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President Obama speaks to award winners at the 2012 White House Science Fair in the East Room, which emphasizes the administration's focus on science, technology, engineering and math education.

## Silver Spring Teen Enjoys Honors at Science Fair

By NICK FOLEY  
Capital News Service

WASHINGTON - When Jacen Sherman set out to create a video game in which players must save the world from catastrophe, he didn't think it would land him in a room with President Obama -- a man who has encountered a few global catastrophes of his own. Sherman, a 15-year-old sophomore at Springbrook High

School in Silver Spring, attended The White House Science Fair Tuesday held by President Obama in the East Room. The ceremony honored science, technology, engineering and math, or STEM, competition winners nationwide as part of Obama's goal to educate more people in those subjects. Obama created the first White House Science Fair in late 2010 after launching his "Educate to Innovate" campaign aimed at improving education in

math and science, an effort that would foster inventions and fill more jobs in the economy.

"I was five feet away from one of the most important people in the world," Sherman said. Despite winning Microsoft's Kodu Cup -- a competition for young video game designers -- after creating a video game called Vortex for computers and the Xbox, Sherman said the invite still surprised him.

"I was pretty amazed," he said. "It's a once-in-a-lifetime experience." The game revolves around a world embroiled in a nuclear disaster. While most of humanity has figured out how to escape into a virtual world, one person failed to do so and launches a virus out of rage, which the player must kill. Sherman said the cere-

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## Health Officials Fret as Popularity of Hookah Grows

By KARA ROSE  
Capital News Service

COLLEGE PARK - University of Maryland student Louie Dane was 18 when he first smoked tobacco with a hookah at a friend's house.

"There's nothing that's not great about it. You get to be with some friends having a good time," he said. "I personally think cigarettes are disgusting ... Hookah doesn't seem as bad ... [because] it's more of a social thing."

What Dane and most other fans of this increasingly popular method of smoking tobacco do not know is that one 25-minute hookah session is equivalent to smoking a pack of cigarettes, health officials said.

"People tend to inhale very deeply when they are using a hookah. They actually, in effect, get 20 times the amount of nicotine then when you smoke a sin-

gle cigarette," said Donald Shell, who works on tobacco prevention efforts at the state Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Hookah - also referred to as a narghile, shisha or waterpipe - allows users to smoke flavored tobacco that is filtered through a liquid, typically water. The tobacco is placed in the bowl of the hookah and heated with a coal. The smoke is then pulled through decorative hoses after first passing through the liquid.

The practice originated in India and the Middle East in the middle of the last millennium and has since found its way into a growing number of college towns in the states.

As more hookah lounges open, health officials said they are worried users do not fully understand the risks associated with the pastime.

Cafe Hookah, which is set to open in College Park this month, will be the second hookah bar in the city. The cafe's owner, 29-year-old Abid Khan, said he

## Maryland Joins Settlement to Win \$1 Billion for Struggling Homeowners

By VARUN SAXENA  
Capital News Service

WASHINGTON - Struggling Maryland homeowners will receive almost \$1 billion in financial compensation from five big banks as part of a national foreclosure settlement, Maryland Attorney General Doug Gansler said Thursday.

"The heartless soul-less conduct of the banks led directly to the foreclosure crisis," Gansler said in a news conference announcing that Maryland joined the settlement.

Gov. Martin O'Malley said in a statement that the deal, "not only provides significant relief to Maryland homeowners, but puts an end to practices that contributed to the foreclosure crisis across the country," in a statement.

Maryland received the sixth-most compensation, Gansler said, from the five largest mortgage servicers who control 60 percent of the market: Wells Fargo, Bank of America, Citi, JP Morgan Chase & Co. and Ally Bank/GMAC. Homeowners who purchased a mortgage from a different bank are not eligible for financial compensation.



CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE PHOTO BY VARUN SAXENAY

Attorney General Doug Gansler explains the foreclosure settlement at a news conference Thursday in Hyattsville. He is accompanied by Prince George's County Executive Rushern Baker and Rep. Donna Edwards, D-Fort Washington.

The settlement contains four major provisions:  
-- \$808 million in principal reduction and

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## Gov. Reacts to Same-Sex Marriage Decision

California Ruling Expected to Have a Persuasive Effect On State Delegates

By TOM MCPARLAND  
Capital News Service

BALTIMORE - Gov. Martin O'Malley said Tuesday evening on MSNBC that he hopes a federal appeals court decision repealing a California ban on same-sex marriage "will have a persuasive influence on those delegates who are still open-minded" in Maryland.

O'Malley first reacted to the news earlier in the day when an audience member relayed the decision during a question and answer session on civil marriage equality at the University of Baltimore School of Law.

"Well that's an important ruling," he said then.

The governor was promoting the Civil Marriage Protection Act in Baltimore, where he touched on his involvement with the bill and the likely event of a November referendum, should it pass the

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## Sarbanes Stockpiles Campaign 2012 Money

By ROB BOCK  
Capital News Service

WASHINGTON - Congressman John Sarbanes, D-Towson, has amassed more than \$1 million in cash on hand in the 2012 race for Maryland's 3rd District, giving the three-time incumbent a massive financial lead over his competitors.

According to year-end Federal Election Commission reports filed last week, Sarbanes received \$911,173 from donors in 2011, in comparison to the \$908,856 total he received during the entire 2010 campaign.

Combined with the money left over from that election cycle, Sarbanes has \$1,062,933 on hand.

"My campaign has been focused on securing the resources to effectively communicate with voters, particularly new residents of the Third

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#### Save the Children

This post is part of a series on childhood poverty in the United States in partnership with Save the Children and Julianne Moore. Moore leads the organization's Valentine's Day campaign, through which cards are sold to support the fight against poverty in the U.S. To learn more go to SaveTheChildren.org.  
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#### A New Interactive Tool

Bowie State University President signed an agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to extend an existing partnership that will provide academic and practical experience opportunities for BSU students through internships, mentoring programs and research projects.  
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#### Movie Review

Nothing about "The Artist" is transcendent or brilliant. A frothy, upbeat tale of old Hollywood, it's clever but not particularly innovative, different but not unique, funny but not hilarious. Yet as frothy, upbeat tales of old Hollywood go, it's superb, full of small delights and general sunshine.  
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#### Earth Talk

Dear EarthTalk:  
I know that there are many issues with personal care products being unsafe for our health, but where do I look to find out what's safe and what's not?

-- Mary Pulaski,  
Trenton, NJ

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# Towns and NEIGHBORS

## In and Around Morningside-Skyline

by Mary McHale 301 735 3451

### Maryland Morgan named Therapy Horse of the Year

At the ripe old age of 32, Merlin Tris Don—as he is formally registered—has been named the American Morgan Horse Association's 2011 Therapy Horse of the Year. His owner, Joan Marie Twining, director of Rose of Sharon Equestrian School in Glen Arm, Md., says she definitely sees "a little more spring in his step" since he earned the award.

This is the latest in a long list of awards for Merlin, a chestnut Morgan steed purchased by my daughter-in-law Carol McHale 27 years ago, from a farmer in Kansas. My son Brian and Carol drove Merlin from Kansas to Pennsylvania where in time Carol and Merlin learned to carriage-drive and participate in horse shows, accumulating a number of awards. Merlin was even an extra in the movie, "Mannequin 2."

However, miles of carriage driving began to take its toll on Merlin's legs and he needed a less ambitious career. Because he's very people-oriented, Carol felt his temperament suited him for a therapeutic riding program. She tried two programs before she found Joan Twining and Rose of Sharon Equestrian School in 1998.

Merlin has provided people with disabilities the opportunity to develop basic horsemanship and stable management skills over the 14 years he's been at the equestrian school. Carol and Brian now live in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., but they stop by to visit Merlin when they travel to Maryland. Like a lot of us oldsters, Merlin suffers from arthritis and thyroid problems, but at 32 he's still working and we're proud of him.

### Neighbors

Hazel Loughmiller, formerly of Morningside, was remembered by the Forestville Volunteer Fire Department on Jan. 28, for her years of dedica-

tion to the Forestville and Morningside VFDs, Prince George's and Maryland State Fireman's associations. She died Aug. 16, 2011.

Clinton Christian School varsity cheerleaders and their coach collected toys in time for Christmas and donated them to the Town of Morningside which passed them on to the Morningside Volunteer Fire Department for distribution to families displaced by house fires.

### Coming up

Morningside will hold its monthly Town Meeting on Tues., Feb. 14, at 8 p.m. Mayor Karen Rooker, Town Council members, and Morningside Chief of Police will be giving reports.

The Skyline Citizens Association will meet Wed., Feb. 15, 7 p.m. at Skyline School. President Stanley Holmes usually has some interesting guest speakers.

### Valentine Events

Mount Calvary Catholic School, 6704 Marlboro Pike in Forestville, is hosting a Valentine's Cabaret on Feb. 11, from 8 p.m. to midnight. Music by The Amazing DJ 640. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Free set-ups. Call 301-735-5262 for information and tickets.

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Valentine Dinner Dance on Feb. 12, from 2:30 to 6 p.m. in Sarto Hall, 3611 Stewart Road, Forestville. A live band, "4 of a Kind," will entertain while Topolino's caters a delicious dinner, Admission, \$20 per person or \$35 per couple. Call 301-735-599-0307.

### May they rest in peace

Arnie Lee Calhoun Jr., 88, an accountant, died in his Skyline home on Jan. 16. A native of Kenmore, Ohio, he earned a degree in accounting at Southeastern University, in

D.C., and met his future wife, Mary Sauntry, when both were working at the FBI. They were married Nov. 6, 1948. On Christmas Eve 1979, they moved to Ridgecrest Drive in Skyline. Arnie was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Catholic War Veterans, Men's Club of St. Bernardine's, and other Catholic organizations. His wife of 47 years, Mary, died in 1996. Survivors include his children, Michael Calhoun, Arleene Monahan, Cathleen Johnson and Sharon Gronau, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. An organ rendition of The Star Spangled Banner opened his Mass of Christmas Burial at St. Philip's, and closed with a medley of Irish tunes. Burial was at Arlington.

