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Passage of The Violence Against Women Act Urged

BY PRESS OFFICER
Senator Ben Cardin's Office

Roundtable brings together victims, social services, law enforcement, clergy, and others on the front lines of support for victims of domestic violence

WASHINGTON, DC — U.S. Senator Ben Cardin (D-MD), Prince George's Sheriff Melvin High, Prince George's County State's Attorney Angela Alsobrooks, Prince George's County Police Chief Mark Magaw, along with representatives of the Family Crisis Center, Maryland Crime Victims Resource Center and the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence, House of Ruth, and other members of the Prince George's community who are involved with support for victims of domestic violence were united today in their call for swift action by the House of Representatives to pass the Senate version of legislation to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act. The call for action followed a roundtable discussion led by Senator Cardin, hosted by Sheriff High, about the benefits of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and the progress and challenges to ending domestic violence in Prince George's County, the State of Maryland and the Nation.

"The Violence Against Women Act has a proven track record of protecting women from domestic violence and it is hard to understand opposition to legislation with the goal of curbing domestic violence. Saving women's lives should not be a partisan issue," said Senator Cardin. "The statistics of domestic violence are alarming, yet, domestic violence remains one the most under-reported crimes in the country. These victims need to know that they have our support, including access to justice, help with housing, medical care, and economic opportunity."

"The oath that I took obligates me to protect all people, without political consideration. The Violence Against Women Act should be reauthorized with only this concept of law enforcement in mind and with the commitment of our country to the protection of women and girls," added Sheriff High.

"For more than a decade, my office has received funding from the Violence Against Women Act and that has allowed our domestic violence unit to provide greater services to victims of abuse," Prince George's County State's Attorney Alsobrooks said.

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Postal trucks lined up and ready to go.

Hunger Strikers Charge Congress With Starving the Postal Service

By Communities and Postal Workers United

America's postal service is being starved to death, according to five protesters who will be staging a hunger strike in the halls of Congress, beginning June 25th. The activists claim that a 2006 Congressional mandate, which forces the US Postal Service to prefund retiree health benefits 75 years in advance, is sending the service into a death spiral. Not only would the postal service have been profitable without the mandate, say the strikers, the USPS has also overpaid tens of billions into two pension funds. Tens of thousands of postal

jobs are at risk. African Americans make up 21 percent of the postal workforce and would be disproportionately impacted by job loss due to cuts and closures. The US Postal Service employs the largest number of Black workers making over \$50,000 a year of any employer. The 1987 film Hollywood Shuffle embodies the crucial importance of postal work for Black families. In one scene, a struggling Black actor is reminded by his grandmother that he can always get work at the post office. Philip Rubio, a labor historian at the University of North Carolina A&T State University, took that movie scene as the title for an academ-

ic book on the subject, "There's Always Work at the Post Office."

African Americans first gained employment in the postal service in the 1860s in the wake of the Civil War. Two decades later, the post office began hiring through the civil service exam, creating equal access to jobs and equal pay regardless of race or gender. Civil service protections allowed postal workers to get involved in controversial issues, such as the earliest stages of the Civil Rights Movement, without risking their jobs.

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Defense Industry Pays But Jobs Out of Reach for Many

By SOPHIE PETIT
Special to Capital News Service

ST. MARY'S CITY - The defense industry, the biggest employer in St. Mary's County, provides high salaries for its well-educated employees. But for the thousands of residents with fewer skills, incomes remain low while living costs keep rising.

"We have a land of riches, but have a portion of the population that is still struggling to be included in that wealth," said Robin Finnacom, who runs a local community development nonprofit.

The Patuxent River Naval Air Station has been at the center of high-end employment for St. Mary's residents since it was built 70 years ago, but its highly paid positions require a degree. Many county officials say more education and training for the lower-skilled residents is the solution to closing the income gap.

After major expansions in the 1980s and 90s, the air station employs more than 15,000 county residents, said Gary Younger, the base public information officer.

Base employees make an

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Harbor East Gentrification Leaves Mid-Income Workers Looking Elsewhere

By DAVID GUTMAN
Special to Capital News Service

BALTIMORE - Twenty-five years ago, the area around Baltimore's Harbor East was dominated by empty warehouses, a chemical factory that was about to close, and environmental problems. Today, Harbor East is filled with luxury hotels and condos, restaurants, and upscale boutiques that draw tourists and Baltimoreans alike.

"A net plus in jobs and taxes," said M. J. Brodie, president of the Baltimore Development Corporation.

What Harbor East has not done, however, is replace the thousands of middle-class jobs that were the hallmark of Baltimore's industrial harbor and that supported nearby neighborhoods filled with middle-class families.

In Baltimore as in many cities around the country, as manufacturers have closed factories and shed jobs, they've largely been replaced with service sector jobs that tend not to

pay as well.

"These service-type jobs, they are good jobs," said James Kraft, Baltimore city councilman for District 1, which includes Harbor East. "We need those jobs, particularly for folks who don't have higher education or more sophisticated job skills."

"Unfortunately, in many cases you can't raise a family on them." Jobs in leisure and hospitality industries in Baltimore pay an average of \$27,500 a year, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor and Statistics. Baltimore's manufacturing jobs pay an average of \$53,000, the government says.

"Harbor East in Baltimore is an example of what has been happening throughout our nation," said Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt. "The middle class is disappearing as manufacturing jobs, which paid good wages, have disappeared."

A Brookings Institution study released last month found that "Greater Baltimore



PHOTO BY DAVID GUTMAN

Tony Rieger works at the Marriott in Harbor East, but calls the area "a little out of my reach."

is not generating enough quality jobs" and that it must find a way to create more "middle-wage" jobs.

From 1980 to 2007, the eve of the recession, job growth in high-wage industries in Baltimore was three times slower than the national average, according to Jennifer Vey, a fellow at the Brookings

Institution. Job growth in middle-wage industries in Baltimore also lagged behind the national average.

The economic shift began decades ago.

From 1980 to 1985, four waterfront area manufacturers

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Council Supports Establishing Gun Offender Registry

Legislation Requires Persons Convicted in the County to register with the Chief of Police

By PRESS OFFICER
Prince George's County Council

The Prince George's County Council voted unanimously on Tuesday, June 05, 2012, to enact CB-14-2012, legislation requiring gun offenders convicted of a gun offense in the County to register with the Chief of Police.

Council Bill 14-2012, proposed and introduced by Council Member Karen R. Toles (D – District 7), would require gun offenders to provide information to the Chief of Police that includes the gun offender's name, description of the crime, conviction date, list of aliases, identifying factors, place of residence and employment. The legislation also requires registry information to be updated every six months or following a change in residence or employment.

"The goal of this legislation is

to help remove illegal firearms and dangerous individuals from our streets. The gun offender registry will ultimately provide our police officers and our State's Attorney's Office with useful information to more closely monitor gun offenders. If you have been convicted of a gun crime in our community, we want to know who you are and do everything possible to discourage repeat activity," said Council Member Toles. "I applaud the collaborative efforts of the police department and the State's Attorney's Office in helping to move this effort forward, reinforcing the message that gun violence will not be tolerated in Prince George's County."

"This legislation will allow us to more closely monitor those who have illegally possessed

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Maryland First Responders

Governor Martin O'Malley joined by Superintendent of the Maryland State Police Colonel Marcus Brown, and several other state and local officials, made the ceremonial first call on the Maryland First Responders Interoperable Radio System Team or "Maryland FiRST", the new statewide 700 MHz radio system.
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Voter Supression

Attempts to prevent voters of color in Florida from fully exercising their constitutional right to vote suffered twin blows last week. First, the Federal District Court in Miami granted a preliminary injunction effectively blocking several key provisions of Florida's new and restrictive voter registration laws.
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Health and Well-being

The O'Malley-Brown Administration officially announced a wellness program geared toward its workforce with the rollout of the State of Maryland Wellness Stat during the 3rd Annual Workplace Health and Wellness Symposium at the BWI Marriott Hotel in Linthicum.
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Movie Review

Your complaint that "A Bag of Hammers" is slight, oversimplified, and unrealistic is not unfounded. You have a good point. I hear what you're saying. And I don't care. Because "A Bag of Hammers" is also happy, uncynical, and heartfelt, so gosh-darned likable that any flaws in its methods are easily overlooked.
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Earth Talk

Dear EarthTalk:

One of the objections to wind power has been that the turbines can kill birds. Has there been some progress in developing bird-friendly wind power?

-- Marcie Mahoney,
Boston, MA

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Towns and NEIGHBORS

In and Around Morningside-Skyline

by Mary McHale 301 735 3451

What happened to Mary and John?

The annual ranking of baby names has just been released by the Social Security Administration. Sophia edged out Isabella to take over first place this year. Runner-ups for the girls are: Emma, Olivia, Ava, Emily, Abigail, Madison, Mia and Chloe. Jacob—for the 13th year in a row—is the top boy's name, followed by: Mason, William, Jayden, Noah, Michael, Ethan, Alexander, Aiden and Daniel.

Whoever you are, reading this column, if you're 50 or older, your name probably didn't make the top 50.

Neighbors

Morningside election judge David Chambers announced that a recount in the recent Town Council election verified the original numbers: Sheila Scott, 80 votes; Regina Foster, 77; and Elizabeth Long, 75. Long had challenged the count. Scott and Foster have been sworn in and joined Vice Mayor James Ealey and Kevin Kline on the Council.

