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Prince George's County Executive Rushern Baker, III joined Governor Martin O'Malley, Lt. Governor Anthony G. Brown, and others to announce the relocation of the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development.

Dept. of Housing and Community Development Relocating to County

DHCD Will be First State Cabinet Level Agency Headquarters to Locate in the County

By PRESS OFFICER
Office of the Governor

New Carrollton, MD (September, 2011) – Prince George's County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III joined Governor Martin O'Malley, Lt. Governor Anthony G. Brown, and Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) Secretary Ray Skinner to announce the relocation of DHCD from its current location in Crownsville, Maryland, to a building that will be newly constructed in New Carrollton, Maryland. Prince George's County Council Chair Ingrid M. Turner and Vice Chair Eric Olson, along with other members of the Prince George's County Council, Prince George's County state delegation, New Carrollton Mayor Andrew Hanko and other local officials were also in atten-

dance. This will be the first State of Maryland cabinet level agency headquartered in Prince George's County in the 315-year history of the County.

"Five years ago, Anthony and I made it a priority to place a State agency headquarters in Prince George's County," said Governor O'Malley. "Today, we are making a modern investment in a modern economy that will create jobs and build a transit-oriented development project to allow us to do the right thing for reducing traffic and sprawl, the right thing for our quality of life, and the right thing for our land, our water, and our air."

"With the relocation of DHCD to New Carrollton, we will not only fulfill our promise to bring a State agency to one of our most populous counties, but we will provide a significant economic boost to

New Carrollton and Prince George's County at a time when we most need it," said Lt. Governor Brown. "This project, estimated to create over 350 jobs and generate millions of dollars in economic impact, demonstrates that by bringing the public and private sectors together with a focus on smart growth, we can create jobs, spur revenue, and build stronger communities in Prince George's County and throughout Maryland."

The new site, called "Metroview," will locate DHCD's headquarters in a new, retail, residential, and mixed-use facility in New Carrollton. When it is completed, it will also be convenient to the Purple Line light rail. The project is anticipated to generate a net public benefit (to both the State and County) of over \$11 million over the course of the 15-year lease and create an

estimated 300 jobs in its construction and an additional 80 retail jobs.

In June of last year, the Governor and Lt. Governor announced plans to relocate DHCD to Prince George's County to bring an agency dedicated to neighborhood revitalization closer to one of the population centers it serves most, while promoting smart growth and sustainable communities.

"Since the on-set of my Administration, my office has worked closely with Governor O'Malley and Lieutenant Governor Brown to move this County forward," said County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III. "Today is no exception, and our partnership has once again led to a vital step forward for the County and the State.

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Maryland College-bound Seniors Exceed National Average in SATs

Students Buck the National Trend of Sinking Scores in Reading, Mathematics and Writing

By GINA CAIRNEY
Capital News Service

WASHINGTON - Maryland's college-bound students managed to maintain high scores in each of the SAT's categories -- critical reading, mathematics and writing -- bucking a national trend of sinking scores, according to the College Board's College-Bound Seniors 2011 SAT report released Wednesday.

The report reveals that the national average critical reading scores have dropped to an all-time low of 497 out of 800, but Maryland surpassed the national average at 499. Maryland scores in mathematics were slightly

lower than the national average at 502, but the state's writing scores, averaged at 491, were above the national average of 489.

SAT participation grew by 1 percent in Maryland, according to a statement from the Maryland State Department of Education. In 2011, the College Board reported that 47,787 Maryland students took the SAT, up from 46,370 students taking it in 2010.

The Maryland State Department of Education also said in a news release that "the

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Cardin Takes Aim at the Racial Profiling Problem

By ANDREW DAMSTEDT
Capital News Service

WASHINGTON - Maryland Democratic Sen. Ben Cardin, D-Md., Wednesday revived a bill to end racial profiling -- an idea that won bipartisan support in 2001, but became a casualty of the terrorist attacks that year.

Cardin said racial profiling has increased because of the Sept. 11, 2001, incidents, but he said those attacks cannot be "used to demonize any one group."

"It was not an attack on one community; it was not an attack on one group; it was an attack on our way of life," Cardin said.

The legislation would prohibit racial profiling, which is the practice of a law enforcement agency relying on race, ethnicity, national origin or religion to select people for routine traffic stops, searches or other

investigations, according to information from the Rights Working Group, an organization established after 9/11 to ensure the government protects civil liberties. The bill also would let people file a complaint to the federal government about racial profiling problems.

"In the last 10 years, members of Congress, advocates and law enforcement officers have raised concerns about the expanding use of racial profiling at both federal and local law enforcement agencies," said Margaret Huang, Rights Working Group executive director. "The truth is racial profiling doesn't work."

Racial profiling has been on the rise in the past 10 years, experts agree. Abed Ayoub, American-Arab Anti-

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Chesapeake Murky, Debris-Strewn after Recent Downpours

By GREG MASTERS
Capital News Service

ANNAPOLIS -- Biologists Andrew Watts and Alice Volpitta navigated the muddy, junk-strewn waters of the Chesapeake Bay, testing water quality and finding out just how much dirt and debris the

remnants of Tropical Storm Lee dumped into the bay.

Stopping their small boat near the mouth of the Patapsco River recently, Watts and Volpitta, who work for the Maryland Department of

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PHOTO BY MEL810, COURTESY FLICKR

Bird on a perch in the Chesapeake Bay off West Shady Side, MD beach. In the distance is the Chesapeake Bay Bridge and Route 50.

Soldiers Struggle for Jobs After Service

By JEFFREY BENZING
Capital News Service

WASHINGTON - Greg Pedrick of Catonsville figured his two tours in Iraq would qualify him for jobs in government law enforcement. He has a degree in political science and earned a Purple Heart as a Marine vehicle commander and team leader guarding convoys from insurgents south of

Baghdad.

So, he applied to Customs and Border Protection, to the Veterans Health Administration, to the Secret Service.

All said no, or said nothing.

Since May, Pedrick, 28, said he's applied for at least 20 positions with the federal govern-

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Remove Cell Phones from Prisons

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Social Security Earnings Statement

Since 1999, millions of Americans have received annual, detailed earnings statements from the Social Security Administration about their Social Security benefits. These annual earnings statements are an invaluable tool that helps millions of Americans plan for their retirement.

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Small Business Loans

Speaking at a small business in Solon, Ohio -- Vice President Joe Biden and Small Business Administration (SBA) Administrator Karen Mills urged Congress to pass the American Jobs Act. The American Jobs Act is an important step to help small businesses in Ohio and across the country continue.

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Movie Review

"DRIVE" A- Every individual element of "Drive" is familiar, but the combination is uniquely intoxicating -- a fresh, lurid, melancholy neo-noir with a hint of existential crime thriller. I was absorbed in the movie while I watched it, but it was afterward that I felt its full effect, like a moody, lingering dream.

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Earth Talk

Dear EarthTalk: Some friends of mine were talking about a book called "Plan B" that proposes a plan for rescuing the environment and ending poverty around the world. Is it a realistic plan or just some utopian pipe dream?

-- Robin Jackson
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Towns and NEIGHBORS

In and Around Morningside-Skyline

by Mary McHale 301 735 3451

New book details search for 2001 Anthrax killer

A book is just out, about the search for the man who mailed out envelopes containing white powder—anthrax—causing the deaths of postal workers, in October 2001, at a time when the country was still reeling from the 9/11 attacks. "The Mirage Man: Bruce Ivins, the Anthrax Attacks, and American's Rush to War," is by David Willman.

There were other deaths, but the only Washington area anthrax victims were two local men:

Thomas Morris, 55, died Oct. 21, 2001, at Greater Southeast Hospital. He lived with his wife Mary just up Suitland Road, had worked for the Postal Service for 32 years and was president of the Tuesday Morning Mixed League at Parkland Bowl. His funeral—attended by Mayor Anthony Williams—was at Kendell Baptist Church. He is buried at Cheltenham.

Joseph Curseen Jr., 47, died Oct. 22, 2001, at Southern Maryland Hospital. He and his wife Celestine lived in Clinton where he was president of the Cambridge Estates homeowners association. He was a Eucharistic minister at Our Lady of Perpetual Help where the funeral Mass was held—Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, celebrant—and is buried at Mount Calvary Church Cemetery in Forestville.

The book should soon be available at the library and in bookstores.

Weather Institute opens in Suitland

You are invited to an exciting and historical event in the Suitland community. With funding by the National Science Foundation, the Suitland Family and Life Development Corporation, in partnership with Drew Freeman Middle School, has established the Climate, Ocean & Weather Institute.

The Induction Ceremony is

Tuesday, Oct. 4, 12:30 to 2 p.m. at Drew Freeman Middle School, 2600 Brooks Dr., in Suitland.

Neighbors

The Shanholtz family moved to Skyline Drive probably in the late 1940s and Robert "Bobby" Shanholtz has lived there all his life. I chatted with him this week and he reports that he just retired from the Georgetown Law Center on Capitol Hill, and is the process of moving to his parents' home in Montross, Va. Bobby told me that over the last few years he has lost several family members. His father Paul died Sept. 9, 2010, at the age of 91; his mom Dorothy on March 9, 2006, at age 85; and his sister Irene on June 4, 2007, at 66.

Dee's Famous Cuts Barber Shop has opened in the Skyline shopping center. Hours are Mon-Fri, 10-8; Sat., 8-6; Sun. 10-4. Phone: 301-669-7050.

Mark Dennison is still the principle of Skyline School, which has an enrollment of 230 (capacity is 248). The school's Maryland School Assessment scores are good: Math, 86.8%; reading 83.3%.

In going through some old papers, I found the names of several who wrote the Morningside column before I took it on in 1976. They include Mary Nash, Claire Richardson, Jeanne West and Art Zdobysz who wrote under a pen name.

Crab Feast

The American Legion, in Clinton, invites you to their Crab Feast on Saturday, Sept. 24, 1-5 p.m.—all-you-ca-eat crabs, corn-on-the-cob, hotdogs, all the fixings, and draft beer. Admission is \$30 in advance (301-868-2550) or \$35 at the door. The Legion is at 9122 Piscataway Road.

Women's Conference

Suitland Road Baptist Church (formerly Morningside Baptist) is hosting its Annual Women's Conference on Saturday, Oct. 8, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The \$25 fee includes con-

ference materials and lunch. Payment deadline has been extended. For information, call Carolyn Pruitt, 301-735-4075.

May they rest in peace

Joan Newman, a longtime resident of Lucente Avenue in Skyline, died Aug. 6. A native of Mississippi, she moved to Skyline because her sister and brother-in-law, Oneida and Jack Boone, lived here. She was a homemaker who loved helping out in the neighborhood and visiting the sick. Survivors include her husband Fred Newman, daughter Kim Corley and her twins Lisa and Lynda, son Paul, his wife Tracy, and their children Alison and Lindsay, and her sister Oneida Boone. Burial was at Cheltenham.