James Edward Southall Jr., 70, of Stevensville, a 1961 graduate of Suitland High School died Jan. 1. He retired as produce manager, supervisor and property manager for Giant Foods after 30 years. Survivors include two children, two sisters, six grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

### Milestones

Happy birthday to Ginny Call, Dawn Witherow and David Chambers, Feb. 11; Angie Miller, Katelyn Dudding and Pat Miller, Feb. 13; Scott Jenkins and Mary Reilly, Valentine's Day; David Chambers, Mary Young and Ruby Holloway, Feb. 15; Sarah Anderson and Dean Woods, Feb. 16.

Happy anniversary to Frank and Soo Wilson, Feb. 15, and to Wilda and Joe Cheseldine, who were wed Feb. 16, 1958 at Mt. Calvary Church in Forestville. A special greeting to Anton and Edna Miller of Clinton who were married 65 years ago on Jan. 1, 1947. They celebrated their anniversary with dinner at Mama Stella's.

*Happy Valentine's Day to my readers!*

## Congresswoman Donna F. Edwards' Legislative Update

### Congresswoman Edwards Votes "No" on Republican Transportation Bill in Committee

Washington, D.C. — Congresswoman Donna F. Edwards (MD-4) voted in the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure against the "American Energy and Infrastructure Jobs Act." The legislation was reported out of the Committee and is the Republican version of the Surface Transportation Reauthorization Bill. Congresswoman Edwards offered a series of amendments focused on improving environmental and safety standards, and helping small communities access transportation funding.

"I am very disappointed that the Republican majority squandered this opportunity to shape the nation's transportation future with this partisan bill reported out of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure," said Congresswoman Edwards. "Instead of coming together to identify real transportation priorities and revenue streams, Republicans chose to bring a bill before the Committee that consisted of an industry wish list full of budgetary gimmicks with little time to offer substantive amendments."

"The transportation reauthorization has been a bi-partisan endeavor. Unfortunately, that pragmatic approach was abandoned to the detriment of the nation's roads, water and sewer, and public transportation systems that are in desperate need of repair. I hope my Republican colleagues will allow for an open amendment process when the bill comes to the House floor. We should all engage in an honest debate about what historically

has been a non-partisan issue: the future of our country's transportation needs and the infrastructure to compete in the 21st century global economy."

*Congresswoman Edwards offered the following amendments during the mark-up:*

#### Amendment\_018

The amendment provides contractors working on federal transportation infrastructure projects in regions that are not in compliance with federal air quality standards to use a portion of project funds to install the latest and most effective pollution controls to make the air cleaner for workers and residents alike, but without imposing burdensome costs on industry.

#### Amendment\_019

The amendment directs US DOT to establish federal safety standards for heavy rail systems. Includes the establishment of minimum standards for the structural crashworthiness of heavy rail passenger cars, emergency access and egress, event recorders, and hours of service.

#### Amendment\_020

The amendment implements a comprehensive approach to public transportation safety, requiring a national transit safety plan, improving state and federal oversight, requiring local public transportation agency safety plans, empowering US DOT with new enforcement authority, and implementing a monitoring system for the safety and condition of the nation's transit infrastructure and equipment.

#### Amendment\_021

The amendment maintains the current transportation enhancement program with a



revised definition of transportation enhancement activity. Establishes a new rule for areas of a State with populations of less than 50,000.

#### Amendment\_022

Engineering and Design Services — The Edwards/Capuano/Hirono amendment seeks to address Section 1717A, which would require state departments of transportation to utilize to the maximum extent practicable commercial enterprises for the delivery of engineering and design services on Title 23 projects. The amendment simply strikes section 1717A.

#### HWAY12\_03

Exemption in Emergencies — The language in the bill would exempt both the reconstruction and (future) operation of any such project from any review, approvals or permit requirements under NEPA and several other environmental laws. Strikes sections 3004 and 8201 (new section 22911), and inserts new sections 3004 and 22911.

#### HWAY12\_04

Funding Threshold — For both rail and highway projects, the bill exempts any project from review under NEPA if the federal share of the funds for the project are less than \$10 million or 15% of the total estimated project costs. Strikes Section 3009/8201 (new section 22903(a)(3)).

## Brandywine-Aquasco

by Ruth Turner 301 888 2153

### JUST US (Social and Civic Club, LLC)

Join JUST US for a Fun Fill get away to the Mohegan Sun Casinos in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Get away to Mohegan Sun Casino at Pocono Downs. Come join us on an active, high-energy, great time with friends on a fun and exciting day trip on April 21, 2012. Price: \$45.00 - \$40.00 rebate (Net 'out of pocket' cost is \$5.00). Final payment is due no later than March 21, 2012. Depart from Park 'N' Ride Clinton. Departure time: 8:00 AM and return time is 11:00 PM.

Limited seating because we only have two buses. Make your reservation by contacting: Lee Williams 301-868-0245, William Ward 301-275-7153 or James 'CAT' Catlett 240-216-2523.

### ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT

Save the date Tuesday, May 1, 2012 for PGC Alumni Association Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament at the Country Club at Woodmore. The address is 12320 Pleasant Prospect Road Mitchellville, Maryland. Proceeds benefit the

Prince George's Community College Alumni Association Scholarship Fund. For more information on participation and sponsorship, please call 301-322-0858.

### ST. PATRICK DANCE

Come and join us for a St. Patrick's Dance at St. Michael's Church in Baden, Maryland on Saturday March 17 from 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM. Food will be available.

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations to Winthrop Chew, Jerrod Contee, Margaret Contee, Francis Deville, Barbara Hall, Elizabeth Hamilton, Selena Jackson, Walter Mozee and Cecelia Patterson in celebration of your birthdays.

### 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). This event will

benefit St. Philip's Church, Baden Parish.

### 2012 CIAA TOURNAMENT

Join Bowie State University Students, Faculty, Alumni, Family and Friends when they travel to the 2012 CIAA Tournament on February 27 - March 3, 2012 at Time Warner Cable Arena in Uptown Charlotte, North Carolina.

For tickets contact Office of Annual Giving at 301-860-4335 or email: rmuchiri@bowiestate.edu.

For Hotel reservations, contact Office of Alumni Relations at 301-860-4327 or e-mail: alumni@bowiestate.edu.

### BADEN COMMUNITYCENTER

Celebrate Black History Month and watch this interactive SSUUNA PERFORMANCE. Ssuuna opens a window to African culture through dance, music and story telling. He weaves together stories and dance with music from his native Uganda African instruments. The performance is Friday, February 24, 2011 from 2 PM to 3 PM. Admission is free.

## Neighborhood Events

### University of Maryland Ask the Plant and Pest Professor

**Question #1:** We moved into our new home in the spring of last year. At that time I planted several azaleas in my front bed. I amended the soil with compost before I planted them and mulched them in late fall. Everything did extremely well through the summer and fall. Most of the leaves are no longer green, but have turned a reddish brown color. Does this mean they are dying?

**Answer #1:** The leaves of evergreen azaleas can change color in the late fall. Sometimes the leaves turn yellow, red, or a purplish green. There are color variations depending on the cultivar. This is perfectly normal and does not indicate a problem with the shrubs. Some of these leaves can even drop off. Brown, brittle leaves could be an indication of a problem but this does not seem to be the case for you. Healthy azaleas will green-up and bloom again in the spring.

**Question #2:** Time got away from me last fall and I did not have the time to fertilize my lawn. Being that the winter has been so warm can I fertilize now or should I wait until spring?

**Answer #2:** Make a note on your calendar now to remind yourself to begin to fertilize your lawn in September. Fall fertilization provides the greatest benefit to your lawn. Never fertilize in the winter. The roots of grass plants cannot take up and use the nutrients at this time, resulting in nutrient run-off into the Chesapeake Bay. According to the Fertilizer Use Act of 2011, which impacts Maryland homeowners, lawn fertilizer cannot be applied between November 15th and March 1st. Since you did not fertilize last fall an optional application of 0.5-0.9 lbs. of nitrogen per 1,000 sq.

ft. can be applied in late May or early June. For additional information on the Fertilizer Use Act of 2011 go to the Maryland Department of Agriculture website,

[http://www.mda.state.md.us/pdf/FertilizerLaw\\_Facts\\_final.pdf](http://www.mda.state.md.us/pdf/FertilizerLaw_Facts_final.pdf). You can also contact us at the Home and Garden Information Center.

**Question #3:** I usually cut back my butterfly bush in February. This year I noticed that it still has many green leaves. I am new to gardening and do not want to damage my shrub. Should I leave the shrub alone or is it okay to prune it like I usually do?

**Answer #3:** February is a bit too early to prune your butterfly bush (*Buddleia davidii*). The proper time to prune is in early spring after the danger of a hard frost has past. The fact that it still has its leaves should not prevent you from pruning it. If you do not prune, it would grow to an unmanageable size. Pruning also stimulates abundant new growth which is where the flowers are formed. Prune back the stems to about a foot from the ground. Clipping the spent flowers off during the season can prompt a second flush of flowers later in the season.

"Ask the Plant and Pest Professor" is compiled from phone and email questions asked the Home and Garden Information Center (HGIC), part of University of Maryland Extension, an educational outreach of the University of Maryland. To ask a home gardening or pest control question or for other help, go to [www.hgic.umd.edu](http://www.hgic.umd.edu). Or phone HGIC at 1-800-342-2507, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

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# COMMUNITY

## Practical Money Skills

By Jason Alderman

### Take 'America Saves Week' to heart

After four years of coping with a stagnant economy, probably the last thing you want to hear is how important it is to sock away money for a rainy day — you already know that. But hear me out, just in case.