Eugene Mills is no longer chief of the Morningside Police Department. A search is on for a new chief.

A fire department official responded to the 6600 block of Suitland Road, in Morningside, where a woman in a car needed medical attention. However, a miniature pinscher in the auto would not allow anyone to enter the car. An animal control officer came and removed the animal. The woman was treated and the dog later returned to the owner.

Condolences to Helen Fadness, of Skyline, on the death of her mother.

Applause

Jacqueline Whipple, of Camp Springs, has been selected for a Transfer Academic Excellence Scholarship Partial Merit Award to the University of Maryland, College Park, where she will major in history. She is the fourth member of her

family to graduate from the Honors Academy at Prince George's Community College.

Marco Clark, president and CEO of Bishop McNamara High School, has been honored by the National Catholic Educational Association with their annual Catholic Secondary Education Award. Mr. Clark is a 1985 graduate of McNamara.

Archdiocese honors jubilee priests

Cardinal Donald Wuerl celebrated Mass on May 15 to honor 20 priests of the Archdiocese of Washington marking milestones anniversaries this year. Among them are several who have served in South County:

Msgr. Richard Hughes, a Washington native, ordained 60 years ago, is former pastor of St. Mary's in Upper Marlboro, St. Margaret's in Seat Pleasant and St. Michael's in Baden. He is currently in residence at Mount Calvary in Forestville.

Msgr. Oliver McGready, a native of Ireland, was ordained 50 years ago. He has been pastor of Holy Family in Hillcrest Heights and was associate pastor of St. Philip's in Camp Springs. In retirement, he is in residence at St. Peter's in Waldorf.

Father Auxentius Panares was ordained 50 years ago. He served in his native Philippines and in England, Norway, Japan and Upper Volta before moving to Washington. He has been an associate pastor at St. John's in Clinton. He retired in 2001.

Other honorees who served in South County are Fr. Hank Slevin, 50 years; Fr. John Mattingly, 40 years; Fr. Raymond Wadas, 40 years; and Fr. John Dakes, 25 years.

Feline Frenzy underway

Seeking a way to find "forever homes" for its shelter cats, the Animal Management Division of the County's Department of Environmental Resources, is reducing the cost of adoption fees for all cats.

Now through Sept. 22, you can adopt a cat for \$45. That includes the cost of spay or neuter surgery, a County license, microchip and vaccinations. If you adopt a second cat at the same time, it will be free.

For more information call AMD at 301-780-7200 or visit their Website at www.princegeorgespet4us.com.

May they rest in peace

William Aloysius "Al" Mudd, 76, of Brandywine, a '53 graduate of Gwynn Park High School, died May 20. He worked in construction, black-top and cement, one of the projects being Glassmanor. He was a member of the John F. Kennedy Council of the Knights of Columbus. Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Lillian; children, Deborah, Joan, Donna, William Jr., Karen, Lisa, Kimberly, Patrick and Melissa; three brothers; 16 grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. Al was a distant cousin of mine and a volunteer at the Dr. Samuel A. Mudd House Museum in Waldorf.

Julius Fleischman, 90, developer of Fleischman Village, several shopping centers and the Branch Avenue Motor Lodge, died April 2 from a fall during a Colorado skiing trip. A lifelong resident of Washington, he was a WWII veteran with several combat stars.

Milestones

Happy birthday to Ryan Fowler and John Nichols, June 8; Robin Murphy, Vera Pope and Rev. Frank Ways, June 9; Laura Smith Jenkins, June 10; Fannie Dimes, Meghan Trexler Decker and Jennifer Jenkins McClelland, June 11; Shirley Proffit, June 12; Aimee Crawford, Joel McCune and Cameron Nichols, June 13.

Happy 41st anniversary to Kathy and Bob Elborne on June 12.

A Happy Father's Day to all our fathers!

Brandywine-Aquasco

by Ruth Turner 301 888 2153

CARRY OUT DINNERS

Carry out Dinners from 12:00 Noon until all diners are sold on Saturday, July 14, 2012 at St. Philip's Church, Baden Parish 13801 Baden Westwood Road Brandywine, MD 20613-8426. Telephone number is 301-888-1536. Pre-orders accepted and appreciated.

Chicken Dinner \$11.00, Crab Dinner \$13.00, Barbeque Spare Ribs Dinner \$13.00, Pig Feet \$13.00 and Combination Dinner (any two (2) meats) \$18.00. All dinners include potato salad, sweet potatoes, macaroni and cheese, green beans, cake and bread. Benefit: Peter A. Gross Sr. Scholarship/Memorial Fund Inc.

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS

Prince George's County's NOTICE of Public Information Meetings on June 20, 2012, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM at Prince George's Ballroom 2411 Pinebrook Avenue Landover, Maryland 20785. The other meeting is June 27, 2012, 7:00 PM- 9:00 PM at Brandywine Fire Hall 16608 Brandywine Road Brandywine, Maryland 20613.

Staff from the Maryland

Department of Planning will present information regarding the implementation of Maryland Senate Bill 236 (HB 445) and will also be available to answer questions. Staff of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and the Prince George's County Health Department will be there to answer questions. Both public meetings will provide the same information.

Maryland Department of Planning Contact: Jason Dubow 410-767-3370, email: JDubow@mdp.state.md.us. M-NCCPC Contact: CJ. Lammers at 301-952-3026, e-mail: CJLammers@ppd.mnccpc.org. **JUNE BIRTHDAY OBSERVANCES**

Congratulations to Severson Banks, James Curtis, Jr., Vallisa Duckett, Sheree Forbes, Ray Anthony Gray, Wayne Hawkins, Robert R. Lee, Nellie Johnson, Carolyn Makle, Beverly Saunders, Carrie Woodland and Deleaches on your Birthday Celebrations.

JUNE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations and happy anniversary to Mr. and Mrs.

Severson Banks, Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Hawkins and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Magruder.

BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY

Bowie State University National Alumni Association, INC. and the Office of Alumni Relations present Alumni Day 2012 on Saturday June 23, 2012. 10:00 AM BSUNAA Meeting, 12:00 noon-Bus Tour, 12:30 PM Cookout.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Joint Vacation Bible School with Brookfield-Immanuel, Christ and Nottingham Myers will be held at Immanuel United Methodist Church in Brandywine, Maryland on July 9-13, 2012 from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM.

KINSHIP CARE PROGRAM

Learn about the Kinship Care Program if you are currently caring for a relative child and desire community support (food, tutoring, education, housing, clothing, counseling, child care, legal services, support, medical, employment, summer camp, rental and utility bill assistance). For more information and to make a referral contact Evette Clarke at 301-909-6824.

Congresswoman Donna F. Edwards' Legislative Update

Edwards: Republicans Should Be Ashamed For Blocking Consideration of Critical Paycheck Fairness Act

Legislation Would Modernize the Equal Pay Act of 1963 To Help Close the Wage Gap

Washington, D.C. — Congresswoman Donna F. Edwards (MD-4) criticized Republicans for their ongoing efforts to block America's women and their families from moving ahead. The latest example came today, when Senate Republicans voted to block the critical Paycheck Fairness Act from receiving the simple vote it deserves. This follows last week's unanimous vote by House Republicans against bringing the Paycheck Fairness Act to the House Floor.

"Today I joined with Lilly Ledbetter, Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D-MD), Rep. Rosa DeLauro (CT-3) and other colleagues to show our support for the Paycheck Fairness Act," said Rep. Edwards. "I was

shocked to watch from the Senate Gallery as Senate Republicans joined their House Republican colleagues in standing in the way of equal pay for America's women and their families. Women still only earn 77 cents, on average, for every dollar earned by men. When women bring home less money each day, it means they have less for the everyday needs of their families — groceries, rent, child care, and doctors' visits. Yet Republicans in both chambers continue to play partisan politics and America's women are paying the price. Equal pay is not simply a women's issue — it is a family and economic issue. It is time Republicans stop this obstructionism and help our country and economy prosper."

Achieving equal pay for women has been one of the top priorities of Democrats. In January 2009, the Democratic-led 111th Congress sent to the President's desk the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act — and it



became the first bill signed into law by President Obama. This Act restores the right of women to challenge unfair pay in court — but virtually all House Republicans rejected this critical measure for women.

The Paycheck Fairness Act would provide a much-needed update to the 49-year-old Equal Pay Act by providing effective remedies to women who are not being paid equal wages for doing equal work. The Paycheck Fairness Act would ensure women start receiving the same legal protections to protect against pay discrimination based on race and ethnicity.

Neighborhood Events Statement by the President on the Paycheck Fairness Act

This afternoon, Senate Republicans refused to allow an up-or-down vote on the Paycheck Fairness Act, a commonsense piece of legislation that would strengthen the Equal Pay Act and give women more tools to fight pay discrimination. It is incredibly disappointing that in this make-or-break moment for the middle class, Senate Republicans put partisan politics ahead of American women and their families. Despite the progress that has been made over the years, women continue to earn substantially less than men for performing the same work. My Administration will continue to fight for a woman's right for equal pay for equal work, as we rebuild our economy so that hard work pays off, responsibility is rewarded, and every American gets a fair shot to succeed.

