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## UMCP-UMB Merger Forums End With Continued Support from College Park

By GINA CAIRNEY  
Capital News Service

COLLEGE PARK - The Universities of Maryland in College Park and Baltimore would continue to lose opportunities if the institutions remain separated, the former president of the College Park campus said.

The merger would be a win-win, said C. Dan Mote, who is credited with moving UMCP into the top ranks of research universities nationally. And, he said, it is necessary for the institutions to remain effectively competitive in the world, where there is an increase in multi-disciplinary studies among students.

Mote spoke Friday at a forum hosted by the University System of Maryland Board of Regents on a plan to merge the Baltimore and College Park institutions. It is the third forum on the proposal, which originated with Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller Jr., D-Calvert.

Feedback has been mixed at the forums, with both College Park forums mainly supportive

of bringing the two campuses together. The Baltimore discussion was more critical of the merger.

Comments in writing and from the forums will be reviewed before the Dec. 15 deadline for the regents to report back to the General Assembly.

William T. Wood, a member of the University of Maryland, Baltimore Foundation Inc., said the benefits from the merger would be great.

"The primary question is not what's in the best interest of Baltimore, or what's in the best interest of College Park, but what impact it will have on the students, the state and the citizens."

Voluntary cooperation would certainly be preferred over a mandatory merger, Wood said, because forced mandates usually don't work.

Much of the support and criticism about the merger has been about the medical, sciences and engineering programs, but Bonnie Thornton

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## Journalism Colleges Should Emulate Teaching Hospitals, Study Says

Schools Should be Providing Real-world, Hands-on experiences in Covering Community in News

By EMILY HOOPER  
Capital News Service

COLLEGE PARK - Media companies, struggling in a time of economic uncertainty, are increasingly relying on students to plug information gaps for the public, according to a new report released Friday at Journalism Interactive, an international conference on digital journalism education sponsored by the Merrill College of Journalism at the University of Maryland, College Park.

According to the report, "Shaping 21st Century Journalism," prepared by the New America Foundation and funded by the Knight Foundation, journalism programs should emulate the model of teaching hospitals. "They should beta-test new models for journalism and understand how journalistic ecosystems emerge, as well as contribute to the policymaking

process that underpins them," said the report.

Like teaching hospitals, journalism schools should be providing real-world, hands-on experiences in covering community news. That provides the added benefit of public service, just like the hospitals, the report said.

Students with such experience gain a leg up in hiring. In an increasingly competitive job market, graduates are desperately looking for ways to stand out in sea of resumes and applications. As staff sizes decline, increasingly employers are looking for new hires who can hit the ground running.

Those media companies are increasingly turning to students to supplement their own staffs, providing the students with published stories and television packages.

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## View of new Woodrow Wilson Bridge bike trail

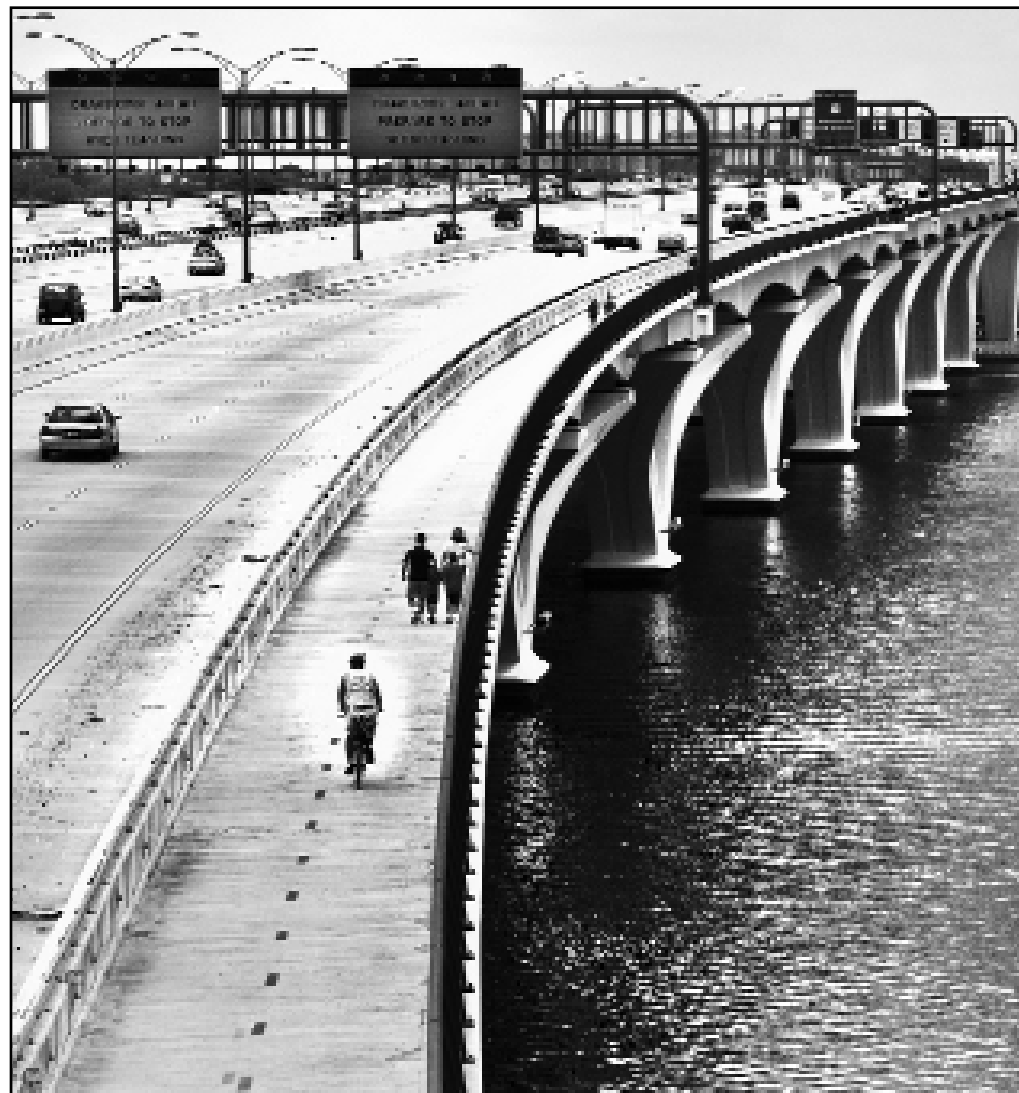


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### Wilson Bridge Bike Trail

View of new Woodrow Wilson Bridge bike trail.

## Obama Urges Congress to Put Workers Back on the Job

THE WHITE HOUSE  
Office of the Press Secretary

*We Can't Wait: Common-sense steps to expedite transportation projects*

WASHINGTON -- President Obama delivered remarks in front of Washington, D.C.'s Key Bridge and urge Congress to pass the transportation piece of the American Jobs Act, which will make an immediate investment of \$50 billion in our nation's transportation infrastructure and a \$10 billion investment to create a bipartisan National Infrastructure Bank. Together, these initia-

tives will put hundreds of thousands of construction workers back on the job rebuilding our roads, rails, and runways.

According to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration, the Key Bridge is in need of crucial repairs and maintenance work. In order to ensure the Key Bridge remains both safe and functional well into the future, the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) proposed a \$20 million project to rehabilitate and repair critical portions of the

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## Officials, Community Celebrate Bike Trail

Bladensburg Waterfront Park Project to Help Restore Anacostia River

By SARAH MEEHAN  
Capital News Service

BLADENSBURG - Local, state and federal officials donned helmets, mounted bicycles and sped off Friday morning on the new bike path at Bladensburg Waterfront Park, part of a trail network project underway to help restore the polluted Anacostia River watershed.

The planned Anacostia Riverwalk Trail Network will stretch across nearly 60 miles of Prince George's County and Washington, D.C. The section dedicated Friday runs 1.5 miles in Maryland and 12 miles in the District.

The officials came to the park Friday to tout its benefits - increasing revenue at local businesses, promoting active lifestyles and restoring the watershed.

"Once this is finished, you'll be able to bike all the way to the District, but more importantly, they'll be able to bike all the way here," Prince George's County Executive Rushern Baker said.

Gov. Martin O'Malley said he saw the trail as a way to empower local residents to restore the Anacostia River by connecting with each other and with the natural world.

"It's a great cause and a great source of strength for the community to be able to restore

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## Dream Act Referendum Supporters Intervene in Lawsuit

By JESSICA TALSON  
Capital News Service

ANNAPOLIS - An Anne Arundel County Court has ruled that MDPetitions.com can intervene in a lawsuit between proponents of the recently passed Maryland DREAM Act and the Maryland State Board of Elections. The group will legally be able to defend the petition drive that put the DREAM Act to a referendum.

DREAM ACT proponents had sued the Maryland Board of Elections to stop the law from going to referendum on the grounds that tens of thousands of the signatures were invalid.

MDPetitions.com, led by Delegates Neil Parrott, R-Washington, and Patrick McDonough, R-Baltimore, opposes the DREAM Act and collected the signatures to put the law to a vote.

Gov. Martin O'Malley signed the DREAM Act into law in May after heated debate in the General Assembly. The act allows undocumented students to pay in-state tuition at community colleges and state universities if they meet certain



PHOTO BY CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE

Delegate Neil Parrott, R-Washington, and chairman of MDPetitions.com, announces that his organization will be allowed to intervene in a suit between proponents of the DREAM Act and the Maryland State Board of Elections. Parrott wants the DREAM Act put to a referendum.

requirements, including having graduated from a Maryland high school and attended that school for at least three years. They are also required to attend a community college first, and then transfer to a university



PHOTO BY CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE

Delegate Patrick McDonough, R-Washington, and honorary chairman of MDPetitions.com, discusses the group's involvement in a lawsuit between proponents of the DREAM Act and the Maryland State Board of Elections. MDPetitions.com will be able to legally defend the petition drive.