Those who struggle with long-term unemployment or under-employment often simply don't have spare cash available to save. Others, worn out by years of being frugal, just want to buy things again.

Even as we wait for economic recovery it's still good to remember — or perhaps learn for the first time — why saving is so vital:

You could lose your job or see your wages cut. Most financial experts recommend having at least six to nine months' income saved for emergencies, but even \$500 could help bail you out of a sticky situation.

Medical care, retirement and college tuition far outpace inflation. In fact, the average college graduate now carries \$25,000 in outstanding loans — debt that can't be discharged through bankruptcy and has no statute of limitations.

If you're approaching or in retirement, your net worth has probably been hammered by plummeting home and retirement account values in recent years.

If nothing else, you can teach your children good financial habits that will serve them well during hard times.

So where can you learn sound savings habits? One great resource is America Saves ([www.americasaves.org](http://www.americasaves.org)), a national campaign sponsored by more than 1,000 non-profit, government and corporate organizations. Their goal is to encourage people from all income levels to save money and build personal wealth using their free financial tools, savings services, advice and other resources, including:

A Personal Wealth Estimator that helps you calculate your current net worth and estimate your future net worth.

Monthly Savings Messages from national financial experts on topics such as money management, investment basics, building wealth through home ownership, saving during tax time and getting out of debt.

Tips for saving money on everything from groceries to utilities to insurance premiums.

Links to numerous websites offering financial education materials.

Last year, more than 2,000 organizations, including non-profits, employers, government agencies, educational institutions and unions participated in the fifth annual America Saves Week, reaching millions of Americans — everything from local banks offering low-fee savings accounts and higher-rate CDs to new savers, to free tax preparation assistance and credit counseling, to worldwide Military Saves drives to encourage savings by military families.

This year's America Saves Week, "Set a Goal, Make a Plan, Save Automatically," is slated for February 19-26, 2012.

Here are some great ways to start saving that first \$500: Direct deposit part or all of your federal tax refund into a savings account or savings bond.

Avoid overdraft and late fees by regularly monitoring your bank and credit card accounts.

Brown-bag it to work more often. If you saved \$5 a week, you'd be half-way there.

Kick bad habits. Smoking a pack of cigarettes a day might cost \$2,000-plus a year.

If you have low-deductible homeowners, renters or auto insurance, consider raising the deductible to \$500 or \$1,000. Many save 15 to 30 percent or more on their premiums.

Saving can be a tough habit to start, but once you're hooked, you'll never go back.

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



## Prince George's Community College Students Prepare to Transfer to Four-Year Institutions

By Joseph Clark  
PGCC

### Workshops address education planning, writing and financial aid

LARGO, Md.—Learn how to transfer and meet face-to-face with representatives from 35 colleges in the University System of Maryland and the Washington metropolitan area. February programs are open to the public unless otherwise noted.

"Student success is the college's top strategic priority and transferring is a key component in reaching our goals," said Johnika Dreher, retention advisor at Prince George's Community College (PGCC). "Workshops and programs have been designed to provide students with information they need to successfully continue their educational pursuits," she added.

Transfer Month Kick-Off, Friday, February 3, 9–10:30 a.m., Bladen Hall. Enjoy a hot beverage and learn about preparing to transfer to four-year colleges from Prince George's Community College advisors.

College Goal Maryland, Saturday, February 4, 9–11:30 a.m., Bladen Hall, Room 102. Learn about Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as the college participates in the state's financial aid awareness initiative. College Goal Maryland, a volunteer program, provides free information and assistance to students and families who are applying for aid for post secondary education. Participants should bring completed tax information and must RSVP at

[CollegeGoalsSundayMd.org](http://CollegeGoalsSundayMd.org) Envision Success: Goal Setting, Tuesday, February 7, Marlboro Hall, Room 2102, 2 p.m. and Marlboro Hall, Room 2129 at 5 p.m. Create a clear step-by-step plan to define educational goals and a solid course of action to envision success.

Financial Fridays: FAFSA Workshops, February 10, 4–5:00 p.m., Bladen Hall 102; February 17, noon–1:00 p.m., Bladen Hall 102; February 24, 10 a.m.–noon, Marlboro Hall 2129. Gain a better understanding of federal student aid at one of three Friday workshops. Federal student aid plays an essential role in supporting postsecondary education by providing money for college to eligible students and families. Financial Aid Counselors will be on hand to assist students with completing their FAFSA. Maryland's deadline for financial aid is March 1.

Transfer Prep Workshop, February 14, noon–1:15 p.m. and 7–8:15 p.m., Marlboro Hall 2129. Learn about and the college's transfer agreements and win prizes. Sessions will offer information about the transfer process, priorities, deadlines and decisions to ensure a smooth transfer experience.

Double College Tour: University of Maryland Eastern Shore and Salisbury University, February 20, 7:30 a.m.–7 p.m.

Visit two area colleges on a one-day bus trip. Cost is \$10 and space is limited to PGCC credit students only. RSVP in Marlboro Hall, Room 2102.

Getting It & Keeping It: Scholarships, February 21, Largo Student Center, Conference Room 2 at noon and Marlboro



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### Business Plan Class at Prince George's Community College.

Hall, Room 2129 at 7 p.m. Participate in an informational workshop on scholarship opportunities with hands-on instruction on how to search and obtain a scholarship.

Write Your Way In: Essay Writing 101, February 21, 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Marlboro Hall, Room, 2129. Improve writing skills for college admissions applications and scholarships. Students will increase the effectiveness of their essays and writing skills overall.

Transfer Day, February 22, 10:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m., Largo Student Center. Meet college admissions representatives and investigate degree options within the University System of Maryland. Students can gather catalogs, applications, transfer brochures and speak to college representatives.

Transfer Day Social: College Edition, February 22, noon–1 p.m., Largo Student Center, Conference Room 2. Network with PGCC faculty, staff and administrators and discuss trans-

fer options. Representatives from dozens of colleges in Maryland will offer information on admission requirements, required grade point averages, pre-requisite courses and scholarship information.

Transfer Jeopardy, February 22, 1–2:30 p.m., Largo Student Center, Conference Room 2. Compete for prizes and share your knowledge of the transfer process during a trivia challenge. Participants will be asked questions about colleges, famous graduates and credits needed to obtain an associate degree.

Education Planning (EduPlan) Workshop, February 28, 10:30–11:30 a.m., Marlboro Hall, Room 2129; 2:30–3:30 p.m., Bladen Hall, Room 102; 5–6 p.m., Marlboro Hall, Room 2129. Utilize PGCC's internal Owl Link system more effectively to plan course schedules.

For more information about Transfer Month, call 301-322-0181.

### Hookah from A1

chose to open the establishment because the "niche was available."

"I think that it will be unique in the sense that - aside from making money - it's run by young people that actually care about the students," he said.

Hookah tobacco contains many of the same harmful chemicals found in cigarettes and can cause similar long-term health effects, such as mouth cancer, lung cancer and cancer of the trachea, Shell said.

### Sarbanes from A1

Congressional District," Sarbanes said in an email. "I am also excited that we are piloting a model of grassroots financing for campaigns to counter special interest influence in Washington."

Sarbanes' fundraising lead is overwhelming, but that's to be expected, said Tony Campbell, a political science professor at Towson University.

"Incumbency has its privileges," said Campbell, who cited Sarbanes' previous successful runs, his recognizable family name and Maryland's preference for Democrats as advantages Sarbanes has over his competitors. "He should be able to make three times what any of his opponents make."

Sarbanes' father, Paul, was elected to represent the 3rd District twice before becoming a United States Senator from 1976 to 2006.

Sarbanes' lone challenger in the Democratic primary, Dave Lockwood, said he has not collected the \$5,000 needed to trigger an FEC campaign spending

report. Lockwood, a management consultant from Silver Spring, said that with enough media attention, his campaign will take off and voters will see the strength behind his positions.

"He's got a name, I got a message," Lockwood said. "And that's fiscal responsibility."

Lawyers and law firms were among Sarbanes' most reliable donors, contributing a total of \$139,849. Among them, attorneys and employees with Venable, LLP, Sarbanes' former employer, stood out, donating \$38,854.

Venable employees were Sarbanes' biggest contributor in the 2008 election cycle, as well.

A significant number of donors also have Greek surnames. Sarbanes, like his father, is a practicing member of the Greek Orthodox faith, and has been a patron of the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation in Baltimore since childhood.

Additionally, Sarbanes has served for more than 20 years as a board member of the Institute for Christian and Jewish

was 17. He now smokes hookah once every two or three weeks near the University of Maryland.

"People like to try new exotic things, and the hookah bars try to recreate the feeling of being in Lebanon, or somewhere else," Drotar said. "I don't know anywhere outside of a [hookah bar] that you can get that experience."

Despite knowing some of the health risks associated with smoking hookah, Drotar said he was not worried.

"If I were smoking every day I would be concerned about it," he said.

Studies, a nonprofit organization which seeks to promote understanding between members of different faiths.

Educators also have been Sarbanes' strong supporters, according to his reports. Sarbanes has backed increased higher education opportunities, and authored a public service loan forgiveness option in 2007.

Sarbanes received \$48,950 from those involved in the education field in 2011, and his second-highest overall contributor was Johns Hopkins University, whose employees donated \$16,750.

With less than two months to go before the Republican primary, none of the Republican candidates have raised or spent more than the \$5,000 minimum required to trigger a filing with the FEC.

Thomas E. "Pinkston" Harris, Armand Girard, Eric Delano Knowles, and Draper Phelps are also running for the Republican nomination, though none have submitted campaign spending reports with the FEC at this time.

Harris did not respond to telephone calls or e-mails, but in

Isabel Slettebak, a 21-year-old student at the University of Maryland School of Nursing in Baltimore City, said she smoked hookah for the first - and last - time when she was 20.

