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FILE PHOTO

Sen. Ben Cardin, D-Md., posing with his wife Myrna and then Sen. Barack Obama, was elected in 2006 after a long career in both Annapolis and Washington.

## Eighteen Challengers Seek Cardin's Senate Seat

*Incumbent is Relatively Popular, Has Been vocal on Environmental and Fiscal Issues*

By ROBERT BAIRD  
*Capital News Service*

WASHINGTON - Eighteen candidates - eight Democrats and 10 Republicans -- emerged to challenge incumbent Sen. Ben Cardin, D-Md., by this week's primary election filing deadline.

Cardin, 68, a relatively popular incumbent, was elected in 2006 after a long career in both Annapolis and Washington. He has been vocal in the Senate on environmental and fiscal issues.

State Sen. Anthony Muse, D-Prince

George's, and former Secret Service Agent Daniel Bongino are among the more prominent candidates in the hunt.

Cardin faces eight opponents for the Democratic primary: Raymond Blagmon of Upper Marlboro, J.P. Cusick of Hollywood, Chris Garner of Severna Park, Ralph Jaffe of Baltimore, Blaine Taylor of Joppa, Ed Tinus of Whaleyville, Lih Young of Rockville and Muse.

Ten candidates have filed for the Republican nomination: Joseph Alexander of Harford County, Daniel Bongino of Severna Park, Robert Broadus of Clinton,

William Capps Jr. of Laurel, Richard Douglas of Bladensburg, Rick Hoover of Glen Burnie, David Jones of Baltimore, John Kimble of Beltsville, Brian Vaeth of Baltimore and Corrogan Vaughn of Baltimore.

Cardin has already collected \$2.4 million this election cycle through the end of September 2011, according to the Federal Election Commission. No other candidate even comes close to his totals. He also has

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## UniStar Gets OK to Build New Nuclear Reactor on Wetlands at Calvert Cliffs

By VARUN SAXENA  
*Capital News Service*

WASHINGTON - Maryland moved a step closer this week to commissioning the nation's first new nuclear reactor since 1974, but there is still a long road ahead before any construction begins.

The Board of Public Works voted unanimously to grant UniStar Nuclear Energy LLC the wetlands permit that it needs to build a proposed third nuclear reactor at the Calvert Cliffs nuclear power plant in Lusby.

UniStar released a statement

after the BPW vote saying, "This is an important milestone in our development of the Calvert Cliffs 3 project. As we have consistently indicated, a number of different factors need to align before a project of the scope of Calvert Cliffs 3 is brought to fruition, including, most notably, the realization of a regulatory framework within the State of Maryland and receipt of a Department of Energy loan guarantee."

UniStar, a subsidiary of the

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## Program Brings iPads to Prince George's Classrooms

By TIM EBNER  
*Capital News Service*

NEW CARROLLTON - Instead of solving math problems with pencil and paper in Christina Jerome's 8th grade classroom at Charles Carroll Middle School, students add and subtract with a simple swipe of a finger.

They're using iPads to take notes, study for quizzes and review homework, part of a federally-funded experiment that county leaders say should serve as a national model for integration of new technology into the classroom.

"I can't stand paper," said Jerome, who uses the tablet computers to get instant feedback on student performance in class. "If

I have the students use the eClicker app on the iPad, I can immediately see how many students got the right answer and which students need help."

Using a \$1.3 million stimulus grant funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Prince George's County is providing iPads to 3,000 students at four middle schools where a majority of pupils qualify for free or reduced-price lunches, known as Title I schools.

The program is aimed at preparing students for a digital future, said Meri Robinson, technology specialist for the county's Title I office.

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## Maryland May Add Penalty to Strengthen Child Abuse Reporting

By KELSEY MILLER  
*Capital News Service*

ANNAPOLIS - Following the child abuse scandal at Penn State, the Maryland General Assembly is moving to "add teeth" to an existing law requiring individuals to report child abuse.

Sen. Nancy Jacobs, R-Harford, is sponsoring a bill to criminalize the failure to report suspected child abuse, making it a misdemeanor with a maximum of one year in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

The bill aims to add a penalty to the law which requires educators, police, health practitioners

and all others to notify not only their superiors, but also the appropriate authorities if they suspect abuse. Maryland is only one of three states without such penalty.

The bill is set to be introduced to the legislature with bipartisan support and is gaining momentum after a recent endorsement by the Maryland State's Attorneys' Association.

Jacobs met with various organizations dealing with child abuse and neglect when drafting the bill.

"We decided to go with a

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## Maryland Recognition in Hand, Piscataway Leaders Split on Seeking Federal Status



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Members of the Cedarville Band of Piscataway Indians Perform in their Native American Dance Workshop which can be seen at the opening day celebration.

By MARK MILLER  
*Capital News Service*

WASHINGTON - The heads of two Piscataway Indian groups recognized by the state of Maryland this week said they are unlikely to pursue federal recognition for now, but the leader of a third said she wants to see the process through.

Gov. Martin O'Malley issued executive orders Monday recognizing the Piscataway Indian Nation and the Piscataway Conoy Tribe, which includes both the Piscataway Conoy Confederacy and Subtribes and the smaller Cedarville Band of Piscataway Indians.

"It says we're still here," said Billy Redwing Tayac, chief of

the Piscataway Indian Nation, of the executive order recognizing his tribe. "We're not invisible people. That's very important."

However, federal recognition is a separate process conducted through the Bureau of Indian Affairs, a division of the U.S. Department of the Interior. On the heels of a decades-long fight for recognition, Tayac said he has no desire to repeat the process on the federal level.

"At the present time, we're not interested," Tayac said. "It's a tremendous effort. It's a tremendous cost."

BIA public affairs director

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#### Small Business Advocate

Senator Ben Cardin praised President Obama for recognizing the critical role small businesses play in the American economy by elevating the Small Business Administration to Cabinet-level. As a member of the Senate Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee, Senator Cardin supports Small Business.

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#### A New Interactive Tool

The Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development unveiled the first phase of a new interactive tool that allows businesses and citizens to map the State's key business assets and resources. MDbizMap provides users with a unified mapping application to access information.

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#### Movie Review

At the center of "We Need to Talk About Kevin" is a premise drawn from a parent's nightmare: what if your child were a cruel, remorseless monster? It's the stuff of horror movies, and this qualifies as one -- though not in the usual way that "evil kid" movies do. Kevin isn't possessed by the devil or anything like that.

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#### Earth Talk

Dear EarthTalk:

I understand that some Northeastern and Mid-Atlantic U.S. states have banded together to reduce their own greenhouse gas emissions. Can you enlighten?

-- Bo Clifford,  
Cary, NC

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# Towns and NEIGHBORS

## In and Around Morningside-Skyline

by Mary McHale 301 735 3451

### Morningside VFD hosts memorial for Kenny

On January 12, 1992, Morningside volunteer firefighter Kenneth Hedrick went into a burning house on Walls Lane and helped rescue 9-year-old Shawn Sanchez. Then, believing another child was still in the house, Kenny went back into the flames, got tangled in furniture, lost his breathing mask, and his life.

On the 20th anniversary of that tragedy, the Morningside VFD held a service to honor Kenny's memory. Morningside Fire Chief Mark White and his firefighters in class A uniforms, Prince George's County Fire Chief Marc Pashoor, County Chaplain Warren Litchfield, the County Command Staff and color guard, and firefighters from other departments were there.

After dignitaries spoke, they all moved to the Hedrick Memorial on the firehouse grounds to lay a wreath while a bagpiper played.

Among them were Kenny's parents, Les and Cathy. Cathy is active with the Fallen Firefighters Foundation. Les, who was Morningside Fire Chief when Kenny died, is still a Morningside firefighter.

Kenny was only 18, but he had almost grown up at the firehouse. He never wanted to be anything but a fireman.

He became a Level 1 hazardous waste tech when he was 16 and later, the youngest Level 2 in the county.

He was getting ready to apply for a career position, had a girlfriend he hoped to marry, and he'd made his first payment on a car.

More than 2,000 attended his funeral at Mount Calvary Church. We will never forget Kenny.

### Andrews Manor Shopping Center

Arby's is the most recent closure in Andrews Manor Shopping Center on Allentown Road. The Wonder Bread store closed last month, joining other shuttered shops including the Jesus Book Store, Perfect Image beauty shop and, of course, the long-ago Woolworth's, Drug Fair, Food Fair, Bambino's Pizza, and so many more. However, the H & R Block office and the new Plaza Latina restaurant are open for business.

The façade and roof of the Have A Heart Church Ministries—the roof of which caved in under heavy rain two years ago—have been restored and work continues on the interior. Maybe by Easter the big white tent currently used for services will be gone, allowing more Sunday parking.

### Neighbors

Greg and Irja Bonafede, of Upper Marlboro, welcomed the first Prince George's birth of 2012 when their daughter was born 12 seconds after midnight on Jan. 1. The Bonafedes also have two sons.

