there were 389 people wanted in Delaware with Maryland addresses and just over 1000 people arrested in

Delaware that had Maryland addresses. Additionally, in the past year, 22 youths from Delaware had contact with the Maryland Department of Juvenile Services. With this shared information, the Maryland State Police and local police will be able to move more effectively to get the most dangerous suspects off the streets and better track youth currently monitored by the Department of Juvenile Services. These initial steps could lead to other information-sharing opportunities including information from license plate readers to track stolen or suspicious vehicles and pawn shop databases to locate stolen property.

The new Maryland-Delaware effort is similar to the Safe Streets Program operating in Maryland and Delaware. Safe Streets programs have been launched in

Salisbury, Annapolis and Wilmington. Safe Streets allows law enforcement officials to share data and hold offenders accountable for their actions through a cooperative effort of law enforcement at the federal, state, county and local level. Safe Streets uses an innovative security integration model of multi-agency collaboration with federal, state, local law enforcement, public safety agencies, and community partners to aggressively track offenders to reduce drug, gun, and other major crimes. Through a combination of improved police tactics and practices, modern and enhanced technology, and the integration of expanded community partnerships, the initiative has taken significant steps to reduce crime and promote safer neighborhoods and communities.

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Red Cross Blood Donors Can Honor the Fight Against Breast Cancer

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

their families left behind.

This was not Dr. King's dream. That is not and must not become America's dream. Those of us who refuse, like Dr. King, to believe that there are "insufficient funds in the great vaults of opportunity of this nation" need to stand up and demand that our leaders focus on the real economic deficit— jobs and economic opportunity for all and a world quality education for every child. Our children need to see their parents going to work and holding a

job. Our children need the economic and emotional security employed parents provide. Our children need to know that if they work hard and get a good education there will be a good job in their future.

When Dr. King died calling for a Poor People's Campaign, there were 11 million poor children in America. Today, with 15.5 million poor children, millions living in extreme poverty, I've no doubt he'd be calling for a new Poor People's Campaign with a sense of urgency. He's not coming back. It's up to us to pick up the man-

tle of justice.

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.

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