Joseph John Diana, 94, who was retired as chief photographer at the International Monetary Fund, died Sept. 5. A native Washingtonian, he had lived in Temple Hills for many years. The obit provided by his family says, "He was passionate about his gardening, his figs and tomatoes, about his ever-growing train track layout and the Orioles." He loved taking all his family to Nags Head in the summer, cooking, fishing and doing jigsaw puzzles. He was married to Paula, and had six children, 17 grandchildren and about 40 great-grandchildren. Mass of Christian Burial was at St. Philip's.

Milestones

Happy birthday to Elizabeth Long, Mary Kilbride, Jean Davis and Raymond Short, Sept. 23; Dottie Arehringer, Amy Schlor and Peg Richardson, Sept. 24; Alice Lucke and Judy Hansel Waby, Sept. 27; Tim Ward, Sept. 28; my brother Tom Mudd and Morningside Clerk/Treasurer Janice Diggs, Sept. 29.

Happy anniversary to Ken and Janet Kaye, their 7th on Sept. 25; André and Cynthia Jordan, their 48th on Sept. 28; and Marvin and Lee Burkhart, their 66th on Sept. 29.

Congresswoman Donna F. Edwards' Legislative Update

Congresswoman Edwards And Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Conyers Reintroduce Constitutional Amendment to Address Flawed Citizens United Ruling

Washington, D.C. — Congresswoman Donna F. Edwards (D-MD) and Judiciary Committee Ranking Member John Conyers (D-MI) reintroduced an amendment to the U.S. Constitution, H. J. Res 78, that would reverse the Supreme Court's unprecedented application of the First Amendment to corporations allowing them to spend unlimited money to influence elections. The amendment will give specific authority to Congress and the states to regulate corporate expenditures on political activity.

"Justice John Paul Stevens warned that the Supreme Court's ruling in Citizen's United threatened 'to undermine the integrity of elected institutions around the nation' and how right he was," said Congresswoman Edwards. "Since that flawed ruling was issued, campaign spending by outside groups including corporations surged more than four-fold to reach nearly \$300 million in the 2010 election cycle. I am proud to join with Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Conyers to reintroduce this constitutional amendment, which is the only way to once and for all put the American people, and not cor-

porations, in charge of our treasured democracy."

"Last year, the Supreme Court overturned decades of law and declared open season on our democracy," Conyers said. "It is individual voters who should determine the future of this nation, not corporate money. I commend Rep. Edwards for her work in developing this narrowly crafted constitutional amendment that will undo the effects of this radical decision and I look forward to working with her to restore balance to our electoral process."

Congresswoman Edwards Opposes Restrictions to National Labor Relations Board

Congresswoman Donna F. Edwards voted in opposition to H.R. 2587, Protecting Jobs from Government Interference Act of 2011, which passed the House 238-186. In fact, the legislation would impose severe restrictions on the authority of the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB). The NLRB would no longer be able to direct an employer or company to restore or reinstate work that has been unlawfully transferred, outsourced, or subcontracted away from workers in retaliation for exercising their rights, such as organizing a union. The bill would apply retroactively and would restrict the ability of the NLRB to effectively remedy unlawful practices against middle class workers.



"This legislation should be called the 'Protecting Corporations that Outsource Jobs Act,'" said Congresswoman Edwards. "For over 75 years, the independent NLRB, tasked by the United States Congress with protecting both employers and employees against violations of this country's labor laws, has operated freely and without political pressures. Yet today, instead of working to create jobs, this bill shows that Republicans continue to be focused on their ideological and political priorities to protect corporations that outsource jobs and eliminate workers' rights to organize a union. The interference in this matter by the House is not only disgraceful and inappropriate, but also dangerous.

"With 14 million people out of work and 49 million now in poverty in America, this disregard for America's workers must not go on. I urge my Republican colleagues to join Democrats on bipartisan legislation to get America back to work."

Brandywine-Aquasco

by Ruth Turner 301 888 2153

PRE-HOMECOMING GOSPEL PROGRAM

Asbury United Methodist Church will be having a Pre-Homecoming Gospel Program on Sunday October 2, 2011. The church is located at 4004 Accokeek Road in Brandywine, Maryland. Time of the program is 4:00 PM. Donation is \$5.00.

Groups who will be participating in the Gospel Program are Asbury UMC Men, Jr. and The Voices, Southern MD Harmonizers, Seasoned Angels and others. Hope to see you at the program and thanks for your support. For tickets please contact Church office at 301-372-8891, Michele Chase, Jr. Marshall or any member of the church.

BRANDYWINE LIONS FALL CRAFT AND FESTIVAL

People will be displaying, selling and demonstrating original creations. There will be over 200 artisans and crafters at the event. Home improvement vendors will also be

included. Come out and enjoy a day of entertainment, lots of games, and good food. The Craft and Festival will be held on Saturday, October 1, 2011 at 10:00 AM. The location is 11503 Cherrytree Crossing Road, Cheltenham, Maryland. Website: <http://festivalnet.com/cgi-bin/subsdb>.

PUBLIC FORUM

Please join us for a Public Forum on Clean Water on Tuesday October 18, 2011 from 4:30 PM 8:00 PM. The Forum will be held at Prince George's County Sports and Learning Complex at 8001 Sheriff Road in Landover, Maryland. For further information on the Forum please contact Carol Terry at 301-883-5961.

GREAT JACK O' LANTERN CAMPFIRE

Saturday, October 22, 2011 at 7:00 PM you can enjoy a Jack O' Lantern Campfire at Darnell's Chance House Museum. The address is 14800 Governor Oden Bowie Drive

Upper Marlboro, MD 20772.

There will be a display of dozens of hand carved, illuminated Jack O' Lanterns. Roast marshmallows and bask in the warmth of a fall campfire and enjoy hot cider and popcorn. Kids can win a prize on a hunt for glowing Jack O' Lanterns. Rain date is Sunday, October 23 at 6:00 PM. No reservations are required. The fee is \$3.00 per person (cash only).

GALA

Bowie State University will sponsor a Gala on Friday, December 2, 2011 at 5:30 PM. The Gala will be held at Greenbelt Marriott Hotel. For more information please call 301-860-4301 or visit the website at events@bowiestate.edu.

STROKE SUPPORT GROUP

You can attend a free Support Group the fourth Thursday of every month, 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM at Colony South Hotel in the Governors Room. Registration is required. Please call 301 877-5858 for more information.

CDC Gives Maryland High Marks for Readiness Efforts

Baltimore, MD (September, 2011) - Governor Martin O'Malley announced that the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) has earned high marks in public health emergency preparedness during the annual Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Centers (CDC) review and evaluation process.

DHMH earned a score of 96 (out of a possible 100) in its 2010 evaluation. The score marks the 3rd straight year that DHMH has improved. DHMH started with a score of 67 in 2008.

"Emergency preparedness is essential to keep our residents and communities safe and secure," said Governor Martin O'Malley. "This score underlines that Maryland continues to be a national leader in its readiness to respond to any public health emergency or disaster."

DHMH has worked diligently for several years to plan, prepare and exercise for emergencies and disasters with local health departments and other statewide partners. Over time, DHMH has built an extensive emergency response infrastructure with state of the art equipment, technology and highly

qualified personnel.

The CDC report shows Maryland continues overall progress in public health emergency preparedness with an enhanced capability of our State Public Health Laboratory to rapidly and accurately identify infectious agents and notify appropriate authorities. DHMH's expanded capability to receive, store and distribute life saving antibiotics, antivirals and critical medical equipment and supplies also earned high marks. The goal of responding to assistance requests and the ability to rapidly mobilize medications and medical personnel were also acknowledged in the CDC review.

"We are certainly pleased and gratified that our work has received high marks from CDC," said Dr. Joshua M. Sharfstein, DHMH Secretary. "Nonetheless, we know that we cannot be satisfied with the results; our work is not done."

DHMH has also demonstrated significant improvement in detecting emerging diseases and infectious disease outbreaks. The Maryland ESSENCE system (Electronic Surveillance System for the Early Notification of

Community-based Epidemics) was one of the first in the nation to enroll all of the acute care hospitals in the state. Through ESSENCE, DHMH monitors daily de-identified information about emergency room patient symptoms as well as data on the use of over the counter (OTC) medications and prescriptions dispensed to patients.

Health experts use all of this information to identify early indicators of disease outbreaks or other unusual medical situations..

To read the Public Health Preparedness: 2011 State-by-State Update on Laboratory Capabilities and Response Readiness Planning Report, click on

<http://cdc.gov/phpr/publinks/publinks.htm>

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Practical Money Skills

By Jason Alderman

The 411 on prepaid cards

According to Gail Cunningham, spokesperson for the National Foundation for Credit Counseling, we live in a credit-dominated society. "Without a checking or savings account," she says, "it's difficult to cash payroll, Social Security and unemployment checks; you need a credit or debit card to shop online, book a flight or rent a car; and you may be forced to carry large amounts of cash to pay bills."



One increasingly common money management tool for people in this situation is prepaid cards. These cards look and work much like regular debit cards except that instead of funding them through a checking or savings account, you load money on the card by cash, check, funds transfer or direct deposit by an employer or government entity.

Common prepaid card features include:

You don't need a bank account or solid credit rating to obtain one.

They start out with a zero balance until you add money. Purchases or ATM withdrawals will diminish the card's balance until it reaches zero and you discard it (as with gift cards) or you reload the card.

Spending is limited to the amount loaded on the card, so you can't buy more than you have.

Cards can offer "Zero Liability" protection if you promptly report loss, theft or fraudulent charges.

Most allow ATM cash withdrawals and online or phone purchases.

They're safer to carry than large amounts of cash.

Common types of prepaid cards include:

Reloadable cards – to which more money can later be added.
Gift cards – used until their balance is depleted; they're not reloadable.

Teen cards – where parents can reload the cards and monitor purchases online or by phone (allowing teens a chance to manage spending and budgeting in a controlled environment).

Travel cards – a safe alternative to cash and travelers checks.

Payroll cards – wages are loaded into the card's account for immediate access (similar to checking account direct deposit).

Government agency-provided cards – benefits such as Social Security and unemployment are loaded into your card account.

Healthcare cards – allow point-of-service access to funds in your Flexible Spending Account or Health Savings Account to pay for qualified medical expenses.

Prepaid cards may come with fees and restrictions, so it's important to read the card's terms and conditions carefully and to shop around for the best deals. Good comparison sites include www.bankrate.com and www.creditcards.com.

Here are a few questions to ask when comparing cards:

What identification do I need to buy this card?