Janet Booth Kaye recently emailed that her brother, Howard Booth, celebrated his 70th birthday. "He was three years old," she wrote, "when we moved from Washington to Morningside. What a wonderful place to live most of our lives." The family celebrated his day, along with his granddaughter Stephanie's 21st birthday. She is the daughter of Buddy and Kathy Booth Goodwyn, and granddaughter of Howard and Nancy Englund Booth. And she's a senior at the University of Maryland.

Anna Mistretta dies at 97

Anna Elizabeth Talbert Mistretta, a devoted member of

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, died New Year's Eve at The Hermitage in Solomons, after visiting with her family during the Christmas holidays. She was 97.

She was born in Oxon Hill and spent her life there. On Aug. 28, 1937, she married Salvatore A. Mistretta at the Church of the Assumption in Congress Heights. He had a career in pharmacy, was pharmacist and manager for Dart Drugs and Peoples, president of Arcum Pharmaceuticals and Mistretta & Co. Inc. They were married 64 years when he died in 2001 at the age of 91.

Anna served on the vestry at St. Barnabas Church, sang in the choir and was a member of the Ladies of St. Barnabas. She was a substitute teacher, president of the PTA, president of the Henson Valley Republican Women, and active with her husband in the Lion's Club.

Her children, Anna Marie Lenck, Charles H. Mistretta, Sr., and Charlotte Bradley; a brother, Elmer P. Talbert; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren survive her.

Granddaughter Cathy Canniff grew up in a house next door to the Mistrettas. She writes, "Grandma was the heart of our family... I'll always remember decorating her tree, watermelon feasts in the backyard, picking grapes, making potato salad and meatballs... She left her mark on all of us."

### Milestones

Happy birthday to June Nicholson and Gina (Glagola) Hull, Jan. 20; Mark Foland, Jan. 23; Claire Kennedy, Jan. 24; Kenneth Brown and Michelle Willis, Jan. 25.

Happy 41st anniversary to Ernest and Margaret Vilky who were married Jan. 23, 1971, at St. Thomas More Church.

## Brandywine-Aquasco

by Ruth Turner 301 888 2153

### SEAFOOD FEAST

St. Paul's Parish (Baden) located at 13500 Baden Westwood Road will have a Seafood Feast on Saturday, January 28 from 4:00 to 8:00 PM by Thompson's Sea Food Catering. Tickets for adult in advance \$25.00, at the door \$30.00. Children 7-12 years \$10.00, 6 and under free.

Menu includes Steamed Shrimp, Fried Oysters, Baked Haddock, Fried Chicken, Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Green Beans, Hushpuppies and Beverages. Beer (donations accepted). Bake Table, 50-50, Door Prizes. Call Wanda 301-888-9217, Mary Jane 301-579-2230, Church Office 301-579-2643.

### SOUL FOOD FESTIVAL

It's our Soul Food Dinner on Saturday, February 18, 2012 (12 Noon until all dinners are sold at St. Philip's Church, Baden Parish 13801 Baden Westwood Road, Brandywine, MD. Dinners are Chicken \$11.00, Chitterlings or Pig Feet \$13.00, Fish or Barbeque Spare Ribs \$13.00. All dinners include

potato salad, sweet potatoes, green beans, black-eyed peas and bread.

The Festival is sponsored by St. Philip's Church and Asbury United Methodist Church. Points of contacts are Shirley A. Cleaves (302) 690-4260/ (301) 888-1475 or Michele K. Chase (301) 888-2510. Day of dinner call (301-888-1536).

### SHOW: HARRIET TUBMAN

Saturday, February 25, 2012 at 4:00 PM Surratt House Museum Show: Harriet Tubman-Meet the Amazing Woman. Harriet Tubman the "The Moses of Her People" led slaves to freedom, served as both spy and scout for the Union during the Civil War, and was a nurse for fugitive slaves. Join Gwendolyn Briley-Strand as she discusses the life of this remarkable woman. The Surratt House museum address is 9118 Brandywine Road, Clinton, MD 20735.

### ANNUAL PANCAKE SUPPER

St. Philip's Church, Baden Parish located at 13801 Baden Westwood Road Brandywine,

MD will have their Annual Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 (5:00 PM-7:00 PM). Adults pay \$7.00, children \$5.00 (12 years and under) children free (5 Years and under). Benefit for St. Philip's Church, Baden Parish.

### A CLASSY TOUR

Come and go with us on a trip to Washington, DC featuring the World War II Memorial and New Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial on May 19, 2012. The cost is \$110.00 per person. Package includes a 1 full course lunch at Phillips Flagship Restaurant, Smithsonian Institution, guided Monument and Memorial Tour, including the New Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial, taxes and meal gratuities and motor coach transportation. Suggested Washington, DC Trip Payment Plan is \$25.00 January-March 2012 and \$35.00- April 15, 2012. For information and reservations contact St. Philip's ECW Dancers Ruby Hinnant (301) 627-1235, (301) 943-2816 or Debra Butler (301) 520-3145.

## Congresswoman Donna F. Edwards' Legislative Update

Congresswoman Edwards' Statement Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Washington, D.C. — Congresswoman Donna F. Edwards (D-MD) issued the following statement to commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day, celebrated on January 16, 2012.

"The celebration of the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is unique in our nation's history. Dr. King dedicated his life to the fight for racial, social, and economic justice for all in this nation. His call for peace and equality echoed around the world, and continues to influ-

ence our social discourse today. It is my hope that our actions continue to reflect Dr. King's powerful message that 'Life's most persistent and urgent question is: 'What are you doing for others?' We should each take the time to answer that question by giving back to our neighbors, communities, and country.

"This year, I was reminded of Dr. King's powerful words and the lasting impact his life had on this nation when I visited his memorial on the National Mall with my mother. It is a moving, visual testament to the values, actions, and legacy of Dr. King, and leads us to reflect on what each of us can do in our own



lives to help further his message and achieve his dream. The opportunity to visit with my mother who lived through the Civil Rights Movement reminded me that the power to make the change Dr. King imagined rests within each of us."

## Neighborhood Events

### FREE WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE OFFERED TO ELIGIBLE COUNTY RESIDENTS

Largo, MD --- The Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) is offering free weatherization assistance to eligible low income households in Prince George's County. Free installation of energy conservation measures to reduce heat loss and air infiltration will be made to households that meet minimum income requirements and who are elderly, disabled or have a family with children less than 5 years of age. The program is provided through a grant from the US Department of Energy. The County can provide up to \$6,500 per home in energy efficiency measures.

"Our qualified energy auditors will determine which measures need to be installed to increase the home's efficiency based on the results of the audit, then our trained and certified weatherization staff will come in and properly weatherize the house," says Eric C. Brown, Director of the Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development.

Some of the energy efficiency measures include: insulation of attics, floors, walls, basements and crawl spaces; caulking/air sealing around windows, doors and crawl spaces; wrapping hot water heaters and pipes; making hot water system improvements; and addressing health and safety items. The weatherization staff provides energy conservation education to homeowners that participate in the program.

Since the program's inception, Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development has weatherized 283 county homes, spending an average cost of \$5,447 per home. By participating in this weatherization program, county residents can reduce their utility bills by an average of 30 to 35%, reduce their energy consumption and reduce their cost of home maintenance. The weatherization program is not a home repair program and all homes must be structurally sound before any energy conservation measures can be installed. The County gives special priority to elderly homeowners and families whose income is no more than 60% of the state median income or less.

To determine eligibility to participate in the program, county residents can visit the Prince George's County Government website, go to the Department of Housing and Community Development and click on Weatherization Assistance at [www.princegeorgesmd.gov](http://www.princegeorgesmd.gov).

For more information or to schedule a home energy audit, please call (301) 883-5491.

### Statement of Prince George's County Executive Rushern L. Baker on State of Maryland's Best in Nation Education Ranking

UPPER MARLBORO, MD— Today, Prince George's County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III released the following statement congratulating the State of Maryland for achieving the ranking of #1 in education for the fourth year in a row by Education Week magazine.

"This achievement would not have been possible without the hard work of students, parents, principals, teachers, and support personnel who work together each day to assure the achievement of the best possible education for our young people. This ranking also highlights the outstanding work and leadership of Governor Martin O'Malley and our General Assembly for consistently ensuring that education is Maryland's number one priority.

I especially would like to thank the more than 18,000 employees of Prince George's County Public Schools for their outstanding work on behalf students and families in Prince George's County. They share my commitment to academic excellence and have been a major factor in bringing about the improvements we have seen in County schools. I am confident that those improvements have had an impact on the state's consistent top ranking over the past several years.

While Maryland ranks first in the nation, as a County we must continue to improve our school system and make certain that each day our students are provided the best education possible. As County Executive, I remain committed to ensuring that all students in Prince George's County are provided the quality education they deserve. Together we can make our school system great."

### The Prince George's County Council, led by Council Chair Andrea Harrison (D) – District 5 and Vice Chair Eric Olson (D) – District 3, is set to meet the challenges of the new Legislative Year with the announcement of 2012 Council committee assignments and appointments to County boards and commissions.