Statement From Governor Martin O'Malley on Paycheck Fairness Act

ANNAPOLIS, MD (June, 2012) — Governor Martin O'Malley today issued the following statement after the U.S. Senate failed to consider the Paycheck Fairness Act:

"It's unfortunate that some members of the U.S. Senate have chosen politics over our people — preventing America from moving forward, growing jobs, opportunity, and hope for a prosperous future.

"Over the last few decades, women's contribution to family finances has become increasingly important. In Maryland, women contribute nearly half to the family's income. Yet at the same time, women make 14.6 percent less than a man performing the same job — a statistic that reflects a similar disparity in many states across the nation. It's unfair and contrary to the foundations of our country that these members would block legislation that would give workers stronger tools to combat wage discrimination, prevent retaliation for discussing salary information, and help ensure more adequate compensation for victims of gender-based pay discrimination.

"I applaud Senator Barbara Mikulski for reintroducing the Paycheck Fairness Act. I commend the leaders in Congress who actually want to move America forward, protect our people, and make investments in our future."

Prince George's County Will Sponsor a Free Document Shredding Event

County residents are encouraged to safely dispose of their personal documents at the Document Shredding Event on June 16, 2012

LARGO, MD — The Prince George's County Department of Environmental Resources (DER) invites County citizens and residents to participate in a free Document Shredding Event on Saturday, June 16, 2012, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Gwynn Park High School located at 13800 Brandywine Road in Brandywine. Residents may bring up to five tall kitchen bags or five archive boxes filled with documents to be shredded by mobile trucks from Eco-Shred, LLC and then recycled.

"Identity theft is one of the fastest growing

crimes in the United States, and document shredding is one of the most important ways the public can protect their identity," said DER Director Samuel E. Wynkoop, Jr. "I encourage County citizens and residents to take advantage of this opportunity to safely dispose of their sensitive, confidential documents."

For more information on the Document Shredding Event or other recycling initiatives, call DER's Recycling Section at (301) 883-5045.

Hoyer Hosts Business 2 Business Luncheon at Southern Maryland Job Fair

WALDORF, MD —Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-5), in collaboration with the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulations, the Southern Maryland Workforce Investment Board and Job Match Re-employment Program, hosted a luncheon for community and business leaders at the "Nine Innings of Networking" Southern Maryland Job Fair. He delivered remarks introducing Marie C. Johns, Small Business Administration Deputy Administrator, as the keynote speaker.

"While our economy has seen twenty-seven consecutive months of private sector job growth, far too many Marylanders remain out of work," said Congressman Hoyer. "I'm proud to partner with these organizations to bring together Maryland businesses with potential hires, and provide our business community with networking opportunities and professional development workshops that will help grow their businesses."

"I'd also like to thank Marie Johns for joining our community and business leaders today," continued Congressman Hoyer. "Under her leadership, the Small Business Administration has assisted more than 60,000 small businesses across the country with over \$30 billion in lending. I'm pleased she could join our local business community today to discuss her efforts to ensure they have the resources they need to launch, expand, and become successful."

"Nine Innings of Networking" Southern Maryland Job Fair brought together employers and over 800 job seekers throughout the region. The job fair provided businesses with an opportunity to meet and interview talented job seekers and participate in professional development workshops on how to become federally certified, expand business during an economic downturn, and utilize social media.

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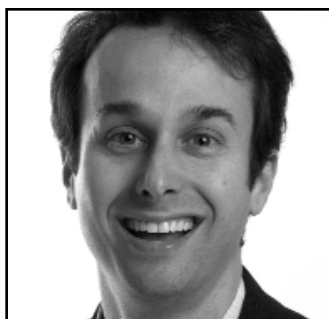
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COMMUNITY

Practical Money Skills

By Jason Alderman

This Father's Day, teach your kids to manage finances



As parents, we hope we're doing a good job raising our children — teaching them right from wrong, instilling the desire to learn and demonstrating how to manage money responsibly. But what if they see us preaching one behavior while practicing another? What's to stop them from following in our sometimes misguided footsteps?

As Father's Day approaches, let me share a few things dads can do to teach their kids sound financial habits that will last them a lifetime — and point out a few bad behaviors you may not even be aware of. Ask yourself:

Do you avoid conversations about money with your kids because that's how you were raised? Or because you don't feel qualified to give advice?

Do you pay your bills on time to prevent late fees and possible dings to your credit score?

Do you balance your checkbook regularly to avoid overdrafts and bounced checks?

Have you set up an emergency fund — and are you disciplined enough not to tap it for everyday expenses?

Are you sometimes caught off-guard by bills you should anticipate?

If your family is experiencing financial difficulties (lay-off, foreclosure, massive bills), are you having age-appropriate, non-traumatic discussions about the need for everyone to make sacrifices?

Do you complain about your job within their earshot or say you'd rather stay home with them but need to earn money? You could be setting them up to resent both work and money.

If college is on the horizon, have you had frank discussions about how it will be financed? Have you started a college savings fund, explored student loan programs or discussed contributions they'll be expected to make?

When your kids constantly break or lose expensive items or run through their allowance early, do you repeatedly bail them out with no consequences?

Okay, that's a lot of potentially negative outcomes. Let's concentrate on a few positive actions you can take that will encourage responsible financial behavior in your kids:

Use allowances to teach your kids how to handle money wisely, not as a tool to reinforce good behavior. Track their discretionary (toys, candy) and non-discretionary (school supplies, clothes) expenses. Depending on their ages and maturity, decide which expenses they should be responsible for managing, and dedicate a reasonable amount for each category in their allowances.

A few other suggestions:

Use allowances to teach important life lessons. For example, build in dedicated percentages they must set aside for savings, charity and investments — then involve them in choosing how the money is spent.

When you use an ATM explain that it's not free money, but rather has been earned and saved by you.

To encourage saving during these times of low interest rates, offer to match their savings at 50 percent.

Teach by example. If money is tight and you have to deny your kids non-necessary items, give up something of your own that they know you'll miss.

Open a 529 Qualified State Tuition Plan or a Coverdell Education Savings Account to start saving for your children's education — and let them know about it well before you start discussing college choices.

Father's Day is when children traditionally express love for their dads. Show how much you care in return by starting them out with a healthy, realistic attitude toward personal finances.

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

O'Malley Makes Ceremonial First Call on “First” New Statewide Interoperable Communications System

By PRESS OFFICER
Office of the Governor

BALTIMORE, MD (June, 2012) — Governor Martin O'Malley joined by Superintendent of the Maryland State Police Colonel Marcus Brown, Director of Maryland's Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee Ray Lehr, Executive Vice President of Sales and Field Operations for Motorola Solutions Mark Moon, and several other state and local officials, made the ceremonial first call on the Maryland First Responders Interoperable Radio System Team or “Maryland FiRST”, the new statewide 700 MHz radio system.

“There is no more important work in our country today than the work of first responders. For the last 10 years, together, we have been pursuing — first in Baltimore, then in the State as a whole — 12 Core Capacities to improve homeland security,” said Governor O'Malley. “The first in those 12 Capacities is having an interoperable communications system that works every day to connect the men and women on the front lines. Today has been a long time coming, and it's a significant step forward for connecting all of Maryland's first responders to enable them to share information and help us create a more resilient Maryland.”

“Maryland FiRST” will provide statewide interoperable communications to connect Maryland's first responders on one secure radio system. Today, the ceremonial first call on the new radio system made by Governor O'Malley connected



PHOTO BY OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
Governor Martin O'Malley

Maryland State Police at the JFK Highway Barrack in Cecil County, Maryland State Police Headquarters in Pikesville, the Maryland Transportation Authority Police at the Chesapeake Bay Bridge and the Kent County Emergency Communications Center on the Eastern Shore of Maryland on one digital and secure radio system.

“This new statewide radio system will allow all of Maryland's public safety agencies to communicate more efficiently on the same system, which will ultimately enhance our mission of homeland security,” said Colonel Marcus L. Brown, Superintendent of the Maryland State Police. “This new technology which makes instantaneous radio connectivity possible will provide emergency responders with even more tools to improve our state's emergency preparedness.”

This first phase of Maryland FiRST will be fully operational by the end of 2012. The connec-

tion will cover central Maryland and Kent County, and key infrastructure patrolled by the Maryland Transportation Authority Police which includes: the I-95 corridor, BWI Airport, Port of Baltimore, the Inter County Connector (ICC), the Key Bridge, the Chesapeake Bay Bridge, the Harry Nice Bridge and both tunnels under the Baltimore harbor. The next phase will build-out the system on the Eastern Shore and be completed by the end of 2013. The entire Maryland FiRST system is anticipated to be complete by 2016.

Mark Moon, executive vice president of Sales and Field Operations, Motorola Solutions, Inc. added: “Helping our federal, state and local government customers achieve maximum interoperability is a high priority for Motorola Solutions. We are pleased to work with the state of Maryland to establish Maryland FiRST and create a fully digital and secure radio system that enables police and first responders to react quickly and effectively in emergencies. First responders will rely on Maryland FiRST to complete their missions, and Motorola is committed to providing the dependable communications they need.”