Where can I use it? (Certain retailers only? Online? Phone?)

Can I later add funds to it? For example, will it accept direct deposit of payroll or Social Security checks?

Is there an expiration date?

Will I receive monthly statements?

Can I check balances by phone or online?

What fees apply? Common fees include those for card activation, reloading funds, balance inquiries, ATM or bank withdrawals and declined transactions.

What happens if it's lost or stolen?

To learn more about how prepaid cards work, you can order a free "Prepaid Card Basics" brochure at Practical Money Skills for Life (www.practicalmoneyskills.com), a free personal financial management program run by Visa Inc.

Bottom line: Always make sure you fully understand the terms and conditions of any financial product or account before signing up.

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs. To Follow Jason Alderman on Twitter: www.twitter.com/PracticalMoneyMoney

Grant to Help Remove Cell Phones from Prisons

By PRESS OFFICER
Office of the Governor

ANNAPOLIS, MD (September 2011) - Governor Martin O'Malley announced that Maryland has received \$350,000 in federal funds to intensify the effort to tackle the problem of cell phones in Baltimore prisons. The competitive federal grant is designed to fund "innovative strategies for confronting emerging or chronic systemic issues."

The Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) is receiving the funds from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) of the U. S. Department of Justice. Maryland has become a national leader in developing strategies to fight illegal cell phones in prisons. Many of these efforts focused on close partnerships linking prosecutors, prison intelligence unit investigators, and forensic cell phone data extraction and analysis, all efforts cited as "innovative" by BJA when awarding the grant.

"Protecting and improving public safety in our neighborhoods and communities is the most important obligation we have as public servants," said Governor O'Malley. "The use of cell phones by inmates is a significant threat to public safety and these additional funds will bolster our efforts to combat illegal cell phone use inside our prisons and protect our neighbors and families in communities across Maryland. I

appreciate the steadfast commitment of our Congressional delegation and their efforts in helping secure the grant funding."

The grant will be used to fund the placement of a dedicated part-time assistant state's attorney in Baltimore City, two investigators in DPSCS' Internal Investigative Unit, and one support staffer. Their goal will be to reduce prison corruption and gang activity through enhanced prosecution, investigation, and inter-agency cooperation.

The funds will also bolster ongoing coordinated efforts between Baltimore City State's Attorney Gregg Bernstein and DPSCS to proactively prosecute inmates not only for the possession of cell phones, but to prioritize cases to pursue violent gang members who use cell phones to further criminal enterprises. It will also target corrupt prison staff who enable inmates to acquire cell phones.

"For too long, criminals have continued to operate out of prison through smuggled cell phones," said Senator Barbara Mikulski. "With this important federal investment, Baltimore prison wardens will have another tool to combat illegal cell phone use on the inside and protect our neighbors and families on the outside. As Chairwoman of the Senate subcommittee tasked with funding crime preventing programs, I am pleased to have put money in the federal checkbook to make our neighborhoods safer and give



Governor Martin O'Malley

prison officials the tools they need."

"Too many inmates are using contraband cell phones to harass witnesses and victims and orchestrate crimes behind prison walls, defying prison rules and law enforcement," said Senator Ben Cardin. "This grant will crack down on cell phone use in our prisons, reducing crime and ultimately increasing safety on Baltimore's streets."

"In too many instances, the use of cell phones and other contraband enables incarcerated defendants to continue their criminal activity, often with violent results," said Baltimore City State's Attorney Gregg Bernstein. "This grant provides much-needed assistance in our efforts to combat these criminal enterprises. We thank Governor O'Malley and GOCCP for their innovative work on behalf of our city and citizens."

This grant is the latest development in the State's innovative and aggressive efforts to tackle

this issue, including training its own cell phone sniffing K-9 Units, investing \$1 million into prison entrance security technology, and developing correctional intelligence efforts and cell phone data extraction and analysis capabilities. In 2009, the DPSCS opened lines of communication with the Baltimore City State's Attorney's office to improve cell phone investigations and prosecutions. That includes training of DOC staffers by the State's Attorney's office in ways to build stronger cases leading to more prosecutions and convictions.

The more intense focus on cell phone interdiction has paid off, with a 75% increase in interdicted phones found in FY2011 vs FY2007 statewide, with 882 cell seized Baltimore City's corrections facilities. More importantly, the number of cell phones found has likely leveled off in the last two years, meaning fewer are getting in from a high of over 1,600 in 2009.

SAT from A1

State's long-running partnership with the College Board has helped increase the number of students in urban and rural communities involved in both the Advanced Placement and SAT programs."

Not all counties in Maryland received their individual scores, but two counties that did saw improvements.

Anne Arundel County Public Schools said its schools continued to exceed state average scores for the 15th consecutive year. The county also noted in a statement an increase in its SAT participation among its Hispanic and black students.

Montgomery County Public Schools also did not follow the national trend. The county's 2011

Bay from A1

Natural Resources, tested water clarity by measuring the Secchi depth, or how deep a disk could be dropped before it disappeared.

"Less than 0.1 meter," Volpitta announced, while Watts recorded.

It was the dirtiest water Watts had sampled in the bay in his four years with DNR.

"I've seen rivers that were dirty like this. But this is the main stem of the Chesapeake Bay. It's not supposed to be like this," Watts said.

The relentless rain caused by Lee swelled the Susquehanna River and other bay tributaries to historic levels, and officials are concerned that the resulting influx of nutrients and sediments could harm aquatic life.

"What we could see is a loss of underwater grasses," said Scott Phillips, Chesapeake Bay Coordinator for the U.S. Geological Survey. "That's because the water's going to be so cloudy from all this sediment. And in fact there's so much sediment it actually might bury some of the grasses."

That includes grasses in the Susquehanna Flats, which have

graduates "significantly outscored their peers in the state of Maryland" and the country, the news release said, with an average combined score of 1637 out of 2400, 145 points higher than the state combined score and 137 points higher than the national combined score.

MCPS also saw Hispanic student scores increase, with a combined average score of 1477, compared to the state combined average of 1434. Its black students scored an average of 1382 compared to the state average of 1266.

MCPS Superintendent Joshua P. Starr cautioned against interpretations of race and ethnicity comparisons between the county, state and nation "because results are not available for students identified within the multiple

made a comeback in recent years, Phillips said. Underwater grasses are important because they provide habitat and food for much of the bay's life.

"The impacts from Tropical Storm Lee are extremely significant," said Bruce Michael, director of resource assessment at DNR.

Besides grasses, oyster beds may also be buried by sediment.

"We're hoping the oysters will be able to withstand this amount of sediment," Michael said.

Calling Lee a "hundred-year event" -- causing the third highest river flow at Conowingo Dam, where the Susquehanna enters the bay, since the USGS started keeping records -- Michael said DNR will be doing additional monitoring cruises to assess its impact.

And it is only the latest event in an unusually wet year.

"This year, we had extremely high flows during the spring," Michael said. "We actually had probably our annual amount of precipitation and flow coming over Conowingo Dam by the end of May that we see in an entire year. And of course what we're seeing now just adds on to this."

race category in Maryland and the nation."

Montgomery County is working toward improvement, Starr said in his memo. There is a review being done by the Office of Shared Accountability as to why there was a slight decline in SAT performance. There will also be a focus on whether there were differences in academic achievements in Algebra I and Algebra II between the classes of 2010 and 2011.

Prince George's County Public Schools have not received their county data, and would not comment on the scores.

The gains among the counties' Hispanic and African-American students are important, but the College Board's report reveals an even more significant gain among its non-citi-

The timing of Lee, coming at the end of summer when there is less biological activity in the bay, means it will have less of a long-term impact than if it had occurred earlier in the summer, Michael said.

Hurricane Irene also caused an influx of sediments and nutrients into the bay after pushing Maryland tributaries such as the Choptank River to record flow levels. But Irene also had a positive effect, helping rid the bay of its huge underwater "dead zone" earlier than usual.

The dead zone -- a swath of low-oxygen water where fish, crabs, and oysters can't survive -- emerges every summer, when nutrient pollution fuels oxygen-depleting algae blooms, and fades every fall. But this year, Irene's high winds mixed the water layers and allowed oxygen to reach the bay's depths.

"That's about the only good thing" that came of Irene, Michael said.

On Wednesday, Watts and Volpitta profiled the water column, taking a reading every meter from the bottom to the surface, to see whether the dead zone was still gone.

Dissolved oxygen was 3.6 milligrams per liter at the bot-

tom, compared to 8.4 at the surface. A month ago the oxygen reading would have been 0.0 or 0.1 at the bottom, Watts said.

"The hurricane did stir up the water, so those dead zones are basically gone until next year," he said.

Steering a path north of the Bay Bridge, Watts and Volpitta contended with the ubiquitous trash that had been swept into the bay along with sediments and nutrients.

Near the mouth of the Patapsco, Watts saw something that was unusual even on a day when 55-gallon drums, plywood and whole trees had bobbed threateningly in his path.

It was a half-sunken boat, its back torn off and its bow underwater. The name "Maria" was visible on the hull.

Before calling the U.S. Coast Guard to report it, Watts steered his own boat alongside the wreck to take a look inside. Nestled among grass and logs, he found a minnow bucket in good condition. He placed it in his boat, saying his one at home was "all busted up."

"I was looking for good trash all day," Watts said. "Still didn't find that suitcase full of money though."



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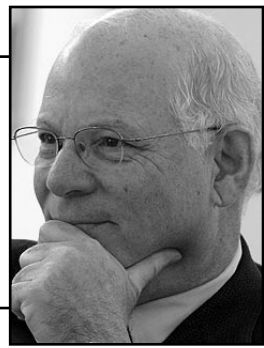
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COMMENTARY

Benjamin L. Cardin
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Americans Have a Right to Their Social Security Earnings Statements

Since 1999, millions of Americans have received annual, detailed earnings statements from the Social Security Administration about their Social Security benefits. These annual earnings statements are an invaluable tool that helps millions of Americans plan for their retirement.

In March, the Commissioner of the Social Security Administration (SSA) announced that he would suspend the production and mailing of these statements in an effort to save money. The decision to stop providing Americans with complete earning statements is a policy that I strongly disagree with and one that I believe violates the intent of Congress when it passed legislation requiring the yearly mailing of these statements.

Since October 1999, the SSA has mailed approximately 152 million earnings statements to workers over the age of 25 every year. These four-page statements provide a detailed record of each individual's earnings record, providing an estimate of their expected retirement benefit, the approximate amount they will receive each month if the worker becomes disabled, and how much a worker's family will receive if the worker dies in the coming year. The statements also allow workers to check for any errors in their recorded earnings and taxes paid.

