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Innovation Makes PG County Leader in Waste Diversion and Recycling

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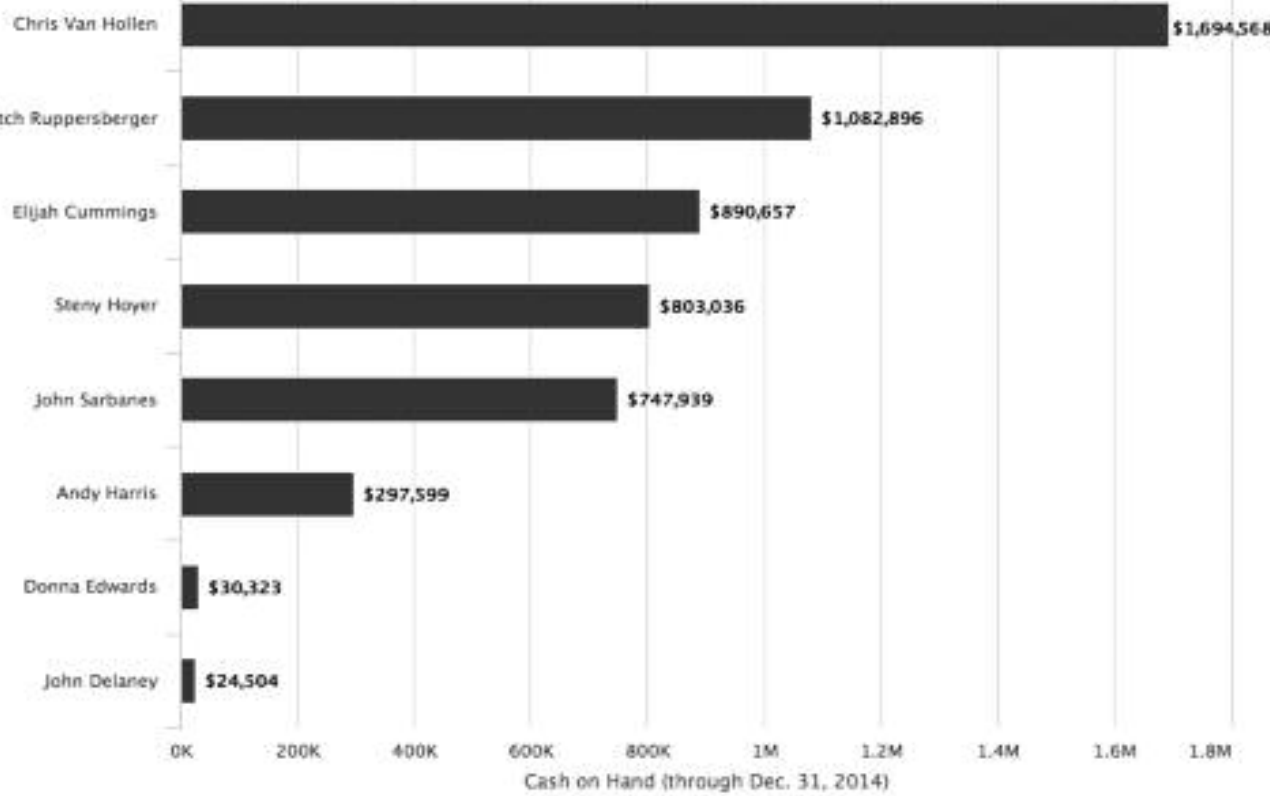
Largo, MD – When it comes to waste diversion and recycling, Prince George's is Maryland's greenest County. The County now ranks No. 1 in the State for keeping trash out of its landfill and in second place for recycling. This is an all-time high for the County and a significant step towards its ultimate goal of zero waste.

"I want to thank all residents, businesses and nonprofits for stepping up to make Prince George's County clean, green and beautiful," says County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III. "Everyone has a role in making Prince George's County the best place to live, work and play in the region. Everyday actions like recycling make a difference in putting the County at the top."

"We have introduced new programs to efficiently capture and realize the value of many things that we throw away" says Department of the Environment Director Adam Ortiz. "However, the credit goes to our businesses and residents who have been recycling and composting like never before. We also thank the County

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House Members, Some With Big War Chests, Eye Mikulski's Senate Seat



CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE GRAPHIC BY STEPHANIE GUTIERREZ-MUNGUIA

The announcement this week by Sen. Barbara Mikulski that she would not seek a sixth term set off a flurry of speculation about her replacement. Seven of the eight members of Congress in Maryland's delegation have been mentioned as possible candidates -- all except for Rep. Steny Hoyer. Winning will take a lot of money, and some Maryland members of Congress have more in the bank than others after last year's election. Source: OpenSecrets.org data through Dec. 31, 2014.

Next Year's Election For Mikulski's Seat Is A Potential 'Land Rush'

By ANJALI SHASTRY AND
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ANNAPOLIS -- As Maryland's senior Senator Barbara Mikulski prepares to finish up her last term in the U.S. Senate,

politicians across the state are gearing up to run for her seat in what has been called a political "land rush."

Sitting Maryland representatives in the U.S. Congress would have to give up their seats to run to replace Mikulski,

a Democrat, who announced Monday she would not run in 2016 after 38 years in Congress.

Rep. Chris Van Hollen, D-Kensington, is "very likely to run," an aide said. Both Reps. John Delaney, D-Potomac, and Rep. C.A. "Dutch" Ruppers-

berger, D-Cockeysville, have confirmed they are planning on exploring a campaign, while Rep. Andy Harris, R-Cockeysville, and Rep. John

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Rushern Baker Demolishes Old 'Plumbers Building'

By PRESS OFFICER
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Brentwood, MD ---- Prince George's County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III was joined by the Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development, the Redevelopment Authority of Prince George's County and other local and municipal elected officials and community leaders for the demolition of the property, formerly known as "the Plumber's Building", located at 3807 Rhode Island Avenue in Brentwood, MD on Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. A new state-of-the-art, mixed use building, which includes 147 market rate apartments, 6,000 square feet of artist work space and 6,000 square feet of retail space will be developed at the intersection of 38th and Rhode Island Avenue as one of the final development pieces to implement the vision of the Arts District that was established a decade ago. Officials and community leaders gathered for the demolition at 3901 Rhode Island Avenue, Brentwood, MD and watched as County Executive Baker took the first swipe at the old "Plumber's Building."