Council Member Derrick L. Davis (D) – District 6, will chair the Health, Education and Human Services Committee (HEHS). Council Member Karen R. Toles (D) – District 7, will serve as Committee Vice Chair.

Council Member Mel Franklin (D) – District 9, will chair the Planning, Zoning and Economic Development Committee (PZED). He will be assisted in this important work by Committee Vice Chair Obie Patterson (D) – District 8. Council Members Will Campos (D) – District 2, and former Council Chair Ingrid Turner (D) – District 4, will lead the Public Safety and Fiscal Management Committee (PSFM) as chair and vice chair respectively.

### Council Member Mary Lehman (D) – District 1, will serve as chair of the Transportation, "True Life: I 'm a Laurel Mill Worker" Opens February 5, 2012



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### Laurel Mill Workers in front of the Laurel Mill circa 1912-1915.

"True Life: I'm a Laurel Mill Worker" opens February 5, 2012 at the Laurel Museum in Laurel, Maryland. The exhibit explores a different side of Laurel's history as a Prince George's County's only mill town and the community's early growth. Using a real 1870s family to tell the story, it introduces visitors to the lives and experiences of the hundreds of men, women and children who worked in town's cotton mills between the 1830s-1929. Includes artifacts, diaries, photos, and a re-created Laurel mill workers' home circa 1870. Free. Laurel Museum 817 Main Street, Laurel, MD [www.laurelhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.laurelhistoricalsociety.org). or contact 301-725-7975. Open Wednesdays and Fridays 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. and Sundays 1:00-4:00 p.m.

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# COMMUNITY

## Practical Money Skills

By Jason Alderman

### Beware of mystery shopper scams



Getting paid to go shopping may sound like a dream job, but buyer beware: For each legitimate mystery or secret shopper opportunity, probably hundreds more are scams. In fact, the National Consumers League (NCL) says complaints regarding fraudulent mystery shopper and work-at-home schemes were up nearly 9 percent during the past six months.

Why the increase? It's due in part to our nation's high unemployment rates and how desperate people are to earn money while seeking full-time employment. Plus, many people are lured by offers that sound too good to be true (and are).

Here are tips for spotting bogus mystery shopper programs:

Many retailers hire marketing research companies to gauge their employees' quality of customer service. Those companies in turn hire mystery shoppers to make purchases anonymously and fill out questionnaires documenting their experience. Many research firms belong to the Mystery Shopping Providers Association ([www.mysteryshop.org](http://www.mysteryshop.org)), a trade organization that links businesses with mystery shopping providers. (MSPA also provides a search engine where people can register for mystery shopping assignments.)

Unfortunately, scammers increasingly are using newspaper and Internet job ads, emails and phone calls to snare unsuspecting consumers with promises of quick, easy money for minimal effort. Here's how a typical mystery shopping scam might work:

You answer an ad and are "hired" as a mystery shopper to evaluate its clients' businesses. The company sends an official-looking employment packet containing the business evaluation forms you'll supposedly use. But first, you'll be required to complete a so-called training assignment to make sure you're a suitable employee. That's where the fraud comes in:

The company claims it's evaluating a money transfer service like Western Union.

They send you a large check with instructions to deposit it in your personal checking account.

You are told to keep a certain amount as your fee and then to pose as a customer by wiring the balance to a third party — usually within 48 hours.

You then submit a report about your customer experience.

What you may not realize is that the original check was fake. Scammers know that by law, banks generally must make deposited funds under \$5,000 available within a few days. They count on your completing the transaction before the check has been cleared by the issuing bank, which may take several weeks. Once your bank discovers the fraud, it will bounce the check and you are on the hook for the whole amount you wired — plus your wasted time.

Common red flags include:

Legitimate companies will never ask you to send a money transfer for any purpose.

Legitimate companies don't charge shoppers a fee to work for them.

Be suspicious if you're hired on the basis of an email or phone call without any interview or background checks.

Companies that promise you can make a lot of money as a mystery shopper are almost certainly scams.

If mystery shoppers are asked to make purchases, it's usually for very small amounts for which they will be reimbursed.

Mystery shoppers are paid after completing their assignments and returning the questionnaires. Shoppers never receive checks upfront.

Good resources to learn more about bogus mystery shopper and other fake check scams, include the FBI ([www.fbi.gov/scams-safety](http://www.fbi.gov/scams-safety)), the Federal Trade Commission ([www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov)), the Consumer Federation of America ([www.consumerfed.org](http://www.consumerfed.org)), and the National Consumers League ([www.fakechecks.org/index2.html](http://www.fakechecks.org/index2.html)).

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs. To Follow Jason Alderman on Twitter: [www.twitter.com/PracticalMoney](http://www.twitter.com/PracticalMoney)

## Anniversary Memorial Service of the Line of Duty Death of Kenneth Michael Hedrick

By MARK BRADY  
PGC/EMS Press Information

On the evening of the 20th Anniversary of the Line of Duty Death of Kenneth Hendrick, the members of the Morningside Volunteer Fire Department held a memorial service. The event was attended by nearly 100 members of the Hedrick family, friends and firefighters. Two volunteer members, currently serving our Country in Afghanistan, attended by way of Skype and interacted with many friends while on line.

A program book for the Memorial Service prepared by the membership of the Morningside Volunteer Fire Department stated the following:

*On January 12th 1992, Engine Company 27 was dispatched for a first due house fire at 3807 Walls Lane in Suitland. Kenny had been in the structure and made a rescue of the family's seven year old son. Kenny reentered the house to search for additional victims. While searching the basement, he became trapped under debris and perished.*

*Kenny had been a member of the department for about two years. Les Hedrick, his father, was Fire Chief at the time but was not on the call. Kenny attended LaPlata High School and had his sights set on becoming a career firefighter in the Washington DC area. Kenny's uncle, Ford Gallagher, at the time was a 12 year veteran of the Prince George's County Fire Department (PGFD).*

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a long record as a Maryland legislator and congressman.

"Cardin has been a champion for federal employees and he's brought a lot of money in for transportation upgrades," said Sue Walitsky, Cardin's national communications director.

A recent Gonzales Poll says over a third of GOP voters would consider voting for

### iPADS from A1

"The tools and apps that the iPad affords give students a unique advantage. It helps to support and prepare them for the 21st century and a global society," she said.

Across the state, a variety of devices are being used in school districts, including a pilot program in Harford County that is testing popular tablets and e-readers, like the iPad, Kindle and Nook.

"Districts are considering many factors such as the availability of content for the device, the amount of professional development and training required for instructional use, and if the device will enhance instruction and personalize learning," said Angela Swanson, instructional technology specialist with the Maryland State Department of Education.

One of the main obstacles to providing more students with tablet computers is funding, Swanson said. While the state has some funding for school technology programs, there's considerable need for federal support.

The federal Enhancing Education Through Technology program has traditionally provided funding for technology in Maryland schools. But money from that program will not be

At Kenny's funeral, PGFD Fire Chief Steve Edwards made Kenny an honorary career firefighter in the PGFD. The new Rescue Squad 27 is dedicated to Kenny. Kenny's parents are still active in the department today; Les serves on the Board of Directors as well as being Vice President and his mother Cathy is still active in the Ladies Auxiliary. Both Les and Cathy are active members in the Fallen Firefighters Foundation and are counselors for families of other fallen firefighters across the Nation. Kenny will be missed by his family both in and out of the fire station. His love and devotion to the fire service will live on as an inspiration to all.

The solemn ceremony opened with prayer of scripture readings by Prince George's County Volunteer Fire/Rescue Association Chaplain Harry Hetz. Prince George's County Fire/EMS Chief Marc Bashoor. Bashoor stated, "Kenny never intended to die. No firefighter does. Like all his brethren in our calling and service, Kenny accepted the daily prospect that he may be called upon to make that sacrifice. He accepted the daily prospect of that potential sacrifice with a full cognizance and awareness of the risks and dangers of the environment we operate in. That is why courage and bravery is not measured solely in the sacrifice that is represented in death: those core virtues are measured in performing the job with the knowledge of the constant danger of death, and yet doing it with all the power within your soul in an

One of the better known candidates considering a run, decided to bow out. Eric Wargotz withdrew from the race this week, citing a lack of campaign funds. Wargotz, who ran against Sen. Barbara Mikulski in the 2010 race, said Maryland senators have displayed a lack of leadership on The Hill.

"Cardin and Mikulski both have a history of not wanting to upset the apple cart or take a position," Wargotz said.

available until Congress approves funds in the long-awaited reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

In Prince George's County, the iPad program trained teachers this summer to use the device and to apply it to their curriculum. Teachers also learned how to monitor student activity on iPads before the devices were introduced to classrooms in August.

"The students see the advantages, and they use it responsibly for the most part," Jerome said. "In my class, you can use the iPad as little or as much as you'd like, but most prefer it," she said.

Each teacher has access to administrative controls that allows them to watch students and track their activity. Jerome conducts weekly checks of students' iPads and will take away the device if it's being misused.

At the beginning of the school year, students signed a contact with a list of rules making them liable for damage to their iPad. Students are not allowed to take them home at the end of each day.