The O'Malley-Brown Administration continues to make steady progress to enhance Maryland's homeland security and emergency preparedness, including 12 Core Goals to build a better prepared Maryland. To date, the Administration has begun building a historic Statewide Interoperable Public Safety

Radio Communications System that will allow first responders to communicate seamlessly with partners in other agencies across county lines, and between state and local agencies, all using the radios that they carry every day; helped create a shared network of more than 700 Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) camera feeds that provide real-time situational awareness of highway and roadway conditions for first responders in Maryland and the National Capitol Region; deployed more than 300 License Plate Readers across the State that enable law enforcement officers to track terrorist suspects as well as recover stolen vehicles; developed an online emergency mapping application (OSPREDY) that provides real-time emergency data and information to first responders and the public; connected all 46 acute care hospitals in the state and more than 300 private retail pharmacies to an electronic biosurveillance system that detects early indicators of virus outbreaks and public health threats; created a radar-based tracking system that monitors vessels movements across the Chesapeake Bay and nearby waterways and enables law enforcement officers to better protect critical maritime infrastructure and natural resources; and created an electronic health and medical information dashboard that brings multiple real-time data feeds, such as emergency room status and hospital resource availability, into a single online viewer available to all hospitals, EMS units, and other medical first responders.

University of Maryland Extension Ask the Plant and Pest Professor

Question #1: Help! I found a large wolf spider in my bathtub. This is a rather large spider and very intimidating. Are they dangerous? What can I do to prevent them from coming inside?

Answer #1: Wolf spiders can be very large. They belong to the genus Hogna. *H. carolinensis* and *H. aspersa* are among the largest spiders encountered in homes. Wolf spiders are active hunters and prey on a wide range of insects. They do not actively attack humans but will bite if they are handled or threatened. The bite can be painful but is not venomous. Wolf spiders prefer to live outdoors but will wander indoors as they search for food. Exclusion is the recommended way to keep them outdoors. Seal up or caulk cracks around foundation walls, windows and vents. Reduce potential outdoor nesting sites which include

wood piles, rock piles, and tall weeds. Regularly vacuum indoors to help reduce insect populations, thus reducing spider populations.

Question #2: My iris bed is loaded with weeds. I want to dig them up, get rid of the weeds and then replant. They are finished blooming. Am I doing this at the correct time of year or will this kill my iris?

Answer #2: You are in luck; this is exactly the right time to dig up bearded iris. Carefully dig up the rhizomes, wash off the soil and then lay them out to dry in a single layer in the sun for a couple of hours. Inspect the rhizomes carefully for any signs of disease and remove any dark or soft portions with a sharp knife. After you are finished with your weed control replant them making sure you do not plant them too deeply. Leave about 1/3rd of the rhizome about

the soil line and space them about 1-2 feet apart.

Question #3: I have always taken pride from the fact that I have the best lawn in the neighborhood. I fertilize regularly, overseed, control the weeds and even installed an irrigation system to keep it watered. Every summer my lawn develops these brown areas that spread creating fairly large patches of dead grass. What am I doing wrong?

Answer #3: Your quest for the perfect lawn could be your undoing. From our experience lawns that are fertilized in the spring have more disease problems in the summer. Your irrigation system can also be contributing to the problem, keeping your lawn too wet. Assuming you have a tall fescue lawn mostly likely you are dealing with brown patch. Home lawns should be fertilized primarily in the fall. Do not despair as weath-

er conditions change fescue lawns outgrow the damage from brown patch. If necessary, damaged areas can be reseeded in late summer or early fall. Refer to publication HG 112 Turfgrass Maintenance Calendars for Maryland Lawns for tips on lawn care in Maryland. You will find it on the HGIC website.

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Postal from A1

By 1940, 14 percent of the Black middle class worked for the postal service, according to Rubio.

The loss of government paychecks erodes one of the great equalizing forces at play in the

American economy for more than a century. A government job has long offered a pathway for African Americans to sidestep discrimination that has impeded progress in the private sector, where social networks often determine who has a shot at the

best jobs, say experts.

Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe announced in mid-May that he would begin closure of half the mail sorting plants in the country and cut hours from 25 to 75 percent in half the nation's post offices. Tens of thousands of

jobs would be eliminated and delivery standards relaxed. The hunger strikers are calling on Donahoe to suspend cuts and closures and allow Congress to fix the finances by repealing the prefunding mandate and refunding the pension surplus.

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State-Sponsored Homophobia Worldwide Problem, Says Report

40% of UN Members still criminalize same-sex sexual acts

by Gerry Scoppettuolo
Distributed by Healthy Living News

A new international report reveals that 40% of United Nations member countries still criminalize same-sex sexual acts. The punishments for breaking these state sponsored laws can include whippings and lashings, months of imprisonment, or even death. The report also shows that among countries where homosexuality is legal, laws have been established against discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation at the work place, or gays and lesbians enjoy marriage rights and can adopt children.

The 6th edition of the State-Sponsored Homophobia Report was released by the International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association (ILGA) on the occasion of the annual International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia. The report presents a global overview of recent developments in LGBT human rights and remains a useful monitoring and reference tool for researchers, governmental representatives and LGBT activists.

Despite the ILGA report showing LGBT criminalization is still a global problem, some progress on LGBT rights have been made. Last Spring, the U.N. passed its first-ever resolution supporting equal rights regardless of sexual orientation. That along with other efforts to enhance LGBT human rights by the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission offer hope of positive changes ahead. But those changes may take some time according to the ILGA.

The ILGA report is characterized by contrasts. In some parts of the world progress is being made.

Roughly 60% of all United Nations members (113 of 193 countries) have abolished legislation criminalizing same-sex sexual acts between consenting adults. However, even in an era of globalization, 40% or 78 countries have not changed those laws. The report also shows an increase in the total number of countries with legislation persecuting people on the basis of their sexual orientation. That number has increased to 78 over 76 from last year.

The report notes some positive development in Southern Africa and the Indian Ocean (Botswana, Mozambique, Mauritius and Seychelles) where parliaments have adopted legislation to prevent workplace discrimination based on sexual orientation. However, their penal codes still retain provisions to punish those engaging in same-sex sexual acts among consenting adults.

Despite Russia de-penalizing homosexuality in 1993, the city of St. Petersburg has introduced legislation to punish "homosexual propaganda." That could include outlawing content that human rights defenders use in their work. The report notes this as a dangerous precedent that might soon be implemented throughout the country. Russia is also at the forefront of countries which have been trying undermine of the U.N. Declaration on Human Rights by promoting notions of cultural "tradition" to counter the declarations impact.

In contrast, Russia's former ally Cuba has made some progress. Fidel Castro has apologized publicly for past mistakes that Cuba has made in its treatment of homosexuals. The country has also decriminalized same-sex activity and even provides free gender reassignment surgery for those seeking it. Recently Cuban state television even televised the gay movie drama, Brokeback Mountain.

To Be Equal

Marc Morial, President and CEO
National Urban League



Floridians Win Twin Victories in the Fight Against Voter Suppression

"We must fight voter suppression, we must educate citizens so that new laws won't catch them unaware on Election Day, and we must empower them to get to the polls."

National Urban League 2012 State of Black America – Occupy the Vote

Recent attempts to prevent voters of color in Florida from fully exercising their constitutional right to vote suffered twin blows last week. First, on Thursday, the Federal District Court in Miami granted a preliminary injunction effectively blocking several key provisions of Florida's new and restrictive voter registration laws. Calling the new registration requirements "onerous," the judge sided with the National Urban League, our Florida affiliates and a coalition of civil rights and voting rights groups who believe that these illegitimate and burdensome restrictions have only one purpose – to suppress the votes of millions of Floridians.

A second victory for voting rights occurred on Thursday when the U.S. Department of Justice Voting Section informed Florida's Secretary of State that the State's current effort to purge voting rolls -- allegedly to keep non-citizens from voting -- was likely in violation of the 1965 Voting Rights Act and the 1993 National Voter Registration Act. The State has targeted about 2,700 so-called ineligible voters for removal from the rolls unless they provide proof of citizenship within 30 days. The effort is so flawed that hundreds of legal residents, including several heroic World War II veterans, have received insulting letters demanding proof of citizenship.

In its letter challenging the State's actions, the Justice Department said that Florida failed to comply with Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act because it has not, as required, submitted any

changes affecting voting to the federal court or the Attorney General for review. The letter also stated that under the National Voter Registration Act, any program to eliminate ineligible persons from the voting rolls must be completed 90 days prior to a Federal primary or general election and must be "uniform and non-discriminatory." With Florida's primary slated for August 14th, the State has clearly missed the deadline. And with Hispanics comprising the majority of those targeted by this measure, we believe it also fails the non-discrimination test.

These Federal rulings are a victory for Floridians and for those of us on the front lines working to protect one of our most precious rights -- the right to vote. Let's not forget that because of voting irregularities in Florida, including clear instances of voter suppression, a mere total of 537 votes and the United States Supreme Court decided the 2000 Presidential election. The nation vowed to never let that happen again. But, Florida has emerged as a key battleground in a new and unprecedented war on voter rights currently underway across the country.