Use the following link for photos from this event: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/...>

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Enrollment in Afterschool Programs Up Nationally; Maryland Lags

By MELANIE BALAKIT
Capital News Service

WASHINGTON—Maryland lags behind the 2014 national averages for children enrolled in afterschool programs, according to a survey commissioned by the Afterschool Alliance.

The "America After 3 p.m." survey examined 30,000 families nationally, finding that 18 percent of children were enrolled in an afterschool program in 2014, which is up from 15 percent in 2009. The 18 percent of involved schoolchildren in these programs equates to 10.2 million nationwide.

Maryland is in the middle of the pack, according to the survey, with 16 percent of its children participating in afterschool programs, which is down from 17 percent in 2009.

Approximately 21 percent of Maryland children are left unsupervised after school, which equates to 192,737 students. Maryland children K-12 are left alone and unsupervised for about 9 hours per week, which

is higher than the national average of 7 hours per week.

However, the survey found that 36 percent of Maryland's children would take part in an afterschool program if there was one available.

The Afterschool Alliance—which raises awareness about and advocates for afterschool programs through work with program operators and federal, state and local governments—presented the survey's findings Wednesday at a Senate Afterschool Caucus briefing.

The survey compiled data from 50 states and the District of Columbia to calculate a composite score that was indexed against a national average.

"Our goal is more and better out-of-school-time opportunities for all youth and children in the state of Maryland," said Tammy Shay, program coordinator at the Maryland Out of School Time (MOST) Network.

The MOST Network addresses three main goals: creating a sustainable structure of partnerships in the school community, improving



CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE PHOTO BY STEPHEN WALDRON

Instructor Adrian Safar and sixth-grader Hannah Chacon warm up before a dance class at Montgomery Village Middle School in Gaithersburg. The class is part of the Excel Beyond the Bell after-school program.

statewide policies and supporting quality programs.

"We do what we can to look at the whole child and to look at youth development from a learning and experiential standpoint," Shay said.

These afterschool programs provide children with opportuni-

ties for physical education, homework time, snacks and meals, reading and writing and science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) learning.

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PG County and Business Leaders Discuss Platforms for Increasing Healthcare Access

By PRESS OFFICER
Doctors Community Hospital

ADELPHI, MD – The issue of increasing healthcare access to Prince George's County's most underserved residents took center stage on February 19, 2015, as members of the county's government, not-for-profit and business communities introduced innovative collaborations designed to expand these critical services countywide. Through grants awarded by Walmart and the Walmart Foundation, community members will have increased access to needed medical services.

Prince George's County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III, addressed the topic alongside representatives from the Prince George's County Health Department, Doctors Community Hospital, Mary's Center for Maternal and Child Care, Prince George's Child Resource Center and Walmart.

"No issue is more important than making quality health care accessible to those in our community who need it most," said County Executive Rushern L.

Baker, III. "Bringing together government, not-for-profit and business resources is an essential part of achieving this objective, and I'm pleased that leaders from each of these sectors within Prince George's County are committed to working together to develop solutions to this fundamental need. I want to thank Walmart and the Walmart Foundation for their support of this important effort."

Among the highlights of the day's event was the unveiling of a mobile health clinic that will be operated by Doctors Community Hospital (DCH) in conjunction with the Prince George's County Health Department. Named "Wellness on Wheels" or W.O.W., this mobile unit will be staffed with healthcare professionals and will travel to different locations within the county. One of its primary focuses will be to provide medical services to underserved residents who reside in communities where health disparities are higher than regional

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Mikulski Announces 5th Term Will Be Her Last

U.S. Senator Barbara A. Mikulski (D-Md.) announced she has decided not to run for re-election. Senator Mikulski, who will complete her 5th term in office in January, 2017, says she wants to focus for the next two years on working for her constituents and for the nation.
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Bill to Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol Introduced in Legislature

The Marijuana Control and Revenue Act is the next step on the road to saner drug policy in Maryland. For too long, tens of thousands of Marylanders, disproportionately black, have faced life-altering criminal penalties simply for possessing a substance most voters believe should be legalized.
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Movie Review: 50 Shades of Grey

Apart from his money and good looks (both of which are considerable, I admit), it's hard to imagine why a woman would even date him, let alone put up with his peculiar, specific, idiosyncratic sexual demands. He's so broody and secretive about it, too. Even having a conversation with him is a lot of work.
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Earth Talk

Dear EarthTalk:

What is Global Divestment Day and how does it relate to protecting the environment?

— Michel LaPlante,
New Orleans, LA

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Towns and NEIGHBORS

In and Around Morningside-Skyline

by Mary McHale 301 735 3451

Frank Mudd, great-grandson of Dr. Sam Mudd and father of 12, dies

Francis Finotti "Frank" Mudd formerly of Marlow Heights, Oxon Hill and SE Washington, died Jan. 9 in Auburn, Calif. He was 84.

Frank was the son of T. Paul and Frances Mudd, grandson of Dr. Thomas Dyer Mudd, and great-grandson of Dr. Samuel A. Mudd who was sentenced to life in prison in 1865 for setting the leg of John Wilkes Booth, assassin of President Abraham Lincoln. (Dr. Mudd was pardoned by President Andrew Johnson in 1869.)

Frank was born in Washington, attended St. Francis Xavier School and was an altarboy, often serving Mass with his identical twin brother Paul, at St. Francis Xavier Church. He graduated from Gonzaga High School, St. Charles College in Catonsville, and Georgetown University where he majored in Constitutional History, and served in the U.S. Army. He worked in real estate for his father who had a law and real estate office in SE Washington and went on to make a career in appraisals.

He ran unsuccessfully for the Maryland State Senate in 1970 when he lived in Prince George's County. He also served as finance chairman for Larry Hogan Sr.'s successful Congressional (District 5) campaign of 1968.