Janise Mead, who teaches a 6th grade language arts class at William Wirt Middle School in Riverdale, said she was surprised that the county would issue middle schoolers expensive tablets.

"I thought it was a little odd to



PHOTO BY MARK BRADY  
The members of the Morningside Volunteer Fire Department held a memorial service. The event was attended by nearly 100 members of the Hedrick family, friends and firefighters.

manner that seeks to minimize that danger not only for yourself, but for all of those who operate around you."

Kenny's parents, Les and Cathy, attended and participated in the event. Chief Bashoor addressed them by saying, "Yet too often, once the echo of the bagpipes wither away and the units in the funeral procession one by one return to service, we fail to recognize that a family continues to grieve and is too often left unaided to find their way and process their great loss.

That is why I am proud to say that from just days after our Department mourned and buried Kenny, one of my greatest heroes...a true "Profile in Courage" in my own life - has been — and remains to be — Kenny's mom...Cathy Hedrick.

Cathy lives each and every day in a world of caring and compassion for the tragic loss

Michael Cain, director of the Center for Study of Democracy at St. Mary's College, said Muse's challenge is the greatest threat to Cardin. But Cain said Muse, a state senator and Prince George's County pastor, faces an uphill battle.

"He may have a lot of support in Prince George's County, but that's not the only place you have to win," he said.

Cain said he thinks the real challenge for Cardin lies in the

give students \$500 iPads, but I soon realized that they already know how to use smartphones similar to the technology," she said.

By developing her reading curriculum around the device, Mead said she has been able to personalize learning to each individual student.

"Often, they are able to find apps and tools on their own," she said.

Heidy Canales, one of Mead's 6th graders, said the iPad has been useful for taking notes, reading stories and looking up definitions during reading assignments.

"It's a way to be creative. I can add pictures to my notes, change the text or organize them in the ways I want," she said.

When the bell sounds at William Wirt, the iPads travel with students. Canales and her peers load them into a mobile charging station, which is wheeled between math, science and reading courses.

While county officials say the program has been successful so far, it still faces some challenges, Robinson said.

The schools are responsible for paying to fix damaged iPads and for replacing worn-out earbuds and covers for the devices. County officials want to put iPads in the hands of students at more schools, but it's unclear

of others, and through her work, a little bit of Kenny lives on too.

She has the deepest personal knowledge of the scars that such a terrible loss can bring to a family, yet through that tragedy, she has developed and fostered a God-given gift of comfort, compassion and grace that transcends normal human experience.

Cathy, you give so much to others, and it is evident to all who know and meet you that this spirit and motivation exists deep within you. As a loving son, let me publicly proclaim to you on this sad anniversary the words we all know to be true...Kenny is proud of you. I am proud of you. We all are. Cathy, you are truly the "better angel" that all of us strive to one day become."

Cathy and Les together spoke at the podium and thanked everyone for attending.

primaries, but that he would have no trouble winning the general election if nominated.

"I'd be real surprised if the Republicans put a whole lot of money into (Maryland), I just don't see it happening," he said.

Key Democrats have already thrown their support behind Cardin, including President Obama. Of the 33 Senators up for re-election, 21 are sitting Democrats.

The primaries are on April 3.

where funding will come from.

"Because federal funds are not renewed each year, it's a wait and see approach, but there is a plan in place if we receive additional funding support," Robinson said.

Next year, the program plans to move ahead with full iPad integration in the four Title I middle schools - Charles Carroll, William Wirt, Buck Lodge Middle School in Adelphi and Nicholas Orem Middle School in Hyattsville. By next year, the county will select a textbook partner in order to offer digital copies of textbooks on the iPad.

The county school system is also exploring the possibility of supplying iPads to feeder elementary schools, so that students are prepared when they enter one of the four middle schools.

While funding is a major part of the equation for programs like the Prince George's county iPad program, teachers, like Jerome said they constantly look for free technology resources to use in schools.

Jerome makes use of free Google software, which allows her to email and share documents with her students.

"We use the technology, but in the end it's still about good teachers. Our goal is to meet students where they are comfortable and create a learning environment," she said.



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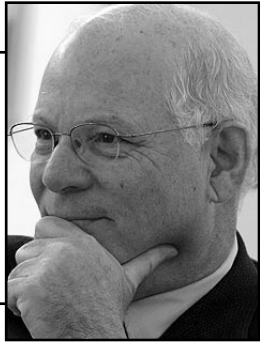
# COMMENTARY

## THE PRINCE GEORGE'S POST

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### Benjamin L. Cardin

United States Senator for Maryland



### Move to Elevate SBA Will Help Millions of American Small Businesses

Washington, DC — U.S. Senator Ben Cardin (D-MD), praised President Obama for recognizing the critical role small businesses play in the American economy by elevating the Small Business Administration to Cabinet-level. As a member of the Senate Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee, Senator Cardin looks forward to reviewing details of the President's proposal for consolidating tools that can help boost exports by small businesses. He will work to ensure that support for American small businesses is enhanced and not diluted by any possible merger.

"Small businesses have always been the driving force behind job creation in America and their health is directly reflected in the health of our economy. President Obama's move to elevate the Small Business Administration to Cabinet-level will bring a voice for these small businesses front-and-center at some of the most important decision making for our economic recovery," said Senator Cardin. "Small businesses account for more than 97 percent of Maryland's employers and I will continue to support initiatives that help them prosper and grow. I applaud the President for understanding the significance of such action and its positive impact on job creation during this fragile time for our nation's economy."

Senator Cardin has been active in promoting federal investments and programs that support the growth of small businesses, especially veteran-owned, minority owned, women-owned, and disadvantaged small businesses. He successfully fought to increase the Small Business Administration's outreach and resources, has worked to extend and expand use of the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program, fought to ensure federal officials gain the knowledge needed to engage qualified small businesses in government contracting, and was responsible for increasing the limits on for the SBA Surety Bond program. In addition, Congress also created a new Small Business Lending Fund, helping to address the serious credit crunch facing American small businesses, and provided tax credits to make health care coverage more affordable for small businesses and their employees.

A member of the Senate Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee since his arrival in the Senate in 2007, he worked with Prince George's County to establish the County's African Trade Office to support Maryland small businesses seeking trade opportunities with African nations. While in the House of Representatives, then-Congressman Cardin served as the senior Democrat on the Trade Subcommittee.

### To Be Equal

#### Marc Morial, President and CEO

National Urban League



### "Red Tails" Shoots Down Stereotypes

"We hope what youngsters get out of the story is that under some dire circumstances we prevailed. We performed successfully and we opened doors that they don't have to fight to." Col. Charles McGee, "Red Tails" technical consultant and surviving member of the Tuskegee Airmen

Last week, I attended the New York premiere of a new George Lucas film about the heroic exploits of the all-black fighter pilot squadron that helped America defeat the Nazi's in World War II. I am not in the business of promoting new movies. But, there are several reasons that compel me to highlight the release of "Red Tails," the story of the pioneering Tuskegee Airmen. First, the movie has a virtually all-black cast with black male heroes — a rare depiction by Hollywood. Cuba Gooding, Jr., Terrence Howard, Nate Parker, David Oyelowo, and NE-YO all play key roles. Lucas has said that the black theme and black cast were major reasons Hollywood repeatedly declined to back the film. He struggled 23 years to get major studio financing. "I showed it to all of them," he said, "and they said no, we don't know how to market a movie like this." He wound up pouring \$58 million of his own money into the project.

The second reason I am excited about this film is that recent comments by political candidates denigrating the African American community and reviving outdated stereotypes, make it more important than ever to spotlight the historic contributions and public service of black Americans.

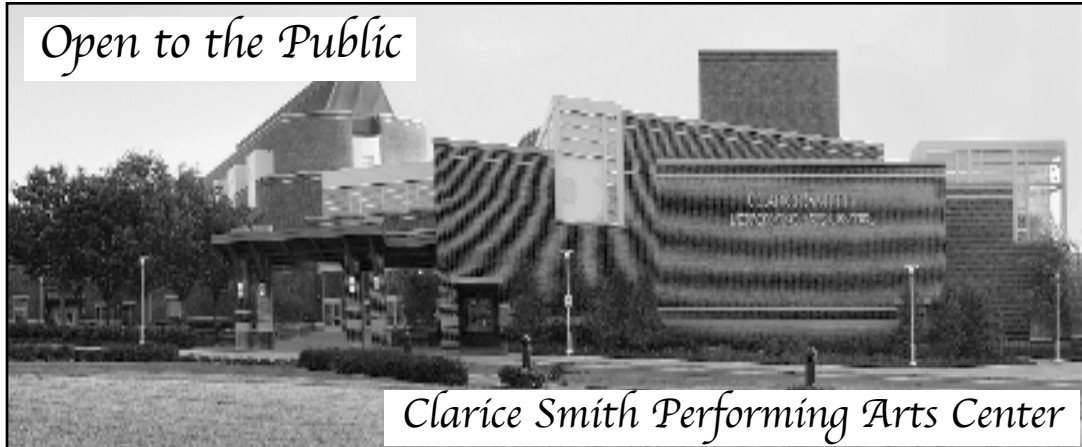
In just the last few weeks, two presidential candidates, Rick Santorum and Newt Gingrich, have perpetuated false and destructive racial stereotypes in desperate attempts to score political points. In a discussion of social assistance programs, Santorum said he doesn't want to "make black people's lives better by giving them some-

one else's money." Santorum's appalling comment implied that people of color are a drain on resources mainly provided by whites, even though about 70 percent of food stamp recipients are white.