"I guess I decided to do it cause I was over 18 and I could. It seemed like a cool, older thing to try out," she said.

"The place, it was way too smoky for me. After sitting for a while, it felt like I wasn't getting enough air. Then I tried smoking the hookah and it just felt like I had drank a cup of ashes," she said.

the previous two election cycles, Harris did not raise or spend more than \$5,000 on his campaigns.

Knowles, who describes himself on his website as a bartender and veteran, ran for Maryland governor in 2010. He said he plans to raise more than \$5,000 and win the Republican nomination based on the merits of his ideas.

Draper Phelps, a 2008 Carroll County School Board candidate from Annapolis, said he does not plan to raise more than \$5,000.

Nor does Armand Girard, a retired teacher and Army veteran from Baltimore. However, Girard, who last ran for Congress in 2004, said he will increase his efforts to raise money if he wins the Republican primary.

Sarbanes won all three of his general election congressional campaigns with over 60 percent of the vote, with the highest being 2008's victory, 69.6 percent to Harris' 30 percent.

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# COMMENTARY

**Cong. Chris Van Hollen**  
House Democratic Minority Whip



## Breaking the Cycle of Childhood Poverty

This post is part of a series on childhood poverty in the United States in partnership with Save the Children and Julianne Moore. Moore leads the organization's Valentine's Day campaign, through which cards are sold to support the fight against poverty in the U.S. To learn more go to [SaveTheChildren.org](http://SaveTheChildren.org).

America stands as a beacon of hope and the possibility of a better life -- but it is also a nation where nearly 1 in 4 children live in poverty. Some of these children don't have permanent places to call home, others go to bed hungry and don't have access to proper medical care, and often their schools are underfunded and understaffed. Every day, families in the United States face the stark choice between a roof over their heads and food on the table. Buying health insurance, owning a home, and saving up for college are just too far out of their reach.

It is widely known that the effects of childhood poverty follow children through adolescence and into adulthood. If children are not enrolled in early education programs, they are 50 percent more likely to be placed in special education and 25 percent more likely to drop out of school. They are 60 percent more likely to never attend college, 70 percent more likely to be arrested for a violent crime, and 40 percent more likely to become a teen parent.

The economic recession that we're still recovering from only makes these problems worse. That is why our first priority must be putting Americans back to work. We must also ensure that, while we work to reduce the deficit over the long-term, we protect the important social safety-nets for children. The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program stands at the center of the effort to ensure families have access to the basic food they need, with over 45 million participants. Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program are critical to helping low-income children get a healthy start in life. Additionally, unemployment insurance puts more money in the pockets of parents and caregivers who are unemployed through no fault of their own, allowing them to purchase necessary items for their families. These programs not only alleviate financial burdens, they help the economy. As money flows to local businesses, existing jobs are saved

and new ones are created. In addition to federal funding, the non-profit community is fighting on the front lines to break the cycle of poverty. For example, the advocacy efforts of Save the Children positively impacts more than 56 million children in the United States annually, and they serve about 147,000 children, parents, and caregivers each year through their programs.

Protecting these programs, especially during difficult economic times, is essential -- but there is more to be done. Fixing the structural problems in our education system is key to breaking the cycle of poverty and creating economic opportunity in this nation. Early childhood education programs, such as Head Start, lay the foundation for learning and increase a child's chances for future success. We need to renew our commitment to these programs, as well as a quality public K -- 12 education for all Americans.

One of the greatest obstacles to escaping poverty is the staggering cost of higher education. Increasing tuition rates can be insurmountable roadblocks for high school graduates who are trying to forge a path out of poverty for their families. Last Congress, we passed historic education reform legislation that revolutionized higher education assistance by investing billions in the Pell Grant program, community colleges, Historically Black Colleges and Universities and other Minority Serving Institutions. The legislation will also cap repayments on student loan debt at 10 percent of discretionary income to help make sure that recent graduates aren't crippled by student loan payments. These investments put college within reach for students from low-income families, allowing them to not only obtain a college degree but also have better employment opportunities, earn higher salaries, and ultimately make our entire nation more competitive in the global economy.

Unlocking the potential of Americans is the key to revitalizing the economy, lifting our communities, and strengthening our nation. Now more than ever, Congress must shed partisan politics and come together to break the cycle of childhood poverty. It is not only a moral imperative, it is good policy.

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## Don Cornelius - Love, Peace, Soul!

*"I had a burning desire to see black people depicted on television in a positive light."*  
Don Cornelius

In 1970, a groundbreaking TV show, created and hosted by a suave, impeccably-dressed black man, literally danced its way into the soul of America and built a cultural bridge that we are still crossing today. Soul Train was the show and Don Cornelius was the man. In recent years, he had been struggling with both personal and health problems, and last week America was stunned to learn that the 75-year old Cornelius had apparently taken his own life.

We remember Don Cornelius as a man brimming with creative genius who, through the power of music and dance, beckoned all Americans to get on board and celebrate the gift of life. Soul Train burst on the scene in 1970. After the many triumphs and tragedies of the 1960's, the civil rights movement was at a crossroads. Anti-war protests were raging. Blacks and Whites were marching together. And more and more young people were crossing racial and cultural boundaries to share the best of both worlds. Don Cornelius and Soul Train epitomized that consciousness.

At a time when black artists were just beginning to gain a measure of mainstream exposure through occasional appearances on shows like Dick Clark's American Bandstand, Cornelius put a weekly spotlight on such performers as the Jackson Five, Marvin Gaye, James Brown, and Aretha Franklin.

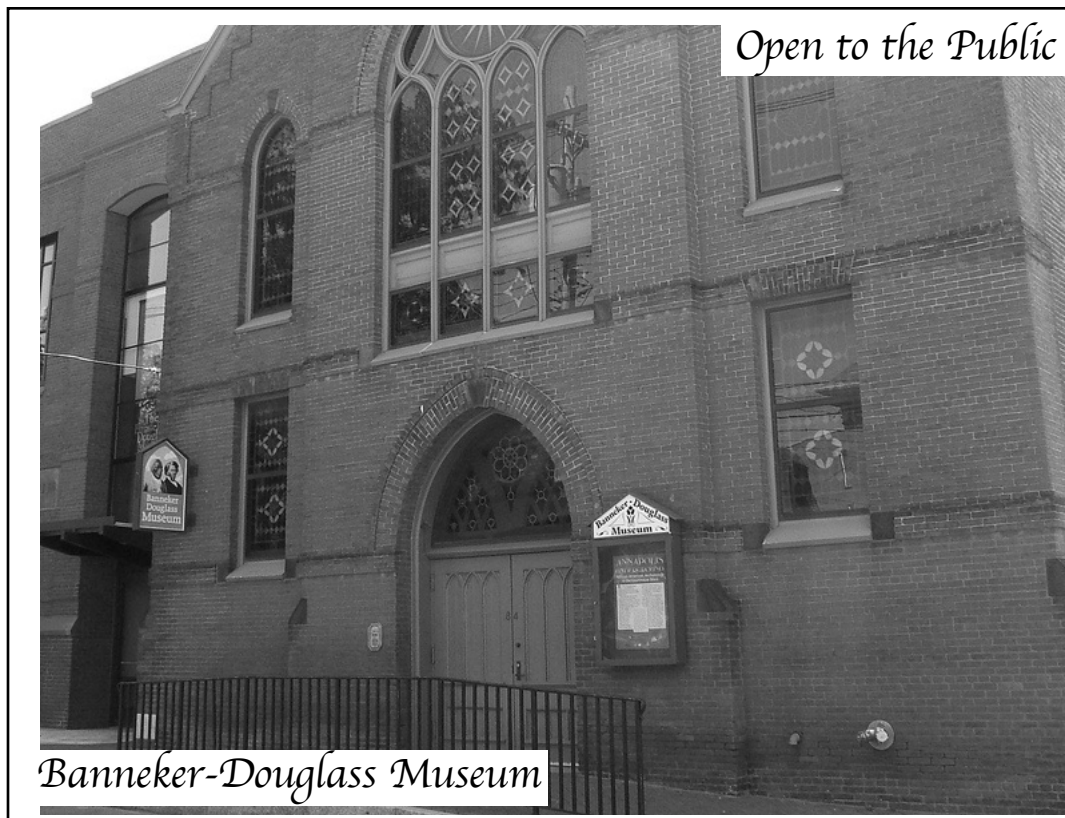
Eventually white artists graced the Soul Train stage, including Elton John and David Bowie.

The show also featured some of the "hippest" dancers and dance moves ever seen on national TV. Cornelius oversaw every aspect of the program, serving as host, writer, and producer. He even sold advertising.

He may not have seen himself as a civil rights leader, but many did. In reaction to his death, Roots drummer Ahmir "Questlove" Thompson wrote, "Next to Berry Gordy, Don Cornelius was hands down the most crucial nonpolitical figure to emerge from the Civil Rights era post-'68." Quincy Jones described him as "a visionary pioneer." And Aretha Franklin said, "God bless him for...the unity and brotherhood he singlehandedly brought about with his most memorable creation of Soul Train."

Don Cornelius was born on September 27, 1936 and grew up on the South Side of Chicago. His deep baritone voice and smooth manner made him a natural salesman. In his early professional life he sold cars and insurance. But in 1968 he decided to pursue his passion for broadcasting. He landed a job as a local radio announcer and soon-after created Soul Train as a syndicated show on Chicago's WCIU TV. Soul Train went on to become one of the longest-running syndicated shows in television history.

Earvin "Magic" Johnson, who bought Soul Train TV last year said Cornelius, "was the first African American to create, produce, host and more importantly, OWN his own television show." We join all Americans in thanking Don Cornelius for inviting us to his Saturday morning dance party for so many years. His legacy will live forever.