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### Iraq Quagmire Ends

The nation owes a big debt of gratitude to the more than one million Americans who have been deployed to Iraq since the start of the war. This includes more than 4,480 who died on the battlefield and more than 32,000 who were wounded. Now we must do everything in our power to support our returning vets.  
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### Economic Development Incentive Fund

The County Council unanimously passed the Economic Development Incentive Fund proposed by County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III. This bill establishes an Economic Development Incentive Fund, specifies the purpose and uses of the Fund, and provides for the financing and administration of the Fund.  
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### Movie Review

"PUSS IN BOOTS"  
As soon as he appeared in "Shrek 2" and stole the show from the ogres and donkeys, Puss in Boots -- the swashbuckling feline Lothario was assured a spinoff. Whether it was going to be any good was an open question, but good or not, it was definitely going to happen.  
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### Earth Talk

Dear EarthTalk:

Why don't more states mandate deposits on beverage bottles as incentives for people to return them? Most bottles I've seen only list a few states on them.

-- Alan Wu,  
Cary, NC

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# Towns and NEIGHBORS

## In and Around Morningside-Skyline

by Mary McHale 301 735 3451

### Edna Holland, Bells Church volunteer, dies at 80

When Bells United Methodist Church holds its annual Christmas Bazaar on Nov. 12, Edna Holland won't be there. For years she and her family have staffed the candy table, which always featured her homemade chocolate. Sadly, Edna died Oct. 21 at the Calvert County Nursing Center. She was 80.

Edna Knight Holland was born Jan. 28, 1931 in Richmond, the daughter of Dorothy and Leslie Knight.

She met her future husband, Kenneth Holland, when she was 11. He was 17 and in Richmond for the wedding of his brother and her aunt. They didn't see each other again for three years, and then in time Ken began asking Edna's mother if he could date her daughter. Eventually she relented and they were married Aug. 6, 1949.

The couple lived in Hanover, Va., before moving to Homer Avenue in Suitland, and in 1962 to 213 Randolph Road in Morningside where they raised their three daughters. They also had a son, Kenneth Thomas, who lived only two days.

Edna was very involved at Morningside Elementary School and was elected PTA president several times. In 1974 she joined Bells Church where she held many jobs—Sunday School, Polly Sheets Circle leader, United Methodist Women president, Worship Committee, Bazaar chairman, Thrift Shop board member, Camping Club camper and Chancel Choir singer. She was active with Church Women United and the Daughters of America and was a regular contributor to this column.

Her husband of 54 years, Kenneth Holland, died in 2003. Survivors include her daughters and their husbands, Carolyn and Joseph Bennett, Patricia

and Ronald Schartner, and Linda and David Abbou, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Rev. Rob Stout, former pastor of Bells, came from Kentucky to give the eulogy for Edna whose service was Oct. 28 at Bells. He lovingly referred to her as his "mother in Maryland." Burial was at Cedar Hill where she and Ken are together again.

### Neighbors

Frank "Bill" Robbins, who grew up on Larkspur Road in Morningside, is retired from the Naval Research Lab and now lives in Harpers Ferry. He does photography the old-fashioned way, using black & white film and a darkroom. He's had a number of photo exhibits and has another coming up in Charles Town, W.V. His new exhibit celebrates the practice of full-immersion baptism.

Donna Kahn is the new administrative assistant for the Morningside Police Department.

The bi-monthly Morningside Sun newsletter has a handsome new look—and color! Kevin Kline is editor. For information, call him at 301-736-2300.

Congratulations to Henry Ruby who turned 75 on Halloween!

Condolences to Kenia Spivey on the death of her brother, John Roy "Lulu" Lake, of Camp Springs, on Oct. 22.

Coming up: Morningside Town Meeting, Tues., Nov. 15, 8 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Skyline Citizens Association quarterly meeting, Wed., Nov. 16, 7 p.m. Location to be announced.

### Changing landscape

The historic Marlboro Elementary School, on Elm Street in Upper Marlboro, is in danger of being torn down. It was founded as an elementary school in 1896 and became Marlboro High in 1921. In

recent years, it housed the county's Sheriff's Office and has been vacant since 2003. The gravesite of Dr. William Beanes is on the grounds.

County Executive Baker will deliver remarks at the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Nov. 5 for the new Coral Hills McDonald's. 4857 Marlboro Pike.

### May they rest in peace

Edmund Ellsworth "Eddie" DeFelice, 48, of Waldorf and formerly of Temple Hills, died Oct. 17. He was the son of Glydon Ann Moore DeFelice and the late Dr. Pasquale DeFelice. He worked with heating and air conditioning and was known by many as "A/C Man." In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife of 28 years, Vicki Louise Albro DeFelice; five children, Samantha, Cassidy, Alyssa, Emma and Joshua; brothers Philip and Pasquale DeFelice; sisters, Josephine "J.P." Rosenbaum, Glydon Reeves, Patricia Grusholt, Anna DeFelice and Joanne Venterella.

Lola C. Rennie, 90, of Camp Springs, widow of Col. David Rennie, USAF, died Oct. 23. She was the mother of Susan, Larry, Carol and Marilyn, grandmother of two.

### Milestones

Happy birthday to Betty Oppido who turned 86 on Oct. 20; and to Bella Cordero, Nov. 4; Brandon Wood and Bob Elborne, Nov. 5; Steve Call, Linda Beatty and Dennis Waby, Nov. 6; and Davey Capps, Jr., Nov. 9.

Happy anniversary to Al and Debbie Callison, on Nov. 4; John and Dineen Whipple, their 31st on Nov. 8; Becky and Dave Capps, their 48th on Nov. 9; and Roseann and Franny Rohan, their 48th on Nov. 9.

A special Happy 64th Anniversary to V.F.W. Post 9619, Morningside, on its founding, Nov. 4, 1947.

## Congresswoman Donna F. Edwards' Legislative Update

### Congresswoman Edwards: Obama Administration's "Pay As You Earn" Proposal will Lower Student Loan Payments for Millions of Student Borrowers

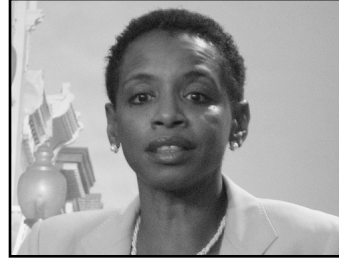
Washington, D.C. — Congresswoman Donna F. Edwards (MD-4) released the following statement on President Obama's "Pay As You Earn" proposal for student loan payments. Starting in 2014, borrowers will be able to reduce their monthly student loan payments to 10 percent of their discretionary income. However, the proposal will give an estimated 1.6 million students the ability to cap their loan payments at 10 percent starting in the coming year, and the plan will forgive the balance of their debt after 20 years of payments. Additionally, starting this January an estimated 6 million students and recent college graduates will be able to consolidate their loans and reduce their interest rates.

"A quality education is fundamental for success in a 21st Century global economy," said Congresswoman Edwards. "But rising costs are a barrier for millions of students. That is why President Obama's 'Pay As Your Earn' proposal is so important. By lowering

borrowing rates for 1.6 million young adults, the President is providing immediate relief to those competing in one of the toughest job markets in recent memory, allowing them to allocate their money towards finding a job and making ends meet. House Republicans must work with Democrats to overhaul the student loan industry but, until they do, the President is right to take action necessary to help students consolidate their current loans."

### Congresswoman Edwards Praises COLA Increase for Veterans' Service-connected Disability Compensation

Washington, D.C. — Congresswoman Donna F. Edwards (MD-4) praised passage today of S. 894, Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2011, which passed unanimously in the House. It now goes to President Obama to be signed into law. This bill increases the amounts paid to veterans for disability compensation and to their survivors for dependency and indemnity compensation by the same cost-of-living adjustment payable to Social Security recipients (i.e., 3.6%). "The first COLA increase for veterans in two years is a



critical step towards ensuring that America's heroes, both past and present, receive the compensation they deserve. It is welcome news for the 3.6 million veterans estimated to receive service-connected disabilities in 2012. We have a responsibility to help with the physical and financial burdens veterans face as a result of their service. Veterans and their families deserve our gratitude at every opportunity, and this COLA increase is a necessary step to help them make ends meet."

The increase would take effect on Dec. 1, 2011, and the results of the adjustment would be rounded to the next lowest dollar. Among the veterans estimated nationally to receive such compensation are 265,903 World War II veterans; 184,818 Korean veterans; 1.5 million Vietnam-era veterans; 1.3 million veterans of the Persian Gulf War era; and 696,757 veterans who served during peacetime.

## Hoyer Urges Secretaries of State to Oppose Measures That Make It Harder to Register and Vote

WASHINGTON, DC — Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-5) led lawmakers in sending a letter to Secretaries of State urging them to oppose new state measures adopted over the last year that would make it harder for eligible voters to register or vote. The letter was signed by 196 House Democrats.

"A year from now, millions of Americans will head to the polls to exercise their most fundamental right — the right to vote. Unfortunately, in states across the country, partisan measures have been adopted that would make it more difficult for nearly five million voters, particularly the poor, young people, the elderly, and minorities, to register and vote," said Congressman Hoyer. "Voter suppression has no place in our country. That's why Democrats are sending a letter to Secretaries of State urging them to oppose these partisan efforts to hinder access to the ballot and urging them to work in a bipartisan way to ensure all Americans can exercise their constitutional right to be heard." Below is the text of the letter and the full list of Democrats signing the letter:

Dear Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

We are writing to you to express our collective concern that the bipartisan consensus and partnership between all levels of government, which for decades has been a central principle of election administration, is deteriorating.

Beginning with the passage of the Voting Rights Act, Congress and election officials across the country have worked on a bipartisan basis to open our democracy to all our citizens. Removing unnecessary barriers to voting was a cause shared across party lines. Sometimes, these efforts were directed at laws and practices that were intentionally created to deny citizens their right to vote. Other times, the laws or practices were relics of a prior era and served no continuing purpose.

As a result of these efforts, the franchise was effectively extended to all our citizens. Age, race, disability, language and military service were no longer impediments to voting. Outdated voting equipment, inaccessible voting sites and living abroad no longer deprived individuals of their right to vote. And these changes were made while putting in place safeguards against fraud.