Santorum's statement was followed a few days later by a comment from Newt Gingrich that "African Americans should demand pay checks not food stamps." Gingrich has called Barack Obama "The best food stamp president in American history." We are outraged by the comments of both candidates and denounced them in separate statements. The fact is, social safety net programs serve families in dire circumstances from all walks of life. Many of those who now find themselves in need, whatever their ethnic background, are the very people who have paid into these programs and made sacrifices to support their families and our nation throughout their working lives. Which brings me back to the Tuskegee Airmen.

In the 1940s, before our armed forces were integrated, the Tuskegee Airmen became the first black aviators in the United States military. They were trained at Tuskegee Institute, now Tuskegee University in Alabama. Despite discrimination, during World War II, these brilliant airmen fought fascism abroad and returned to fight racism back home.

Lucas teamed with black co-executive producer, Charles Floyd Johnson, and black director, Anthony Hemingway to create a film they all hope will inspire a new generation of African American youth. The message of the movie...the lesson of the Tuskegee Airmen is clear: We have the power to overcome any barrier to serve our nation and achieve our dreams. One movie won't solve the problem, but we think it's an important step in the right direction.



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### Child Watch

by Marion Wright Edelman



### The American Deficit: Where Do We Go from Here?

"There is nothing new about poverty. What is new, however, is that we now have the resources to get rid of it. Not too many years ago, Dr. Kirtley Mather, a Harvard geologist, wrote a book entitled Enough and to Spare. He set forth the basic theme that famine is wholly unnecessary in the modern world. Today, therefore, the question on the agenda must read: Why should there be hunger and privation in any land, in any city, at any table, when man has the resources and the scientific know-how to provide all mankind with the basic necessities of life?"

Forty-five years ago this month, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. took a very rare sabbatical at an isolated house in Jamaica far away from telephones and the constant pressures of his life as a very public civil rights leader to write what would become his last book: Where Do We Go from Here: Chaos or Community? The excerpt above feels as though it could have been written yesterday. Professor Mather's book arguing that mankind had achieved the ability to move beyond famine was published in 1944, but in 2012, despite nearly seventy more years of unparalleled advances both in scientific and technological capability and in global resources and wealth, hunger and want are still rampant. Back then Dr. King wrote:

"There is no deficit in human resources; the deficit is in human will... The well-off and the secure have too often become indifferent and oblivious to the poverty and deprivation in their midst. The poor in our countries have been shut out of our minds, and driven from the mainstream of our societies, because we have allowed them to become invisible. Ultimately a great nation is a compassionate nation. No individual or nation can be great if it does not have a concern for 'the least of these.'"

When Dr. King died in 1968 calling for a Poor People's Campaign, there were 25.4 million poor Americans, including 11 million poor children. Today there are more than 46 million Americans living in poverty, including 16.4 million poor children. The question of why we still allow poverty and hunger to exist—and the answer—remain the same: The

deficit in human will. As another political season gets into full swing in the United States, a new crop of candidates are making a lot of promises about their competing visions of America. But how many TV debates are focusing on whether America is a compassionate nation? How many stump speeches are saying how shameful it is that last year more Americans relied on food stamps to eat than at any time since the program began in 1939? How many are responding to Occupy Wall Street's outcry about the morally obscene gulf between rich and poor in our nation where the 400 highest income earners made as much as the combined tax revenues of 22 states in 2008? Which PACs are running commercials to remind Americans that we are normalizing poverty, child hunger, and homelessness, and creating historic income, wealth, and mobility gaps that threaten to destroy the American dream? If the qualification for individual and national greatness is genuine concern for the 'least of these,' too many of our political leaders and citizens are failing.

As our nation pauses for the national holiday celebrating Dr. King's birthday, I hope we will not spend it just listening to speeches praising Dr. King but instead will heed and act on his words.

When will we hear what Dr.

King declared in 1967—"the time has come for an all-out world war against poverty"—and work to win the first victory right here at home in the richest nation on earth? Is it possible to overcome our deficit in human will, or is the fact that we have already squandered so much time and still have so far to go a reason to give up?

Dr. King's voice guides us if we are willing to take the next step and use it as a road map for action. In Where Do We Go from Here?, as he reflected on what direction the struggle for civil rights and social justice should take next, he shared a story about the need to commit to difficult struggles for the long haul. Dr. King described a flight he had taken from New York to London years earlier in an older propeller airplane. The trip took nine and a half hours, but on the way home, the crew announced the flight from London back to New York would take twelve and a half. When the pilot came out to visit the cabin, Dr. King asked him why. "You must understand about the winds," he said. "When we leave New York, a strong tail wind is in our favor, but when we return, a strong head wind is against us." Then he added, "Don't worry. These

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# BUSINESS

## DBED Unveils New Interactive Tool to Map State's Business Resources and Assets

By Karen Glenn Hood, Director, Media Relations and Public Affairs Department of Business and Economic Development

maps on taxes, demographics and utilities, with additional phases planned.

"MDBizMap gives our businesses and citizens a one stop shop of the most requested data on everything from where schools and top employers are located to where new jobs are being created," said DBED Secretary Christian S. Johansson. "Once the MDBizMap has been operational for a few months, we plan to survey the business community to see what maps they would like to see."

MDBizMap is the most recently introduced component of Maryland Made Easy, an ongoing interagency initiative to streamline procedures, simplify regulations and improve communications where business and government intersect. Launched by Governor O'Malley in January 2011, Maryland Made Easy has reformed State Highway Access permit process, unveiled an interactive one-stop shop web site, created a "Fast Track" concurrent permit review application, and awarded a contract to begin converting more than 400



PHOTO BY JAY BAKER  
Lt. Governor speaking at an AFL CIO rally for jobs, justice, and equality.

licenses and permits to a web-based application by the end of 2012.

Earlier this week, DBED kicked off a 10-week radio and Internet advertising campaign, Financing that Fits, to promote four of the State's key financing programs that received the first round of \$23 million of funding from the federal State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI), part of the Small Business Jobs Act of 2010. Last week, DBED launched a new online tool to make it easier and more transparent for businesses and citizens to track financial incentives to Maryland companies

and organizations. Finance Tracker is an on-line searchable database featuring DBED funding awards in 30 categories and is sortable by company, amount, location, program and fiscal year.

### About DBED:

The Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development's mission is to attract new businesses, stimulate private investment and create jobs, encourage the expansion and retention of existing companies and provide businesses in Maryland with workforce training and financial assistance.

preferable" to wind and solar energy alternatives.

A decision in favor of the anti-nuclear groups would "not necessarily be a deathblow" to the proposed reactor, or delay construction because UniStar has a lot of other obstacles to overcome, including the need to find an American partner, Mariotte said.

"It is disappointing that Maryland continues to perpetuate the fiction that this reactor will ever be built," Mariotte said.

UniStar has been attempting to build a third reactor since 2007.

NRC staff's draft environmental impact statement failed to adequately analyze and discuss alternatives to the proposed reactor," the release said. The challenge cites wind and solar energy as alternatives.

Michael Mariotte, executive director of the anti-nuclear group Nuclear Information Resource Service, will testify at the hearing.

A ruling is expected in the spring, Mariotte said.

If the three-judge panel rules in Mariotte's favor, the NRC will have to rewrite its environmental impact statement and reconsider whether the third reactor is "environmentally

stated, UniStar intends to obtain a U.S. partner" before license approval, said UniStar spokeswoman Laura Eifler.

The Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, an independent body within the NRC, will hold public comment sessions on the third nuclear reactor in the afternoon and evening Jan. 25 at the Calvert Marine Museum in Solomons.

A legal hearing will be conducted by the ASLB Jan. 26 in Prince Frederick on a challenge from four anti-nuclear groups to UniStar's application for the third reactor, according to an NRC press release.

"The challenge alleges the

BALTIMORE, MD (January, 2012) – The Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development (DBED) today unveiled the first phase of a new interactive tool that allows businesses and citizens to map the State's key business assets and resources. MDBizMap, housed on DBED's website ChooseMaryland.org, provides users with a unified mapping application to access information in several categories and subcategories, including Maryland's jobs, top employers, education, incentive zones, public services, transportation and point of interests, either by a single map or by layering several maps together.

MDBizMap was created in-house by the State's GIS Coordinator Julia Fischer and Web application developer Padmini Gorty and consolidates into a central location dozens of pages of separate maps that existed on the website. A second phase of the MDBizMap will debut this Spring with

### Reactor from A1

French energy company EDF, also needs to find an American-owned partner company to meet Nuclear Regulatory Commission regulations because Baltimore-based utility company Constellation Energy pulled out of the joint venture in 2010.