In announcing his decision to suspend the mailing of these statements, the Commissioner said that workers would be able to receive an estimate of their retirement using the SSA's online estimator. Unfortunately, the information provided by the "estimator" is limited and does not include all the information that appears in the

written statement, such as estimates of disability and survivor's benefits and a worker's complete earnings record.

During a recent congressional hearing, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) strongly recommended that the "Commissioner of SSA ... take steps to ensure access to the statement for all eligible workers, including those without Internet access ... Doing so will assure that the statement remains an important tool for communicating with all workers about the Social Security program."

I couldn't agree more. Too many Americans are ill-prepared for retirement. The Social Security Earnings Statement provides important information for anyone approaching retirement age. As a member of the Social Security Subcommittee, I want to ensure that complete, up-to-date and verifiably accurate information about their benefits is universally available to all Americans over age 25 so they can better prepare for their retirement.

I have urged the Commissioner of the SSA to reverse his decision to suspend providing Americans with complete access to their Social Security earnings statements. Congress has long recognized the importance of Social Security as one of the pillars of retirement savings and Americans have a right to a complete record of their earnings and other benefits so then can plan for the future. A financially security retirement takes time and planning and all Americans deserve access to accurate, complete information so they can make sound judgments about retirement.

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



National Urban League Helping Mortgage Scam Victims

"The thought of my home being taken away is consuming, I can't get to sleep at night, and it's the first thing I think of when I wake up."

Doris Tinson of Los Angeles, CA
 Doris Tinson is just one of a growing number of American homeowners, desperate to save their homes from foreclosure, who are being duped by mortgage loan scam artists. Doris was falling behind on her refinanced high mortgage payments and was looking for help. On the way home from church she saw a sign in the median promising loan modification for a fee. But after forking over \$2000 of her hard earned money, after months of waiting for action, and finally receiving a notice that her house was being sold, it became clear that Doris was the victim of a scam.

As the mortgage crisis sweeps the nation, it is unfortunately being accompanied by a rise in mortgage fraud. But you don't have to be a victim. The National Urban League's network of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) approved housing counselors has been offering FREE mortgage counseling services for years. Last year, Urban League affiliates provided housing counseling to over 42,000 clients, including more than 15,000 clients who benefited from default mitigation and foreclosure prevention counseling.

The Urban League is also part of a coalition with the federal government, and some 235 community-based partners in the "Loan Scam Alert Campaign," a nation-wide effort that is empowering homeowners to protect themselves against loan modification scams, find trusted help, and report illegal activity to authorities.

Scam artists may pose as lawyers or real estate agents, promising loan modifications and charging large fees — then disappearing without helping anyone but themselves. If you are a homeowner facing foreclosure, you may unknowingly

become a victim of such a fraud, costing your home, thousands of dollars and a damaged credit score.

The first thing you should know is that you should never have to pay for counseling. If anyone requests money up front or guarantees they can keep you in your home, these are warning signs of a scam and they should be reported. There are no promises that anyone can give you. But trained counselors from HUD-approved counseling agencies will work with you and your lender to get the best results at no cost. HUD lists these six warning signs of a foreclosure scam:

Beware of anyone who asks you to pay a fee up front in exchange for a counseling service or modification of a delinquent loan. Assistance from a HUD approved housing counselor is FREE.

Beware of anyone who guarantees they can stop a foreclosure or get your loan modified. Nobody can make this guarantee.

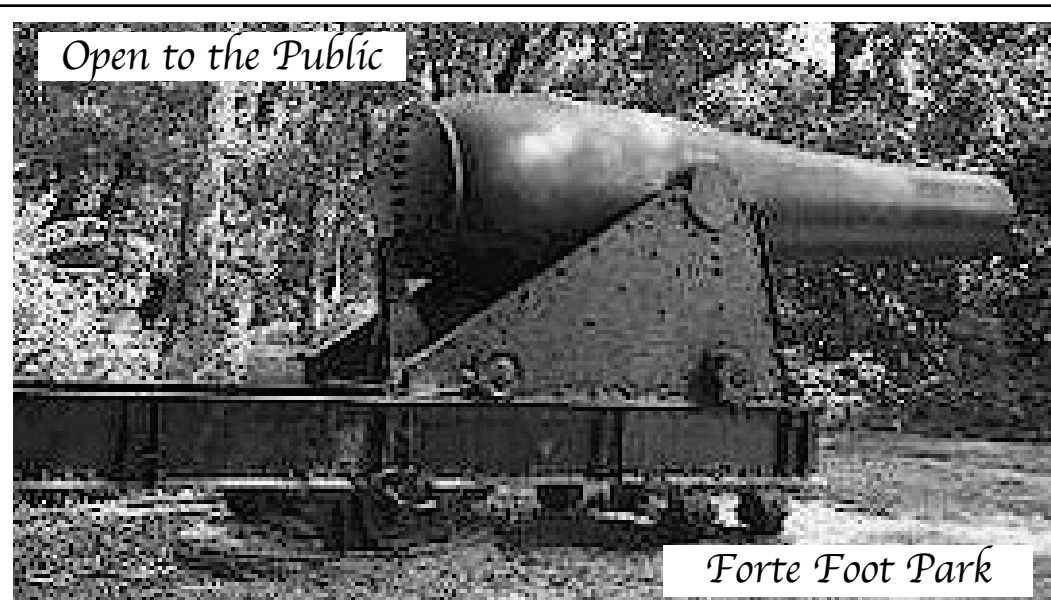
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Forte Foot Park

Eight miles downriver from the capital, Fort Foote was considered "a powerful enclosed work" by its chief engineer, "and the most elaborate...of all the defenses of Washington." The long oval earthwork was constructed on Rozier's Bluff from 1863 to 1865 to strengthen the ring of fortifications that encircled Washington, D.C., during the Civil War. Fort Foote was designed to protect the river entrance to the ports of Alexandria, Georgetown, and Washington and replace the aging Fort Washington as the primary river defense. The fort was named for Rear Adm. Andrew H. Foote who died in 1863 from wounds he received in combat the previous year. Over the massive rammed-earth parapets, two 15-inch Rodman guns and four 200-pounder rifled Parrotts had muzzles trained down the Potomac River.

Getting There: Fort Foote is located on the Potomac River in Prince Georges County. From the Beltway (I-95), take exit 3A, Indian Head Highway south (MD210) and drive for approximately 3.5 miles to Old Fort Road. Turn right for 1 mile to Fort Foote Road S, turn left. Follow the winding road through the residential area to entrance sight on the left for the fort.39. FORT FOOTE PARK

Child Watch

by Marion Wright Edelman



Discouraging News on Child Poverty

Thirteen-year-old Brittanie Potter and her 12-year-old sister Sydney held a bake sale and garage sale at their Marion, Ohio home this summer with a simple goal in mind: raising money for their school clothes and supplies. Their father's unemployment insurance ended earlier this year, their mother is still recovering from an accident last fall that broke her leg so badly she needed several surgeries and now gets around in a wheelchair, and their family has virtually no income. Brittanie worries: "I hear them talking about bills and it makes me upset. I just think we're going to be okay...but sometimes, I don't think we're going to be okay."

New data just released by the U.S. Census Bureau reveals 46.2 million poor people in America, the largest number in the last 52 years. One in three of America's poor were children—16.4 million, over 950,000 more than last year, and 7.4 million children were living in extreme poverty. More than one in three Black children and one in three Hispanic children were poor. Brittanie, Sydney, and their 15-year-old brother Tre are three of the children behind these grim statistics. Their father John's most recent job was at the local ConAgra snack food plant, and their mother Brandy's was at the nearby Marion Industrial Center, which made minor repairs to new Hyundai cars. "We were making it," Brandy says. "John made \$16 something an hour and I got \$10.50. Between the two of us it was decent money. The kids had the things they needed. We were able to pay our bills and do things as a family. Then it all fell down."

First, John lost his job at ConAgra. He was on a medical leave from ongoing problems related to a serious car accident years ago when he was let go, Brandy says. Then Hyundai ended its contract with her company and it went out of business. They were already struggling to pay bills

with their unemployment checks when John's unemployment insurance ended in June and they lost even that income. Brandy stopped getting unemployment insurance when she broke her leg; you have to be able to work to receive unemployment.

"It's just so hard," Brandy says. She hates telling the children "no" when they need something, and she regrets that they can't do things as a family anymore—"we can't even afford to go to McDonald's right now with the five of us." Brandy is thankful for the government safety net: "If we didn't have food stamps, we would starve. Without Medicaid—oh my God! This morning I went to an appointment to apply for cash assistance (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, or TANF) because we have no income. That was hard. But what's really hard is going from taking care of your family, and having not a lot of money but making it, to having to pretty much beg."

The Potter family isn't alone. The new poverty numbers are grim and shameful,

and child and family suffering is widespread. Twenty-two percent of children—over one in five—were poor in 2010. Children under five suffered most: one in four infants, toddlers, and preschoolers—5.5 million—were poor. Shamefully, children are the poorest age group in our country, are getting poorer, and have suffered more than any other age group during this recession and slow recovery.

A country that does not stand for and protect its children—our seed corn for the future—does not stand for anything.

Sixty-five percent of poor families with children under 18 have at least one worker. More than 60 percent of all poor children—nearly 10 million—lived in single parent families. But as the Potters know first-hand, married couple families with children aren't immune: almost nine percent of all married couples with children under 18 were poor. To give perspective on

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BUSINESS

Business Exchange

by William Reed



Toyota: Top Choice Among African Americans

The "Black Market" will play a major role among automobile makers for the next two decades. The African-American market is "the best thing going" and if automobile manufacturers don't establish creditable linkages for their brands with this audience they will, undoubtedly, lose significant market share and growth opportunities. The U.S. Census Bureau projects that the African-American population will grow 12 percent by 2020 and by nearly 25 percent in 2030. In 2010, the Black car-buying pace totaled 10 times that of the general market. Last year, Toyota led all automotive brands among new vehicle purchases made by African Americans. New vehicle registrations among this audience totaled 641,090 and amounted to 7.4 percent of all 2010 new vehicle registrations. Ford ranked second among African-American buyers with Chevrolet rounding out the Top 3. The demand for Buick jumped 70 percent. Korean brands are also making gains among this key buying group.

In a well-publicized campaign about "respect and reciprocity" Black newspaper publishers dared Toyota to forge better business relationships with them and the communities that they serve. In their response to Black media operators and market experts, Toyota has, in fact, set a new trend the industry. Toyota made moves to reach Black buyers where they live. Deals are also "put in place" that align automotive manufacturers' and dealers' specific initiatives to this audience. Toyota and America's Black newspaper publishers have reached an advertising agreement with Toyota that will soon have their local publications promoting the benefits of purchasing a Toyota product. Toyota's Lexus is America's luxury market leader, but Buick, Hyundai, Kia, Cadillac, GMC and Infiniti are also doing extremely well in the African-American market and should be on Black newspaper client lists as well. However, Acura, Land Rover, Mercedes and BMW are not increasing their share of the African-American market as effectively. These companies have an opportunity to connect more with this audience and increase their market share by attracting more affluent African Americans to their brands.