## Senator Barbara Mikulski Votes to Rebuild Maryland's Aging Infrastructure and Create Jobs

*Senate Republicans Block Legislation that would Support Tens of Thousands of Maryland Jobs*

WASHINGTON — U.S. Senator Barbara Mikulski (D-Md.) today issued the following statement after Senate Republicans unanimously blocked legislation making important investments in America's aging infrastructure and providing a needed boost to our economy and supporting thousands of Maryland jobs. The Rebuild America Jobs Act would make overdue improvements to Maryland's highways, bridges and mass transit, and establish a National Infrastructure Bank to help move along Maryland infrastructure projects. Maryland currently has \$10 billion worth of projects in its transportation plan that would create 130,000 jobs in the state.

"This bill is about jobs today and jobs tomorrow," Senator Mikulski said. "A reliable and well maintained infrastructure is vital to sustain economic growth

and sustain jobs. Through important investments in Maryland's highways and byways, ports and bridges, we are laying the groundwork for our future. With this bill, we are standing up for hundreds of thousands of jobs across Maryland and across our country. Congress must act with the urgency of now to get Americans back to work."

The legislation would provide \$50 billion in formula funding and competitive grants to immediately invest in transportation projects including highways, bridges, ports, transit systems, rail and aviation to modernize America's aging infrastructure. Freight bottlenecks and congestion are costing us about \$200 billion each year. Without these improvements, shipping costs will continue to rise and consumers will feel it in their pocketbooks.

The bill would repave and improve safety on our highways and bridges and improve and modernize Maryland's bus systems and commuter rail service,

MARC and the light rail and metro in the Baltimore region.

It provides \$10 billion to establish a National Infrastructure Bank, which Senator Mikulski has long advocated for. The infrastructure bank would provide new financing options through leveraging private and public capital to help move along projects of regional and statewide significance. Through direct loans and loan guarantees, transportation projects as well as desperately needed water, sewer and energy projects could proceed. Maryland alone has \$14 billion in water and sewer infrastructure needs.

The bill would create or save hundreds of thousands of jobs across America by putting construction workers and engineers back to work. According to Moody's Analytics, every \$1 spent on infrastructure spurs economic activity raising GDP by about \$1.59. Without this investment, nearly one million Americans stand to lose their jobs and our economy will lose nearly \$1 trillion over the next ten years.

"I oppose today's efforts by House Republicans" on the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform to greatly decrease the federal workforce, a ploy to once again make federal employees a scapegoat for spending. These hard-working Americans make critical contributions in service to our nation and its citizens every day, and they

have already sacrificed greatly to put our nation on sounder fiscal footing, including a 2-year pay freeze that will save \$60 billion over ten years. As we work on a plan for deficit reduction, I will continue supporting efforts that benefit the taxpayers and fighting for federal employees to ensure that they are not singled out to sacrifice more than their fair share."

### Hoyer: Federal Employees Should Not Be Singled Out To Sacrifice More Than Fair Share

WASHINGTON, DC — Congressman Steny H. Hoyer released the following statement after the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform reported H.R. 3029, a bill to reduce the federal workforce by 10% by 2015:

## GRAND OPENING

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# COMMUNITY

## Practical Money Skills

By Jason Alderman

### Budget Now for Holiday Spending

It's tough sticking to your budget any time of year, but the holiday season presents special challenges with so many unexpected expenses and temptations. If you sometimes fall prey to holiday overspending, you might want to look for year-round small spending cuts in other areas of your life that, when added together, can result in big savings.

Here are a few suggestions:

#### Personal finances:

If you have low-deductible homeowners, renters or auto insurance, ask how much your premiums would drop by raising the deductible to \$500 or \$1,000 – it could be 15 to 30 percent or more.

Cancel underutilized phone and cable services, magazine subscriptions, gym memberships and other "extras" you're not using.

Before shopping at chain stores, check with online gift card resellers like Plastic Jungle and CardWoo where you can buy gift cards at a discount. Combine the gift card with a coupon or discount code to save even more.

Kick bad habits. Smoking one \$6 pack of cigarettes a day costs about \$2,200 a year, not to mention additional medical and lost-work costs.

#### In the home:

By lowering your thermostat 10°–15° for eight hours you can reduce your home heating bill by 10 percent or more. For a \$400 monthly bill, that's \$40 in savings.

Insulate your water heater and outgoing pipes to reduce heat loss and save 4 to 9 percent in water-heating costs. Also, try lowering the temperature to 120° for additional savings.

Beginning January 1, 2012, traditional incandescent light bulbs will begin phasing out (starting with 100 watt bulbs) in favor of more efficient models that use 25 to 80 percent less energy. By upgrading 15 bulbs, you could save about \$50 a year on utilities.

#### In the car:

Aggressive driving (speeding, rapid acceleration and braking) wastes gas and can lower gas mileage by 33 percent on the highway. By driving sensibly, you could save about \$1.20 for each \$3.65 gallon of gas.

Fuel economy drops rapidly at higher speeds. For each 5 mph you exceed 60 mph, it's like paying an additional \$0.29 per gallon of gas.

Avoid keeping unnecessary heavy items in your car – each extra 100 pounds reduces your mpg by up to 2 percent.

Use websites like GasBuddy.com (which has free smartphone apps) and GasPriceWatch.com, where motorists share up-to-the-minute tips on where to find low-priced fuel.

#### Health care tips:

Consider generic vs. brand-name drugs; copayments are usually much lower. Medtipster.com lets you search for generics by cost, by local zip code.

Ask whether your insurance offers quantity discounts for mail-order prescriptions. Often, the copayment for a 60- or 90-day supply is the same as a 30-day supply at a regular pharmacy.

Ask your doctor about pill-splitting. Many drugs come in double-dosage tablets that cost the same as a lower dosage. (Caution: Some pills should never be split, so always ask your doctor or pharmacist first.)

For more cost-saving ideas, check out AARP's "Save Money on Everything" site ([www.aarp.org/money/budgeting-saving](http://www.aarp.org/money/budgeting-saving)), [www.americasaves.org](http://www.americasaves.org), and Practical Money Skills for Life ([www.practicalmoneyskills.com](http://www.practicalmoneyskills.com)), a free personal financial management program run by Visa Inc. that offers savings and budgeting tools, including a Holiday Budgeting Center.

By trimming a few dollars here and there you're suddenly saving hundreds or thousands of dollars a year – enough to tide you through the holidays and start a vacation fund for next summer.

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We Can't Wait:

## Obama Takes Action to Reduce Prescription Drug Shortages, Fight Price Gouging

THE WHITE HOUSE  
Office of the Press Secretary

President Issues Executive Order, Backs Legislation to Require Drug Companies to Report Shortages

President Obama signed an Executive Order directing the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to take action to help further prevent and reduce prescription drug shortages, protect consumers and prevent price gouging. The President's order directs FDA to broaden reporting of potential shortages of certain prescription drugs and to further expedite regulatory reviews that can help prevent or respond to shortages. Under the President's order, FDA will also work with the Department of Justice, which will examine whether potential shortages have led to illegal price gouging or stockpiling of life-saving medications.

In addition to signing the Executive Order, the White House announced the President's support for bipartisan legislation (H.R. 2245 and S. 296) that will build on today's actions to strengthen the FDA's ability to prevent prescription drug shortages.

A small number of drugs in the U.S. experience a shortage in any given year, but the number of reported prescription drug shortages in the United States nearly tripled between 2005 and 2010. While FDA successfully prevented 137 drug shortages between January 1, 2010 and September 26, 2011, prescription drug shortages continue to threaten the

health and safety of the American people.

These shortages could lead to price gouging, which has raised serious concerns. For example, the ranking member of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reforms, when announcing his investigation into so-called gray markets, expressed concerns about a report that a leukemia drug whose typical contract price is about \$12 per vial was being sold at \$990 per vial – 80 times higher. A Premier healthcare alliance report released in August estimated that the typical gray market vendor marks up prices by an averaged 650 percent. At the extreme, a drug used to treat high blood pressure that was normally priced at \$25.90 was being sold at \$1,200 due to a drug shortage.

The shortage of prescription drugs drives up costs, leaves consumers vulnerable to price gouging and threatens our health and safety," said President Obama. "This is a problem we can't wait to fix. That's why today, I am directing my administration to take steps to protect consumers from drug shortages, and I'm committed to working with Congress and industry to keep tackling this problem going forward."

Early notification of potential drug shortages can help prevent a shortage from becoming a crisis by allowing hospitals, doctors and manufacturers to take action to ensure medications remain available. Currently, the FDA can only require drug manufacturers to

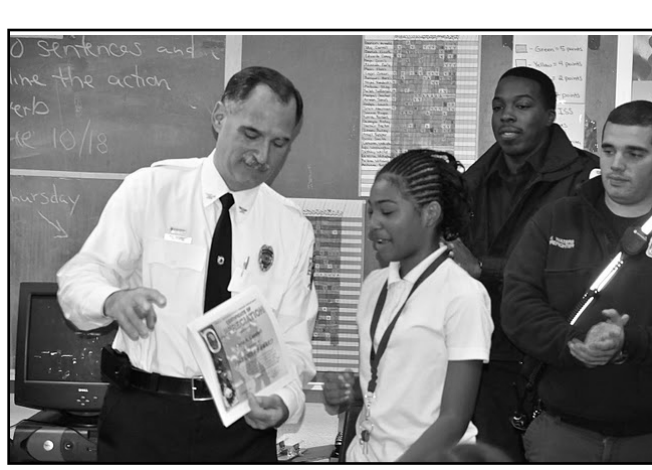


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Suitland...Prince George's County Fire Chief Marc S. Bashoor presented Chyna Campbell a "FIRE CHIEFS AWARD" for her actions on Thursday, October 27, 2011. On that afternoon Chyna called 911 to report a apartment on fire with a family trapped on the balcony. Her calm and precise instructions to the 911 call taker provided firefighters with information that enabled them to quickly rescue the family and extinguish the fire.

disclose the discontinuation of a critical drug when the drug is available through a single manufacturer. The President's Executive Order directs the FDA to take additional steps to require drug manufacturers to provide adequate advance notice of manufacturing discontinuances or other actions that could lead to critical shortages. These additional steps to increase early notification will help achieve some of the goals of bipartisan legislation supported by the President that would require all prescription drug shortages to be disclosed to the FDA in advance and give the FDA new authority to enforce these requirements.

The Executive Order also requires FDA to expand its current efforts to expedite review of new manufacturing sites, drug suppliers, and manufacturing changes to help prevent shortages.