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## Banneker-Douglass Museum

PHOTO BY SRHBTH. FLICKR

A former AME church in Annapolis, MD - now the Banneker-Douglass museum. The Banneker-Douglass Museum, located in Annapolis, maintains the state's official collection of African-American history and culture. Named for Benjamin Banneker and Frederick Douglass, the museum hosts lectures, workshops and performances. One of the current exhibitions is *Portraits of Courage*, a collection of paintings that features prominent African-Americans in Maryland history.

## Child Watch

by Marion Wright Edelman



## "I Just Want a Job"

The January jobs report from the U.S. Department of Labor was good news for the 243,000 people who found jobs. And good news for the American economy as the unemployment rate fell to 8.3 percent, the lowest level in nearly three years. This is the 16th straight month of jobs growth, but the recovery can't come soon enough for the millions of long-term unemployed like Tiffany Hanebuth from Middletown, Ohio. She says, "I just want a job, any kind of job."

As with other families barely afloat on minimum wage jobs, the Hanebuths never had steady smooth sailing, but they were self-supporting until two years ago when Tiffany was laid off as a carhop at a Sonic drive-in and could not find another job. "I remember before, you could just go anywhere and get an application and get hired that day. It's not like that now," she said.

Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter Julia Cass recently met Tiffany Hanebuth on assignment for the Children's Defense Fund, and Cass says by anybody's definition Tiffany is a survivor and a worker. Tiffany was raised by her father who she said was a biker and bar owner. "He started bringing friends home and it was too much for me," Tiffany said. By the time she was 12 she left home to stay with friends and eventually found a job, got her own apartment, and finished high school. Tiffany didn't meet her mother until she was 17. "My father told me she didn't want to take care of me because she was a drug addict," Tiffany said. "I wanted to find her and I did. She was a drug addict."

Daniel, 6, Ayden, 7, Aaron, 10, and Serenity, 5, live in a housing project in Middletown, Ohio. In the past two years, they've also stayed in a motel and a homeless shelter because their mother, Tiffany Hanebuth, lost her job and has not been able to find another job.

Despite the fact that her own childhood was so chaotic and cut short, Tiffany wants to provide a better life for her own children, Aaron, 10, Ayden, 7,

Daniel, 6, and Serenity, 5. Aaron said he wants to go to college, get a job at NASA, live with his mom, and pay the bills for her. Tiffany has always been the breadwinner for her children although their father, who doesn't live with them, helps out with child care and other occasional needs. She's worked at gas stations, fast food restaurants, grocery stores, a Bob Evans restaurant, and various factories through temporary agencies before she lost her job two years ago.

Tiffany managed on unemployment for almost a year but fell behind on her rent and the family was evicted. She lost \$150 when a landlord kept her deposit and didn't give her the apartment. "He said, 'Take me to court if you want to.' I think he knew I couldn't afford to do that." That's when the family lived for a while in a motel and a homeless shelter. The shelter staff helped her get public housing at a sprawling complex named Freedom Court where Tiffany pays \$180 a month rent. She also signed up for food stamps and in June 2010, for cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

Anyone who thinks welfare recipients do nothing but sit around and cash their checks isn't familiar with the schedules

of Tiffany and many others like her. The welfare reform of the late 1990s put the emphasis on moving recipients from welfare to work and set a lifetime limit on federally-assisted cash payments for many families. Initially recipients are required to go to a job readiness site for a month to get training in resume writing and interview skills and use the computers and fax machines to apply for jobs. The big problem is that when there aren't many jobs, the system doesn't work as designed. So Tiffany was assigned to community service in exchange for receiving cash assistance (about \$650 a month for her and the children). Her assignment was at the local Salvation Army where she put donated clothing on racks and did whatever else she was asked to do. After several months, she was hired there and went off cash assistance. "But I only worked there a month and a half before they had to let the new people go," she said.

When she reapplied for cash assistance she was told she would be sanctioned for not reporting to community service and could not receive assistance for three months because she was on record as not having signed in at the Salvation Army.

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# BUSINESS

## Bowie State University Partners With EPA to Provide Student, Faculty Opportunities



**Business Exchange**  
by William Reed

WASHINGTON - Bowie State University (BSU) President Mickey L. Burnim signed an agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to extend an existing partnership that will provide academic and practical experience opportunities for BSU students through internships, mentoring programs and research projects. The signing with EPA Administrator Lisa P. Jackson was held at EPA headquarters in Washington, D.C. Jan. 31.

BSU students like Melissa Parson, a junior majoring in business management from Laurel, Md., have had the opportunity to learn first-hand how to build a successful career. "After working with a mentor from EPA for a semester last spring, I learned how to best prepare for a career in business," she said. "This program actually led me to an internship opportunity with EPA doing grant-related work for the past two semesters."

The EPA/BSU partnership is designed to allow the university and the EPA to collaborate in enhancing faculty and student participation in joint research projects and increasing student access to employment opportunities at EPA.

"By partnering with the EPA, Bowie State University is providing important opportunities for students to gain valuable real-world experience that will prepare them for successful careers in a number of growing fields," said Burnim. "We are also gaining access to superior research facilities and expert scientists who can add substance to our various science curricula."

The College of Arts and Sciences joined the College of Business for the new agreement in an effort to provide development opportunities for more students and faculty. This addition will include faculty research collaboration with EPA scientists, the development of an environmental science curriculum and community outreach opportunities.

The new partnership extends the original agree-



**Bowie State Partners With EPA to Provide Student, Faculty Opportunities**

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From left to right, EPA Administrator Lisa P. Jackson; and Bowie State University President Mickey L. Burnim, participated in the joint signing Jan. 31 at EPA headquarters in Washington.

ment which was established in September 2009. EPA also signed agreements with Howard University and Wilberforce University. For more information about the EPA, visit the website: [www.bowiestate.edu](http://www.bowiestate.edu).

### About Bowie State University

Bowie State University (BSU) is an important higher education access portal for qualified persons from diverse

academic and socioeconomic backgrounds, seeking a high quality and affordable public comprehensive university. The University places special emphasis on the science, technology, teacher education, business, and nursing disciplines within the context of a liberal arts education. For more information about BSU, visit the website at [www.bowiestate.edu](http://www.bowiestate.edu).

### Settlement from A1

loan modification for homeowners who are behind on their payments.

-- \$64 million toward refinancing loans of homeowners who are not behind on their payments, but who owe more on their mortgages than their homes are worth. Refinancing will allow them to take advantage of the current low interest rates.

-- \$62.5 million will go to the state in part to provide housing counselors and legal assistance to homeowners. Prince George's and Baltimore counties, the areas of the state hardest hit by the foreclosure crisis, will receive the most assistance, Gansler said. About \$6 million will go to the state's general fund.

-- \$24 million to homeowners who lost their homes to foreclosure. Each homeowner will receive a check worth between \$1,800 and \$2,000.

### Marriage from A1

General Assembly. He said during the question and answer session that his thinking on same-sex marriage has evolved.

"We make judgments as to where we can do - most of us, anyway - make judgments as to where we can do the most good to foster a consensus that moves the issue forward in the short time we have to serve," he said. "It was my thought that around the notion of civil unions was where I could be most impactful in forming that consensus."

O'Malley is championing same-sex marriage this year, he said, because of shifts in his "personal understanding" and "public thought" regarding the issue.

"The public I serve moved more quickly than I had thought on this issue. That involves a personal judgment on my part, too," he said.

The compensation will be distributed over the next three years.

"It is in the bank's economic interest to get money out as soon as possible," Gansler said, because they will face a fine if they fail to deliver the compensation in a timely manner.

As part of the deal, the states forfeit their right to pursue legal claims against the banks related to mortgage servicing and origination. Gansler stressed that states can still sue the banks for other forms of wrongdoing, such as the securitization of faulty mortgages, and that individuals can still bring their own suits against the banks.

About 40,000 homeowners will be affected by the settlement, Gansler said.

Homeowners who believe they may qualify for part of the settlement may call the Maryland Hope Hotline at 1-877-462-7555 or log into the website at [www.mdhope.org](http://www.mdhope.org).

"Half the people won't even

call for the free money because they won't believe it," Gansler said.

"This is just where it becomes our job to let people know about it," said Rep. Donna Edwards, D-Fort Washington. "The state and county have all sorts of mechanisms to do so and I'm sure we'll do it."

Gansler also urged homeowners to seek help from housing counselors and to be wary of scams.

George Washington University economics professor Anthony Yezer, who has testified before Congress on the foreclosure crisis, was skeptical of the settlement.

"The big problem we face right now is the capitalization of the banking system and this doesn't help. We're going to look like Japan in the 1990's," he said.

The settlement marks the end of a 14-month negotiation between the banks and state

vice chair of the Legislative Black Caucus of Maryland.

After the event in Baltimore, the governor released a statement on the court ruling, announced in San Francisco, saying it is evidence that "the principles of equal protection under the law and of equal respect for the freedom of all will prevail."

He later appeared live on MSNBC's "PoliticsNation" with Rev. Al Sharpton, who recently joined the fight for marriage equality in Maryland by appearing in a web ad campaign.

O'Malley and supporters face a tough road in gaining a "handful" of votes to push the bill through the House of Delegates this year, an area where the governor's influence is crucial.

O'Malley alluded Tuesday to a number of House cosponsors who had "second thoughts" as

attorneys general.

"Some of the heroes in this are the states that held out because the settlement became that much sweeter," Gansler said.

The deal came to fruition when California and New York agreed to join the settlement Wednesday evening. It includes every state except Oklahoma.

The agreement is intended to boost a weak housing market that Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said is holding back the nation's economy.

Between 2010 and 2011 Maryland single-family home prices declined 3.6 percent according to data provided by CoreLogic.

Accompanied by attorneys general and Cabinet members, President Obama issued a statement in which he said, "All told, this isn't just good for those families -- it's good for their neighborhoods, it's good for their communities, and it's good for our economy."

they moved toward a vote last year.