On the downside, "I want a 2012 Toyota Prius" isn't a mantra of many Black car buyers. Blacks have not been vocal in

terms of hyping the Prius or any of the environmentally-conscious automobiles. First and foremost is concern about the overall cost, a 2011 Prius ranges from \$23,225 to \$30,700. And rarely have you seen a basketball player, hip-hop artist or actor stepping out of a battery-powered Prius.

In 2011, executive leaders at Toyota had their hands full, but fought back from massive safety recalls, the global credit crisis and factories damaged in the March 11 Japan earthquake. Despite those challenges, the world's largest automaker has restored its North American production to normal levels. This production schedule surpassed the company's initial expectations. Shortly after the March 11 disaster, Toyota had forecast a return to normal production by November or December. But, in June, Toyota reported that eight of its 12 North American-built models returned to 100 percent output - Avalon, Camry, Corolla, Matrix, Highlander, Sienna, Sequoia and Venza. In August, Toyota confirmed 100 percent production of Tacoma, Tundra, RAV 4 and Lexus RX 350. Together, the 12 models account for nearly 70 percent of the company's U.S. sales.

Over coming years, automotive manufacturers will seek to capture larger numbers of Black buyers. Drive by any African-American church on Sunday, and you'll see that Blacks are also purchasing Cadillacs, Lincolns, Mercedes and BMWs. Those companies aren't "ponying up" like Toyota. The pact between the Black Press of America and Toyota sets standards Black consumers should too demand. Black publishers want local companies and multinationals to understand the value of using their publications as advertising mediums; conversely, it's important that Black consumers demand that minority-owned media firms receive a fair share of corporate or governmental advertising expenditures. So, it's necessary that Black consumers insist on retailers' "respect" and "reciprocity" that result in advertising purchases that equal the level of Black patronage of their products. Companies' use of Black media to reach African-American consumers with language and content that resonates among them makes good sense.

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

Twenty Billion Dollar Commitment to Increase Small Business Lending

BY THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Vice President

Three-year commitment by 13 major banks will help increase lending to small businesses in underserved communities.

WASHINGTON — Speaking at Wrap Tite, Inc. — a small business in Solon, Ohio — Vice President Biden and Small Business Administration (SBA) Administrator Karen Mills urged Congress to pass the American Jobs Act. The American Jobs Act is an important step to help small businesses in Ohio and across the country continue to grow and hire more workers. Vice President Biden and Administrator Mills also announced commitments by 13 private lenders, including many of the largest banks in the country, to increase lending for small businesses by a combined \$20 billion over the next three years.

Thanks to a recent \$1.5 million SBA-supported loan, Wrap Tite — a manufacturer and distributor of stretch wrap and other packing and shipping products — was able to purchase and renovate a new facility in Solon and hire five new workers. The new small business lending commitments announced today, which represent an increase of 10% or more beyond the current levels of lending at many of the participating banks, mean more small

businesses like Wrap Tite will have access to the capital they need to help grow the nation's economy at the local level.

"Small businesses like Wrap Tite are the real engines of our economy, which is why Congress should cut their taxes and put money back in the pockets of their customers by passing the American Jobs Act right away," Vice President Biden said. "The only way we're going to turn the vicious economic cycle we've been in into a virtuous one is by cutting taxes on our small businesses and making sure they can get the loans they need to grow and hire more workers."

"We know that many small businesses, particularly in traditionally underserved communities, still face challenges in accessing the capital they need to buy inventory, take on that next new order and hire new workers," Administrator Mills said. "These commitments by our lending partners leverage both commercial and government programs that work and will provide billions of capital to help small businesses all across the country grow and create jobs, and drive local economic growth."

Vice President Biden also highlighted other key ways the American Jobs Act will help small businesses across the country grow and hire, including significant tax cuts:

Every single business would

see its payroll tax cut in half for the first \$5 million in wages. If a small business has 10 workers on payroll making a typical wage, this is a \$15,000 tax break.

Small businesses growing their payrolls, like Wrap Tite, would get a full 6.2% payroll tax cut for every additional dollar they spend on hiring or increasing wages, covering the first \$50 million of increased wages from the previous year.

Businesses would get tax credits for hiring unemployed veterans or long-term unemployed workers.

Businesses purchasing new equipment would be able to expense their investments through the end of next year. Because Wrap Tite made a \$250,000 investment in three new machines over the past year, they could already benefit from expensing provisions currently in place; the American Jobs Act would extend that tax relief through the end of 2012.

The Vice President concluded by pointing out that passing the American Jobs Act is about choices — whether Congress will choose to preserve tax loopholes for corporations and the wealthy or choose to pass new job-creating tax cuts and infrastructure investments.

"We can either keep 280,000 teachers in their classrooms, or we can preserve tax loopholes for oil and gas companies. We can either keep cops and



Vice President Biden

firefighters on the job, or we can keep giving corporate jet owners special tax breaks," said Vice President Biden.

SBA offers government guarantees on loans to small businesses made by private lenders. In Fiscal Year 2011, SBA has supported over \$28 billion in small business lending. The commitment from lenders today will build on that success and increase the flow of capital to small businesses throughout the country.

The following financial institutions were represented at the announcement:

- Wells Fargo
- Key Corp
- Regions Financial Corporation
- Huntington Bancshares Incorporated
- M&T Bank Corporation
- JP Morgan Chase & Company
- Citizens Financial Group, Inc.
- Citigroup
- Bank of America Merrill Lynch
- TD Bank
- US Bank
- PNC Bank NA.
- Sun Trust Banks, Inc.

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ment, where veterans get hiring priority. He's heard back about four. He's had no better luck with state and county jobs and has been looking for leads since earning his degree in January 2010.

"You apply for these jobs, and you have no idea," said Pedrick, who works hospital security but considers it a job, not a career. "Most of the time it takes six to eight weeks -- or you don't even hear back."

Pedrick's experience is not unique. And some veterans have it even worse.

Nationwide, unemployment among veterans is 8.3 percent according to the most complete statistics from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. In Maryland, this rate is lower, around 5.7 percent, but the disorientation veterans feel transitioning from war to the work force is the same.

Patrick Young, coordinator of veterans services at Towson University, left the Marines in 2005 and said he spent that summer doing nothing. By September, he'd decided to enroll in college, but he hadn't planned ahead and missed the deadline.

So three months to decompress from military life turned into half the year.

"You're lost for a minute. You feel behind," he said.

The military does offer courses on transitioning to civilian life, but Young, 28, said they seemed almost like an

afterthought and would be more useful early in deployment when there's time to prepare school and job applications.

After coming home, Young said he got into trouble with alcohol and felt isolated when he realized the friends he'd gone out with after returning home had other responsibilities -- and work.

When Young started work on a triple major at Towson University in philosophy, political science and religious studies and began meeting veterans going through the same struggles, he said that isolation began to fade. Now he spends his time helping others transition and trying to help them stay in school, where veteran dropout rates are high, he said.

The only unique thing about his experience, Young said, is that he decided to go to school and pursue something positive.

But living in Maryland can have advantages.

State officials said Maryland has a lower veteran unemployment rate than national figures, in part because military base realignments have brought jobs to the state, and also because the government has focused programs and money on helping the state's 13,000 unemployed veterans find careers.

In October 2010, Gov. Martin O'Malley's office announced the Warrior to Worker initiative, designed to boost the number of veterans hired by state agencies.

Jerry Boden, chief of staff for the Maryland Department of

Veterans Affairs, said budget constraints have limited hiring by the state government but that the program gives veterans better access to positions that may be open.

This spring, the state also launched mil2fedjobs.com, designed to match military job qualifications with job descriptions for federal jobs. Overhauls to the site are in the works, and representatives from the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation said they are working to implement changes without service disruption.

Pedrick, who left the Marines as a corporal in 2007, said he's used the site but didn't find it helpful.

The site said he would be qualified, for instance, to repair small arms, work as a mechanic on special weapons systems and handle toxic materials -- jobs he said he doesn't want and isn't trained for.

But the idea of the site is to make it easier for veterans to show agencies that the skills they have from the military are the same things the government is looking for in new hires.

Some private companies recruit veterans openly. Others don't -- and taking combat boots off a resume can be a struggle, especially for soldiers who joined the service right after high school or might not have other work experience.

"If a guy was in a tank for four years rumbling around in the desert, he might have a tough time explaining to a man-

ufacturing company why he would be a good line supervisor," Boden said.

Maryland has a staff of veteran coordinators at each of its 33 One-Stop Career Centers -- offices the state has kept open despite decreased federal funding that brought deep personnel cuts in other programs, such as apprenticeship training, that veterans use.

And recently, Fort Meade held a "Wounded Warriors" job fair for veterans and soldiers about to transition from the military. That's where some soldiers, like James Williams, an Army specialist stationed at Fort Meade, have started looking for work before leaving the service.

"I'm trying to have something lined up so I'm not coming out of the military blind," said Williams, 25, who has six to eight months of service remaining and is hopeful he'll find a job to provide for his wife and two daughters.

Grayson Wilkinson, 40, also at Fort Meade, said he thinks his experience as a movement coordinator, along with his security clearance, will be an asset in his job search. He started looking for positions this month, and said he isn't worried.

Pedrick said he, too, felt he'd be a perfect fit for the kind of work he's looking for. He said applying blindly without a chance to meet recruiters has been frustrating.

"I'm just ready to take the next step in my life," he said. "I feel like it's been put on hold."

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Movie Review

"Drive"

"DRIVE" A-
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1 hr., 40 min.

Every individual element of "Drive" is familiar, but the combination is uniquely intoxicating -- a fresh, lurid, melancholy neo-noir with a hint of existential crime thriller and, for some reason, an '80s-ish techno-pop soundtrack. I was absorbed in the movie while I watched it, but it was afterward that I felt its full effect, like a moody, lingering dream. It's stuck with me for days now.

The director is Nicolas Winding Refn, whose "Bronson," starring Tom Hardy as a notorious English sociopath, earned some attention a couple years ago. Refn's name, all Danish and hard to pronounce, is going to start popping up more frequently now, because "Drive" clearly demonstrates his talent for stylish storytelling, his eye for detail, and his ability to conjure images of subtle beauty and shocking brutality.

"Drive" follows an unnamed Los Angeles man, played by Ryan Gosling, who makes a living as a wheelman for small-time robbers and burglars. He'll wait while you do your job, then get you away from the crime scene speedily and without being caught. Whatever happens during the heist itself

or after he's finished his job is none of his concern. He is not a man of many words, at least not initially. As the film progresses and certain aspects of his life start to get out of control, he's obligated to talk more. That's how you know something is wrong.