These actions are just some of the steps the Obama Administration is taking to ensure patients have access to the lifesaving medicines they need. The Obama Administration also:

Sent a letter to drug manufacturers reminding them of their responsibility to report the

discontinuation of certain drugs to the FDA. The letter also encourages companies to voluntarily disclose to FDA potential prescription drug shortages in cases where disclosure is not currently required by law.

Increased staffing resources for the FDA's Drug Shortages Program to address the increased workload that will result from additional early notification of potential shortages by manufacturers.

Released a report from the Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE) that assesses the underlying factors that lead to drug shortages, and an FDA report on their role in monitoring, preventing, and responding to these shortages.

While the causes and many of the solutions are outside of the FDA's authority, including the need for additional manufacturing capacity in the private sector, the Administration will continue its ongoing work with manufacturers and other stakeholders to help address drug shortages.

### Jobs from A1

bridge. However, the city is deferring this maintenance to 2015 due to a lack of funds. If Congress passes this bill, DDOT could make these critical repairs more quickly and put Americans back to work as early as 2013.

"Construction workers have been among the Americans hit hardest over the past few years. And that makes no sense when there's so much of America that needs rebuilding. This week, Congress has the chance to do something about it and pass a bill that will put hundreds of thousands of construction workers back to work rebuilding our roads, bridges, airports and transit systems. It's a bill that includes the kinds of ideas both parties have voted for in the past, it's paid for, and its ideas are supported by an overwhelming majority of the American people. It's time for Congress to act," said President Obama.

Today, the White House released a report to highlight the importance of rebuilding our roads, bridges, railways, and airports across the nation. The report states, "In order to meet the needs of a growing economy, there is an ongoing need for new investments to maintain, upgrade, and expand the nation's stock of transportation infrastructure." Today's report highlights projects from Arizona, D.C., Florida, Illinois,

Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington and West Virginia.

Today, the Administration also announced several common-sense steps it has taken to improve the process of reviewing and approving transportation projects, help cut red tape, and leverage additional private sector funding in order to promote private sector growth and job creation. These steps include:

Directing the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) to award \$527 million in competitive TIGER grants by the end of 2011 – months ahead of schedule. The TIGER program puts American workers back on the job by helping to rebuild our nation's roads and bridges, and working on innovative projects like streetcar and light rail systems. This year, DOT received about 1,000 applications, including at least one from every state.

Directing DOT to shorten the application process for the 2012 round of TIFIA funding, which will accelerate projects and put workers back on the job more quickly. TIFIA provides up to one-third of the financing needed for bridge, tunnel, toll, transit, and other large-scale transportation projects. That means the annual funding level of \$110 million in

TIFIA funds can support projects totaling up to \$3 billion in construction.

Establishing a Transportation Rapid Response Team to expedite reviews of surface transportation projects. Co-chaired by the Council on Environmental Quality and the U.S. Department of Transportation, the team will identify and implement best practices to improve the transparency, efficiency and effectiveness of environmental

review and permit decisions for transportation projects, protecting public health and putting Americans back to work.

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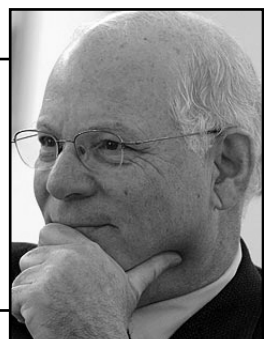
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# COMMENTARY

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*United States Senator for Maryland*



## The Iraqi War Comes to an End

*Our Attention Must Focus on Our Returning Troops*

I want to commend President Obama for moving to end a long, painful chapter in our nation's history by announcing the full withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq by the end of the year. Over the past nine years, I joined millions of Americans in praying for the safe return of the nearly one million troops and diplomats who served in harm's way in Iraq. The President's announcement means our hopes have been fulfilled, and that our brave men and women in uniform will be coming home after what at times has seemed like a war with no end.

While we celebrate the courage, excellence and love of country that our returning troops exhibited in Iraq, we solemnly remember the more than 4,700 Americans, including 83 Marylanders, who selflessly gave their lives for the future stability and peace of Iraq. They showed bravery and heroism during fierce fighting and in situations that were often brutal and horrifying. We are forever grateful to them and their families for all they have sacrificed for our nation.

We also remember the more than 100,000 Iraqi civilians who perished during the war, and we share in the grief of their families and loved ones. It is my real hope that the memory of all those who sacrificed – Americans and Iraqis --

will inspire Iraq's leadership to bring real stability and peace to the nation.

From the very beginning, I opposed the Bush Administration's lack of strategic planning in the implementation of the war. As a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, I voted against granting President Bush the authority to invade Iraq in 2003. We cannot change the past and it's now time for us to focus on the needs of our nation while the Iraqis take full responsibility for the security and sustainability of their own country.

After nearly a decade in Iraq, America has learned the importance of a more thoughtful and multilateral approach to foreign policy, characteristics that were too often absent from much of our mission in Iraq. Our success in removing Moammar Gadhafi from power in Libya proves that America can act in concert with other nations -- without putting U.S. boots on the ground -- in achieving our foreign policy goals.

Now that our troops are finally coming home, we will do everything possible to support the health and well-being of the brave men and women returning home from war. Unemployment today among veterans is too high. Nearly 32,000 soldiers were wounded in battle and our attention now needs to be on making sure that they and their families have the resources and support they need to fully recover and resume their lives. We owe them no less.

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



## Kearney-Turner Jobs Bill Would Put Ohio Back to Work

With a current unemployment rate of 8.7%, our local community cannot wait for the jobs to come. We must work cooperatively to create them." Ohio State Senator, Eric Kearney of Cincinnati

On September 13th, one day after President Obama sent his American Jobs Act to Congress, he visited Fort Hayes High School in Columbus, Ohio where he told a receptive audience that passage of his bill would bring desperately needed jobs and infrastructure improvements to every state in the nation, including Ohio. Since then, Congress has failed to act and the President has voiced a new urgency in the jobs fight, recently declaring, "We can't wait on Congress – the time to act is now."

This week in Columbus, Ohio, State Senators Eric Kearney and Nina Turner heeded that call with the introduction of a state job creation bill that features many of the elements of both the American Jobs Act and the National Urban League's 12-point Jobs Rebuild American plan. I was pleased to speak in favor of this legislation at a Tuesday press conference which was also attended by other bill supporters including Ohio State Senator, Charleta Tavares and three area Urban League Presidents: Stephanie Hightower of the Columbus Urban League, Marsha Mockabee of the Urban League of Greater Cleveland and Vince Watts of the Urban League of Greater Stark County.

Like the National Urban League's 12-point jobs plan, the Kearney-Turner Jobs Bill proposes an increase in small business lending to boost

economic development and job creation, as well as direct funding to keep first responders and other critical public service employees on the job. It specifically calls for an increase of \$100 million to keep teachers in Ohio classrooms. With more than 13 percent of African Americans in the state employed by state, local and federal government, this direct funding is especially critical to our communities.

The Kearney-Turner bill would also create "bridge to work" programs to connect the long-term unemployed to employers through temp work and subsidized training. It would provide scholarships and grants to enable the long-term unemployed to learn new skills for employment in high-growth fields and provide a \$4,000 tax credit for employers who hire them. And it would stabilize declining neighborhoods and put Ohioans back to work by rehabbing distressed residential and commercial properties. These are measures long-advocated by the National Urban League and our Ohio affiliates. That is why we were proud to stand with Senators Kearney and Turner at this week's press conference.

With an unemployment rate of 9.1 percent and more than half-a-million of its citizens out of work, Ohio continues to struggle to dig itself out of the economic downturn. We applaud Senators Eric Kearney and Nina Turner for not waiting but taking action now to bring jobs to their communities. The National Urban League urges the Ohio legislature to pass their bill and, until Congress acts, we urge other states to follow their lead.

## Change Your Clock - Change Your Battery

Each year the men and women of the Prince George's County Fire/Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Department remind our citizens and residents to save lives and limit property damage by promoting working smoke alarms.

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## Child Watch

by Marion Wright Edelman



### Just Say No – To Corporate Greed

Repatriation. It's a word many schoolchildren probably haven't yet learned to define or even seen very often outside of spelling bees. But when it comes to corporate taxes, repatriation is the cornerstone of an idea that has the potential to severely hurt millions of children and parents and widen the already historic and unconscionable gap between the rich and the poor.

In its simplest definition, repatriation is bringing something back to its country of origin—returning it back home. One of the solutions to the jobs crisis being proposed by some of our Congressional leaders and lobbied for aggressively by some of the country's richest corporations is a rehash of an old experiment: enacting a repatriation tax holiday that would temporarily allow U.S.-based multinational companies to bring home profits they currently hold overseas at a 5.25 percent tax rate, instead of the usual 35 percent corporate tax rate. Under current tax law, multinational companies generally pay no U.S. corporate taxes on foreign income until those profits are brought back to the U.S. As the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (CBPP) explains, "This effectively allows such firms to defer payment of the U.S. corporate income tax on their overseas profits indefinitely, even though they may obtain an immediate tax deduction for many expenses incurred in supporting the same overseas investments. This can produce a negative U.S. corporate income tax—that is, a net government subsidy—for overseas operations. In addition to causing the federal government to lose tax revenue, this structure gives multinationals a significant incentive to shift economic activity—as well as their reported profits—overseas."

The argument for the repatriation holiday is that giving corporations a huge incentive to bring profits back right now—in the form of an enormous tax break—would bring billions of dollars back to the U.S. economy that would be reinvested and provide a big stimulus to our economy. Corporate proponents and their Congressional

bullies argue this will create desperately needed jobs.

But the last time this was tried, under a 2004 Bush Administration plan, it didn't work out that way. Instead, as CBPP points out, "The evidence shows that firms mostly used the repatriated earnings not to invest in U.S. jobs or growth but for purposes that Congress sought to prohibit, such as repurchasing their own stock and paying bigger dividends to their shareholders. Moreover, many firms actually laid off large numbers of U.S. workers even as they reaped multi-billion-dollar benefits from the tax holiday and passed them on to shareholders." Many economists and scholars believe that if corporations get their way and get another repatriation holiday, history will repeat itself—and once again the corporations and their shareholders, not American workers, families, and children, will be the only winners.