He met last week with Delegate Jill Carter, D-Baltimore, to discuss several issues, including same-sex marriage. Carter, a cosponsor last year, was notably absent for a key Judiciary Committee hearing in March before later voting for the legislation in committee.

Carter is not listed as a cosponsor this year and has not said publicly how she will vote.

The Civil Marriage Protection Act seeks to undo a 39-year-old law that defined marriage as being between one man and one woman.

That bill passed with an overwhelming majority in both the House and the Senate in 1973.

"Things do change," said Curran, who chaired the Senate committee to which that bill was assigned, echoing O'Malley's sentiments.

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# OUT ON THE TOWN

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## Movie Review

### "The Artist"

"THE ARTIST" B+  
Rated PG-13, absurdly, for an image of a gun and a potential suicide, and for someone flipping a middle finger.  
1 hr., 40 min.

Nothing about "The Artist" is transcendent or brilliant. A frothy, upbeat tale of old Hollywood, it's clever but not particularly innovative, different but not unique, funny but not hilarious. Yet as frothy, upbeat tales of old Hollywood go, it's superb, full of small delights and general sunshine.

The year is 1927, and a grinning ham named George Valentin (Jean Dujardin) is silent cinema's brightest star, his dashing good looks and pencil-thin mustache gracing the screen in action-romance-adventures like "A Russian Affair" and, coming soon, "A German Affair." With a talented Jack Russell terrier as his sidekick both onscreen and off, George lives a life of constant shtick: mugging for cameras, absorbing applause, doing comedy bits at the breakfast table for his unamused wife (Penelope Ann Miller). Though he can be an oblivious buffoon -- especially toward his put-upon costar (Missi Pyle) -- there's something innocent about his exuberance, like he himself can barely believe how famous and lucky he is. He's on top of the world, in that comically exaggerated way that characters are on top of the world right before something bad happens to them.

Along comes Peppy Miller (Berenice Bejo), a plucky gal with dreams of being a star. She uses a chance encounter with George to moxie her way onto the set of his next film as an extra, then parlays that into a film career. She flirts with George; George remains respectable, considering he is a married man. But there's something there.

When the movies become talkies, Peppy readily adapts. George, however, is old-school. He protests that the audience never needed to hear him talk before, and that it's silly to make such a drastic change when things are fine the way they are. The studio head (John Goodman), now in the business of making sound pictures exclusively, reluctantly lets George go. Undeterred, George sets out to write, produce, direct, and star in his own movie, a silent adventure like his fans are used to. But the public is fickle, and yesterday's most famous man in the world is tomorrow's has-been. The 1929 stock market crash doesn't help George's situation either. Only Clifton (James Cromwell), his faithful valet, stays by his side.

There's a lovely scene in which George and Peppy run into each other on the studio lot as she's going up the stairs and he's coming down (a not-too-subtle metaphor for their career trajectories). They haven't crossed paths in a while, and both of their fortunes have changed significantly. Whereas



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A suspenseful and gripping psychological thriller, Lynne

George was once perpetually happy, with no reason to doubt that his life would always be wonderful, he's now drifting into unfamiliar territory: sadness. Peppy reminds him of a bright spot at what he now fears was the tail end of his career.

But like the corny melodramas it imitates, "The Artist" never gets bogged down in actual sadness. That would defeat the purpose, which is to revel in the simple charms of old Hollywood. Written and directed by Michel Hazanavicius, the whimsical Frenchman (is there any other kind?) who made the "OSS 117" spy spoofs a few years ago, "The Artist" pays homage to an era that the vast majority of moviegoers are too young to remember. Like the films of the 1920s, it's in black-and-white and almost entirely silent, the dialogue conveyed

with title cards, the action supported by Ludovic Bource's thoroughly enjoyable musical score. (I don't download a lot of instrumental movie soundtracks, but I'm listening to this one right now.)

Making a silent film in 2011, even a silent film about silent films, is a gimmick, sure, but Hazanavicius doesn't use it as a joke. A joke would wear thin. "The Artist" remains jaunty and surprising all the way up to its of-course-there's-a-happy-ending happy ending. Dujardin, with an expressive face made for silent movies and a gift for physical humor, captures that exaggerated, old-timey style of acting without parodying it, and Bejo (who is the director's wife) is just as capable. The film executes its singular vision confidently, with no major missteps. It's fun, all right? It's just fun.

## The Edge of Sports

by DAVE ZIRIN

### The Importance of Being Visible: Why Protests Should Be a Part of Super Bowl Sunday

This Sunday, the greatest multitude in the history of the United States will be tuning into the same television show at the same time. The 2012 Super Bowl, to be played between two major media markets, the New England Patriots and New York Giants, kicks off at 6:30 pm. This year's game can also be called, "The East Coast Bias Bowl," the "ESPN Nocturnal Emission Bowl" or the "Pox on Both Houses Bowl."

Popularity plus polarization will mean epic ratings. It also means a pox of sponsors branding Indianapolis's Lucas Oil Field within an inch of its life. But while the high rollers will party down and Fortune 500 companies will have an unparalleled audience, the city of Indianapolis will reel under the weight of our national party.

Bloomberg News, which no one will mistake for The Nation, headlined an article, "Super Bowl Lands on Taxpayers' Backs as Indianapolis Stadium Deal Sour." Bloomberg describes a state of affairs in Indy where "Super Bowl fans are riding zip lines through downtown" while "taxpayers are digging deeper in their pockets to pay for the stadium where the game will be played."

They report that local officials have had to hike sales and hospitality taxes to pay off \$43 million in "unexpected financing costs." The Bloomberg article joins a withering piece in the Indianapolis Business Journal about how the local economic impact will be less bonanza than meteor. No amount of extra shifts for waiters and parking lot attendants can match the tax burden they will endure in order to play host. But at least city planners can have that zipline and the "800,000-square-foot exposition" called "The NFL Experience"

This Woodstock for the 1 percent in the state capital has, as we've been covering, been coupled with the passage of the anti-union, anti-wage, "right to work" laws by the Republican-dominated Indiana statehouse. It seemed earlier this week that the Occupy movement along with the AFL-CIO and joined by a highly supportive NFL Players Association could translate into a serious show of force right at the gate of the stadium. There have been marches this week through "The NFL Experience" of more than 1,000 people, and today NFL Players Association executive director DeMaurice Smith spoke and marched in a 400-person UNITE rally at the city's main Hyatt Hotel.

This has been welcome, with one person describing it to me as "electrifying," but the state's union leaders are also explicitly pulling back from any kind of public showing in front of the stadium or on the Super Bowl grounds this Sunday. Nancy Guyott, president of the Indiana AFL-CIO, said today, "The Indiana State AFL-CIO does not plan nor condone any attempts to disrupt the Super Bowl. While we understand the anger and frustration of working Hoosiers' over the disgraceful passage of the so-called, 'right to work' bill, the appropriate outlet will be at the ballot box, not the Super Bowl." She made clear that no state locals would be participating in any rallies in any kind of official capacity.

De Smith in his Thursday press conference said that the NFLPA was committed to challenging other states where "right to work" laws have been proposed, but did not speak to any action this Sunday. In addition to a sigh of relief from the local media, Laura Crewson blogging for Daily Kos Labor endorsed a plan of action. "With the NFL Players Association having vocally opposed that law, it's an opportunity to draw attention to labor issues in the state," she wrote. "At the same time, you don't want to be the assholes who actually disrupted the Super Bowl, so there's a line to walk here."

There are two problems with this approach. The first is this strawman idea that the choices Sunday are either to "be disruptive" or do nothing. A loud and proud picket on the Super Bowl grounds might not win adherents among those who can afford tickets, but it would be a way to raise awareness on a national scale. The same is true if players wore a patch on their shoulder, helmet or even chinstrap. Given the anti-labor and right-to-work initiatives being considered in Minnesota, Arizona and even Michigan, there cannot be enough visibility. Also, given the politics that swamp the Super Bowl, from the corporate branding to the military commercialism to the anti-abortion ads, why should labor be at all sheepish about having a voice on game day?

But no one should assume that the union leadership's words will be law on Sunday. If the Occupy movement has taught people anything it's that fortune favors the bold. Already, there is a demonstration called for noon at the Indianapolis state house, but that could be just the appetizer. The Wall Street Journal quoted Tim Janko, a steelworker from northwest Indiana, and Perry Stabler, a retired steelworker, who both said they would be seen and heard on game day. Janko said, "I'm going to picket the Super Bowl because this is wrong," he said. "I'm going to have a Teamster drive me into town." Stabler also commented, "Union workers built that stadium, they should have the right to demonstrate in front of it."

The people of Indiana are angry. I'm not sure telling them that anger has its time and its place is going to do the trick.

## Users Share Photos at Their Fingertips in Latest Internet Craze

By NICK FOLEY  
Capital News Service

WASHINGTON - Stephanie Walker stumbled across a photo-sharing application for her iPhone while scrolling through her Twitter feed one day and decided to download it.

The "app," called Instagram, transformed her ordinary photo into something quirky and unique. Now, she's hooked.

"I figured I'd give it a try, and it's growing on me," said Walker, a senior kinesiology major at the University of Maryland. "I really like the idea that you can alter the pictures after you take them. ... You can be really creative."

This newest social media craze -- available for free in the mobile App Store -- allows users to edit photos taken on their smartphone cameras using a variety of filters -- from sepia tones to 1970s-inspired hues -- which transform ordinary snapshots into professional-quality photos. Users can then share these pictures via Instagram, as well as through their Twitter and Facebook accounts.

"I haven't come across a boring picture yet," said Walker. "Somebody could take a picture of a leaf, change it and it'd still look cool."

The application launched in October 2010 and quickly gained 1 million followers in less than three months. It reached 10 million users by September and now boasts 15 million. In December, Apple awarded it "iPhone App of the Year."