Constellation Energy left the partnership largely due to the joint venture's inability to agree to the terms of a loan guarantee with the federal government, according to an October 2010 article in the Wall Street Journal.

"As EDF has repeatedly

### Indian from A1

Nedra Darling acknowledged the arduousness and expense of the federal recognition process. Federally, as in Maryland, there are criteria groups must meet to gain recognition. Among the seven criteria the U.S. requires are continuity as an American Indian entity since at least 1900; membership consisting entirely of descendants of a contiguous tribe or merger thereof; and demonstrable influence, historical and present, over the people they represent.

"To go through this process is what we have to do until told otherwise," Darling said. "Nothing is done willy-nilly. It's very much done by the process of meeting those seven criteria."

But Mervin Savoy, tribal chairwoman of the Piscataway Conoy Confederacy and Subtribes, said she is "not concerned at all" by the exacting process.

"We applied for federal recognition the same day we applied for state recognition," said Savoy. "Our petition is already on file," Savoy added.

While Natalie Proctor, tribal chairwoman of the Cedarville Band, said the same of her group's status, she echoed Tayac's concerns.

"We have not come together to really discuss that yet," said Proctor, emphasizing she could speak only for her particular group.

Proctor said she places other priorities, such as education outreach and maintaining the American Indian Cultural Center her tribe operates in Waldorf, above federal recognition.

Savoy said that while she is ready to keep working toward federal recognition, the choice is not entirely hers to make. The Piscataway people practice a form of direct democracy in making decisions as a group.

"I don't even know when federal recognition will come up in a community meeting," said Savoy. "That is up to the community. And the communities are the voice of the people."

O'Malley's communications director, Raquel Guillory, said "of course" the governor will support a drive for federal

## Business Exchange

by William Reed



### A Star is Born

"We are happy to announce the arrival of our beautiful daughter, Blue Ivy Carter, born Saturday, January 7, 2012. We are in heaven. She was delivered naturally at a healthy 7 lbs and it was the best experience of our lives... We are thankful to everyone for your prayers, well wishes, love and support." – Beyoncé & Jay-Z.

Her daddy is rich and her mommy is good looking. Blue Ivy Carter's arrival was the most anticipated celebrity birth of the new decade. Jay-Z and Beyoncé called their daughter's birth "the best experience of both of our lives." The proud parents are Beyoncé Giselle Knowles often known simply as Beyoncé and Shawn Corey Carter better known by his stage name Jay-Z.

The superstars caused a different sort of "birthing pain" at New York City's Lenox Hill Hospital during Blue Ivy's arrival. Reports are that the couple paid \$1.3 million to rent and redecorate a wing of the Manhattan hospital into a space which could easily be mistaken for the penthouse in a five-star hotel. The power couple had workers tear 6 to 8 rooms down and build a private labor and delivery suite that had bullet-proof, tinted glass and burly bodyguards to welcome the diva daughter.

The birthing event was a lavish affair. And, forward "Baby Blue" will have every opportunity the world has to offer. As of 2010, Blue's 30-year-old mommy was worth more than \$400 million. But, because she was busy having Blue, Beyoncé's 2011 earnings were \$35 million, down from \$87 million in 2010.

Baby Daddy, Shawn Corey Carter's net-worth exceeds half a billion dollars. Rapper, record producer and entrepreneur, the 42-year-old Jay-Z is one of the nation's most financially successful hip hop artists. He has sold 50 million albums worldwide and received 13 Grammy Awards for his musical work. Actually, Jay-Z is consistently ranked as one of the greatest rappers of all time. Two of his albums, Reasonable Doubt (1996) and The Blueprint (2001) are considered landmarks in the

genre with both of them being ranked in Rolling Stone magazine's list of the 500 greatest albums of all time.

A role model if there ever was one. Originally from Marcy Houses, a housing project in the Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood of Brooklyn, Jay-Z now owns, or co-owns, the New York City 40/40 Club, just west of Broadway; one in Atlantic City; and a third in The Palazzo in Las Vegas. Jay-Z is part-owner of the NBA's New Jersey Nets and is also the creator of the Rocawear design line.

He is the former CEO of Def Jam Recordings, one of the three founders of Roc-A-Fella Records, and the founder of Roc Nation. Roc-A-Fella also distributes Armadale, Scottish vodka. As an artist, he holds the record for most number one albums by a solo artist on the Billboard 200 with 12. Jay-Z also has had four number one records on the Billboard Hot 100, one as lead artist. "Glory," the track Jay-Z released two days after Blue Ivy's birth has debuted at number 74 on Billboard's chart of the top 100 R&B/Hip-Hop songs in the country.

As of April 2008, Jay-Z's wife is Beyoncé, an American singer, songwriter, record producer, and actress. Born and raised in Houston, Texas, she began performing at age seven, winning upwards of 30 local competitions for her dancing and vocal abilities. She rose to fame in the late 1990s as the lead singer of the R&B girl group Destiny's Child, one of the world's best-selling girl groups of all time.

Mommy represents a good work ethic for Blue too. According to Forbes, in 2010 Beyoncé earned \$87 million, as follows: Touring and Merchandise: \$14 million; Films: \$5 million; Fashion: \$15 million; Music publishing: \$8 million; Endorsements: \$20 million; and Tour Sponsors: \$4 million. In addition to her singing career, Beyoncé has income in fashion and film. One of the hardest working women in show business, Beyoncé continued to perform live as her pregnancy progressed and gave concerts through November 2011.

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## Movie Review

### "We Need to Talk About Kevin"

*"WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT KEVIN"*  
(limited release) A-  
Rated R for some sexuality  
and partial nudity, some vio-  
lent images, profanity.  
1 hr., 52 min.

as snippets of Eva's memory. In the present, Eva (played by Tilda Swinton) is haggard, broken, and heavily medicated. Her day-to-day life is a fog. She flits -- and we flit with her -- back and forth between past and present, moments from her current reality blending seamlessly with similar ones from before. With its trancelike tone and echoey sound design that grows progressively more hollow, the entire movie feels like it could be coming from inside Eva's fevered mind.

What we know from the outset is that Eva lives alone in a dumpy house, has trouble finding a job, and is a pariah in her community. Kevin (Ezra Miller) is incarcerated. Eva flashes back to when she traveled the world, to when she met Franklin (John C. Reilly), an affable but unserious fellow, and settled into marriage and parenthood with him. Kevin is difficult from the beginning, screaming constantly as an infant, remaining mute as a toddler, refusing to engage with his mother on any level. (He's reasonably cooperative with Franklin, which only makes Eva crazier.) As a little boy (played by Jasper Newell), when he should be the apple of his mother's eye, Kevin is refusing to be toilet-trained just to spite her. He's obstinate, willful, and destructive.

As he grows into adolescence, Kevin becomes more devious and subversive, his alarmingly adult capacity for malevolence belied by his clothes, which are too small for his body and make him look like a little boy. Ezra Miller, who developed his talent for playing smart, calculating teens



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**A suspenseful and gripping psychological thriller, Lynne Ramsay's *We Need to Talk About Kevin* explores the factious relationship between a mother and her son. Tilda Swinton, in a bracing, tour-de-force performance, plays the mother, Eva, as she contends for 15 years with the increasing malevolence of her first-born child, Kevin (Ezra Miller). Based on the best-selling novel of the same name, *We Need to Talk About Kevin* explores nature vs. nurture on a whole new level as Eva's own culpability is measured against Kevin's innate evilness. -- (C)**

in little-seen indie films like "Afterschool," "City Island," and "Beware the Gonzo," emerges here as an unsettling force. Even when Kevin's deeds seem exaggeratedly nefarious, he comes across not as a campy or one-dimensional "bad seed" but as a frighteningly believable picture of a kid who cannot be reformed.

Even better is Tilda Swinton, who's onscreen for most of the film and plays Eva at several different stages of her life, and always conveys the mixture of complicated emotions that's right for the moment. She's exhausted and beleaguered now, at various other times frustrated, resigned, or guilt-stricken, occasionally even happy and hopeful. Differences in hair and makeup make it easy to tell past Eva from present

Eva, but Swinton's performance would have created a distinction anyway. The character is more haunted and shell-shocked now than she was before, and you can see it in Swinton's face.

More questions lurk around the movie's fringes. Is a mother obligated to love her child even when that child is unlovable? Eva can be icy and judgmental; did Kevin inherit the worst of her traits? Does that make his actions her fault? How responsible is any parent for a child's behavior? Where's the line between "we did everything we could to raise him right" and "we could have done more"? That there are no clear-cut answers makes the film all the more disquieting, especially for any soon-to-be parents in the audience.

## The Edge of Sports

by DAVE ZIRIN

### How the Most Lopsided Trade in NBA History Explains the World

When you study the rosters of all 30 National Basketball Association teams or even casually watch a game, you find yourself facing two stubborn facts: 1 - Every team possesses an international mosaic of talent. 2 - The last All-Star produced by the high schools of New York City is 32 years old and just changed his name to Metta World Peace.