The nonpartisan congressional Joint Committee on Taxation has estimated the holiday would cost the federal government about \$80 billion over ten years in lost revenue. The Economic Policy Institute's Andrew Fieldhouse puts it this way: "While there are numerous job creation proposals that

would meaningfully lower unemployment, some lawmakers are pushing counterproductive policies disguised as job creation packages. The proposed repeat of the corporate tax repatriation holiday is one such wolf in sheep's clothing." When the nation is already facing a jobs crisis and many Congressional leaders are threatening to slash nutrition, child care, and other safety net programs children and families rely on as a means of balancing the budget, revisiting a failed idea instead of coming up with real solutions and real jobs is a threat children and families and our country cannot afford. As the Occupy Wall Street protestors are shouting, let's "just say no to corporate greed" and to Congresspeople who continue to raid from the poor and children to curry favor and campaign contributions from the rich.

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

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# BUSINESS

## Business Exchange

by William Reed



### A Good Education is Valuable

"An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest" - Benjamin Franklin.

Nido R. Qubein is a businessman operating as an educator who has gained nationwide fame using an adage: "The time is now. The person is you." Qubein is the 7th president of High Point University (HPU). During his six-year tenure, High Point University has gained ranking among the "Top 100 Colleges in the Nation" by US News and World Report. Currently Qubein is making moves to ensure more minorities join this 92-year-old school's student body and faculty.

Qubein is a businessman who became an educator. The liberal arts institution he heads in High Point and Winston-Salem, N.C., educates approximately 4,500 undergraduate and graduate students from 51 countries and 46 states. Qubein says that his works are "guided by the benefits of a good education," and that "at High Point University every student receives an extraordinary education in an inspiring environment with caring people."

Qubein is noteworthy as an American "rags to riches" success story. He arrived in America when he was 17, with just \$50 in his pocket. He knows that a good education is key to a successful life. Qubein says: "The more education you have means more money, greater employment options and better job security." On average, a college degree is worth an extra \$23,000 a year and occupations that require a bachelor's degree are projected to grow the fastest, nearly twice as fast as the national average for all occupations.

Qubein's goal is to turn HPU into one of the nation's premiere, and diverse, college campuses. "We are a university fully dedicated to continually enhancing our academic programs" Qubein said in an interview. He thinks his school is an ideal environment for students from disadvantaged backgrounds, because "we are focused on holistic education and values-based living."

Since he has been at the helm, Qubein has directed a total transformation and enhanced the reputation of HPU. His fundraising has led to a \$100 million investment in campus construction and renovation. Eleven new buildings are under construction on campus and 13 additional structures are being completely renovat-

ed. A campus highlight is the Nido R. Qubein School of Communication, a state-of-the-art 58,000-square-foot building with television production and recording studios, editing suites, computer labs, a theatre-screening room, observation decks and an incredible games and interactive communications development studio.

Qubein was born in 1948, the son of a Lebanese mother and a Jordanian father. Shortly after his birth his father became ill; he died when Nido was only six. Fifty years later, Qubein serves as advisor to some of America's leading corporations. He is chairman of Great Harvest Bread Company, serves on the BB&T Board of Directors, the La-Z-Boy Corporation and Dots Stores, LLC. Qubein is a recipient of the Horatio Alger Award for Distinguished Americans and has also received High Point's "Citizen of the Year" award.

As a college president, Qubein has etched out a reputation for "excellence" that should strike a chord with potential students and their parents. In an on-campus interview, Qubein said, "We work wholeheartedly to prepare our students for the ever-changing, highly competitive, global village in which they must excel." He emphasizes that "High Point University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution." Its policy is to recruit, retain and promote the most outstanding students, faculty and staff possible, regardless of an individual's race, creed, color, sex, religion, age, national origin or disability.

During our interview, Qubein pointed out that applications are currently being accepted for the Bob Brown Scholarship for potential HPU students who reside in the greater High Point area. The Bob Brown Scholarship was established to recognize the life and service of Robert J. Brown, an African-American HPU Trustee and founder of B&C Associates, a consulting group. Brown also served as a major advisor during the Nixon administration. The scholarship provides \$5,000 annually, renewable for four consecutive years. (The University's Financial Planning Department will assist the recipient in securing additional financial aid in order to meet the school's annual tuition and associated fees.)

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

## County Council Passes 50 Million Dollar Economic Development Incentive Fund

By PRESS OFFICER  
Office of the County Council

Upper Marlboro, MD—The Prince George's County Council unanimously passed CB-4-2011, the Economic Development Incentive (EDI) Fund proposed by County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III. Passage of this bill establishes an Economic Development Incentive Fund, specifies the purpose and uses of the Fund, and provides for the financing and administration of the Fund. An appropriation of \$50 million over the next five fiscal years has been designated for the EDI Fund. This includes \$7 million that has been proposed for the Fund in FY 2012.

"Today is a great day for the residents of Prince George's County. The Economic Development Incentive Fund will create jobs, spur development, and increase our commercial tax base, which over time will bring in much needed revenues for education and public safety," said Baker. "The EDI Fund has been the most important and significant legislative priority of my administration and I want to thank the Prince George's County Council for their collaboration in shaping and passing this bill."

The EDI Fund is intended to elevate the county's economic development profile and signal to the development community that Prince George's has turned a significant corner. The EDI Fund's potential return on investment will not be measured solely by financial returns

to the fund itself—rather, it will be measured primarily by tangible measures like job creation, increased commercial tax revenue, and the achievement of key development goals. Under CB-4, special priority will be given to projects that maximize Local Minority Business Enterprise (LMBE) participation and hiring opportunities for County residents.

"This bill is a groundbreaking investment in our development and in our future. It is also a significant commitment, which required proper vetting, informed inquiry, and many contributions and suggestions from the Council, the community, and businesses," said Baker. "I believe that by working together, we have ensured that the Fund is flexible and clear enough for the business community while still subject to the proper checks and balances. I am proud to say that there has never been a County spending program with the same degree of oversight and transparency requirements as the EDI Fund."

Gauging from the experience in other jurisdictions with similar funds, it is predicted the EDI Fund will be able to leverage private funds by 5:1, 10:1, or even higher ratios. The EDI Fund will also allow Prince George's County to leverage State programs where County participation is required.

Administration of the Fund will be coordinated by the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), with many County agencies and entities involved in reviewing and processing applications for financial assistance from the

EDI Fund. An internal County team has been drafting administrative procedures for several months in anticipation of the Council's vote today, and many agencies will participate in supporting the Fund's goals. The Economic Development Corporation will serve as the primary intake source for applications for EDI Funds, with the Financial Services Corporation providing underwriting services.

The Office of Management and Budget, and the Office of Finance, will work together to provide the necessary financial analysis, monitoring, tracking, and adherence to standard accounting and reporting procedures. Working with the Prince George's Economic Development Corporation (EDC) and Financial Services Corporation (FSC), the CAO will be responsible for determining the rates and terms for the financial assistance provided by the EDI Fund. In order to measure the success of the EDI Fund over time, appropriate accountability metrics will be developed including job retention and attraction, leveraged public and private sector dollars, small business, Local and Minority Business Enterprise participation, and other necessary standards.

To protect the county's interests and ensure the highest degree of financial integrity, an independent and objective panel known as the Financial Advisory Council (FAC) will be appointed to provide advice and guidance on the financial viability of applicants for EDI

Funds. The FAC will be comprised of financial services professionals, with four members appointed by the CAO and three by the Council. These individuals will be held to high standards to avoid any conflicts of interest. Individuals interested in serving on the FAC should submit resumes to the CAO.

Under CB-4 as enacted, the County Council will receive 7 days advance written notice of all loans or grants from the EDI Fund. Any grant over \$250,000 is subject to Council approval.

Before a loan closing, the applicant will be required to offer proof of "clean hands," in which all financial obligations (e.g., taxes, fees, etc.) to the Federal, County and State governments are met, and that the individual or corporation is in good standing with the State authority responsible for corporate filings.

The EDI Fund was originally submitted as part of the FY2012 Proposed Budget presented to the Prince George's County Council. The Prince George's County Council will deliver this bill to the County Executive within 10 business days. After delivery, the County Executive has 10 days to sign this bill.

Administrative details of the EDI Fund and will be finalized over the next couple of months. Applications will be accepted and implementation will begin in the first quarter of the 2012 calendar year. For more information on the EDI Fund, please go to

<http://www.pgcedc.com/business/Development/EDIF.php>

### Lawsuit from A1

state tuition rates must prove that they or their parents paid Maryland income taxes for the three years before high school graduation, and continue to file taxes until college graduation.

After the bill passed, opponents gathered signatures for a petition that would bring the bill to a referendum. MDPetitions.com collected signatures both in person and online.

McDonough is confident that opposition to the DREAM Act spans political party lines, and

that Marylanders would reject the law in a referendum.

"Fifty percent of the signatures were not Republicans," McDonough said, referring to the petition to put the DREAM Act to a vote.

According to Judicial Watch, a conservative government watchdog group that represents MDPetitions.com, the petition drive collected nearly twice the number of signatures required to put the new law to a referendum.

The Maryland Board of Elections certified the petition in July and the DREAM Act is scheduled to go to a vote in

November 2012.

Among other reasons, the lawsuit filed by CASA de Maryland and other proponents of the DREAM Act alleges that more than 50,000 of the petition signatures found valid by the Board of Elections were actually invalid under Maryland law. The group argues that the majority of the invalid signatures were filled out by a computer program operated by the petition sponsors, not by the actual voter, which they say is a violation of Maryland law.

The lawsuit also says that thousands of additional signa-

tures appeared on petition forms that did not contain a summary of the text of the law, which is also a violation of state law.

If the bill does go to a vote, advocates say they will rally support and educate Marylanders about what the bill actually does.

"There's this idea that the students are somehow taking advantage of the system they haven't paid into, but under the Maryland DREAM Act it wouldn't be true," said Meredith Curtis, spokeswoman for the ACLU of Maryland, which supports the DREAM Act.

### Trail from A1

her health and restore the outdoor environment," O'Malley said in an interview. "The magic of these bike trails is that they bring the community together."