According to the company's website, co-founders Kevin Systrom and Mike Krieger envisioned a "fast and efficient"



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photo-sharing service that challenged the assumption that "taking interesting photos takes a big bulky camera and a couple years of art school." They then raised \$500,000 from Andreessen Horowitz and Baseline Ventures, as well as another \$7 million investment from Benchmark Capital.

The company did not return messages seeking comment.

The secret to the brand's success is its marriage of smartphone technology and social media, according to Chris Harris, who teaches a digital marketing course at Johns Hopkins University. As an iPhone app, Instagram brings a unique flavor to the social media craze normally dominated by websites.

"The smartphone opens up everything," Harris said. "We're able to ... get to where we want to be in the palm of our hands, and you couple that with the whole social media revolution, and Instagram really hit on something."

However, everyday users aren't the only ones latching onto Instagram -- various news outlets, companies and political figures have downloaded it, too. President Obama joined the application Jan. 2, hinting at a desire to embrace emerging forms of social media as the 2012 election draws closer.

Instagram hasn't announced plans to bring the application to the Android or Blackberry platforms, and is instead "working on making the iPhone experience as solid as possible," according to its website.

But Harris said the company should work to expand its services if it hopes to be sustainable in the future.

"There's almost a sense of pride that it's available on the iPhone," he said. "Don't pigeonhole yourself ... the iPhone is not the entire market."

And in the fast-paced, fickle world of social media, other brands -- such as

Pinterest, an online pinboard where users can share photo collections using themes -- could quickly usurp Instagram by incorporating some of its features into its software, Harris added.

"The chances are that there are other apps that will take the best of Instagram ... and essentially add it into their offerings in the social media revolution," he said. "There's no guarantee that Instagram will be this popular a year from now."

Another University of Maryland student, junior psychology major Sophie Jablonsky, said that as an avid photographer, Instagram simplified her craft.

"I thought, 'This is a really great way to take pictures easily and then show them to people,'" she said. "That's one of the things that's so great about it: You can take something completely mundane and stationary and make it into something artistic."

# Calendar of Events

February 16 - February 22, 2012

## Film Series: Ella Fitzgerald Live at Montreux 1969

Date and Time: February 18, 6 pm  
 Event Description: Treat yourself to a concert by one of the greats. This concert video is from Ella Fitzgerald's first appearance at the Montreux Jazz Festival in 1969. Captured in beautifully restored black and white footage, this concert features 14 tracks that exhibit Fitzgerald's wide range as an artist, with accompaniment by Ed Thigpen on drums, Frank de la Rosa on bass, and Tommy Flanagan on piano. American cuisine will be served.  
 Ages: Adults  
 Fee: \$25/Dinner & film; \$10/Film only; Tickets that include dinner must be purchased by noon on the Friday preceding the Saturday screening. Seniors and members receive a 10% discount. Call for details.  
 Location: *Montpelier Arts Center*  
 9652 Muirkirk Road, Laurel 20708  
 Information: 301-377-7800, 410-792-0664; TTY 301-490-2329

## Concert: The Swallows

Date and Time: Saturday, February 18, 8 pm  
 Event Description: Formed in Baltimore in 1946 as the "Oakateers," the group's members included Lawrence Coxson, Irving Turner, Earl Hurlley and Norris "Bunky" Mack. The "Oakateers" practiced on street corners until around 1948, when they joined with Eddie Rich and Frederick "Money Guitar" Johnson. Second tenor and baritone Herman "Junior" Denby was hired later. Irving Turner stopped singing with the group, but was kept on as valet (and as an occasional fill-in). The Swallows' recording of "Will You Be Mine" was released in 1951, and is now widely regarded as one of the first major doo-wop hits. "Will You Be Mine" reached a peak position of Number 9 on the Billboard R&B charts. In 1952, the Swallows released "Beside You," which became their second national hit, peaking at Number 10 on Billboard's R&B chart. Eddie Rich and the Swallows are still going strong, performing at clubs and cabarets all over the country. The 78-year old Eddie Rich continues to perform the group's classics, in addition to new compositions.  
 Ages: All ages  
 Fee: \$30/general admission; \$25/seniors & students  
 Location: *Arts/Harmony Hall Regional Center*  
 10701 Livingston Road, Ft. Washington 20744  
 Information: 301-203-6070; TTY 301-203-3803

## 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 2012-2012 DANCE SEASON

CHEVERLY, MD—The Publick Playhouse 2012-2012 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.

# EARTH TALK ... Finding safe personal care products

Dear EarthTalk:

*I know that there are many issues with personal care products being unsafe for our health, but where do I look to find out what's safe and what's not?*

-- Mary Pulaski,  
Trenton, NJ

The average American uses about 10 personal care products each day, resulting in exposure to some 100 unique chemicals. But the vast majority of the 12,500 chemicals used by the \$50 billion beauty industry have never been assessed for safety, according to the Campaign for Safe Cosmetics (CSC), a coalition of eight non-profits concerned about the health of cosmetics and personal care products.

"Many of these chemicals are linked to adverse health effects like cancer, birth defects and other serious health issues," CSC reports. And with cosmetics chemicals showing up in breast milk and umbilical cord blood, not to mention rivers, lakes and drinking water aquifers, it is indeed a problem that affects us all.

Unfortunately for American consumers, these products aren't held to the same high safety standard as foods and drugs in the United States, and as such manufacturers do not have to disclose ingredients on their products' labels. That

means it's up to consumers to educate themselves as to what products to buy and which to avoid if human health and the environment are concerns.

To the rescue comes the non-profit Environmental Working Group (EWG), which launched its SkinDeep database back in 2004 to give consumers a way to learn about what's in the products they use on their skin and bodies. Today, SkinDeep—which is free to use and has a user-friendly, keyword-searchable interface—features health and safety profiles on 69,000 different cosmetics and personal care products.

"Our aim is to fill in where industry and government leave off," reports EWG, whose researchers cross-reference hundreds of safety studies and nearly 60 toxicity and regulatory databases against thousands of product ingredient labels to help consumers find the safest cosmetics and personal care items.

Beyond searching for your most frequently used creams, gels and elixirs to get the low-down on their safety, users can also learn what to avoid by browsing the site's "What Not to Buy" section. Harsh soaps, anything with chemical fragrances, many nail polishes and most dark permanent hair dyes top the list of products health-conscious consumers should steer clear of—or at least check out on SkinDeep. The website lists safer versions of all these



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product types for those who just can't live without.

But public health advocates and environmentalists alike, of course, would prefer that all personal care products could be trusted to not be rash-inducing, carcinogenic or otherwise harmful. CSC has been lobbying Congress about the need for stricter laws and U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) oversight, and last year was instrumental in getting the Safe Cosmetics Act (HR 2359) introduced into the House of Representatives. While the bill stalled in committee, it would have required the FDA to create a list of specific contaminants likely to be found in certain cosmetics ingredients and provide testing protocols to determine which ones qualified for

warning labels, phase-outs or outright bans. Whether a similar bill will come up again anytime soon remains to be seen. In the meantime, consumers should make sure to visit the SkinDeep database before lathering up.

CONTACTS: EWG's SkinDeep Database, [www.ewg.org/skindeep](http://www.ewg.org/skindeep); CSC, [www.safecosmetics.org](http://www.safecosmetics.org).

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## Science from A1

mony, in which Obama addressed a room of more than 100 science and technology competition winners from across the country, validated his long-time effort to create a full-fledged video game on his own.

"It kind of makes me feel good to know that what I've been working so hard to do has been recognized," Sherman said.

And to be recognized by Obama himself was even better, he added. The young video game enthusiast dreams of attend-

ing the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, adding that he is still considering degrees in computer programming, computer engineering or Web design.

"I haven't decided yet, so I'm trying to keep my paths open," Sherman said.

Obama opened the festivities saying, "This is fun. It's not every day that you have robots running all over your house...I also shot a marshmallow through an air gun, which was very exciting."

However, Obama still stressed the importance of encouraging

young innovators, telling the award-winners that their efforts would ensure "America will win the race to the future." "If we are recognizing athletic achievements, we also need to be recognizing science achievements," Obama said. "It's young people like you that make me so confident that America's best days are still to come." Obama also announced several new initiatives aimed at fostering technological inventions in the future: an \$80 million investment in the presidential budget to better prepare

STEM teachers, accompanied by a \$22 million match from the private sector for the same purpose.

These efforts are in support of a goal of graduating 1 million more Americans in STEM programs over the next 10 years, he added. "We're a nation of tinkers and dreamers and believers in a better tomorrow," Obama said. "I can't think of a better way to spend a morning than with the young people who are here doing their part and creating some unbelievable stuff in the process...I'm proud of you."

# "SAFETY - FIRST DAY of the Month"

Mark E. Brady

One of the initial fire safety additions made by incoming Fire Chief Marc Bashoor in 2011 was to establish a philosophy of safety. This philosophy is not only geared toward firefighters and medics being safe during the course of their shift, but is also directed at our citizens and residents. "SAFETY FIRST - Ensures Everyone Goes Home," is designed as much for those we serve as for those serving. If all homeowners maintained working smoke alarms in their homes, their families would benefit from the early warning of a fire and exit their home safely. The Prince George's County Fire/Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Department would also benefit, as an early notification would enable us to respond and extinguish a fire before total damage could occur. A working smoke alarm in a Bowie home recently demonstrated that both the family and firefighters survived and were able to go home. No firefighters were injured and operated with minimal exposure to the extreme dangers of the job. A Lewisdale family had no smoke alarms in their home and the consequences were tragic.