One summer in Shady Side, he met Margaret "Margie" Kelly, sister of former County Executive Winfield Kelly Jr. They were married May 9, 1964, at St. Jerome's Church in Hyattsville and made their first home in Marlow Heights. Eventually they moved to Auburn, Calif., where they raised their 12 children.

Frank's parents and his twin brother T. Paul Mudd preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Margie; 12 children: Margie, Francis Jr., Ruth, Mary Catherine, Benjamin, T. Paul, Teresa, Joseph, Charles, Kathleen, Elizabeth and Amelia; 47 grandchildren; brothers John, Richard and Joe Mudd, and sister Mary Robey. He is also mourned by many cousins—including me. There was standing room only at his funeral in St. Joseph Church in Auburn where

he had been a daily Mass-goer for much of his life.

Town meeting

Morningsiders are urged to attend their Town Meeting at the Town Hall on Tuesday, March 17, 7 p.m. That's where they find out what's happening—like Town elections coming up in May.

Colonial Tavern Dinner

It may not be too late to make a reservation for the Colonial Tavern Dinner at Darnall's Chance in Upper Marlboro, on March 14, 7-9 p.m. You can savor the atmosphere of mid-18th-century, with colonial food and spirits. Following dinner, Ship's Company will entertain with sea chantees and tavern songs of the period. Admission: resident, \$40; non-resident, \$48. For information, call 301-952-8010.

Low cost shots for your pet?

A low-cost wellness and vaccine clinic is available from noon to 3 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of the month at the Spay Spot Clinic, 3750 Brown Station Road in Upper Marlboro. For information call 301-254-8151 or go to www.thespayspot.org.

Morningside memories: 60 years ago

From the Women's Civic Group report of 1955: The second issue of the Town Directory was completed in January with Jean Lowery as editor. They realized a profit of \$399.50 from ads sold.... Mrs. Henrietta Zdobysz was chairman of the March of Dimes Campaign in January with \$353 collected.... During the past year the Civic Group made the following donations: \$20 to the Morningside Fire Department, \$125 to the Recreation Council and \$10 to the Suitland Free Library.

May they rest in peace

Joseph Henry Horwath, 91, of Fort Washington, died Jan. 7. He was born the 6th of 12 chil-

dren, graduated from Fort Hill High in Cumberland and then from the Army Air Corps Flight School in 1943. He was stationed in New Guinea and at Clark Field in the Philippines and knew how to fly six different fighters but preferred the P51 Mustang. He said the Japanese left the Philippines because "they knew he was coming." In 1946 he left the military and married Dolores Atienza. He worked for a shipping company in Okinawa and later signed on with the U.S. government to provide movies to troops around the world. He said he visited more than 40 countries. His wife Dolores predeceased him. Survivors include three children, nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. Mass of Christian Burial was at St. Columba Catholic Church, in Oxon Hill.

Evelyn Ruth Schafer, 84, formerly of Morris Ave. in Camp Springs, died Feb. 21 in Dayton. She had been a member of St. Philip's Parish. She was the widow of Joseph E. Schafer; mother of Rodney and Robert Schafer, Victoria Rogers and Michelle Ingram; sister of Donald Gibbs, Elizabeth Karas, and the late Mary Ann Smith and Leo "Buddy" Gibbs Jr. She also leaves seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Milestones

Happy birthday to Kathy Elborne, Pamela Woodall, Cordelia Bland, Shirley Carruth and Gregory Ritter, March 13; my daughter Therese Gallegos and Belinda Benavidaz, March 14; Jacob Thompson, Jose Gryskewicz and Jonathan Capps, March 15; Constance Bennett and my great-grandson Riley McHale, March 16; Sharon Ryan, Helene Williams, Judy Bornman and Alysha Perez, March 18; Kristopher Calhoun and Audrey Pridgen, March 19.

Happy St. Patrick's Day

Brandywine-Aquasco

by Audrey Johnson 301 888 2153

INTERNATIONAL MUSIC SOUTHERN AREA

Southern Area Assessment Festival will be Thursday, March 19, 2015 at Dr. Henry A. Wise, Jr. High School. The address is 12650 Brooke Lane, Upper Marlboro, Maryland. Please call 301-333-0963 if you need more information.

SPRING TEACHER RECRUITMENT

Prince George's County Public Schools will sponsor a Spring Teacher Recruitment Saturday March 28, 2015 8:00 AM-1:00 PM. The address is Dr. Henry A. Wise, Jr. High School 12650 Brooke Lane, Upper Marlboro, Maryland.

To obtain additional information, please e-mail the Office of Recruitment and Retention at hr.recruitment@pgcps.org or call 301-780-6404/301-952-6348/301-952-6398.

BADEN COMMUNITY CENTER

The center offers Zumba and Fitness for adults. Zumba is a fusion of Latin music and dance themes that create a dynamic and exciting work out. Smartlink #1605724. Learn basic yoga to improve health and flexibility and/or practice skills previously learned

(Smartlink# 1627068) for Adults, all levels. The dates for Yoga are Monday, March 30, 2015-Monday April 20, 2015. The address is 13601 Baden-Westwood Road Brandywine, Maryland 20613. Call the Center if you need more information at 301-888-1500: TTY 301-203-6030.

CANCER CARE MINISTRY

New Hope Fellowship Cancer Ministry will be hosting their first Cancer Testimony service at our Life Center. There will be testimony giving thru dance, song and poem.. This ministry is to inspire those that are battling with this disease and to remember those that lost the battle to Cancer.

There will be light hor'derves served following the service. It's an absolutely FREE EVENT ON March 21, 2015 at Life Center. The address is 561 Brooks Church Road Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772. POC: Shonnita McCall nhffcancercareministry@gmail.com.

HONORS

Curtis and Stephanie Eugene of Brandywine, Maryland daughters received honors last month. Makayla made Principal's Honor Roll and was awarded the Citizenship and Perfect Attendance Award. Mor-

gan made Honor Roll and ranked 1st place in the Butterfly and 2nd place in the Freestyle for Prince George's County Varsity Swimming Division.