Building the trail is part of President Obama's America's Great Outdoors initiative, which aims to connect Americans with the environment through local, state and federal partnerships.

The project also aligns with local programs to promote bicycle use, Bladensburg Mayor Walter James said.

Officials agreed the trail will promote economic growth and environmental awareness

throughout the region.

"It is in everyone's best interest to be able to do what we can to restore this river, to create trails," D.C. Mayor Vincent Gray said. "It is such an inherent part of making the District of Columbia sustainable."

Construction to complete the entire trail is slated to begin next year, O'Malley said.

The project is expected to cost \$50 million to design and construct over the next four years. Federal air quality funding and presidential appropriations are expected to pay the bulk of the cost.

Several bikers who attended the ceremony, such as 2005 single-speed, mountain-biking, world champion Marla Streb,

said the trail will help Marylanders of all ages see the positives of cycling over driving.

"It really enriches your day if you're not just sitting in a car," said Streb, the bike safety coordinator for Bike Maryland. "I feel really strongly about getting other kids out of their cars, out of gridlock and walking and riding to the parks."

Others said the new trail is one more chance to experience natural wonders in the state.

"It's lovely -- there are so many pockets of interesting biking in this area that I'm just

starting to discover," said Jim Bole, a member of the Mid-Atlantic Off-Road Enthusiasts.

And getting people outside of their homes and onto the path will ultimately benefit the communities through which the trail passes, U.S. Sen. Ben Cardin, D-Md., said.

"I think it's huge. It shows that people can really get connected to other communities and get connected to the outdoors," Cardin said. "This is all a plus for the community and it will create jobs. ... It will help both P.G. County and the surrounding community."

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## Movie Review

### "Puss In Boots"

"PUSS IN BOOTS"

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Rated PG for some rude humor, mild action violence.

1 hr., 30 min.

As soon as he appeared in "Shrek 2" and stole the show from the ogres and donkeys, Puss in Boots -- the swashbuckling feline Lothario voiced to perfection by Antonio Banderas -- was assured a spinoff. Whether it was going to be any good was an open question, but good or not, it was definitely going to happen. Now the movie is here, and you know? Turns out it's not bad. Not bad at all. Instead of making a tacky cash-grab, they went ahead and made an actual movie. A good one!

"Puss in Boots" takes us back to the title cat's early days, roaming the small towns of Old Mexico as an outlaw, a fighter, and a lover of lady cats. His current quest is to get some magic beans from a pair of raunchy murderers named Jack (Billy Bob Thornton) and Jill (Amy Sedaris), use them to grow a beanstalk, and obtain the goose that lays golden eggs. But Puss, as nimble and clever as he is, may be outmatched by Kitty Softpaws (Salma Hayek), a sexy she-cat who's after the same thing.

Enter Humpty Dumpty (Zach Galifianakis), an anthropomorphic egg whose past is intertwined with Puss', the two having been children together at

the same orphanage. They were friends and compatriots until a falling out made each one feel betrayed by the other; now they are sworn enemies.

Though the film is apparently set in the same universe as "Shrek," and directed by Chris Miller, a franchise veteran, its tone is different -- and that's good. Most of the characters are drawn from nursery rhymes rather than fairy tales; fittingly, the story is relatively simple, small, and compact. The humor isn't as mature or snarky as in the "Shrek" movies, nor is it packed with pop-culture references. Instead of enchanted forests and castles, we have sagebrush and dust, with the accompanying Western trappings. (With "Rango," this makes two Western-inspired cartoons in 2011.)

It's funny, too, which is always a plus. The screenplay, credited to Tom Wheeler (creator of TV's "The Cape"), with story credits for Brian Lynch ("Hop") and Will Davies ("Johnny English Reborn"), makes great use of the main character's dual nature: he's a cat who does human things, but he's also a cat. You can get a lot of mileage out of gags like Puss swaggering into a saloon full of tough guys, ordering a drink, then lapping it up like a kitten. Banderas' smoldering, thickly accented delivery makes every line sound serious, which in turn makes the funny lines funnier. Hayek has some of that



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Long before he even met Shrek, the notorious fighter, lover and outlaw Puss in Boots becomes a hero when he sets off on an adventure with the tough and street smart Kitty Softpaws and the mastermind Humpty Dumpty to save his town. This is the true story of The Cat, The Myth, The Legend... The Boots. -- (C) Dreamworks/Paramount

going on too -- something about the way she says "Puss" ("Poose") cracks me up every time -- and Galifianakis is more restrained as the whiny Humpty than he might have been.

"Puss in Boots" doesn't try to be anything more than sly fun and "Zorro"-esque action, and it

does that well enough to be worth recommending. You might wish it were more ambitious than it is (there's no emotional hook, really), but it'll probably launch a new franchise, so maybe the next installments will aim a little higher. They're off to a promising start.

## The Edge of Sports

by DAVE ZIRIN

### Economics, Race, and the N.B.A.

Last Tuesday evening, at the end of HBO's "Real Sports," Bryant Gumbel referred to David Stern, the commissioner of the N.B.A., as a "plantation overseer." Coming at a point when the players have been locked out for four months, negotiations are at a standstill, and a substantial part of the season has already been canceled, the remarks added to a simmering debate.

How can the horrors of the slave trade possibly be compared to a billion-dollar labor negotiation? It's a fair question, but the metaphor, and the conflict it evokes, is as old as professional sports itself. In the nineteenth century, a white player named John Montgomery Ward was described as leading a "slave revolt" against Major League Baseball. In 1964, Muhammad Ali said that he would "no longer be a slave." Five years later, the baseball player Curt Flood called himself "a well paid slave" because of his inability to exercise free agency (for which he went to court, and lost both the case and his career). Contemporary athletes such as Larry Johnson, Anthony Prior, Warren Sapp, and Adrian Peterson have used the formulation. It's been deployed by players to describe a feeling of being condescended to--of being treated as boys instead of men--and of lacking control of their own livelihoods.

In the N.B.A., where every owner but one (Michael Jordan) is white, and eighty-six per cent of the players are black, racial tensions have been unspoken but tangible--as illustrated by a scene two weeks ago. David Stern was sitting across the negotiating table from a constellation of the league's stars. He then became, per his usual style, openly contemptuous of the players "inability to understand" the financial challenges faced by ownership, according to ESPN's Ric Bucher. He rolled his eyes. He took deep breaths. He then pointed his finger repeatedly toward the face of the Miami Heat's Dwyane Wade.

Wade, who is twenty-nine, is one of the most popular faces in the N.B.A. among fans. He interrupted Stern. "You're not pointing your finger at me," Wade said, according to Bucher. "I'm not your child."

Most immediately, Gumbel's comments looked at David Stern's management style through a racial lens. That is, in a sense, tragic, since Stern's résumé has all the trappings of a racial progressive. He's served on the board of the N.A.A.C.P. He's led a league that has long had the best record in terms of hiring people of color as coaches and executives. Even in ownership, the N.B.A. is the only major sport in which a person of African descent sits in the owner's box. But none of that has protected him from the latest accusations. These dynamics didn't develop overnight, and for that he bears most of the blame.

Over the last decade, Stern has built reservoirs of bad will. After an infamous 2004 brawl between members of the Indiana Pacers and fans of the Detroit Pistons, Stern said that he had a responsibility to "the ticket-buying fan" to clean up the league. He instituted a dress code.

He created a list of verboten establishments where players couldn't socialize when on the road. He set age limits on when players could enter the league. He met with the Republican strategist Matthew Dowd to discuss how to give the league "red state appeal." When he had the N.B.A.'s official magazine, "Hoop," airbrush out Allen Iverson's tattoos, it was seen as an attack on the "hip-hop generation" of players. Yet Stern did little to reach out or correct the record.

For N.B.A. fans, the most maddening part about this should be that the suspicion of Stern means that no one on the players' side trusts either him or the financial figures he has been pointing to in negotiations. The league is coming off of the most profitable season in its history, but Stern insists that as many as twenty-three of its thirty teams are losing money. Players don't believe him, especially as his solution to "the crisis of team profitability" is to take back money that is going to them. Stern refuses to consider a solution that would involve his owners sharing television revenue, as N.F.L. teams do.

All this bad feeling also meant outrage when, for example, the sportswriter Bill Simmons, writing for Grantland, asked last week:

"Where's the big-picture leadership here? What's the right number of franchises? Where should those franchises play? What's worse, losing three franchises or losing an entire season of basketball? What's really important here? I don't trust the players' side to make the right choices, because they are saddled with limited intellectual capital. (Sorry, it's true.) The owners' side can't say the same; they should be ashamed. Same for the agents."

The phrase "intellectual capital" had uglier echoes than Simmons may have intended. In response to criticism from several corners, Simmons posted a clarification, noting that, "If we're relying on someone to create a new economic model to save the league, don't expect it to be the players; it's outside their means. That's what I wrote. I would have written the same thing about NHL players, NFL players or MLB players...."

In other words, he was doubting the big-picture savvy and economic acuity of athletes, not simply black athletes. I spoke to several N.B.A. players on the negotiating team who didn't want to comment but made clear that they weren't assuaged by the explanation.

We have reached a point where no one would be surprised if more, or all, of the season were lost. Dirk Nowitzki, after throwing out the first pitch in Game 3 of the World Series on Saturday, talked to reporters about playing in Germany; a number of prominent players, like Deron Williams and Ty Lawson, are already abroad. There was also word that players might form an independent league in which, as SI.com reported, "players would organize unofficial versions of the games that are being lost." Carmelo Anthony, of the Knicks, said, "It's possible. It's very possible, with all the relationships and connections players and agents have.... At the end of the day, with all the guys Nike and the Jordan Brand have, they are very powerful." Some sportswriters, such as ESPN's Michael Wilbon, have openly mocked this idea, saying that players have "expenditures and lifestyles ... that don't lend itself to ponying up money to start a league." But that doesn't take into account the unhappiness of the players. Are they angry enough now to start their own league--or at least try--and, in effect, occupy the N.B.A.?

[Dave Zirin is the author of "The John Carlos Story".

## Gymkana Bounces on After TV Success

University of Maryland's Gymkana Team is Dealing With the After-effects of Their Brush with Stardom On ABC's TV Show "America's Got Talent,"

BY ZACK COHENS  
Capital News Service

COLLEGE PARK - Nearly two months after a failed front flip through a hoop of fire dashed their dream of winning ABC's "America's Got Talent," the University of Maryland's Gymkana team is dealing with the after-effects of their brush with stardom.