The Driver is associated with an auto mechanic named Shannon (Bryan Cranston), a luckless man with a limp who talks enough for the both of them. Shannon, in turn, is affiliated with Bernie Rose (Albert Brooks), a vicious Hollywood producer who may invest in stock car racing and employ the Driver as a driver. And Bernie Rose is connected to Nino (Ron Perlman), a pizzeria owner and mid-level mobster who literally swaggers when he walks.

Parallel to this unfolding action, the Driver becomes cautiously friendly with Irene (Carey Mulligan), a young mother in his apartment building whose husband (Oscar Isaac) is in prison. The nature of the Driver's work requires him not to have a lot of personal relationships, a policy that blends well with the nature of the Driver himself. But Irene might be an exception. (As a side note, Mulligan's performance as Irene isn't bad, but it's Christina Hendricks who makes an indelible impression in her few scenes as a professional criminal. Indelible is definitely the word I want to use.)



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Ryan Gosling stars as a Los Angeles wheelman for hire, stunt driving for movie productions by day and steering getaway vehicles for armed heists by night. Though a loner by nature, Driver can't help falling in love with his beautiful neighbor Irene (Carey Mulligan), a vulnerable young mother dragged into a dangerous underworld by the return of her ex-convict husband Standard (Oscar Isaac).

Our hero is meant to be somewhat inscrutable, and he is, but Gosling has enough soul to keep the Driver from being dull, even if we're never quite given complete access to his emotions. In any event, he's surrounded by fascinating characters like Cranston's pitifully desperate mechanic, Perlman's seething and barely controlled gangster, and Brooks' vicious boss. (Get ready to be unnerved by Albert Brooks, a truly singular experience.) Every man in the film is angry and frustrated, giving rise to dark humor and outright sadness, as well as terror and bloodshed.

The brooding loner who lets his guard down, the job that goes wrong, the downward spiral into dangerous territory -- you can see the familiar pieces of an underworld thriller starting to line up, and while "Drive" doesn't try to hide its inner potboiler (it's based on a pulp novel by James Sallis), it doesn't lean on it, either. Only on paper does it resemble the formulaic crime dramas it sounds like it reminds you of. On the screen, spinning its uncommonly entertaining yarn out of perilous characters and nightmarish scenarios, it feels dazzlingly original

Descendants, Supporters Rally for Harriet Tubman National Park

By JESSICA TALSON
Capital News Service

WASHINGTON — Descendants of Harriet Tubman and supporters from Maryland and New York gathered Wednesday on Capitol Hill to press for legislation that would create a national park honoring the Eastern Shore native.

The event, called "Harriet on the Hill," gave supporters an opportunity to demonstrate at the

Capitol, lobby lawmakers and talk with Sen. Ben Cardin, D-Md., the lead sponsor on the Harriet Tubman National Historic Parks Act bill.

"It's important to have a place where people can learn where Harriet Tubman changed America. One person changed America," Cardin said. "Our goal is about preserving this for future generations. It's so important for Americans to know this story."

Tubman lived on the Eastern

Shore as a slave until she escaped and made her way north. Tubman returned to her birthplace several times, risking her life to help slaves escape.

The proposed park would span Caroline, Dorchester and Talbot counties on Maryland's Eastern Shore, as well as Tubman's home in Auburn, N.Y. The Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historic Park on the Eastern Shore would allow visitors to see where Tubman lived and the path she took to bring slaves to freedom.

"When you go out there in the area, you get the sense of what they went through. She walked there, she hid there," said Jacqueline Ross-Henry, Harriet Tubman's seventh great grandniece. "When I'm there, I wonder what I would do if I was in that position, if I could make it."

Ross-Henry is part of an active group of Tubman descendants in the area who advocate for Tubman's story to be told. Ross-Henry has recently become a certified tour guide, and will be conducting tours in the same spots where her ancestor walked.

Ross-Henry said she was excited that Tubman's memory could be honored in a national way, especially after a bill in the Maryland legislature that would have put a statue of Tubman in the U.S. Capitol was shelved earlier this year.

Del. Susan Lee, D-Montgomery, introduced the bill to replace a statue of John Hanson in Statuary Hall with one of Tubman. Each state is allowed two statues in the U.S. Capitol.

Maryland is represented by Charles Carroll, a signer of the Declaration of Independence,

and John Hanson, who was the first president of the Continental Congress under the Articles of Confederation.

The bill met strong opposition. After debating and amending the bill, the legislation was ultimately shelved.

In addition to the historical significance of the proposed national park land, supporters say the park would provide much needed economic development to counties that have been hit hard by the recession. The creation of the park would have far reaching implications for the economy on the Eastern Shore, stimulating a variety of jobs from construction workers to hotel employees.

Cardin said that while the economic issue is certainly not the most important issue for the park, it is a compelling one.

"This is an economic issue. We need to get people back to work," Cardin said. "Harriet Tubman will be a draw for people in Dorchester County."

Although the bill has support from Maryland residents and several members of Congress, it is still far from becoming reality. The bill is currently in a Senate committee, and has yet to be introduced in the House. Rep. Richard Hanna, R-N.Y., supports the idea of the park, but said the bill faces some challenges.

"This is a difficult time in Congress. Money is tight," Hanna said. "We will carry this through to its conclusion. If we work together, and acknowledge that these are difficult times, we can reach conclusions."

"We've come too far to turn back now," said Patricia Ross-Hawkins, a sixth generation great grandniece of Tubman. "No is not an option."

The Edge of Sports

by DAVE ZIRIN

Nebraska Cornhusker Fans Chop-Block Pipeline

I'm returning from Nebraska, where the state university's Cornhusker football team is treated as something akin to religion. In Lincoln, Nebraska football is truly the only game in town and the Cornhuskers football program has rewarded this devotion with a long record of success. The team has certainly brought championships, but not necessarily politics.

Until now.

At another sold-out football game in Lincoln last Saturday, an ad for the TransCanada Keystone oil pipeline played on the stadium's HuskerVision Jumbotron. The ad came at the end of a slickly produced highlights video lauding the Huskers 1978 Big 8 Championship squad. At the end, came the notice that the video was "brought to you by The Husker Pipeline." Tens of thousands of fans proceeded to swallow their beer, put down their food and boo. It was actually more than booing. It was more like loudly seething. I don't think the Oklahoma Sooners ever produced a reaction like this.

As the Lincoln Star Journal reported, "[when] the logo for the video's sponsor appeared at the beginning and end, people in the stands began booing. 'To me, that was just a real strong gut punch as a Nebraskan,' [Cornhusker fan Allen] Schreiber said. To him and others who saw the video titled the 'Husker Pipeline,' it appeared to be an advertisement for sponsor TransCanada."

The fans' anger toward TransCanada is justified. This proposed 1700-mile pipeline would connect the Canadian Tar Sands to US oil refineries, running right through Nebraska on its way to the Gulf Coast. This mass dredging of Tar Sands oil, the world's dirtiest fuel, has been subject to international opposition. At the White House in August, there were more than one thousand arrests over a two-week period as people laid their bodies down at President Obama's doorstep in protest to the project.

Obama has hinted he will get on board with the pipeline even though his own state department has admitted that the process would release a catastrophic amount of greenhouse gases and would be like hitting the ozone layer with a wrecking ball. As environmentalist Bill McKibben said, if this pipeline is built, it is "essentially game over for the climate."

In Nebraska, anger from every side of the political spectrum has built against this project poised to snake its way through the state. The reasons are very understandable. In the words of journalist Brian L. Horejsi, it will "rip a 50 to 150 foot physical and ecological trough through public and private property and run roughshod over the legal right of thousands of public and private land owners to object to forced entry of their property." The cascade of Cornhusker boos were certainly enough for the University. On Wednesday the school announced that it was ending sponsorship ties with TransCanada and the Stadium would no longer blare their slickly produced ads.

Nebraska's Athletic Director, former legendary head coach and Republican Congressman Tom Osborne said, "We have certain principles regarding advertising in the stadium such as no alcohol, tobacco or gambling advertisements. We also avoid ads of a political nature...Over the last two or three months, the pipeline issue has been increasingly politicized. Our athletic events are intended to entertain and unify our fan base by providing an experience that is not divisive."

The decision frankly evoked shocked cheers in the environmental community. I don't think anyone expects college football fans to respond with critical rage to stadium advertising at any school, let alone the University of Nebraska. It would be like students at the University of Oregon booing the labor practices of Nike [Nike is the great underwriter of University of Oregon sports.]

Heather Kangas, who was one of the thousand arrested at the White House said to me, "The Cornhuskers letting go of their TransCanada sponsorship proves that Nebraskans are leaders in fighting the Keystone XL pipeline and that university students there are not just football fans but are active members of a community that will not allow themselves or their university to be won over by TransCanada's expansive PR campaign. This decision should make it more difficult for Obama to approve this because young people clearly are opposed to a dangerous pipeline carrying toxic tar sands through their state."

So often, commercial interests hijack our treasured teams to brand their products. It's estimated that TransCanada dropped \$200,000 at the University of Nebraska to lubricate their oil pipeline's arrival. But the Cornhuskers weren't having it. It shows that as much as we might want to see the experience of being a fan as a cocoon, shielding us from the pressing issues around us, the reality is that the real world and the sports world are interwoven in ways that will continue to provoke resistance in the years to come.

[Dave Zirin is the author of "The John Carlos Story" (Haymarket) 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.]



ALL Maryland Lottery retailers now displaying MD State Police-issued Amber Alerts

The joint effort of the Maryland Lottery and the Maryland State Police to significantly expand Maryland's Amber Alert visibility. Using the Maryland Lottery's new Lottery in Motion (LIMs) technology, the Amber Alert will be displayed within minutes of a notification on 17" flat panel monitors located at more than 4,200 Lottery retailers across the state.

Calendar of Events

September 29 - October 5, 2011

Nature at its Best

Date and Time: Thursday, September 29, 1 - 3 pm
Description: M-NCPPC Park Naturalist Greg Kearns will take you on a visual tour of Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks, two of the most beautiful places in America. Then sit back and relax as Greg takes you to beautiful Brazil to explore some of the wonderful sites you may never have seen before!

Cost: FREE

Ages: 60+

Location: *Riversdale Mansion*

4811 Riverdale Road, Riverdale Park 20737

Contact: 301-864-0420

Jazz Concert featuring Vince Chapman

Date and Time: Friday, September 30, 10:30 - 11:30 am
Event Description: Sit back, relax, and enjoy a wonderful outdoor jazz concert at one of the county's most beautiful venues - Oxon Hill Manor. Reservations required.