ST. PHILIP'S

St. Philip's family and friends line dance social night dates are Fridays March 20, April 3 and April 17, 2015 from 7:00 PM-9:00 PM. The cost is \$2.00. Point of contact are Ruby E. Hinnant (301) 943-2816, Shirley A Cleaves (302) 690-4260 and Michele Chase (240) 882 3369). The church hall is located on Baden Naylor Road Brandywine, Maryland.

SURRATTS-CLINTON LIBRARY

Black Literature book discussions: Hold Me in Contempt by Wendy Williams, Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at 6:30 PM. and Orphan Train by Christina Kline Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at 7:30 PM are offered at the Library.

AARP Tax Aid 2015 will be offered Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at 10:30 AM. Knitting and Crochet Workshops Monday April 6, 2015 at 7:00 PM. Companion Planting of Herbs, Vegetables, and Flowers Saturday, March 28, 2015 at 2:00 PM. The Library is located at 9400 Piscatway Road, Clinton, Maryland 20735.

Neighborhood Events

Edwards Statement on the Retirement of Senator Barbara Mikulski

Washington, DC — Congresswoman Donna F. Edwards (MD-4) released this statement following the announcement by Senator Barbara Mikulski that she will retire after serving five terms in the United States Senate.

"Senator Barbara Mikulski is a groundbreaking champion for the state of Maryland, an inspiration to women all across our country, and my mentor in the Congress. As the longest serving woman in the history of the Congress and the first duly elected on her own, she is one of Maryland's greatest leaders, and her legacy will echo for generations to come. I value our tremendous partnership on securing scientific funding critical to our state, creating an emergency preparedness initiative for our region centered at Prince George's County Hospital, and protecting women's rights and health in the landmark Affordable Care Act. I join all Marylanders and countless others around the country in thanking her for 30 years of service in the Senate and wish her all the best as she begins a new chapter in her life."

Second Worst February on Record for Water Main Breaks

Laurel, MD — March 2, 2015: Patience is a virtue... that sums up February 2015 for WSSC and its customers.

The extended cold snap that plagued the region over the past month was hard on WSSC's aging infrastructure, as utility technicians repaired 426* broken water mains during the month of February, second only to the February 2007 record for broken mains, which is 479.

According to WSSC's electronic statistics dating back to 1976, the monthly average for water main breaks in February is 132.

The colder than normal temperatures were not only hard on WSSC's pipes and meters, but also those inside homes and businesses. An extraordinary number of people in Montgomery and Prince George's counties found themselves with no water, often because of frozen pipes and meters on their property.

Staff in WSSC's Emergency Call Center fielded 17,085 calls during February 2015 compared to 7,781 in February 2014.

WSSC greatly appreciates the patience of our customers and the dedication of our crews, from the field to the call center who all worked together to get everyone through a brutal month.

There is more winter weather in the forecast ahead. Please continue to report breaks and leaks to WSSC's 24/7 Emergency Call Center at 301-206-4002 or via email at emergencycallcenter@wsscwater.com.

If you would like to check the status of a WSSC repair or project, there's a service alerts page on our website that allows users to search an interactive map by address.

You can also stay connected with WSSC via the Customer Notification System (CNS), which alerts customers via text and/or email when breaks affect service and daily routines. (Customers must reg-



Congresswoman
Donna F. Edwards

ister for the Customer Notification System). And don't forget to follow us on Twitter @WSSCWaterNews.

*Numbers may vary slightly from original reporting after work orders are closed out.

Customers Can Save More on Popular Items at Giant Food vs. Certain Competitors

Price Comparisons Show Giant Prices Lower for Frequently Purchased Products

Landover, Md. — Giant Food of Landover, Md. is committed to providing customers with the highest quality products at great prices. Today, Giant announced the results of a price comparison study revealing that Giant's prices were lower relative to Safeway, Shoppers and Harris Teeter, several of our top competitors in Washington, D.C., Virginia, and Maryland.

In its continuing efforts to ensure low, everyday prices for customers, Giant selected frequently purchased national and private label brand products and compared its prices against those of other leading supermarkets.

For a selection of groceries, which included store brand sugar, cucumbers, Philadelphia Cream Cheese, store brand shredded cheese, Barilla Pasta, Tide Liquid Detergent, Folgers Coffee, and ten other popular items, Giant prices were 22 percent lower than Safeway and 7 percent lower than Shoppers in Maryland. See flyer for the list of items and prices compared.

Martin Sweeney Named UMES PRMC Athletes of the Week

PRINCESS ANNE, Md. — Junior men's basketball guard Devin Martin (Baltimore, Md.) and senior women's basketball guard Shawnee Sweeney (Chester, Va.) were named the University of Maryland Eastern Shore Peninsula Regional Medical Center Athletes of the Week for the week ending on February 23rd. Both athletes are being honored for the third time this season.

Martin exploded in two Hawk victories this past week. Against Howard on Monday, Martin was 9-for-11 from the floor, including two-of-three from long range. Adding on three foul shots, Martin finished with a team-high 23 points. He also contributed a team-high seven rebounds while adding an assist, a block and two steals. In Saturday's win over South Carolina State, Martin added 22 more, going 8-for-14 overall and 3-for-4 from downtown.

Sweeney was as nearly potent offensively for the women's team. The school's all-time three point leader, she tacked

on two more triples to that total versus Howard while adding a pair of two pointers and two foul shots to score 12. Sweeney also added seven rebounds, third-most on the team, and two assists. On Saturday, she made all of her baskets behind the line, going 5-for-7 long distance, ultimately scoring 17 points.

Martin and the men's team will have the week to rest up before taking on Delaware State on Saturday. Sweeney and the Lady Hawks will travel to North Jersey to face NJIT on Tuesday before joining the men in Dover.

Justin Beck Selected To All-CIAA Tournament Men's Basketball Team

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Junior guard Justin Beck (Ellicott City, Md.) of Bowie State University was named to the All-CIAA Tournament Men's Basketball Team after the championship game concluded at Time Warner Cable Arena on Saturday night, February 28, 2015.

Beck led the Bulldogs in scoring in Bowie State's semifinal loss against champions Livingstone College, scoring a personal season-best of 18 points. He scored 11 points in a quarterfinal victory over Chowan University and averaged 14.5 points in both games.