As an extension of the "SAFETY FIRST- Everyone Goes Home" program, we will remind all citizens and residents of monthly basic smoke alarm tips. This will ensure they are afforded the constant protection of a working smoke alarm. On the first of every month, the

Fire/EMS Department will remind everyone the day is "SAFETY - FIRST DAY of the month," the day on which smoke alarms should be tested to make sure they are working. Included with each monthly reminder will be other safety tips associated with smoke alarms. We encourage everyone to take advantage of these tips. We further encourage fire departments and citizens and residents across the country to use these safety reminders, as well.

The Fire/EMS Department will also expand our SAFETY FIRST smoke alarm initiative by requiring all 45 of our Fire/EMS Stations to visit their communities and make contact with a minimum of 40 homes per month. Firefighters will discuss fire safety within the home and test smoke alarms. If a new smoke alarm is needed, they will install one free of charge.

The life and death significance of having working smoke alarms was demonstrated in two recent incidents. Both of these incidents involved fires occurring in single-family homes around 4:00 A.M., while family members slept. One home had a working smoke alarm; the other did not.

On November 25, 2011, firefighters responded to the 14100 block of Pleasant View Drive in Bowie, where a family was awakened by an activated smoke alarm just after 4:00 A.M. One family member was able to exit the home on his

own, while other family members sheltered in place. They were unable to escape, due to the high heat and thick smoke that filled their second floor bedroom hallway. Firefighters arrived, extinguished the fire, and rescued the four trapped occupants.

On November 27, 2011, just before 4:00 A.M., firefighters responded to the 2400 block of Griffen Street in Lewisdale for a house fire. The crews arrived and found heavy fire and thick smoke coming from the one-story, single-family home. One family member escaped; however, three others did not. Two adult females and one child died from smoke-related injuries. It appears they became aware of the fire and attempted to escape but were too late. The heat and smoke had already filled their hallways and bedrooms, making an escape impossible. The fire was located in the front of the house; they were sleeping in the rear. They were unable to escape in time to save their lives, as the home did not have a working smoke alarm. They were therefore not afforded an early warning.

Firefighters canvassed the Lewisdale community the day of the tragic incident, expanding efforts to check smoke alarms countywide the next day. Results were alarming. In some areas, there was a 40 percent of the homes did not have a working smoke alarms. In December, a smoke alarm ini-

tiative, "Safety First - Home for the Holidays," was instituted. This program had firefighters going door-to-door for two hours every Saturday and Monday. These campaigns showed that on an average, 20 percent of county homes do not have the protection of a working smoke alarm. The national average for homes not afforded the protection of a working smoke alarm is 25 percent. Of those, 4 percent of that figure includes homes that have no smoke alarm whatsoever. However, in this small percentage is where over 50 percent of all residential fire deaths occur. "The number of homes without working smoke alarms is unacceptable, and we must do our best to ensure every home and every family is protected," stated Fire Chief Bashoor. "Personal responsibility on behalf of our citizens and residents to maintain working smoke alarms is the only way to achieve our mandate that every home and every family is protected by a working smoke alarm." He concluded saying, "We, the career, civilian, and volunteer members of our Department will continue to do our part to keep our citizens and residents aware of the importance of smoke alarms and make these life saving devices easy to obtain."

County residents can receive a working smoke alarm installed in their home, free of charge, by calling 301-864-SAFE (7233)

# COUNTY CHURCH DIRECTORY

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Office (301) 839-1166  
Fax (301) 839-1721

E-mail: Office [FHBC@verizon.net](mailto:FHBC@verizon.net)  
Pastor: Rev. Waymond B. Duke

## BAPTIST

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14418 Old Marlboro Pike,  
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**Church (301) 627-5088**

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# LEGALS

## PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the following establishments have filed for a Special Entertainment Permit pursuant to Section 6-201 of Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland:

**t/a Clarion Hotel Ramox, Inc.**  
**Class B, BH, Beer, Wine and Liquor**  
6400 Oxon Hill Road  
Oxon Hill, 20745

And

**t/a Nuzback's Lounge and Bar**  
**Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor**  
14405 Baltimore Avenue  
Laurel, 20707

And

**t/a The Villa Uptown Calverton, LLC**  
**Class B (BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor**  
4060 Powder Mill Road  
Beltsville, 20705

And

**t/a The Zone Restaurant**  
**Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor**  
**Frank Little Enterprises, LLC**  
5753 Crain Highway  
Upper Marlboro, 20772

A Public Hearing will be held on:

**March 7, 2012**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**County Service Building**  
5012 Rhode Island Avenue  
Hearing Room 200  
Hyattsville, Maryland 20781

Testimony either for or against the request will be accepted at the public hearing. Additional information can be obtained by contacting the Board's Office at 301-699-2770.

### BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS (LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD)

Attest:  
Diane M. Bryant  
Administrative Assistant  
February 6, 2012

103185 (2-16,2-23)

Arthur J. Horne, Jr.  
Shipley & Horne, P.A.  
1101 Mercantile Ln, Ste 240  
Largo, MD 20774  
301-925-1800

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

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF JAMES DAVIS

Notice is given that Gloria Davis whose address is 11804 Chantilly Lane, Mitcheville, MD 20721, was on February 6, 2012 appointed personal representative of the small estate of James Davis who died on October 2, 2011 without 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 shall file their objections with the Register of Wills within 30 days after the date of publication of this Notice. All persons having an objection to the probate of the will shall file their objections with the Register of Wills within six months after the date of publication of this Notice.

All persons having claims against the decedent must serve their claims on the undersigned personal representative or file them 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 decedent's death; or

(2) Thirty days 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 thirty days from the mailing or other delivery of the notice.

Any claim not presented or filed within that time, or any extension provided by law, is unenforceable thereafter.

GLORIA DAVIS  
Personal Representative

CERETA A. LEE  
REGISTER OF WILLS FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
P.O. BOX 1729  
UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772  
Estate No. 89407  
103197 (2-16)

McCabe, Weisberg & Conway, LLC  
312 Marshall Avenue, Suite 800  
Laurel, Maryland 20707  
301-490-3361

### SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE IMPROVED REAL ESTATE

Improved by premises known as  
**8200 Beechwood Lane, Clinton, Maryland 20735**

By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust from Connie Walker and Arthur Walker, dated October 5, 2005, and recorded in Liber 28721 at folio 179 among the Land Records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, Maryland upon default and request for sale, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front of the Duval Wing of the Prince George's County Courthouse, which bears the address 14735 Main Street, on

**MARCH 6, 2012**  
**AT 9:45 AM**

all that property described in said Deed of Trust as follows:

BEGINNING FOR THE SAME AT A POINT IN THE CENTER LINE OF A 60 FOOT STREET KNOWN AS BEACHWOOD ROAD, SAID POINT BEING N 60 DEG 12 MIN W 615 FEET MEASURED ALONG SAID STREET CENTER LINE FROM THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE CENTER LINE AND END OF SAID BEACHWOOD ROAD WITH THE CENTER LINE OF POPLAR HILL DRIVE; RUNNING THENCE:

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(2) N 33 DEG 09 MIN W - 500.49 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE

(3) S 35 DEG 15 MIN W - 513.18 FEET TO A POINT IN THE CENTER LINE OF BEACHWOOD ROAD; THENCE WITH SAID BEACHWOOD ROAD CENTER LINE

(4) S 31 DEG 42 MIN E - 54.28 FEET TO THE P.T. OF A CURVE; THENCE WITH SAID CURVE TO THE LEFT WHOSE

(5) TANGENT IS 100 FEET; RADIUS IS 393.75 FEET; DELTA IS 28 DEG 30 MIN; WHOSE LENGTH IS 195.86 FEET TO THE P.C. OF SAID CURVE; THENCE

(6) S 60 DEG 12 MIN E - 259.2 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING (5.048) ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, AND BEING KNOWN AS PARCEL 17 POPLAR HILL ESTATES.

RESERVING, HOWEVER, A RIGHT OF WAY OVER A STRIP OF LAND 30 FEET IN WIDTH TO THE NORTHEAST OF THE 4TH 5TH AND 6TH COURSES IN OUTLINE SURVEY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED LOT. GRANTING A RIGHT OF WAY OVER A 60 FOOT STREET KNOWN AS BEACHWOOD ROAD AND POPLAR HILL DRIVE TO THE COUNTY ROAD (SURRETT'S ROAD).

The property is improved by a dwelling.

The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, encumbrances and agreements of record affecting the subject property, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

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**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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### Child Watch from A4

But Tiffany said she didn't sign in for community service because she had started to work there instead. She said she took her pay stubs to the welfare office but the sanction was not withdrawn. "The guy was actually rude. He said if I wanted to keep complaining, he'd take my food stamps and Medicaid too." By that point Tiffany had sold her car and television and gotten behind on bills. She's still in a hole.

Tiffany got back on cash assistance after the three months passed. She now does 86 hours a month of community service at the food pantry of Family Services of Middletown and likes it there. The people are nice and she can sometimes take home extra produce. She usually takes the bus but at the end of the month she sometimes walks—a two-hour trip.

The director gave her a bicycle, but it was stolen at the housing project. Recently she missed a day when Ayden was sick. "I'm a stress ball that I won't be able to make up the hours and be sanctioned again," she said.

Tiffany's children sometimes get backpacks of food at school on Fridays to take home for the weekend. Tina Osso, Executive Director of the area's Shared Harvest Foodbank, said that 300 children in Middletown schools received the backpacks last school year. "They don't go to

all the children who receive free breakfasts and lunches, just to those identified as showing physical, behavioral, or academic problems associated with chronic hunger," she said. But cuts in federal and school district funding have put this school year's backpack program in jeopardy. Tiffany, who's never been afraid of hard work, doesn't want to have to rely on assistance and donated food forever. For now, the safety net is doing exactly what it is designed to do: programs with proven track records are keeping Tiffany and her family above water while she continues searching for a job. Proposals to dismantle many of these proven programs wouldn't make unemployed parents' job hunts any easier—but they would leave millions of poor children with less help and less hope. They need jobs!

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

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

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