The National Urban League's "Occupy the Vote" campaign has made the protection of voting rights our number one issue in 2012. We are calling on citizens to join us in the fight against voter suppression laws which are clearly designed to keep people of color, students, the elderly and people with disabilities from the polls. We have also teamed up with the NAACP to sponsor a voter empowerment hotline to enable callers to register to vote and report problems: 1-866-MYVOTE-1. Nothing will have a greater impact on the future of Black America in 2012 than the vote. That is why we will continue the fight to remove barriers and empower all citizens to fully exercise this precious right.



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Riversdale House Museum

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Child Watch

by Marion Wright Edelman



Freedom Summer

When Kyla was in the third grade, she failed the state-required end-of-grade tests at her Charlotte, North Carolina elementary school. Her grandmother was worried that summer school wouldn't be fun, but then she heard about the Children's Defense Fund (CDF) Freedom Schools® program, and she knew Kyla would love the program and learn at the same time. Kyla's principal agreed that she could participate in the CDF Freedom Schools® program with the condition that Kyla retake her tests in the middle of the summer. When she did, she passed with the highest possible score. Kyla gave her CDF Freedom Schools experience the credit, especially the way the program is designed to foster a love of reading: "The stories we read in Freedom School, I could relate to, and we got to keep our books at the end of each week so I could read them again at home."

Kyla wasn't alone—an evaluation of Freedom Schools run by Freedom School Partners in Charlotte found summer learning loss stanchied for 90% of the children served and 65% of the children showed gains in reading, sometimes by one or even two grade levels. And Kyla's success didn't stop. She returned year after year to the Freedom Schools summer program, and when she "graduated" at the end of eighth grade began training for a Junior Servant Leader Intern position which allows high school student volunteers to spend their summers with Freedom Schools serving as classroom helpers. Kyla will return as a second year Junior Servant Leader Intern this summer.

Francisco had his own transformation: when he began the Freedom Schools summer program he was a very shy fifth grader who wouldn't read aloud, was reluctant to talk, and would barely raise his eyes to speak his name. But the Freedom Schools instilled a new sense of confidence in him along with a love for books, and by the end of the summer he was volunteering to read aloud. Pauline, one of the adult volunteers at a church-sponsored Freedom Schools site, was Francisco's school lunch buddy during the year and was thrilled by the difference the program was making for her young friend. Francisco and his mother began attending the church and Pauline and other

congregation members who had seen him blossom over the summer were able to continue supporting Francisco after the summer ended. By Christmas, something wonderful happened that would hardly have seemed possible just a few months earlier: Francisco was chosen to play Joseph at the church's Christmas Eve pageant. He proudly delivered his lines over a wireless microphone at the bilingual service in both English and Spanish for the whole congregation to hear and applaud.

Kyla and Francisco are just two of the thousands of children for whom Freedom Schools has made an enormous difference. The program provides summer and after-school enrichment that helps children fall in love with reading, increases their self-esteem, and generates more positive attitudes toward learning. Children are taught using a model integrated curriculum that supports children and families around five essential components: high quality academic enrichment; parent and family involvement; civic engagement and social action; intergenerational leadership development; and nutrition, health, and mental health. More than 90,000 children have had a CDF Freedom Schools experience since 1995. Now almost 12,000 children are about to have their own Freedom Schools summer at 177 sites across the country.

CDF Freedom Schools sites

are safe and restorative learning spaces where children are surrounded by caring adults and college students from their community who share their enthusiasm for learning and reading and are committed to serving them as authentic mentors. Each day begins with "Harambee!" a 30-minute activity to celebrate and affirm every participant's value and prepare for the work and learning ahead. Throughout the summer children read high quality books and are engaged in learning activities that match their developmental needs and interests. The program is free, giving parents access to high quality child care, and children receive two nutritious meals and a healthy snack each day in the summer and nutritious snacks during the after-school program.

CDF Freedom Schools partner with public schools, community-based organizations, faith congregations, colleges and universities, cities, and juvenile detention centers to operate program sites and make these rich experiences possible. The scholars are encouraged to dream about college, set goals for themselves, and cultivate positive attitudes and high expectations; and for many of them, including Kyla and Francisco, the program is a life-changing experience. To learn how to bring one to your area,

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BUSINESS

Business Exchange

by William Reed



Marion Barry: Prophetic or racist?

It seems that people championing causes important to Black communities are diminishing in number. Now that African Americans have access to the “mainstream,” it’s now less popular to determine and define issues in racial themes and objectives.

Case in point, D.C. Councilman Marion Barry is embroiled in controversy, this time for remarks criticizing local hospitals for hiring Filipino nurses instead of local residents. At a Council budget hearing, Barry told officials of the University of the District of Columbia (UDC) they should hire more D.C. residents as teachers and nurses, “It’s so bad that if you go to the hospital now, you find a number of immigrants who are nurses, particularly from the Philippines,” Barry said. The former D.C. mayor’s critics are calling his comments “racist.” Current mayor Vincent Gray, and several D.C. Council members, have condemned Barry’s statements. Some “concerned citizens” are organizing a “Say Sorry Barry” campaign urging that he “apologize.”

To Blacks, Barry’s goals seem laudable when he says that he wants UDC to become the premier supplier of medical personnel and nurses to hospitals in the District. Barry said, “Let’s grow our own teachers ... and nurses. The nation has a national shortage of nurses to the point it has to hire foreigners” Barry said. The champion of the people says, “I want UDC to become the premiere nursing school ... that graduates 400 nurses a year that can service D.C. residents.”

The persistent nursing shortage is a serious national issue in which Black Americans could be pivotal in solving. And, as the baby boomers age and the nation’s health care needs grow, Barry sounds prophetic to some. Compounding the problem is the fact that nursing colleges and universities across the country are struggling to expand enrollment levels to meet the rising demand. An intense shortage of registered nurses (RNs) is projected in the South and the West. Aside from deteriorating working conditions, the nursing profession has failed to be attractive to young Blacks or whites; and much now needs to be done to counter college students’ declines in interest to consider nursing as a probable career.

The former colonial relationship between America and the Philippines is the foundation for

Barry’s true, but scorned, comments. The first nursing school, Union Mission Hospital Training School for Nurses, was established in the Philippines in 1906. The first big wave of nurses from the Philippines came in the late 1940s. Thousands migrated to the U.S. in the 1960s and ’70s. The Philippines have been the number one source of foreign-trained nurses in the U.S. for decades. In 2005, 55 percent of the foreign-trained registered nurses in the U.S. were educated in the Philippines. As America’s nursing shortage grows in severity, a whole new generation of Philippine nurses is coming here.

If we drop the political correctness, and look at the situation from Barry’s perspective, nursing is a field and shortage that Blacks need to address. In D.C., and across the nation, nursing is perhaps the most in-demand and well-paid profession in the medical industry. Registered nurses (RNs) constitute 2.6 million jobs. The average age of an R.N. is 44.5 years. More than 581,000 new nursing jobs will be available within a decade. The average annual salary is \$57,200 and base salaries can be as high as \$72,000.

In America’s “mainstream” society,” Black leadership has become a negative moniker. It’s possible that the “politically correct” people scolding Barry don’t understand that what he is saying is that “the next generation of nurses should look like communities they serve ... and that speaking the language and understanding the culture of patients is especially important.”

Today, 24 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) offer baccalaureate-level nursing programs. The Ethnic Minority Fellowship Program strives to increase the number of minorities in medicine and offers annual stipends to pre-and-postdoctoral students. The National Black Nurses Association offers several annual scholarships with award amounts that range from \$500 to \$2000. Minority Nurse Magazine sponsors annual scholarships for minority students with outstanding academic records who have demonstrated personal commitment to health care professions.

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O’Malley-Brown Administration Announces State Employee Wellness Initiative

By PRESS OFFICER
Office of the Governor

Baltimore, MD (June, 2012) - The O’Malley-Brown Administration and state agencies have long collaborated to maximize the health, well-being, and safety of all Marylanders. The Administration officially announced a wellness program geared toward its workforce with the rollout of the State of Maryland Wellness Stat during the 3rd Annual Workplace Health and Wellness Symposium at the BWI Marriott Hotel in Linthicum.

The new means of tracking data and measuring the wellness of employees through StateStat began in March. The goals of this Stat are to foster an environment that promotes healthy eating and active living at state agencies and facilities; enhance state health plan coverage of cost-effective and evidence-based practices; and end tobacco sales in state agencies and promote smoking cessation

resources. All three goals are based on research which shows that 80 percent of heart disease, stroke, and diabetes and 40 percent of certain cancers can be prevented through healthy eating, daily physical activity, and tobacco-free living.

"An investment in wellness and prevention activities can promote the health and well-being of employees as well as the bottom line," said Governor Martin O'Malley. "It is our responsibility as employers to provide our employees opportunities to improve their health while at the same time improving the bottom line for our businesses, our government and for our communities."

Every month for the next eight months will focus on different tools, resources, and programs that can be used by employers and employees to improve their health and to jump-start or enhance an existing employee wellness program. Some of these resources are already available to the public, such as ChopChop MD



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Governor Martin O'Malley and Lt Governor Anthony Brown

(<http://dhmh.maryland.gov/chochopmd/SitePages/Home.aspx>) a collection of family friendly and healthy recipes, and the Maryland Quitline (<http://mdquit.org/quitline>), a free resource to assist Marylanders who want to become tobacco-free.