In games through 2/27/15, Beck leads the team in field goal percentage (.527), rebounds (180), rebound average (6.0) and minutes (803).

Thompson Creek Window Company Earns Esteemed 2014 Angie's List Super Service Award

Thompson Creek Window Company has earned the service industry's coveted Angie's List Super Service Award, reflecting an exemplary year of service provided to members of the local services marketplace and consumer review site in 2014.

Rick Wuest, President and CEO of Thompson Creek, was proud to be honored as one of this year's Super Service Award winners. "Delivering the best customer experience in our industry is the driving force behind how every Thompson Creek employee performs their job." Wuest remarked. "Winning another Angie's List prestigious Super Service Award validates that we are succeeding in our mission of making our customers House Proud®."

"Only about 5 percent of the Home Improvement companies in the Washington DC/Baltimore Market have performed consistently well enough to earn our Super Service Award," said Angie's List Founder Angie Hicks. "It's a really high standard." Angie's List Super Service Award 2014 winners have met strict eligibility requirements, which include an "A" rating in overall grade, recent grade, and review period grade; the company must be in good standing with Angie's List, pass a background check and abide by Angie's List operational guidelines.

Service company ratings are updated daily on Angie's List. Companies are graded on an A through F scale in areas ranging from price to professionalism to punctuality.

COMMUNITY

Practical Money Skills

By Jason Alderman

FAFSA Primer: How to Navigate Through the College Aid Maze

If you're worried about paying for your child's college education, keep this statistic in mind: during the 2011-12 school year, the U.S. Department of Education reported that 85 percent of all full-time, four-year college students were receiving some form of financial aid.



Consider planning way ahead of time to develop a college savings strategy that fits with your finances. If you need more resources to cover additional costs, get to know the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, better known as FAFSA (<https://fafsa.ed.gov>).

FAFSA is the universal application for current and prospective U.S. college students to receive college financial aid. It is the gateway to grants, student loans and work-study programs on the federal and state level.

If you have a kid headed for college, it's a good idea to learn about the FAFSA as early as possible. The universal form is the first step for any current or prospective student who needs help paying for higher education. For the 2014-15 academic year, the College Board reported that annual tuition, room and board (<http://trends.collegeboard.org>) averaged \$18,943 at in-state public universities, \$32,762 for out-of-state students and \$42,419 at private, nonprofit schools.

Students fill out the FAFSA, but if your child is a dependent student, you should gather the information together. Dependent students are generally under 24, unmarried and not working full-time, and they will need your financial data to complete the filing. Students with special family circumstances (including absent parents) may still qualify for federal and state aid under certain conditions, but should check directly with financial aid representatives at target schools for specific options.

The process starts with the student choosing a personal information number (PIN) that gives them multi-year access to the financial aid system. They will follow up with their own Social Security, contact and address information. Parents will submit their most recent federal income tax data and other proof of income; Alien Registration Numbers are required from parents who are not U.S. citizens. More detail is available on the FAFSA site.

FAFSA filing opens after January 1 every year with June 30 as the final deadline. Keep in mind, though, that a student's current or target school financial aid deadlines (<https://fafsa.ed.gov/deadlines.htm>) can be significantly earlier based on the state in which they plan to attend college.

Before this process begins, however, tax and financial advisors should be consulted to discuss the full range of savings and investing options that can minimize the need for student borrowing. For assistance in completing the FAFSA form, parents and prospective students should consider contacting financial aid administrators at prospective schools or where the student has been accepted for admission. Some schools offer workshops in filling out the form and organizations like College Goal Sunday (<http://www.collegegoalsundayusa.org/>) offer that assistance in 39 states.

Parents and students should also check their own networks for help. Employers, professional organizations (related to the student's field of study), fraternal societies and private foundations are great potential resources for no-strings scholarships and grant money. If a dependent child works a summer job at a major company (fast food, retail and beyond) he or she can check if the employer offers scholarships or education benefits to part-time workers. It is also important to keep an eye on the news for the latest changes to federal and state financial aid and student loan rules.

Bottom line: Knowing as much as possible about college financial aid now can help parents and students make the best plans for covering those expenses. Whether college is months or years away, it's never too early to start planning and saving.

First Class Honors

County Grows its Skilled Stormwater Management Workforce and Honors Graduates of Inaugural Urban Watershed Contractor Training Course

By PRESS OFFICER
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Largo, MD —The Prince George's County Department of the Environment (DoE) is proud to announce the first graduating class of the Urban Watershed Contractor Training Course. DoE, in partnership with the Prince George's County Office of Central Services Supplier Development and Diversity Division, Prince George's Community College and the University of Maryland's Environmental Finance Center sponsored the five-week Course taught at Prince George's Community College as a non-credit continuing education class within their Workforce Development and Continuing Education Program. The Low Impact Development Center developed the course curriculum and additional grant funding was provided by the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation.

As part of the County's Clean Water Partnership Program, a public-private partnership pilot program with Corvias Solutions, the Course provides training and education on low impact development (LID) practices for stormwater pollution control and guidance on business growth and contract procurement in the Clean Water Partnership Program.

"We are excited in the success of the first workforce pipeline for the coming stormwater industry. Over the next decade there will be more than \$1 billion of investment in our County's green infrastructure to keep our waters clean from polluted runoff. From engineering to landscaping, we estimate 5,000 new jobs will be created and we want those jobs to go to as many



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Prince Georgians as possible," said DoE Director Adam Ortiz.

The Course is part of a holistic effort by the County to meet the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's pollution diet goals regulatory requirements (Total Maximum Daily Load) and reduce polluted stormwater runoff across the County by 2025. DoE has implemented the Clean Water Programs Initiative, which includes the Clean Water Partnership Program through which the County will invest

\$1.2 billion into 45,000 various LID projects that will be installed to filter stormwater across 15,000 acres. The Course will foster the growth of the County's stormwater management workforce by training local, small and minority-owned

businesses in the basics of LID practices such as permeable pavers, pavement removal, cisterns, rain barrels, rain gardens and green roofs, in addition to the planning and design, construction, maintenance and permitting requirements of these LIDs.