Ages: 60+

Fee: FREE

Location: *Oxon Hill Manor*

6901 Oxon Hill Road, Oxon Hill 20745

Information: 301-839-7782

Montpelier Fall Jazz Series: Bruce Swaim Quartet

Date and Time: September 30, 8 pm

Event Description: This renowned quartet, consisting of Bruce Swaim on tenor sax, Paul Langosch on bass, Jay Cooley on piano and Dominic Smith on drums, is recognized as one of Washington, D.C.'s premier jazz ensembles.

Ages: All ages

Fee: \$20/ticket. Call for information about purchasing a series subscription. Discounts are available for seniors & members.

Location: *Montpelier Arts Center*

9652 Muirkirk Road, Laurel, MD 20708

Information: 301-377-7800, 410-792-0664; TTY 301-490-2329

Branch Avenue in Bloom Farmers Market

Date & Time: Fridays through November 18, 2-6 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: Iverson Mall Parking Lot, Branch Avenue 20748

Contact: 301-403-8300 (Dion Gray)

Jazz Concert: Sharon Thomas Experience Band

Date & Time: Wednesday, October 5, 7-8 pm

Description:

Enjoy an evening of jazz music. The Sharon Thomas Experience Band has performed has shared the stage with numerous recording artists including Brian McKnight, Parliament Funkadelic and Ginuwine. Ms. Thomas has performed at historic Blues Alley, Lincoln Theatre in Washington, D.C. and the ArtScape Festival in Baltimore. Advanced registration and payment is required. This is another concert you don't want to miss.

Cost: Resident \$5; Non-Resident \$6

Ages: 60 & up

Location: Laurel-Beltsville Senior Activity Center

7120 Contee Road, Laurel 20707

Contact: 301-206-3355; TTY 446-6802

Montpelier Fall Jazz Series: John Ozment, Organ Trio

Date and Time: October 7, 8 pm

Event Description: John Ozment is known at Montpelier for his virtuosity on the piano. Come hear his organ trio play jazz with a decidedly funky beat.

Ages: All ages

Fee: \$20/ticket. Call for information about purchasing a series subscription. Discounts are available for seniors & members.

Location: *Montpelier Arts Center*

9652 Muirkirk Road, Laurel, MD 20708

Information: 301-377-7800, 410-792-0664; TTY 301-490-2329

Cafe Groove Coffee House for Teens

Date & Time: Friday, October 7, 7:30 pm

Description: Cafe Groove Coffee House for Teens is a monthly teen program offered at different locations throughout the county. Teens ages 12-18 enjoy a mix of dance and poetry, an open mic, and visual arts contests with cash prizes.

Ages: 12-18

Fee: \$3/person

Location: *South Bowie Community Center*

1717 Pittsfield Lane, Bowie 20716

Information: 301-249-1622; TTY 301-218-6768

Fall Doubles Tennis Tournament

Date & Time: Saturday, October 8 & Sunday, October 9, 8 am- 6pm

(Rain dates: October 15 & 16, 8 am-6 pm)

Description:

Register for a single elimination tennis tournament. Compete in one of 3 categories: women's doubles, men's doubles and mixed doubles, for the following levels:

Women's: 2.5-3.0; 3.5-4.0; and 4.5 & above

Men's: 2.5-3.0; 3.5-4.0; and 4.5 & above

Mixed: 2.5-3.0; 3.5-4.0; and 4.5 & above

The deadline for entries is September 24, 4 pm. Light refreshments will be provided.

Cost: \$20/person

Ages: 18 & up

Location: *Tucker Road Community Center*

1771 Tucker Road, Fort Washington 20744

Contact: 301-248-4404; TTY 301-203-6030; Fax 301-248-1739

EARTH TALK "Plan B" Is It a Roadmap for Achieving Worldwide Goals of Stabilizing

Dear EarthTalk:

Some friends of mine were talking about a book called "Plan B" that proposes a plan for rescuing the environment and ending poverty around the world. Is it a realistic plan or just some utopian pipe dream?

-- Robin Jackson,
Richmond, VA

What started as a book has grown into a movement known as "Plan B" which presents a roadmap for achieving worldwide goals of stabilizing both population and climate. According to Lester Brown, author of the 2003 book, Plan B (and three subsequent updates) and founder of the non-profit environmental think tank, Earth Policy Institute, the plan is based on replacing the fossil-fuel-based, automobile-centered, throwaway economy with a new economic model powered by abundant sources of renewable energy.

Brown argues for transportation systems that are diverse and aim to maximize mobility, widely employing light rail, buses and bicycles. "A Plan B economy comprehensively reuses and recycles materials," he says. "Consumer products from cars to computers are designed to be disassembled into their component parts and completely recycled."

Brown even proposes a budget for eradicating poverty, educating the world's youth and

delivering better health care for everyone. "It also presents ways to restore our natural world by planting trees, conserving topsoil, stabilizing water tables, and protecting biological diversity," says Brown. "With each new wind farm, rooftop solar water heater, paper recycling facility, bicycle path, marine park, rural school, public health facility, and reforestation program, we move closer to a Plan B economy."

Plan B is an integrated program with four interdependent goals: cutting net carbon dioxide emissions 80 percent by 2020, stabilizing population at eight billion or lower, eradicating poverty, and restoring the Earth's natural systems. Where Plan B really hits home is in the numbers: Brown puts realistic dollar values on the various aspects of his plan, and compares these costs with current military spending. Needless to say, restoring the environment and economy looks like a bargain when viewed against what the developed nations of the world spend on being ready for battle.

The beauty of Plan B is that it is feasible with current technologies and could well be achieved by 2020 with a concerted international effort. Brown reportedly wrote the latest incarnation of Plan B as a warning call for leaders of the world to begin "mobilizing to save civilization" given that time is more than ever of the

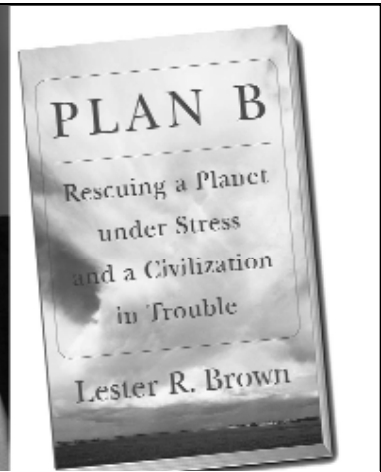
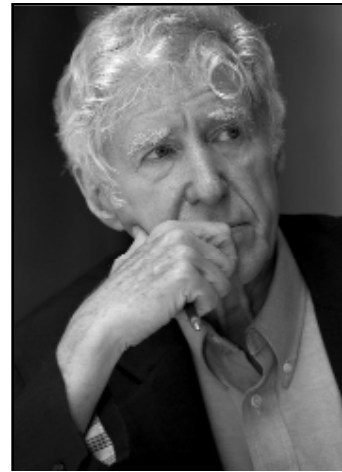


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Ryan Gosling stars as a Los Angeles wheelman for hire, stunt driving for movie productions by day and steering getaway vehicles for armed heists by night. Though a loner by nature, Driver can't help falling in love with his beautiful neighbor Irene (Carey Mulligan), a vulnerable young mother dragged into a dangerous underworld by the return of her ex-convict husband Standard (Oscar Isaac).

essence. Luminaries from Bill Clinton to E.O. Wilson to Ted Turner have spoken highly of Plan B, and at least one university (Cal State at Chico) has made the latest version of the book (Plan B 4.0) required reading for all incoming freshmen.

Those looking for more up-to-date information on the evolution of the Plan B model and progress toward its goals should tune into the website of the Earth Policy Institute, the think tank started by Brown in 2001 and currently used as a central node in the growing network of thousands of entities and individuals around the globe supportive of making Plan B into reality. Prior to

founding Earth Policy Institute, Brown was well known in environmental and policy circles for his work with the Worldwatch Institute, a pioneering environmental think tank he launched back in 1974.

CONTACT: Earth Policy Institute, www.earth-policy.org.

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Cardin Calls President Obama's Jobs Plan Balanced

Washington, DC — U.S. Senator Ben Cardin (D-MD), a member of the Senate Finance and Budget Committees, released the following statement in support of President Obama's "Plan for Economic Growth and Deficit Reduction."

"We need more jobs in America. Too many Marylanders want to get back to work but can't find work through no fault of their own. President Obama is on the right track to put forward

a balanced, comprehensive plan that targets investments in programs that will spur job growth in America while closing tax loopholes and waste in government that will help control our budget and reduce our deficits. We will never balance the federal budget unless we create more jobs to get more Americans back to work," said Senator Cardin.

"I agree with the President that every American — including millionaires and billionaires —

needs to pay their fair share to solve our fiscal problems. He has put forward a solid, balanced plan that stimulates private-sector growth and legitimate profit-making, but not in such a way that squeezes the middle class out of existence or puts seniors and other vulnerable Americans at greater risk. We can promote job growth and solve our fiscal problems without sacrificing our American values.

"I am proud of the contribu-

tion our federal workforce makes to our nation, making sure that Americans are healthy, safe, and informed. During these tough economic times, we all need to share in the sacrifices but federal employees have already given much with a two-year pay freeze. They did not create the federal deficits now plaguing the nation and I will continue to fight to ensure that they not be asked to shoulder an unfair burden for reducing the deficit,"

Housing from A1

The new metro-accessible Department of Housing and Community Development will bring jobs and growth to Prince George's County while helping build a greener, more sustainable Maryland."

Transit-oriented development (TOD) is a critical component of the State's Smart, Green and Growing initiative aimed at curbing greenhouse gas emissions, sprawl development and traffic congestion, while fostering economic growth. TOD creates compact, walkable neighborhoods around transit

stations and increases transit ridership by creating destinations within a short walk of stations. It also offers residents a convenient commute to jobs, shopping and entertainment in the region.

"The planned relocation of a major state agency to the New Carrollton Metro Station is a big win for the entire County," said Prince George's County Council Chair Ingrid M. Turner. "The Council is excited about the prospects for future economic development initiatives across the County spurred by this important transit-oriented development."

Profile from A1

Discrimination Committee legal director, said racial profiling has affected everyone who is perceived to be Arab or Muslim.

"It's been proven that racial profiling is bad policing and doesn't make the community safer," he said. "It wastes resources and the government should not be engaging, or any government program should not use racial profiling."

"Islamophobia" has played a part in increasing racial profiling in the past decade, said Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich, who is sponsoring the legislation in the House. He said racial profiling has a long history in the United States connected with the legacy of enslavement.

"The cloud still follows us and I think that it was reinvigorated by 9/11 and 'flying while Arab,'" Conyers said.