As a part of the State of Maryland Employee Wellness Initiative, wellness policies will be enacted at the state level, but each state agency will be given latitude to enact

their own policies and programs to best suit the needs of their employees.

"The health of the workplace and the health of the community are inextricably linked," said Dr. Joshua M. Sharfstein, Secretary of the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH). "Workplace wellness programs can help employees adopt healthier lifestyles and improve their productivity and performance."

Women from A1

“Without this funding, we would lose a domestic violence advocate and a prosecutor who is assigned specifically to domestic violence cases, reducing our ability to help victims. I strongly urge the House of Representatives to pass the Senate version of VAWA to ensure that we continue to receive this critical funding.”

“As the premiere domestic violence program in Prince George’s County, serving women and children for more than thirty years, we believe that if H. R. 4970, as crafted by the House of Representatives, is

passed, it would not only set women back 50 years, but would be a travesty for women and children of this nation now and for years to come,” Malinda Miles, Executive Director of the Family Crisis Center, Inc. of Prince George’s County said.

“Combating domestic violence remains a primary focus of the Prince George’s County Police Department. Our collaborative partnerships with all involved stakeholders will ensure this important public safety issue gets the attention it deserves. We’re thankful to Senator Cardin for his enthusiastic and steadfast support,” said Prince George’s County Police

Chief Mark Magaw.

The Senate passed its version of the VAWA reauthorization issue in April. 15 Republicans joined with the Democratic majority and passed this bill with an overwhelming vote of 68-31. The bill was improved since its first passage 18 years ago. The Senate-passed version of the law includes measures to ensure that victims are not denied services because they are gay or transgender. It protects Native Americans women from domestic violence and sexual assault, and includes non-discrimination protection for all victims, regardless of their race, color, religion, or gender. The VAWA encourages collabora-

tion among law enforcement, judicial personnel, and public and private service providers to victims of domestic and sexual violence. It also works to increase public awareness.

One in four women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime. An estimated 1.3 million women are victims of physical assault by an intimate partner every year. In Maryland, in 2009, there were more than 18,500 reported cases of domestic abuse and 38 fatalities. That period of time has been the lowest number of domestic violence-related deaths on record for the state, but these numbers are still unacceptable.

Wage from A1

average of \$100,000 a year, according to the county's 2012 Technology Handbook. In addition, more than 200 defense contractors have offices in the county and pay an average salary of about \$76,000.

That makes the defense industry the engine behind the steady rise in the county's median income to more than \$80,000. Those incomes have shielded thousands of residents from the brunt of the economic recession.

But those salary statistics mask the financial problems of a substantial share of the population that is barely getting by.

About 70 percent of St. Mary's residents 25 and older lack a college degree. That means they are not eligible for many jobs on the base, where Younger said three out of four employees have at least a bachelor's degree. The next largest employers after defense in St. Mary's County are retail and tourism, said Donna Sasscer, the county's agriculture manager, who works with the county's Department of Economic and Community Development.

Jobs in food preparation and serving account for 7.7 percent of the workforce. Those jobs pay on average \$9.76 an hour, or about \$20,000 a year, according to the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Costs have risen. For example, rents increased about 25 percent, while rents in Maryland increased about 21 percent.

"People who can't compete

are in a double bind," said Finnacorn, who is president of St. Mary's County Community Development Corporation, which aims to increase employment opportunities through commercial and residential redevelopment. "The cost of living has gone up to meet market demands of a more affluent population, and they get left behind," she said.

The corporation helps county residents obtain better jobs through their Jobs Connection Program. Low-wage employment is often a dead-end, so the program provides workshops and training to assist St. Mary's residents in starting careers that have room for promotion.

The income disparity between higher- and lower-educated residents has existed for decades, since the base began expanding, said Tony Jones, the county's public information officer. The skills needed for jobs at the base and contractors are so specialized that many people don't qualify.

"We find the reason why folks are not able to qualify for jobs is they simply don't have the skill," Jones said. "The answer is education."

In 2010, men with only high-school diplomas nationally made a median annual income of \$40,060, and women made \$29,860, according to the National Center for Education Statistics. Men with bachelor's degrees had a median earning of \$63,740, and women with degrees earned \$47,440.

In St. Mary's County, even an undergraduate degree may not be enough. "Today, the bachelor's

degree is what the high school degree used to be," said Mel Powell, executive director of the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center, which offers mainly graduate education and high-tech training programs. "More and more employers are looking for higher levels of skill."

The center was established with funding from the state, Southern Maryland counties and universities around the country in the mid-1990s in direct response to employers' needs for an even more educated and skilled workforce, Powell said.

Many county employers pay for their workers to take classes at the center, which partners with 14 universities, 10 of which are in Maryland. Before the center, employees would have to commute 200 miles round-trip to universities as far as Towson.

Yet the center, like the defense industry job market, is out of reach for most of St. Mary's residents, who have neither a bachelor's degree nor employers willing to pay for their education.

St. Mary's College of Maryland doesn't fill the need either. Most students at St. Mary's College are full-time and enter immediately after high school. The college looks for students with high SAT scores and heavy involvement in extracurricular activities. The cost was nearly \$24,000 for in-state students last school year. The college estimates another \$3,500 is spent on books and other expenses.

The region's community college, the College of Southern Maryland, provides two-year training programs for higher-

skilled jobs that are cheaper and take less time to complete.

The school tries to cater to what the major employers are looking for and "gear up those programs because most students are local and want to stay in the area. They want to get a job here," said Brad Gottfried, president of the College of Southern Maryland. "We're working closely with local employers more than we have before."

For example, the college is developing a program with a local nuclear power plant to train nuclear energy technicians, he said. It's also "working directly with Patuxent River" by growing its engineering programs.

But studying here still costs money. An associate's degree in engineering technology at the College of Southern Maryland costs \$7,900, not including books or other expenses. Residents are in a position where they have to spend money to make money.

The college's enrollment last school year was 12,035, up about 8 percent from the 2008 school year. Almost every student is local, Gottfried said.

Nearly 40 percent of enrolled students applied for financial aid last academic year, according to College of Southern Maryland records. In 2008, about a quarter of students applied.

The average student is about 26 or 27 years old and takes evening classes while working.

More people are going back to school so "they're able to compete in the job market," Jones said, a trend seen nationwide.

Alexandra Daniello contributed to this article.

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Movie Review

“Bag of Hammers”

"A Bag of Hammers"
Grade: B
Not rated, probably R for a lot of harsh profanity, some mature themes
1 hr., 27 min.

Your complaint that "A Bag of Hammers" is slight, oversimplified, and unrealistic is not unfounded. You have a good point. I hear what you're saying. And I don't care. Because "A Bag of Hammers" is also happy, uncynical, and heartfelt, so gosh-darned likable that any flaws in its methods are easily overlooked.

Our heroes in this congenial affair are Ben (Jason Ritter) and Alan (Jake Sandvig), a pair of twentysomethings who have been friends since childhood, and for whom childhood is an ongoing process. Alan has a sister, Mel (Rebecca Hall), who waits tables at a waffle house; other than that, neither Alan nor Ben has any family. A few lines of dialogue suggest that all three had chaotic upbringings.

Ben and Alan, as close as brothers and as comfortable as an old married couple, make a living as two-bit grifters. They'll pose as valets and steal a car left in their care, selling it to a shady auto dealer, or pretend to raise money for charities. They live in a house one of them acquired somehow, and make legitimate income renting out part of the property.

What is interesting so far is that while Ben and Alan are criminals, the movie makes no judgments against them. There's no suggestion that their behavior is justified, either. It's just what they do. Perhaps this



ROTTENTOMATOES

A Bag of Hammers revolves around the friendship of two charming grifters, Ben and Alan, played by Jason Ritter and Jake Sandvig. Ben and Alan have built a successful though larcenous business, posing as car valets, only to steal the vehicles instead of parking them. Because of their less-than-ideal childhoods and a "job" that allows them to remain likeable boyish rogues well into their 20's, their penchant for crime is almost forgivable. -- (C) Official Site

is one of the film's flaws that I'm ignoring: These guys are too genuinely nice and compassionate to be such flagrant criminals.

In any event, the tenants in their rental property are Lynette (Carrie Preston), a harried single mother, and Kelsey (Chandler Canterbury), her eager-to-please 12-year-old son. Displaced by a Louisiana hurricane, Lynette and Kelsey are penniless, and Lynette, who lacks most of your basic office skills, is desperate to find a job. Any interest she had in being a good mother has long since dissipated, so Kelsey is left alone a lot. Mel worries he's being neglected, as does the boy's

teacher (Gabriel Macht). Meanwhile, he becomes a sidekick to Ben and Alan.

This "About a Boy" scenario becomes more complicated -- and more poignant -- when external events intrude on the little group's serenity. In other words, stuff gets real, yo. The situation is eventually resolved more happily than realistically, but in the meantime the film is surprisingly elegant in its treatment of serious issues. Director Brian Crano, who wrote the screenplay with Jake Sandvig, achieves an unusual blend of comedy and tragedy, aided by strong, sympathetic performances from the cast. Jason Ritter and young Chandler

Canterbury both have scenes that are every bit as emotionally stirring as the other scenes are funny.