The graduates, honored during a special ceremony at DoE headquarters in Largo, include contractors, landscapers, engineers, construction workers and business entrepreneurs who suc-

cessfully completed the Course and are now recognized as certified LID contractors.

Enrollment is currently underway for the spring semester. For more information or to register, contact Prince George's Community College at (301) 336-6000 or click here. To learn more about the Clean Water Partnership Program and the Clean Water Programs Initiative, contact DoE at (301) 883-5810 or visit www.princegeorgescountymd.gov.

THE GRADUATES ARE:

- **Ruth Davila**, President/CEO, CelSue Construction Services, Incorporated
- **Altan Erginkoc**, Engineer, Department of the Environment
- **Crystal Faison**, President/CEO, Shepherd Design & Construction, LLC
- **Gary Faulkner**, President/CEO, Faulkner Landscaping Company
- **Eric Jackson**, Engineer, Department of the Environment
- **Ernest Jennels**, President/CEO, EDEN Team, LLC
- **Kimberly Knox**, Consultant
- **Kemba Saibou**, Environmental Planner, Department of the Environment
- **Christopher Williams**, Principle, Grace Management and Construction, LLC

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Council and local activists for their advocacy and support."According to official figures just released by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), the County's 2013 waste diversion rate rose to 64.53 percent surpassing its 2012 rate of 54.44 percent. The County also saw an increase in its recycling rate moving to 59.53 percent, up from 54.55 percent in 2012 and slightly behind Washington County.

MDE calculates the rate by adding the disposed trash tonnage and the recycling tonnage to provide a total waste number. The recycling tonnage is then divided by the total waste num-

ber (tonnage) to obtain the recycling rate. Because of the efforts residents and businesses have made in eliminating waste before it starts, the County received the maximum Source Reduction Credit of 5 percent from MDE. Examples of source reduction practices include leaving grass trimmings on your lawn to add nutrients back into the soil, using reusable shopping bags and water bottles and selecting products that contain the least amount of packaging.

"We will continue to reach out and educate our residents and businesses to make sure they continue to recycle and compost," said DoE's Recycling Section Manager Marilyn Rybak. "Our initiatives are

some of the boldest and most innovative best practices that are in place, not only in the State, but nationwide."

Several recycling initiatives that help the County reduce its carbon footprint include its single-stream recycling program that utilizes a 65-gallon wheeled recycling cart, allowing residents and businesses to recycle more items; a food scrap composting pilot program for residential, commercial and educational institutions; the County's inaugural ban on disposable plastic bags in yard waste collection, cutting down on the amount of waste reaching the landfill and "mining" of materials on the landfill.

Other new initiatives that will help boost the rate include a new

County law requiring businesses to incorporate waste reduction and recycling programs in their daily practices, a recycling program geared toward multifamily dwellings (apartments and condominium), a new recycling partnership with Prince George's County Public Schools and Joint Base Andrews, and continued public outreach and educational programs for residents and businesses.

To view a full copy of the MDE Report, click here. For more information on the County's Recycling Program, source reduction or other waste management programs, visit <http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov> or contact County Click 3-1-1.

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or national averages. Offering diabetes screenings, cholesterol screenings, blood pressure screenings, medication education and other services to residents who are ages 16 and older, Wellness on Wheels will help many people prevent or better manage numerous chronic diseases that occur at elevated rates in the area.

Funding for the mobile health clinic's first year of operations is being provided by Walmart and the Walmart Foundation, which awarded a total of \$100,000 to the initiative.

"The ability to further expand our reach directly into individual communities will enable us to serve more patients, improve the clinical care that underserved communities receive and meet critical health care needs throughout Prince George's County," said Doctors Community Hospital's Executive Vice President and Chief Operating

Officer Paul Grenaldo. "We're thrilled to be working with the Prince George's County Health Department and Walmart on this program that will improve the health and the quality of lives of the populations that we proudly serve. These types of initiatives truly help the hospital reinforce its nearly 40-year mission of passionately caring about the health of our community."

The Walmart Foundation also awarded a \$50,000 grant to Mary's Center for Maternal and Child Care to further its mission of building better futures by providing health care, education and social services to those Prince George's County residents who need them. Mary's Center staff works with program participants to identify their individual needs and to find multifaceted solutions to overcome their challenges.

"The issue of health care cannot be separated from other aspects of everyday life, such as housing, food, education and employment," said Mary's Center

Maternal and Child Care President and Chief Executive Officer Maria Gomez. "We're dedicated to employing a holistic approach to the various interrelated factors that contribute to good health, and the funding provided by the Walmart Foundation allows us to address these considerations in an effective way to maximize positive outcomes."

The event was held at the Adelphi/Langley Park Support Center, a program of the Prince George's Child Resource Center that annually provides family support services to more than 1,500 families and training to more than 2,000 child care providers, parents and human services workers. The Prince George's Child Resource Center ensures that families have access to high-quality child care, adequate housing, health care and nutrition.

To promote this mission, the Walmart Foundation has donated more than \$55,000 to the center in recent years, including \$5,000

in October of 2014 to help launch the facility's new diaper bank. Walmart donated more than 8,000 diapers to the facility today to meet the growing demand for the diaper bank.

"The diaper bank is instrumental in improving the overall health and wellness of many of our program participants," said Prince George's Child Resource Center Executive Director Marti Worshtil. "The ongoing support of local governmental agencies and companies like Walmart vastly increases the number of participants we can serve and the number of lives we can improve."

Supporting the communities where it operates is among Walmart's philanthropic missions. In recent years, the company and the Walmart Foundation have donated well in excess of \$500,000 to recipients in Prince George's County.

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COMMENTARY

Barbara A. Mikulski

United States Senator for Maryland



Mikulski Says 5th Term Will Be Her Last, Will Focus on Working For Her Constituents

BALTIMORE, Md. — On March 2, at Henderson's Wharf Inn in Fells Point, U.S. Senator Barbara A. Mikulski (D-Md.) announced she has decided not to run for re-election. Senator Mikulski, who will complete her 5th term in office in January, 2017, says she wants to focus for the next two years on working for her constituents and for the nation.