Despite being bounced in the semi-final round of the television competition, the highflying acrobatics team has attracted a slew of local and national attention since returning home.

"The fact that 14 million more people know who we are now - just by us being on this TV show twice -- changed everything immediately," Gymkana director and head coach Scott Welsh said.

Because of the publicity, Gymkana members said they are recognized a lot more and taken more seriously by people in the area.

"We are not just those guys who flip through fire," senior Sammi Ahmed said. "People are starting to understand that we're a serious athletic team and we work hard everyday at the gym."

The team is scheduled to perform at the National Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, D.C., next year. Pending an end to the NBA lockout, the team has also been asked to open for the New York Knicks in Madison Square Garden.

That's a big change for a squad that, before the show, mostly performed in school gymnasiums in Maryland to spread their message of healthy

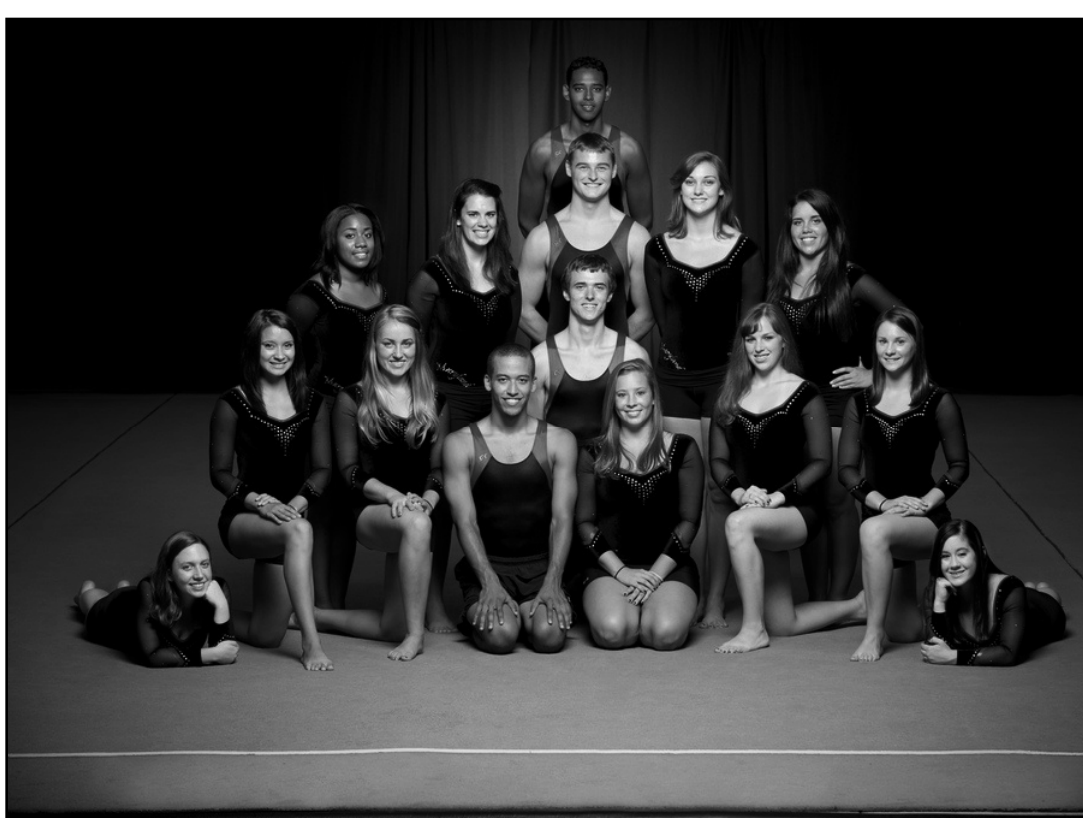


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The University of Maryland's Gymkana Troupe performed on America's Got Talent. Photographed for the University of Maryland School of Public Health in College Park MD. Photographed by Mike Morgan.

living to kids.

While "America's Got Talent" opened new doors for the team, Welsh said he wants to make sure they do not lose sight of their true identity. But the group has had higher expectations for their performances since their television debut.

"We have recently developed a sense of professionalism and innovation due to America's Got Talent," Ahmed said. "We are now working harder to make sure everyone is timed out perfectly and everyone has clean form."

The national attention also helped with recruiting. About

the same number of people joined the team in September as last year. In previous years, though, some new recruits left the team after a month or two. That hasn't happened this year, Welsh said.

As Gymkana continues to become more popular and expands its fan base, Welsh said that the team will have to rely on one another to stay grounded and focused.

One way the team does this is by "circling up" before the beginning of each performance. They reflect on their progress and remind themselves to push their message of healthy living

to as many people as possible.

Going forward, Welsh said he is unsure if Gymkana will enter more televised competitions like "America's Got Talent." But he hopes to take the team to more national and international stages.

For now, he said, the team is happy building off of their television success and maintaining its fan base.

"Now that it has all settled down, and we are not the TV stars we were two months ago, the people that really believe in what we stand for still follow us on Facebook and still interact with us daily or weekly," Welsh said.

# Calendar of Events

## November 10 - November 16, 2011

### Blankets of Love: Coloring Our Dreams

Date and Time: Monday, October 3-Monday, December 5  
Description: Oakcrest Community Center is sponsoring a blanket drive to benefit two assisted living facilities: Forestville Health & Rehabilitation Center and Heartfield Assistant Living Center in Bowie.

The facility is also collecting coloring books, crayons, and soothing sounds CD's to benefit the Prince Georges County Pediatric Unit and the Sub Unit of Mount Washington Pediatric Hospital.

Ages: All ages  
Location: *Oakcrest Community Center*  
1300 Capitol Heights Blvd., Capitol Heights 20743  
Contact: (301) 736-5355; TTY 301-218-6768

### Line Dancing at Seat Pleasant

Date & Time: Beginning November 5, Saturdays, 11:30 am-1 pm  
Description: Here's a way to lose weight, release stress, build stamina and start a healthy life style -- all of this while having fun with Ms. Hattie Frazier. Wear comfortable shoes, bring a hand towel and get ready to dance your stress away.

Cost: Resident \$20; Non-Resident \$28; \$6/drop-in fee  
Ages: 18 & up  
Location: *Seat Pleasant Activity Center*  
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Contact: 301-773-6685; TTY 301-218-6768  
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### National Harbor Farmers Market

Date & Time: Saturdays through November 5, 10 am-2 pm  
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Description: Support local farmers! Call to find out about its selection of fruits, vegetables, organic food, local specialties and crafts. Read more about local farmer's markets.

Location: American Way (Waterfront & Fleet Streets), Oxon Hill 20744  
Contact: 301-248-8079 (Phyllicia Hatton)  
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Read more about local farmer's markets.  
Location: *American Way (Waterfront & Fleet Streets), Oxon Hill 20744*

Contact: 301-248-8079 (Phyllicia Hatton)  
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### Riverdale Park Farmers Market

Date & Time: Thursdays through November 17, 3-7 pm  
Description: Support local farmers! Call to find out about its selection of fruits, vegetables, organic food, local specialties and crafts. FMNP Checks (WIC & Senior) & FVC accepted. Read more about local farmers markets.

Location: *Queensbury Road, Riverdale park 20737 (MARC station parking lot)*  
Contact: 301-332-6258 (Jim Coleman)

### PUBLIC PLAYHOUSE ANNOUNCES 2011-2012 DANCE SEASON

CHEVERLY, MD—The Public Playhouse 2011-2012 season includes national and international dance performances, beginning with The Philadelphia Dance Company's PHILADANCO on Friday, November 18 at 8 pm, in a leggy jet-propelled performance with soul that celebrates the company's 40th anniversary.

On Friday, January 6, at 8 pm, the Playhouse hosts the international tour of the Russian National Ballet Theatre in a classical full-length presentation of "Cinderella" that is full of humor and features a large Russian company trained in the Bolshoi and Kirov traditions.

Saturday, February 4 at 8 pm, Nimbaya! Women Master Drummers and Dancers of Guinea make the Playhouse the only Washington area stop on their first American tour in several years. Formerly called "Amazones", these exciting, energetic artists are celebrated throughout Africa for breaking social barriers to women's independence by performing the dances and playing the instruments that for centuries were restricted to men.

In April, Dallas Black Dance Theatre returns for their annual Playhouse residency with a new program of feisty, fearless and fiery modern dance performances on Friday and Saturday, April 27 and 28 at 8 pm and Sunday, April 29 at 4 pm.

Tickets to each of the four dance companies in this series are \$20, or \$15/seniors, students, DancePass, and groups of 15 or more. There's also an advance ticket savings of half price for one dance company when buying all four prior to November 18.

Area dancers are also part of the season. On Sunday, February 26, at 4 pm, the annual liturgical dance festival PRAISE! features gospel singer Cora Harvey Armstrong of Richmond and exceptional dance troupes from area churches. Saturday, March 17 at 8 pm, the 10th annual World Dance Showcase highlights the broad cultural richness and talent found in our nation's capitol. Tickets for each of these programs are \$12; \$10/seniors and students.

Young dancers are on stage at Bust a Move with Café Groove on Friday, March 2 from 7-10pm, when teens battle for cash prizes and the title of "Prince George's Best Dance Crew", with teen-only admission for \$3. And Sunday, March 4, at 4 pm, the Love 2 Dance Teen Showcase presents hot talent from area schools and studios. Tickets: \$12; \$10/seniors and students

Dance Classes with visiting artists include Nimbaya! workshops on Saturday, February 4, with a Drum Workshop at 10 am and an African Dance Workshop at 12 noon for drummers and dancers age 13 and up; fee: \$15/class. On April 25 and 26 from 7:30-9 pm Dallas Black Dance Theatre offers their annual Master Classes in Modern Dance for advanced dancers on Wednesday, and Liturgical Dance Workshop for intermediate and advanced dancers on Thursday; fee \$15/class or observer. Also, Big Girls Dance Workshops are being held during National Fitness Month, with an African dance workshop on Tuesday, May 8 from 6:30-8 pm, and a Belly Dance Workshop on Thursday, May 10 from 6:30-8 pm; free/one workshop per person, with advance registration required.