Sandvig and Ritter are an affable duo, playing an amusing pair of goodhearted man-children who aren't, for a change, insufferably obsessed with making pop culture references. (You have no idea what a relief that is.) Having endured the breakdown of their biological families, Ben and Alan have created a makeshift family unit, with Mel and Kelsey as auxiliary members of it. All we have in this harsh world is each other, you know. How can you not enjoy a scrappy comedy that so cheerfully reminds us of this?

The Edge of Sports

by DAVE ZIRIN

After 44 Years, It's Time Brent Musburger Apologized to John Carlos and Tommie Smith

When Tommie Smith and John Carlos raised their black-gloved fists at the 1968 Mexico City Olympics, they were scorched with scorn across the sports media landscape. One would have searched in vain for sympathy, understanding, or even an unbiased recording of their grievances.

No one asked why two young, world-class athletes would risk their livelihoods, their reputations, even the safety of themselves and their families in the name of protest. Few were interested in examining why anyone would feel compelled to challenge an International Olympic Committee that coddled apartheid South Africa and Rhodesia, didn't hire black officials, or would be led by an avowed white supremacist and anti-Semite, Avery Brundage. It was easier to dismiss Carlos and Smith and misguided souls and be done with them.

In 2012, that frozen, dramatic moment of 1968 resistance is far more likely to be celebrated than criticized. Smith and Carlos are now routinely lauded for their bravery and daring. As ESPN proclaimed bluntly upon giving Smith and Carlos their Arthur Ashe Courage Award in 2008, "They were right."

No one was saying that in 1968. Amidst the angry denunciations, there was one column published in the Chicago American newspaper, that was particularly ugly. The journalist responsible has never deigned to comment or explain, let alone apologize, for why he decided upon the words he chose. The writer became an iconic broadcaster who now sits comfortably as the elder statesman of the sports world. He appears in family friendly movies like *The Waterboy* and *Cars 2*. His name is Brent Musburger.

In 1968 Musburger was a restless, ambitious young sports writer looking to make his name. He found his opportunity when Smith and Carlos made their stand. Musburger didn't see a demonstration. He saw a target.

"One gets a little tired of having the United States run down by athletes who are enjoying themselves at the expense of their country," he wrote. Musburger then infamously called Smith and Carlos "a pair of black skinned stormtroopers."

The above quote has been disseminated in books and articles for years but his full column is a difficult find. With an assist from Professor Jules Boykoff and an old-school tool called microfilm, I found it and if anything it's even uglier than the above quotes suggest. The headline is "Bizarre Protest By Smith, Carlos Tarnishes Medals." Despite seeing what they did as "bizarre," Musburger doesn't once address why Smith and Carlos did what they did or quote them directly. He does however find time to mock them repeatedly. He describes Smith and Carlos as "juvenile", "ignoble," and — this actually is bizarre — "unimaginative". Musburger calls Tommie Smith "the militant black." In describing a scene of Carlos trying to defend their actions, Musberger writes, "Perhaps it's time 20 year old athletes quit passing themselves off as social philosophers."

And then there are those words that still singe the eyes: "black skinned stormtroopers." You almost don't believe it until you read it.

As for the actual stormtrooper-sympathizer, Musburger refers to Brundage as a kindly old grandfather and with great affection and addresses him as "Avery". No mention of course that many of the athletes called him "Slavery Avery." To this day, mention Musburger's name to John Carlos and he grits his teeth. This is particularly illustrative because Carlos is fond of saying that he has no hate in his heart toward anyone even after all the isolation and criticism he endured. As he is fond of saying, "Bitterness leads to cancer which leads to death and I have too much work to do to have time for any of that." Name a nemesis of his from 1968, like Jesse Owens or another member of the media and he responds with a smile and recounts how in private, they buried the hatchet. But not Musburger.

"We are talking about someone who compared us to Nazis. Think about that. Here we are standing up to apartheid and to a man in Avery Brundage who delivered the Olympics to Hitler's Germany. And here's Musburger calling us Nazis. That got around. It followed us. It hurt us. It hurt my wife, my kids. I've never been able to confront him about why he did this. Every time I've been at a function or an event with Brent Musburger and I walk towards him, and he heads the other way."

It's been 44 years. It's time Brent Musberger apologized for slandering these two young men as "black-skinned stormtroopers." It's time he apologized for his absence of journalistic ethics in ignoring their message and instead obsessing on the color of their skin. It's time he apologized for making the lives of John Carlos and Tommie Smith that much harder. Nearing the end of a distinguished career, he should address this scar on his legacy. Brent Musburger: the ball is in your court.

Maryland Live! Casino Opened to the Public

Baltimore — Maryland Lottery Director Stephen Martino signed the operations license allowing Maryland Live! Casino to open to the public. The casino, owned by the Baltimore-based Cordish Co., opened its first phase on Wednesday, June 6.

"The Maryland Lottery has reviewed thoroughly the operations of Maryland Live!, the training and quality of its staff, and their adherence to internal controls and policies," Martino said. "We believe that the casino has done an outstanding job preparing itself to open to the public and believe no significant issues remain to be addressed.

"The public can go to Maryland Live! with confidence that the facility is safe and secure and the gaming is being conducted fairly."

Maryland Live! conducted a successful controlled demonstration of the casino on Saturday, June 2. The goal of the demonstration, which was attended by more than 7,500, was to test and assess the facility's more than 3,100 slot machines; food and beverage services; internal controls; employee training; surveillance and security; and technical systems. Maryland Live! will donate its portion of the proceeds from the event



PHOTO BY ELLIOTT FRANCIS

Maryland Live! casino is easily the state's largest gaming facility, and it's the third-largest in the U.S. With a buffet and approximately 4,000 humming slot machines covering 330,000 square feet of gaming space.

to the Anne Arundel Medical Center Foundation, Baltimore Washington Medical Center Foundation, Anne Arundel Community College Foundation and the Baltimore Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Located at the Arundel Mills Mall in Anne Arundel County, the \$500 million Maryland Live! Casino will be one of the largest gaming, retail and entertainment destinations in the country with

4,750 slot machines and electronic table games when fully opened, with a state-of-the-art, live entertainment venue and nationally acclaimed restaurants, such as Bobby's Burger Palace from celebrated chef Bobby Flay, The Cheesecake Factory®, Phillips® Seafood and The Prime Rib®. The casino and its ancillary developments will employ 1,500 upon completion.

This is the third casino to

open in Maryland. The other two: Hollywood Casino Perryville, opened in September 2010, and Casino at Ocean Downs, opened in January 2011. To date, the casinos have generated \$227.6 million in total gaming revenue with more than \$110 million going to Maryland's Education Trust Fund.

For more information on Maryland's slots program, go to mdlottery.com/slots.

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Calendar of Events

June 14 - June 20, 2012

2012 Summer Concert Series: Arts on the Waterfront
Date & Time: Sundays, June 3-August 12, 6-7:30 pm
Description: Join us when the Waterfront springs to life with music and entertainment—jazz, R&B, reggae, dance, blues, rock and a puppet show. Refreshments will be available for purchase.
Cost: FREE
Ages: All ages
Location: *Bladensburg Waterfront Park*
4601 Annapolis Road, Bladensburg 20710
Contact: 301-779-0371; TTY 301-699-2544

Platinum Live: Bill Thomas Blues Band
Date and Time: Tuesday, June 12, 11 am
Event Description: After many years performing in Europe to critical acclaim, Bill Thomas has returned to Appalachia and is a staple at blues festivals and concert halls across America. A sensual and emotional player, Thomas electrifies audiences with a mix of classic blues and original tunes drawn from rural and urban blues cultures. This is a welcome-to-summer concert that will have you tapping your feet and wishing for more.
Ages: 60 & up
Fee: \$5/person
Location: *Publick Playhouse*
5445 Landover Road, Cheverly 20784
Information: 301-277-1710; TTY: 301-277-1312

Puppet Show
Date & Time: Thursday, June 14, 2-3 pm
Description: Enjoy a seasonal themed puppet show, and meet a live animal. Reservations are required.
Cost: Resident \$2; Non-Resident \$3
Ages: 2-10
Location: *Watkins Nature Center*
301 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro 20774
Contact: 301-218-6702; TTY 301-699-2544
SMARTlink: #836566

The Fifth Annual Juneteenth Celebration
Date & Time: Saturday, June 16, 12 noon-5 pm
Description: The fifth annual Juneteenth celebration is a FREE family event open to the public, and will be held rain or shine. This event seeks to promote knowledge and appreciation of African American history, culture and achievement. Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. The festival is a day full of history, music, and dance. In addition to performers on stage throughout the day, there will be family activities, and exhibits related to black history. The Afro-American Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc. and their partners will host a series of lectures and workshops on African American genealogy and history in the Nature Center, where there will also be an African Art display. Bring your family and enjoy the day!
Cost: FREE
Ages: All ages
Location: *Watkins Regional Park*
301 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro 20774
Contact: 301-627-2270; TTY 301-699-2544

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Date & Time: Fridays & Saturdays, June 15-September 1; 4 pm-closing
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Lane Manor Splash Park
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North Barnaby Splash Park
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Prince George's Sports & Learning Complex
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Theresa Banks Memorial Aquatics Center
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EARTH TALK .. Wind turbines and bird conflicts

Dear EarthTalk:

One of the objections to wind power has been that the turbines can kill birds. Has there been some progress in developing bird-friendly wind power?
-- Marcie Mahoney,
Boston, MA

Bird collisions have been one of the primary negatives of the recent growth in wind power across the United States and beyond. The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) estimates that almost a half million birds are killed each year in the U.S. by wind turbines. “Birds can die in collisions with the turbine blades, towers, power lines, or related structures, and can also be impacted through habitat destruction from the siting of turbines, power lines, and access roads,” the non-profit American Bird Conservancy reports. “Some birds, such as sage-grouse, are particularly sensitive to the presence of turbines, and can be scared away from their breeding grounds several miles away from a wind development.”