Calling hoops "the city game", as Pete Axthelm did 40 years ago, only makes sense if the city is Barcelona. Two decades of globalization alongside the crumbling of our urban infrastructure has dramatically altered who we see on the court. If there was one moment that represents both the birth and brutal paths of this process, it was draft day 1998 when two teams took part in what must be seen as the most lopsided trade in NBA history. That was when a Michigan Wolverine superstar born and raised in inner-city Detroit, Robert "Tractor" Traylor, was sent from the Dallas Mavericks to the Milwaukee Bucks for a skinny teenager from a place called Wurzburg, Germany named Dirk Nowitzki, and role player Pat Garrity. Now Dirk is considered the best player on earth and Robert Traylor is dead, passing away earlier this year from a heart attack at the tender age of 34.

It's unbelievable that these two folks were traded for one another. But equally unbelievable is that this was seen as a steal for the Milwaukee Bucks. Then CNN/SI scribe Dan Shanoff wrote at the time, "After trading away No. 4 draft-pick Stephon Marbury last year, the Bucks get it right in '98 by stealing the marketable and talented Robert Traylor from the Mavs for an overhyped foreign prospect."

I asked Dan Shanoff about this ill-fated prediction this week, and he said, "Looking back, I am mostly appalled at my simple-minded analysis and implicit xenophobia. Projecting (and developing) draft picks into Hall of Famers demands imagination that Don Nelson and Mark Cuban clearly had and I lacked. I also didn't account for the maniacal dedication that Dirk would put in to honing his craft. It is perhaps the ultimate irony that as my 5-year-old son became aware of basketball this past spring, he announced that Dirk was his favorite player. Nowitzki's talents are that obvious. I only wish I could have understood that back then."

We can laugh, scoff, or shake our heads at Dan Shanoff, but his analysis wasn't a wild statement by any stretch. They represented my thoughts at the time along with most observers. But in hindsight it's now clear that this deal was more than the most lopsided trade in hoops history. It was a "canary in the coal mine" for the way the game and the world has changed over the last 15 years.

The Dirk story is now well known. From Wurzburg, Germany, the 19 year old blew up in pre-draft workouts and, despite having the muscle tone of a baby deer, became the object of numerous team's affections, including the Celtics (who had to "settle" that year for Paul Pierce.) But in the shadow of Dream Team I and II and the utter domination of "our guys" at the Olympics, the conventional wisdom was that Euro players were too weak, too fragile, and basically too lame to make it on the big stage. A soft seven-foot jump shooter? Not in this man's league.

The Traylor story is less known. He averaged 16 points and 10 boards as a junior at Michigan, and was the Big Ten Tournament MVP. His freshman year, "the Tractor" tore down a rim and made it look easy. With the sweet charisma of a gentle giant, Traylor was in a national sneaker ad before his first pro game. He was "Big Man", "Barkley, Jr.," and any nickname that speaks to those rare players whose baby fat makes them magically aerodynamic. Traylor, as Shanoff wrote, was seen as a "can't miss": the Big 10 Superstar with the big league body.

But Traylor's body didn't go from baby fat to Baby Shaq. Instead he battled obesity throughout his career. He also battled income tax evasion charges that ended in a conviction for hiding the money of his cousin, a convicted drug dealer. But Traylor's greatest obstacle wasn't weight, taxes, or scandal. It was his production on the court. In 438 NBA games, Traylor averaged 5 points and 4 rebounds. He then bounced across the globe, playing for professional teams from Turkey to Puerto Rico. It was in Puerto Rico when Traylor was talking on the phone with his wife when, she thought, the line disconnected. Unable to reach him again, she called team officials who found him dead of a heart attack.

It was remarked by those who knew Traylor that this cause of death was painfully ironic, given his generous heart. ESPN's Jemele Hill, who is from Detroit, wrote, "He was generous to a fault. Traylor, like a lot of promising, black athletes from troubled backgrounds, never learned to say, 'no.' He received three years probation after he admitted he prepared a false tax return that hid the assets of his cousin, Quasand Lewis, a convicted drug dealer. He squandered a lot of his NBA millions, admitting in a 2009 Detroit Free Press story that he once took care of as many as 20 friends and family."

Traylor was the guy from the projects who's bigger, stronger, and faster than everyone else and is pegged for the NBA from the time he walked onto a court. Everyone told him that he would be a star, that the money would always be there, and that he had to take care of his friends at all costs. He also, even in Detroit, had the inner-city infrastructure, from youth leagues to avid boosters, that gave him a path to

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## For MLK Day, Howard University Hospital Bathed in Beauty in Red

By RON HARRIS  
Howard University

Eighteen of the nation's most beautiful women, all in fabulous red dresses, visited Howard University Hospital on Martin Luther King Jr. Day to charm patients, talk with hospital staff and D.C. area residents and to encourage women to take care of their hearts.

The women, Miss Black USA contestants, were dressed in flowing gowns, cocktail dresses and other evening wear as met with patients throughout the hospital. The women were in D.C. for their annual Red Dress Photo shoot, and decided they wanted to visit the hospital to brighten some patients' day.

"These young ladies, as well as the organization, strongly believe that service is a part of who we are," said Karen Arrington, who founded the organization in 1965. "We felt it was fitting to do something in tribute to a man who through his service changed America. We couldn't think of a better place to do that than at Howard University Hospital."

Heads turned and people stopped to question the contestants as they made their way to various levels of the hospital.

"Wow, they look gorgeous," one woman said as they passed.

Cheryl Crandol, a nurse supervisor at the hospital, said patients were really pleased to



PHOTO BY RON HARRIS, HOWARD UNIVERSITY

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meet the women.

"We had one little girl who said, "When I grow up, I want to be a princess in a red dress," Crandol said with a laugh."

Part of the Miss Black USA effort was to promote February as Heart Month.

Heart disease is the number one killer of women, Arrington said. One in four women die from heart disease annually.

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Founder

That is particularly true of African-American women, Arrington said.

So, for the past three years,

her organization has partnered with the Heart Truth Campaign, an initiative of the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

"We want to encourage young women, particularly young black women, to live a healthy lifestyle to avoid heart disease in the future," Arrington said.

# Calendar of Events

January 26 - February 1, 2012

## Annual Bridal Show

Date and Time: Sunday, January 29, 1-4 pm  
 Description: Plan your wedding from start to finish by meeting florists, photographers, bakers, wedding coordinators and more!  
 Cost: \$5/person  
 Ages: All ages  
 Location: *Newton White Mansion*  
 2708 Enterprise Road, Mitchellville 20721  
 Contact: 301-249-2004; TTY 301-446-6802

## Rivers and Memories

Date and Time: Monday, January 30-Saturday, March 24  
 Public Reception: Saturday, February 4, 4-7 pm  
 Event Description: Please join us as we celebrate the art of E.J. Montgomery and Lilian T. Burwell, two longtime, prominent artists who have had great influence on our art community. Each with their own approach, their artworks are a lyrical, rich, and highly developed explorations into the expressive elements of color and space.  
 Ages: All ages  
 Fee: FREE  
 Location: *Brentwood Arts Exchange at Gateway Arts Center*  
 3901 Rhode Island Avenue, Brentwood 20722  
 Information: 301-277-2863; TTY 301-446-6802

## Basketball League Registration: Boys or Girls - Select Teams

Date & Time: Ongoing through February 9, 2012  
 Description: Boys & Girls ages are invited to register teams for a competitive basketball league. Competition is open to all teams including AAU, Boys & Girls Club, CYO, M-NCPPC Community Center, County and Non-County teams. The schedule will consist of 8 regular season games and playoff games.  
 Ages: Ages groups: Girls: 18 & under; 15 & under; 12 & under; 9 & under; 5-7; Boys: 18 & under; 15 & under; 12 & under; 9 & under; 5-7  
 Fee: \$600/team. Please no individual registrations.  
 Information: Byron Thompson at 301-446-6818 or Paul Hall at 301-446-6811.

## Black History Month 2012 Exhibit: "Reading, 'Riting and Race Revisited: Rosenwald Schools in Prince George's and Surrounding Counties"

Date and Time: Monday, January 23-Saturday, March 17;  
 Public Reception: Sunday, February 5, 2-4 pm  
 Event Description: This year's exhibit will profile African American schools built with assistance from the Rosenwald Fund. Through historic photos and artifacts, the exhibit highlights a list of Rosenwald schools that were featured in "America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places" by the National Trust for Historic Preservation in 2002. The exhibit's centerpiece includes the recently renovated Ridgeley Rosenwald School, which is considered to be one of the county's best examples of this type of educational facility.  
 Ages: All ages  
 Fee: FREE  
 Location: *Arts/Harmony Hall Regional Center*  
 10701 Livingston Road, Ft. Washington 20744  
 Information: 301-203-6070; TTY 301-203-3803

## PUBLIC PLAYHOUSE ANNOUNCES 2012-2013 DANCE SEASON

CHEVERLY, MD—The Public Playhouse 2012-2013 season: 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.pgpc.org*

# EARTH TALK ... "Cutting emissions in Northeastern and Mid-Atlantic states."

Dear EarthTalk:

*I understand that some Northeastern and Mid-Atlantic U.S. states have banded together to reduce their own greenhouse gas emissions. Can you enlighten?*

-- Bo Clifford,  
 Cary, NC

Given the lack of federal action to curb greenhouse gas emissions in the U.S., several East Coast states joined together in 2008 to form the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), committing to a market-based system to cap carbon pollution and lower energy bills while creating more green jobs.