*The Playhouse is a facility of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Prince George's County Department of Recreation, Arts and Cultural Heritage Division.*

For more information, call 301-277-1710 or visit [arts.pgarks.com](http://arts.pgarks.com)

## EARTH TALK ... "Deposits on beverage containers."

Dear EarthTalk:

*Why don't more states mandate deposits on beverage bottles as incentives for people to return them? Most bottles I've seen only list a few states on them.*

-- Alan Wu,  
Cary, NC

So-called bottle bills, otherwise known as container recycling laws, mandate that certain types of beverage containers require a small deposit (usually five or ten cents) at checkout beyond the price of the beverage itself. Customers can return the empty containers later and reclaim their nickels and dimes. The idea is to provide a financial incentive for consumers to recycle and to force industry to re-use the raw materials.

According to the Container Recycling Institute (CRI), a California-based non-profit which encourages the collection and recycling of packaging materials (and runs the website BottleBill.org), the benefits of bottle bills include: supplying recyclable materials for a high-demand market; conserving energy, natural resources and landfill space; creating new businesses and green jobs; and reducing waste disposal costs and litter. The 10 U.S. states that currently have container recycling laws recycle at least 70 percent of their bottles and cans; this amounts to a recycling rate 2.5 times higher than in states without bottle bills.

Beverage containers make up a whopping 5.6 percent of the overall U.S. waste stream, so every bottle and can that gets recycled counts toward freeing up landfill space. And CRI reports that beverage containers account for some 20 percent of



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**Only 10 U.S. states have "bottle bills" requiring deposits on some beverage containers so consumers will return them. Those states recycle 70 percent of their bottles and cans, 2.5 times more than states without bottle bills. The beverage industry has spent millions fighting bottle bill legislation, even though beverage containers make up 5.6 percent of the U.S. waste stream.**

the greenhouse gas emissions resulting from landfilling municipal solid waste and replacing the wasted products with new ones made from virgin feedstock. So by promoting more recycling, bottle bills indirectly reduce our carbon footprints.

The 10 U.S. states with bottle bills are California, Connecticut, Hawaii, Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, New York, Oregon and Vermont. Delaware's legislature repealed its bottle bill after almost three decades on the books last year as the state's bottle recycling rate had dropped to just 12 percent due to more and more retailers refusing to deal with the hassle of accepting returned containers. In place of its bottle bill, Delaware enacted a \$0.04/bottle recycling fee that will help defray the costs of starting up a curbside recycling pickup sys-

tem to service the entire state.

"We are extremely disappointed they chose to repeal their law, rather than enforce it," reported CRI's Susan Collins, adding that the new fee places a burden on consumers only. "Consumers will be subsidizing the producers and that is unfair." CRI supports "extended producer responsibility" where producers and consumers together pay for the life cycle costs of product packaging.

Beyond Delaware, the main reason bottle bills haven't caught on is because of opposition to them by the beverage industry, which doesn't want to bear the costs of recycling and claims that the extra nickel or dime on the initial cost of the beverage is enough to turn potential customers away. The U.S. Public Interest Research Group (USPIRG) found that the beverage industry and its representatives spent about \$14 mil-

lion in campaign contributions aimed at defeating a national bottle bill between 1989 and 1994. Meanwhile, members of a Senate committee who voted against national bottle bill legislation in 1992 received some 75 times more in beverage-industry PAC money than those who voted in favor of the bill.

CONTACTS: Container Recycling Institute,  
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## HHS Announces New, Refined Survey Standards

### HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Press Secretary

The Department of Health and Human Services today released final standards to more consistently measure race, ethnicity, sex, primary language, and disability status, thereby improving our ability to highlight disparities in health status and target interventions to reduce these disparities.

"It is our job to get a better understanding of why disparities occur and how to eliminate them. Improving the breadth and quality of our data collection and analysis on key areas, like race, ethnicity, sex, primary language and disability status, is critical to better understanding who we are serving," Secretary Sebelius said. "Today, through these new standards, we are pro-

### Merger from A1

Dill, dean of UMCP's College of Arts and Humanities said, "There would be great collaboration between the arts and humanities program at College Park and the law and medical schools in Baltimore" where students and faculty will be able to discuss issues like ethics or philosophy.

Dill also said a merger would provide undergraduates with a smooth transition into graduate schools, especially for

### Journalism from A1

"We're not competing with (news outlets), we're applying things that they cannot do," said Leonard Downie Jr., vice president of The Washington Post and journalism professor at Arizona State University.

Some schools, including Maryland, have successfully adapted their programs to the changing media climate, the report said.

The Merrill College of Journalism provides a handful of student-run news outlets

viding a new set of powerful tools to help us achieve our vision of a nation free of disparities in health and health care."

The Affordable Care Act requires new standards for the collection and reporting of health care information based on race, ethnicity, sex, and primary language. Making data standards consistent will help identify the significant health differences that often exist between and within ethnic groups, particularly among Asian, Hispanic/Latino and Pacific Islander populations.

For example, a study showed that the diabetes-related mortality rate for Mexican Americans (251 per 100 000) and Puerto Ricans (204 deaths per 100 000) was twice as high as the diabetes-related mortality rate for Cuban Americans (101 deaths per 100 000). However, this

information would have remained unknown if only the umbrella terms of "Hispanic" or "Latino" had been used.

By adding Mexican American and Chicano/a, Puerto Rican, Cuban, and Other Hispanic Latino/a or Spanish origin as explicit categories required on all HHS-sponsored health surveys, we can better capture the individual ethnic group challenges that are often found within minority populations. This specificity allows us to better measure and track health differences in these populations and target interventions appropriately.

The new data collection requirements also will improve researchers' ability to consistently monitor more dimensions of health disparities among people with disabilities. Collection of all data will take

arts and humanities majors, many of whom, according to Dill, go on to study law and social policy.

"A merger would attract those students to stay with the institution and keep us competitive with other schools."

Kirby Fowler, president of the Downtown Partnership of Baltimore, made the one-hour trip to College Park as a symbol of collaboration between the two campuses. Downtown Baltimore and UMB have a "symbiotic relationship," he

place under HHS' longstanding, strict commitment to protecting privacy.

"Many racial and ethnic minorities, people with limited English proficiency, people with disabilities, and other populations face unique health challenges, often have reduced access to health care and often pay the price with poorer health," said Garth Graham, M.D., MPH, HHS deputy assistant secretary for minority health. "Today we are implementing an important provision of the Affordable Care Act that reinforces our commitment to reducing these health disparities. These new standards will help us carry forward the HHS Action Plan to Reduce Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities and our work to address disparities in people with disabilities as well."

Teja Rau, a graduate student at UMB's school of social work, was concerned about the effects it would have on students facing tuition increases, poor job prospects and steep student loan debt.

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said, adding that Baltimore is a top economic generator for the state.

Collaboration between the two campuses would be welcome and beneficial, but Fowler said any idea of a merger should be off the table.

Fowler's concern was whether one campus would become the ultimate decision-maker for the institution as a whole.

"Decisions about a campus need to be done locally," and those decisions affect the com-

munity, he said. "Neither campus should be at risk of losing."

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The property is improved by a dwelling.

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Terms of Sale: A deposit in the form of cashier's or certified check, or in such other form as the Substitute Trustees may determine, at their sole discretion, for \$5,000.00 at the time of sale. If the noteholder and/or servicer is the successful bidder, the deposit requirement is waived. Balance of the purchase price is to be paid within fifteen (15) days of the final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, Maryland. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase price at the rate of 8.25% per annum from date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees, if the property is purchased by an entity other than the noteholder and/or servicer. If payment of the balance does not occur within fifteen days of ratification, the deposit will be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event settlement is delayed for any reason. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, and all other public charges and assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges to be adjusted for the current year to the date of sale, and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. The purchaser is responsible for any amount in excess of \$250.00 for outstanding water bills, if any, incurred prior to the date of sale. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes, and all settlement charges shall be borne by the purchaser. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the deposit to the purchaser. Upon refund of the deposit, the sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. The purchaser at the foreclosure sale shall assume the risk of loss for the property immediately after the sale.

Laura H. G. O'Sullivan, et al.,  
Substitute Trustees, by virtue of an instrument recorded  
in the Land Records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, Maryland

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### NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF  
BERNELL M. SMITH

Notice is given that Nancy S. Smith, whose address is 7009 Calvin Court, Fort Washington, MD 20744 was on October 24, 2011 appointed personal representative of the estate of Bernell M. Smith who died on March 21, 2010 with a will.

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

All persons having any objection to the appointment (or to the probate of the decedent's will) shall file their objections with the Register of Wills on or before the 24th day of April, 2012.

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

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

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

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

NANCY S. SMITH  
Personal Representative

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

Estate No. 88321

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

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

Case No: CAE11-18802

### ORDER OF PUBLICATION

This is to give notice that on the 5th day of August, 2011, a Petition for Guardianship of a Minor Child, JANITYA RENEE INGRAM, was filed in the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, by TANYA R. THOMAS, Petitioner, against YVETTE MARIA INGRAM, birth mother, and JASON A. THOMAS, birth father. The last known address of the birth father is 1503 Kempa Court, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774 and the last known address of the birth mother is 2907 DENVER STREET, S.E., WASHINGTON, DC. The petition alleges that the birth mother's whereabouts are currently unknown and that they have made attempts to locate the birth mother and have been unsuccessful. The petition further alleges that Petitioner is a resident of Prince George's County, and has been so for more than one year.

The relief prayed in the petition CAE11-18802, Guardianship of Minor Child, is that she be granted Guardianship of the Minor Child and any other relief deemed just and proper by the Court.

Whereupon, it is Ordered by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, this 7th day of November, 2011, that the Petitioner cause a copy of the order to be inserted in a newspaper published in Prince George's County, once a week in each of three successive weeks, by the 7th day of December, 2011, giving notice to YVETTE M. INGRAM, Birth Mother, the object and substance of the Petition and warning her to show cause, if any there may be, on or before the 12th day of December, 2011 why the relief requested should not be granted.

MARILYN M. BLAND  
CLERK

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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."