"Because every day, I want to wake up thinking about you -- the little guys and gals, the watermen, automobile workers, researchers, small business owners and families," Senator Mikulski said. "I want to give you 120 percent of my time with all of my energy focused on you and your futures. Because it's always been about you, never about me. That's what it takes to be a good senator by my expectations and by my standards."

Senator Mikulski's prepared statement follows:

"It's great being here in Fells Point today where I spent a good part of my life and where I learned my values. Growing up in East Baltimore was growing up in an urban village where people lived, worked, shopped and worshipped. But it's not about what we did, it's about what we believed.

"It's the values I learned from my family -- my mother and father, from my church -- the nuns and priests, and from the people in the

neighborhoods themselves. It's where I learned about patriotism, the love of this country, and that you have to fight for and protect the freedom and opportunity it gives. Where I learned about neighbor helping neighbor through the genuine gestures and actions of people who were looking out for one another every day and in every way. Where I learned that we are all in this together as we witnessed young men and women go off to protect their country and helped care for the families they hoped to come home to.

"And it's where I learned about service from my mother and father who said, 'Good morning can I help you?' every morning when they opened the small neighborhood grocery they owned and ran. I still believe in 'Good morning can I help you.' That's the spirit of East Baltimore. It's how I was raised and how I still live every day.

"For me, service is about solving problems for my constituents. I could never put you or your needs on a back burner. With my own re-election on the horizon, I thought long and hard about how I want to spend the next two years -- what is it I want to campaign for, for you or for me?"

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Marc Morial, President and CEO

National Urban League



Taking Earl Lloyd's Legacy from the Basketball Court to the Boardroom

"The NBA family has lost one of its patriarchs. Earl Lloyd, the first African-American to play in an NBA game, was as inspirational as he was understated. He was known as a modest gentleman who played the game with skill, class, and pride. His legacy survives in the league he helped integrate, and the entire NBA family will strive to always honor his memory."

— Adam Silver, Commissioner, National Basketball Association

In an era that can boast of legendary feats of basketball from players like Magic Johnson, Michael Jordan, LeBron James and countless other Black basketball players, one might find it difficult to remember, or believe, there was ever a time when Black athletes were not a significant presence on professional basketball courts. But it would take nearly three and a half years after Jackie Robinson's 1947 groundbreaking feat of becoming the first African American to play in Major League Baseball for the National Basketball Association to shatter its own color barrier with a 6-foot-5, 225-pound power forward named Earl Francis Lloyd.

Born in 1928 in Alexandria, Virginia, Lloyd, who had humble beginnings as the son of a coal yard and domestic worker, gave no hint to what he would come to accomplish both on and off court. As the star of West Virginia State University's basketball team, Lloyd was even unaware he had been drafted until a campus friend told him she had heard a rumor he might be moving to Washington. That rumor proved true.

Lloyd was one of a trio of African American basketball players drafted in the historic, color-shattering 1950 draft. Lloyd was drafted by the Washington Capitols in the ninth round; Chuck Cooper—the first Black player drafted by an NBA team—was drafted by the Boston Celtics; and Harlem Globetrotter Nat "Sweetwater" Clifton joined the New York Knicks. While all three men had already achieved significant milestones just by being drafted, Lloyd would be the first African American to take the court in the NBA, suiting up on October 31, 1950 for the Capitols' season opener against the Rochester Royals, scoring six points and grabbing a game-high 10 rebounds. "When Earl stepped out on the court on that fateful date in 1950, this remarkable man rightfully earned his place in the historic civil rights movement and, more important, he opened the door to equality in America," remarked West Virginia State Univer-

sity President Brian Hemphill upon learning of Lloyd's passing last week.

After playing seven games with the Capitols, Lloyd was drafted into the U.S. Army to serve in the Korean War. When Lloyd returned, he played for the Syracuse Nationals, where he made history again by becoming the first African American starter on an NBA championship team. Lloyd moved on to play and then coach for the Detroit Pistons. He became the first Black assistant coach with the Detroit Pistons in 1968 and became the team's head coach in 1971.

Earl Lloyd has left behind quite a legacy for basketball, for professional sports and for our nation. We would surely do his legacy a disservice if we relegated the extraordinary achievements and universal accolades—including his 2003 induction into the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame for breaking the NBA's color barrier—to history. Lloyd's journey through the ranks of the NBA, first as a player, and later as a coach, prove the game doesn't end on the court—and neither do its struggles for diversity and inclusion.

According to the 2014 National Basketball Association Racial and Gender Report, 77 percent of all NBA players are African American, while almost 81 percent are people of color. Nearly 44 percent of all head coaches are coaches of color and, in a new record, slightly more than 46 percent of assistant coaches are coaches of color. However, going further up the management chain, the numbers dip dramatically. Of the 30 teams that make up the NBA, only two have owners of color: Michael Jordan is the majority owner of the Charlotte Hornets and Vivek Ranadive is the controlling owner of the Sacramento Kings. According to the report, they are the first two owners of color to lead their teams in any major professional sports league. The boardroom—and more specifically, ownership—has clearly become the new frontier of diversity in the NBA and professional sports.

Lloyd once recounted the story of a fan he met, remembering "He said, 'Mr. Lloyd, we really owe you,' and I explained to him, 'Man, you owe me absolutely nothing.' I said, 'Whatever kind of career I had, it has served me well, but you do owe some people, and the people you owe are the folks who are going to come behind you.'" Lloyd's debut on the NBA's roster in 1950 was a historic moment that paved the way for so many of the basketball players we cheer, and those we jeer, but his achievements did not end there—and neither should the NBA's.

Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center



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Child Watch

by Marion Wright Edelman



No ESEA Bill Is Better Than One That Fails to Protect the Poorest Children

For fifty years Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) has been the primary source of federal funding targeted to schools to serve poor children. Its purpose has been to raise achievement for poor children through extra support to their schools to help meet their greater educational needs. Sadly, from the beginning states didn't keep their end of the bargain.