Maryland, too, has had its trials with racial profiling.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Maryland sued the Maryland State Police to end race-based traffic searches in

what was one of the nation's first "driving-while-black cases," according to ACLU of Maryland spokeswoman Meredith Curtis. That case was settled in 1995 and the police agreed to not use racial profiling and to keep detailed records of all motorists searched for review by the court.

Again in 2010, the ACLU of Maryland sued the Maryland State Police in the Maryland Court of Appeals to turn over investigatory records showing how the department handled racial profiling complaints.

"They're not interested in transparency related to these complaints," Curtis said. "What we're looking for is not what happened with the individual officers, we're looking for responsiveness to these complaints and if a complaint wasn't sustained. How seriously have they been treating these complaints?"

Elena Russo, State Police spokeswoman, declined to comment because the issue is still pending in court.

No data for traffic stops was

collected in 2010 for Maryland because the law requiring police agencies to collect it had expired, according to Tom Smith, Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commissions director of policy and process review. Smith said the law becomes effective again on Jan. 1 after the General Assembly reauthorized it.

Gerald Stansbury, Maryland NAACP president, also said racial profiling has increased since 9/11.

"It's not just African Americans who are being profiled now," he said.

Sensitivity training is important to help end racial profiling and educate the public on the issue, Stansbury said. Police should make a stop when there is probable cause of a crime, not based on skin color or nationality, he said.

Laura Murphy, ACLU Washington, D.C., director, said the country reverted to racial profiling in three key areas: stopping people because of their race; immigration laws that target Arabs, Muslims and Sikhs;

mixed-use development of retail, office, and apartments, where:

The first floor will consist of approximately 30,000 square feet of retail space;

The next four floors will be office space, leased primarily to DHCD, with a small portion being leased to the City of New Carrollton; and the upper 22 floors (400+ units) of market and affordable rental housing; and

Total square footage is nearly 700,000 square feet.

The expected move-in date for the project is late summer/early fall of 2013.

and the FBI using racial mapping to identify the number of mosques in a certain area.

"Racial profiling is ineffective, racial profiling is costly and racial profiling does not stand up for American values," Murphy said. "In America, you're only supposed to be investigated if you are suspected or engaged in criminal activity."

The ACLU still receives numerous complaints of people being stopped on I-95 because of their race, she said.

"We still have strong evidence today that African Americans are disproportionately stopped on American streets and highways," Murphy said. "There's no lawful justification for it."

Cardin and Conyers are set to introduce the End Racial Profiling Act this fall.

"When police use racial profiling they're wasting time and resources," Cardin said. "The terrorists are smarter than that...We need to have good police work. Good police work requires good investigation."

LEGALS

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

In the Matter of:
NAKIYA DENELLA LYNCH, Minor
Guardianship No. GD-10167

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

A petition for the guardianship of the person of a minor child, namely **Nakiya Denella Lynch** an infant female born on January 22, 1999 at Unknown to Nancy Deneen Lynch and Father Unknown, having been filed, it is this 3rd day of August, 2011.

ORDERED, by the Orphan's Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the respondent, Father Unknown, the natural father of the aforementioned child, is hereby notified that the aforementioned petition for the guardianship of the person has been filed, stating the last known address of respondent as unknown. Respondent, Father Unknown, is hereby notified to show cause on or before the 15th day of December, 2011, why the relief prayed should not be granted; and said respondent is further advised that unless such cause be shown in writing and filed by that date, the petitioner may obtain a final decree for the relief sought.

This order shall be published in accordance with Maryland Rule 2-122(a), Service by Posting or Publication.

CERETA A. LEE
REGISTER OF WILLS FOR
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
P.O. BOX 1729
UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772

101941 (9-22,9-29,10-6)

MECHANIC'S LIEN SALE

Under and by virtue of Commercial Law, Section 16-207 of the Annotated Code Of Maryland, the undersigned lienor will sell the following vehicle(s) at public auction for storage, repairs, and other lawful charges on:

**OCTOBER 7, 2011
AT 10:00 AM**

**2006 Ford Truck
1FTPW14576KC83342**

The auction will be held on the premises of:

Flemming Automotive
3832 West Street
Hyattsville Md 20785

Terms of Sale-CASH
Lienor reserves the right to bid.

101984 (9-29,10-6)

NOTICE

Edward S. Cohn
Stephen N. Goldberg
Richard E. Solomon
Richard J. Rogers
600 Baltimore Avenue, Suite 208
Towson, MD 21204
Substitute Trustees,
Plaintiffs
v.

Ruth Morgan
Ernest Morgan
7007 Sourwood Lane
Fort Washington, MD 20744
Defendants

**In the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland
Case No. CAE 10-29079**

Notice is hereby given this 27th day of September, 2011, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, that the sale of the Property mentioned in these proceedings, made and reported, will be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 27th day of October, 2011, provided a copy of this notice be published in a newspaper of general circulation in Prince George's County, once in each of three successive weeks before the 27th day of October, 2011.

The Report of Sale states the amount of the foreclosure sale price to be \$229,500.00. The property sold herein is known as 7007 Sourwood Lane, Fort Washington, MD 20744.

MARILYNN M. BLAND
Clerk of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Md.
True Copy—Test:
Marilynn M. Bland, Clerk
101983 (9-29,10-6,10-13)

NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF:
Jessenia Esmeralda Iglesias-Alfaro

Jennifer Yamilet Iglesias

FOR THE CHANGE OF NAME TO:
Jessenia Esmeralda Iglesias-Ramos
Jennifer Yamilet Iglesias Ramos

**In the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland
Case No. CAE 11-18161**

A Petition has been filed to change the name of Jessenia Esmeralda Iglesias-Alfaro to Jessenia Esmeralda Iglesias-Ramos and Jennifer Yamilet Iglesias to Jennifer Yamilet Iglesias-Ramos.

The latest day by which an objection to the Petition may be filed is October 24, 2011.

Marilyn M. Bland
Clerk of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland
101970 (9-29)

LEGALS

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

In the Matter of:
JE'ANA JANET THOMPSON, Minor
Guardianship No. GD-10038

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

A petition for the guardianship of the person of a minor child, namely **JE'ANA JANET THOMPSON** an infant female born on May 6, 1996 at Kaiser, Hayward, California to Anna Natasha Walls and Jason Jerome Thompson, having been filed, it is this 30th day of June, 2011.

ORDERED, by the Orphan's Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the respondent, Anna Natasha Walls, the natural mother of the aforementioned child, is hereby notified that the aforementioned petition for the guardianship of the person has been filed, stating the last known address of respondent as Unknown. Respondent, Anna Natasha Walls, is hereby notified to show cause on or before the 20th day of December, 2011, why the relief prayed should not be granted; and said respondent is further advised that unless such cause be shown in writing and filed by that date, the petitioner may obtain a final decree for the relief sought.

This order shall be published in accordance with Maryland Rule 2-122(a), Service by Posting or Publication.

CERETA A. LEE
REGISTER OF WILLS FOR
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
P.O. BOX 1729
UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772

101980 (9-29,10-6,10-13)

NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF:
Felix Arely Alvarez

FOR THE CHANGE OF NAME TO:
Arely Alvarez

**In the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland
Case No. CAE 11-22772**

A Petition has been filed to change the name of Felix Arely Alvarez to Arely Alvarez.

The latest day by which an objection to the Petition may be filed is October 24, 2011.

Marilyn M. Bland
Clerk of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland
101974 (9-29)

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

In the Matter of:
JORDAN HARDY, Minor
Guardianship No. GD-10174

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

A petition for the guardianship of the person of a minor child, namely **JORDAN HARDY** an infant female born on March 4, 2004 at Washington, DC to Tiffany M. Hardy and Father Unknown, having been filed, it is this 18th day of August, 2011.

ORDERED, by the Orphan's Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the respondent, Father Unknown, the natural father of the aforementioned child, is hereby notified that the aforementioned petition for the guardianship of the person has been filed, stating the last known address of respondent as unknown. Respondent, Father Unknown, is hereby notified to show cause on or before the 22nd day of December, 2011, why the relief prayed should not be granted; and said respondent is further advised that unless such cause be shown in writing and filed by that date, the petitioner may obtain a final decree for the relief sought.

This order shall be published in accordance with Maryland Rule 2-122(a), Service by Posting or Publication.

CERETA A. LEE
REGISTER OF WILLS FOR
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101943 (9-22,9-29,10-6)

NOTICE

Edward S. Cohn
Stephen N. Goldberg
Richard E. Solomon
Richard J. Rogers
Randall J. Rolls
Donald P. Griswold
600 Baltimore Avenue, Suite 208
Towson, MD 21204
Substitute Trustees,
Plaintiffs
v.

Davinder Singh
1834 Ray Leonard Road
Hyattsville, MD 20785
Defendant

**In the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland
Case No. CAE 11-17718**

Notice is hereby given this 26th day of September, 2011, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, that the sale of the Property mentioned in these proceedings, made and reported, will be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 26th day of October, 2011, provided a copy of this notice be published in a newspaper of general circulation in Prince George's County, once in each of three successive weeks before the 26th day of October, 2011.

The Report of Sale states the amount of the foreclosure sale price to be \$148,979.84. The property sold herein is known as 1834 Ray Leonard Road, Hyattsville, MD 20785.

MARILYNN M. BLAND
Clerk of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Md.
True Copy—Test:
Marilynn M. Bland, Clerk
101981 (9-29,10-6,10-13)

LEGALS

Prince George's Department of Housing and Community Development

**COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
Notice of Funding Availability (NoFA)
AND**

Program Year 38 CDBG Application and Proposal Workshop

The Department of Housing and Community Development of Prince George's County, Maryland will be accepting Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications for Program Year 38, covering July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013. Applications will be available on Thursday, October 13, 2011. The application submission deadline is Monday, November 14, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

This Proposal Workshop will provide an overview of the CDBG Program and will provide participants with specific requirements in applying for these funds.

In addition, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications for Program Year 38 will be available on that day, at the Department of Housing and Community Development located at 9400 Peppercorn Place, Suite 120, Largo, MD, 20774 and on the County's website: www.co.pg.md.us/Government/AgencyIndex/HCD or by mail or email upon request. The workshop date and times is as follows:

DATE: Thursday, October 13, 2011
TIMES: 08:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
PLACE: Prince George's Ball Room
2411 Pinebrook Ave
Landover, Maryland 20785

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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

America's shame: The number of poor children is nearly the same as the combined populations of the states of Michigan and Arizona. The number of poor Black and Hispanic children is slightly more than the entire population of Michigan, and the number of poor infants, toddlers, and preschoolers is larger than the entire population of the state of Minnesota.

This is a national disgrace. Parents like John and Brandy have no control over the mas-

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We need to invest in the health and education of our children and create jobs for their parents without a day's delay. And every citizen and voter should demand that they do so in the richest nation on earth where there should be no

poor children at all.

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.