In response to this growing problem, the USFWS released new federal guidelines in March 2012 for land-based wind developers trying to avoid or minimize impacts to birds and their habitats. The guidelines are voluntary at this point, but U.S. wind developers interested in a smoother ride through various permitting processes and the blessing of environmental groups—several were consulted extensively in drawing up the new guidelines—are doing their best to make their designs and implementations comply.

The federal government’s 22-member Wind Turbine Guidelines Advisory Committee, which included experts from the National

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and illegally used handguns in our community. We need to know who they are and where they are living,” said Deputy State’s Attorney Tara Harrison, who spoke in favor of the legis-

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shut down—Allied Chemical in Fells Point, Bethlehem Steel Shipyard, Western Electric, and the American Can Company, in Canton. They took 5,900 union jobs with them.

Bethlehem Steel in Sparrows Point, in Baltimore County, farther to the east, cut an additional 8,500 jobs during that time, according to research done then by David Harvey, a former professor of geography at Johns Hopkins.

This is not a story unique to the Baltimore waterfront. Good-paying manufacturing jobs have been disappearing for decades, a result of a changing economy, globalization, and other trends largely beyond Baltimore’s control.

Today, the employers in Harbor East vary widely, but almost all of them fall within the service sector. There are restaurants and hotels; universities, both for-profit (Laureate) and not for-profit (Johns Hopkins Carey Business School); and large banks and financial advisors.

“Harbor East has been incredibly, in fact, overly successful in bringing attractive Class A office space, attractive retail, and attractive hotel space to the city,” said Richard Clinch, the director of economic research at the University of Baltimore, who has worked with Harbor East developers.

Clinch says Harbor East has become a second downtown, taking businesses from other parts of the city.

“Hotel development has traditionally centered on the convention center,” Clinch said.



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The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service estimates that almost a half million birds are killed each year in the U.S. by wind turbines. In March 2012 the agency released new federal guidelines that steer wind turbines away from vital habitat and toward land already marked by development.

Audubon Society, Nature Conservancy, Defenders of Wildlife, Massachusetts Audubon and Bat Conservation International, developed the guidelines. Committee members report they are optimistic that the new guidelines provide a path to better protection for birds and their habitats.

“The guidelines steer wind turbines away from vital habitat...and toward land already marked by development,” says David Yarnold, National Audubon’s President. “They give the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service a place at the table for siting decisions; they help protect sites with high potential risk for birds; and they minimize habitat fragmentation.” He adds that the guidelines are based on the best available science and “provide a roadmap to better bird protections across each of America’s four great flyways.”

Audubon pushed to ensure that the guidelines address habi-

lation on behalf of State’s Attorney Angela Alsobrooks. “While we understand that this bill is not a cure-all for gun crime, we believe that it is a proactive step in the right direction and we are determined to be proactive.”

"But where did the Four Seasons go? Where did the Marriott go? To Harbor East, because they could get newer buildings in a newer, better environment."

That also holds true for many of the higher-paying office jobs located in Harbor East. The financial giants Morgan Stanley and Legg Mason, both had huge new headquarters built in Harbor East.

"They've relocated jobs from the traditional downtown," said Michael Evitts of the non-profit Baltimore Downtown Partnership. "We would have been worried had it not been for backfilling," Evitts said, referring to the process of abandoned office space being reused or repurposed.

The four largest hospitality employers in Harbor East -- Marriott, Whole Foods, Four Seasons, and Hilton -- combined employ about 950 people, according to their human resources departments. That's a lot of jobs, but not enough to replace the thousands that were lost in the early 1980s. And as the jobs in the area have changed, the neighborhoods have changed as well.

"It's not the same as when the canning industries and the automotive industries and the shipping industries were all stretched along the water and the people all lived in those working-class neighborhoods," Kraft said. "That's just not the case any longer."

Today, while some employees live nearby, an informal survey shows that they tend to be young and single. People with families tend to live in other

"When we think we can do something to make our communities safer and we don't have the tools that we need, we turn to our County Council to come up with legislation," said Major George Nader of the Prince George's County Police Department, who

neighborhoods.

Tony Rieger, 21, works the front desk at the Courtyard by Marriott on Aliceanna Street and attends Stratford University one day a week. He likes his job and says he is paid well, and gets great benefits. But "the Harbor East area is definitely a little out of my reach," Rieger said. "Anyone that works in this area usually lives elsewhere."

Joaquin Torres, 32, has been a bellman at the Homewood Suites by Hilton on South President Street for almost three years. He says he likes his job "about 20 times better" than his previous one, working for a painting company, and that with tips, his pay is excellent, although he declined to be more specific.

Torres lives in nearby Little Italy with his mother and his three-year-old daughter. He says he lucked into an affordable apartment because he speaks Italian and has a rapport with the landlord.

"I'm the only one who can walk to work," Torres bragged, with a smile. "Harbor East is more exclusive. Little Italy is a neighborhood."

While salaries can vary widely depending on position, new workers at Hilton make about \$12 an hour, according to Edypa Milonas the director of human resources at the Hilton Garden Inn in Harbor East.

One-bedroom apartments in Harbor East buildings tend to rent for more than \$2,000 a month, according to real estate listings. That's more than the monthly earnings of the average new Hilton employee.

Bruce Carter, 35, is a front-office agent at the Marriott

birds from the negative impacts of wind energy and rewarding responsible wind energy development.

CONTACTS: National Audubon, www.audubon.org; USFWS "Land-Based Wind Energy Guidelines," www.fws.gov/windenergy/docs/WEG_final.pdf; American Bird Conservancy, www.abcbirds.org. EarthTalk® is written and edited by Roddy Scheer and Doug Moss and is a registered trademark of E - The Environmental Magazine www.emagazine.com. Send questions to: earthtalk@emagazine.com. Subscribe: www.emagazine.com/subscribe. Free Trial Issue: www.emagazine.com/trial.

also spoke in favor of CB-14. "This legislation will help save lives."

Under CB-14, the information on the registry will remain for a period of three years or a period of 5 years, depending on the severity of the crime.

Waterfront hotel on Aliceanna Street. He is working toward a degree in kinesiology at Towson University and lives between Fells Point and Canton.

Carter says a lot of the families who once lived in those neighborhoods have moved to suburbs like Towson and Catonsville for more space and lower rents. "Everyone around here is my age, 25 to 40," Carter said. "When you start having a family this isn't the place."

Clinch says that manufacturers aren't coming back and it's unfair to compare the jobs they provided with those in Harbor East. "It's a straw man that makes no sense. It isn't a question of a great union manufacturing job versus a crappy hotel job. It's a question of a job versus no job for city residents."

Jennifer Vey, at the Brookings Institution sees Baltimore's economic future in five export-based industries--manufacturing, bioscience, information technology, "green" jobs, and transportation and logistics.

"What I ultimately found was that these five industries have a greater share of workers in occupations making a middle-wage or higher who don't have a four-year college degree," Vey said.

"That's not at the exclusion of everything else," she said. "Certainly you want amenities, and tourism-based industries, and retail, but you can't be putting all your stock into those types of industries if you want to be growing middle- and higher-wage jobs."

Kate McGonigle contributed to this article.

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Mikulski Statement on Republican Filibuster of Paycheck Fairness Act

WASHINGTON — Senator Barbara A. Mikulski (D-Md.), Dean of the Senate women, made the following statement today after Republicans unanimously blocked the Paycheck Fairness Act, legislation she introduced to help close the wage gap for women:

"Although we lost the vote today, we're not going to give up the battle. While it is a sad day here in the U.S. Senate, it's an even sadder day each day a woman earns less than a man doing the same job with the same education.

"It's unfortunate that today's vote occurred strictly along party lines. It's my hope that we can bring this bill up again and forge a bipartisan vote.

"As we come up on the 49th anniversary of equal pay for equal work, we're not going to let this bill die because of parliamentary entanglements. The majority should rule in the United States Senate.

"While John Adams and all the guys were in Philadelphia writing the U.S. Constitution, his wife Abigail wrote him a letter that said, 'Do not forget the ladies or they will foment a revolution of their own.'

"Well, they did forget the

ladies. And the ladies did foment a revolution of their own. It was called the suffrage movement. It took 150 years for women to secure the right to vote.

"And now they've forgotten the ladies again by not getting rid of the loopholes in the Equal Pay Act that are making it hard to end pay discrimination. But we're not going to wait another

49 years.

"So, I say to the women of America, let's keep this fight going. Put on your lipstick, square your shoulders, suit up and let's fight for this new American Revolution where women get equal pay for equal work. Let's end wage discrimination in this century once and for all."



Mikulski decried wage discrimination. "Let's start with equal pay for equal work."

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