Under RGGI, the 10 participating states—Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island and Vermont—agreed on a region-wide greenhouse gas emissions limit, enforced through the sale of pollution permits to large fossil fuel power plants there. The utilities that run the plants purchase the right (at quarterly auctions) to emit certain capped amounts of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>). The money raised is in turn invested in local businesses throughout Northeast and Mid-Atlantic states that promote energy efficiency and renewable energy sources. RGGI's overall goal is to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from the power sector in the states involved by 10 percent by 2018.

The program was conceived in 2008 by then New York gov-

ernor George Pataki based on a similar federal program launched by President George H.W. Bush in 1990 that successfully curbed emissions of other pollutants that led to acid rain.

While RGGI had strong bipartisan support at launch, changing priorities have since forced some states to reconsider their commitments. According to RenewableEnergyWorld.com, New Jersey is likely to back out, while factions in New Hampshire and Maine have also called for a withdrawal. "The political tides have turned significantly since the program was started, and many legislatures are now dominated by a new crop of lawmakers looking to cut spending in cash-strapped states," the website reports.

Environmentalists and many business owners have banded together to try to save RGGI in the face of economic threats to its viability. Last July some 200 Northeastern and Mid-Atlantic businesses signed on to an open letter urging the governors of the 10 participating states to keep up with the program so that it can achieve its goals. "The Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative shows that market-based programs can reduce greenhouse gas emissions while boosting our economy and improving energy security, and we encourage you to support and strengthen RGGI going forward," the letter states. The letter goes on to cite research showing a \$4-6 increase in economic output for every \$1



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**Ten Northeastern and Mid-Atlantic states have, in the face of federal inaction, agreed on a region-wide greenhouse gas emissions limit, enforced through the sale of pollution permits to large fossil fuel power plants there. Money raised is invested in local businesses throughout the region that promote energy efficiency and renewable energy sources Pictured: The Big Allis Power Plant, Queens, New York City.**

invested in energy efficiency programs in the RGGI states. "Even better, these market-driven investments create jobs in the clean tech sector—one of the most dynamic segments of our state economies."

Perhaps more important, RGGI "serves as a powerful model for what a comprehensive national energy policy should do" says the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), a leading environmental group. Whether or not the economy will improve enough or climate change will become dramatic enough for Congress and the White House to take federal action to limit greenhouse gas emissions across the board is anybody's guess. In the meantime, keeping alive programs like RGGI

might be the best we can hope for.

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# U.S. Transportation Secretary LaHood Announces \$77 Million in Transportation Research and

BY PRESS OFFICER  
 White House Press Office

U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood announced today \$77 million in grants to 22 University Transportation Centers (UTCs) to advance research and education programs that address critical transportation challenges facing our nation. The UTCs, which are located throughout the United States, conduct research that directly supports the priorities of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), and the participating universities are a critical part of our national transportation strategy.

"Transportation matters in everyone's daily life. These

research centers will help us solve the transportation challenges we face today and those that we know lay ahead of us," said Secretary LaHood.

DOT's Research and Innovative Technology Administration (RITA), which administers the UTC program, used a competitive selection process to select ten University Transportation Centers (UTCs), two Transit-Focused UTCs, and ten Regional UTCs. The centers will advance U.S. transportation technology and expertise in research, education, and technology transfer. Each one of the selected UTCs will receive a \$3.5 million grant which they must match with funds from non-federal

sources. The 22 UTCs selected are all consortia, involving a total of 121 different universities.

"We are excited about the proposals these consortia put forward. They have the potential to advance basic and applied transportation research today and ensure a robust pipeline of professionals for the transportation workforce of tomorrow," said RITA Acting Administrator Greg Winfree. "It is absolutely crucial that we continue to invest in research, which has the added benefit of attracting and developing the high level of professionals needed for innovation and expertise in transportation."

UTCs work with regional, state and local transportation

agencies to help find solutions to challenges that directly impact their communities and affect the efficiency of the nation's transportation system. UTC projects are peer-reviewed and the results of their work are shared with the national transportation community to encourage greater progress through collaboration. The selected universities will research a wide range of transportation-related issues including shared rail corridors, innovations in multimodal freight and infrastructure, bridge inspection methods, and reducing roadway fatalities and injuries.

A list of grant recipients is available here. Find out more about the UTC program.

## Edge from A6

the League. Dirk was a skinny kid who had no justification to believe that a beanpole from Germany could ever be hailed as the best in the game. For several years other GM's watched Dallas, and dipped one toe in the water, thinking the game's globalization might just be a mirage.

Now the league is filled

with badass players from across the earth. It's also filled with Dirk imitators, born both inside and outside the states: seven footers who rain jumpers for days. It says a great deal that arguably the league's best player, Kevin Durant, plays like Dirk and is from the Maryland suburbs. Rough, rugged, and raw rebounders like Traylor, with a little meat on their middle are in very

## Abuse from A1

simple approach," she said. "The Maryland law is very good but the problem is there's no penalty."

Maryland law requires all citizens to report instances of suspected abuse to a superior, as well as to local social services and law enforcement. Most states, including Maryland, allow for anonymous reporting.

The issue arose after former Penn State University football assistant coach Jerry Sandusky was accused of sexually abusing at least eight underage boys.

Former Penn State graduate

assistant Mike McQueary testified to a grand jury about seeing Sandusky in the shower with a young boy. He reported the incident to former head coach Joe Paterno, who spoke to higher officials in the University system, with the allegation reaching as high as University President Graham Spanier, according to the grand jury report.

Sandusky was indicted on numerous child sex offenses dating between 1994 and 2009. The scandal led to the firing of Paterno and the forced resignation of Spanier as both were heavily criticized for their handling of the situation.

short supply. As for Detroit, the attacks on the city's union and non-union workers has never missed a beat, and it's spent 15 years as victim of every neoliberal "shock therapy" on the populace. Last year, it was named the United States's "most stressful city" by virtue of being in the top 10 for murders, robberies, poverty, and, yes, heart attacks. Brutal cuts to city programs has also meant

Hearing the accounts out of Pennsylvania caused Jacobs to examine the current Maryland statute and seek expert advice about how to hold individuals accountable for reporting suspected abuse.

Adam Rosenberg, the executive director of the Baltimore Child Abuse Center, said an added penalty can be a way to push people to report suspicions.

"We're looking to enforce something that isn't being enforced," Rosenberg said.

Rosenberg hopes to clear up misconceptions about the mandatory reporting law, as many do not realize their legal obligation to report suspicions.

that extracurricular activities, exercise, and for some, opportunity, have become casualties of "the new normal." As we spend this shortened season celebrating Dirk, let's also remember Robert Traylor and the way this one trade marked a fork in the road toward a very different NBA: a different NBA that reflects they way our world has changed and left many behind.

He hopes this bill will not only give authorities a way to enforce the law, but will provide more clarity for all.

In Virginia, failure to report a suspected incident within 72 hours of the first suspicion leads to a fine of \$500 and additional fines for subsequent failures.

Thirty-nine states cite the failure to report as a misdemeanor. In Arizona, Minnesota and Florida, not reporting serious instances is a felony.

Pennsylvania did not have a mandatory reporting law until five years ago, Rosenberg said.

Missouri, Delaware and Kentucky are also reexamining their laws.

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### Red Cross Blood Donors Can Honor the Fight Against Breast Cancer

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

Blood is often used to treat those undergoing treatment for all types of cancer, including breast cancer. Cancer treatments such as chemotherapy can kill red blood cells and platelets, and these patients rely on blood transfusions throughout their treatment to remain strong and recover.

According to the American Cancer Society, over 1.5 million people are expected to be diagnosed with cancer in 2010 in the United States.

Many of those patients will require

transfusions of blood and platelets.

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

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

## Child Watch from A4

four engines are capable of battling the winds."

Dr. King concluded: "In any social revolution there are times when the tail winds of triumph and fulfillment favor us, and other times when strong head winds of disappointment and setbacks beat against us relentlessly. We must not permit adverse winds to overwhelm us as we journey across life's mighty Atlantic; we must

be sustained by our engines of courage in spite of the winds. This refusal to be stopped, this 'courage to be,' this determination to go on 'in spite of' is the hallmark of any great movement."

Today we need to rev up our engines of courage, battle against the fierce head winds of economic downturn, unemployment, poverty, and greed that threaten to undo the progress of the last fifty years, and stay true to the course Dr. King set for us. Now is the time to end child poverty and hunger

in America.

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