In 1969, the Washington Research Project (the Children's Defense Fund's parent organization) and the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc. partnered with others and examined federal audit reports on how Title I funds were being used and talked to numerous federal, state, and local officials and community leaders and parents about how those critical funds were being spent. Our report, Title I: Is It Helping Poor Children?, found the answer to our question was a resounding "No." Rather than serving the special needs of poor and disadvantaged children, many of the millions of dollars Congress appropriated had been wasted, diverted, or otherwise misused by state and local education agencies. Title I funding was often being used as general aid and to supplant—rather than supplement—state and local education funds, including for construction and equipment unrelated to Title I goals. For example, Fayette County, Tennessee used 90 percent of its Title I funds for construction of a predominantly Black school despite a recent federal court order that the school system desegregate, and Memphis, Tennessee used Title I funds to purchase 18 portable swimming pools in the summer of 1966.

The Children's Defense Fund (CDF) subsequently conducted several other major studies that reinforced the importance of federal accountability for money targeted to help children most in need, especially poor children and children of color. In CDF's first report, Children Out of School in America (1974), after knocking on thousands of doors in census tracts across the nation and interviewing many state and

local school officials, we found that if a child was not White, or was White but not middle class, did not speak English, was poor, needed special help with seeing, hearing, walking, reading, learning, adjusting, or growing up, was pregnant at age 15, was not smart enough, or was too smart, then in too many places school officials decided school was not the place for that child.

We should learn from and correct our mistakes and stop repeating them over and over again for our children's sake. It is crucial that a strong Title I program reach the children in areas of concentrated poverty if and when ESEA is reauthorized. Unfortunately the House Education and Workforce Committee, charged to lead in moving an ESEA reauthorization bill in the House of Representatives, just approved a bill (H.R. 5) in a party line vote that fails to target the needs of the poorest children by adding a "portability" provision assuring these children less help. AASA, The School Superintendents Association, and many others join us in opposing the portability provision.

The portability provision in H.R. 5 would move us backwards by distributing the same amount for a poor child regard-

less of the wealth of the district or school she attends. This will unravel the intent of Title I by taking resources away from children in areas of concentrated poverty and offering extra resources to schools and districts with a few poor children who may not need them. The poorest students in schools with the highest concentrations of poor children need extra help to combat poverty's barriers. Compounding this huge backwards step, H.R. 5 also removes strong accountability provisions required to make sure the children who need help most will actually be helped.

It is morally indefensible and extraordinarily expensive that we have 14.7 million poor children in our country—6.5 million of them living at less than half the poverty level. All of these poor children exceed the combined residents in all 50 state capitals and the District of Columbia. That more than 80 percent of Black and almost 75 percent or more of Latino public school students are unable to read and compute at grade level in 4th and 8th grades and, if they reach 9th grade, 3 in 10 do not

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The American Counseling Association's Counseling Corner

Too Much Stress Can Mean Major Health Issues

In today's busy world, stress is something we all face to some extent, yet most of us have little understanding of what stress is or of the problems it can cause.

Stress is actually a combination of two separate things. The first is the "stressor," the situation that triggers the physical and emotional reactions that we feel. It might be a family problem, a money issue or just that traffic jam on our way to work.

The second part of stress is our "stress response." This is our body and mind's natural response to a stressor, including increases in our breathing, heart rate, alertness and muscle response. It's a reaction inherited from our ancient ancestors. For them, survival meant reacting quickly to threats they encountered, what we call the "fight or flight" response.

Back then, if the stress source was a wild animal or other life-threatening situation, that was a good reaction. But today's problems are seldom so immediate or quickly resolved. Instead, we often face prolonged or repeated stress over which we have little or no control.

For many of us, repeatedly facing stressful situations can leave us feeling constantly nervous or exhausted, and can result in very real physical and emotional ailments.

It shouldn't be hard to recognize when stress is negatively affecting your life. The warning signs can include changes in both behavior and physical well-being.

Stress-related behavioral changes might include sudden anger or impatience over relatively minor things. You might find yourself unable to relax, anxious almost all the time, sleeping poorly and experiencing sexual problems. Major changes in eating, whether no appetite or constantly overeating, are also common reactions. Excessive stress can make it difficult to make decisions or set priorities. You may make more mistakes or become accident-prone.

Physical ailments, such as frequent headaches and neck or back pain, can also be stress-related symptoms. You might find yourself suffering from frequent indigestion, diarrhea or constipation. Shortness of breath, heart palpitations, or skin problems like acne or psoriasis can also occur.

Excessive stress is not a problem to be ignored. It has been linked to a variety of serious health and emotional issues. If you find yourself facing high levels of stress that are affecting your health or overall quality of life, seek help. Your family physician or a professional counselor can offer assistance to help reduce or cope with unhealthy stress in your life.

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Afterschool from A1

Demand for these programs is greatest among low-income, African American and Hispanic families, the survey found.

"This demand is even higher for high-need groups," said Jodi Grant, executive director of the Afterschool Alliance. "So what we find is for low-income kids, for kids of color, there's more interest in afterschool programs and there's more need for afterschool pro-

grams. For many of these programs, the greatest barrier is the cost of the programs."

"There's always room for improvement. The [survey] data tells us so," Shay said. "We need to start looking for the partnerships that we can put in place that will answer the needs of parents and of students and of employers and educators, of course. We have a lot of work to do in Maryland in addition to already celebrating a lot of successes taking place."

Bill to Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol Introduced in Maryland Legislature

Bill Would Make Marijuana Legal for Adults, Establish Regulations for Cultivation and Sale

By PRESS OFFICER
Office of the Lt. Governor

ANNAPOLIS — A bill that would regulate and tax marijuana similarly to alcohol was introduced in the Maryland General Assembly earlier today. HB 911, the Marijuana Control and Revenue Act of 2015, sponsored by Del. Curt Anderson (D-Baltimore City), would allow adults 21 years of age and older to possess up to one ounce of marijuana and grow up to six plants in their homes.

The bill requires the Maryland Comptroller to establish rules and regulations for the operation of cultivation facilities, product manufacturers, retailers, and safety compliance labs. It also creates an oversight commission to monitor marijuana businesses and advise the comp-

troller on regulatory issues. The fiscal note for similar legislation proposed in 2014 estimated about \$95.6 million per year in revenue from the \$50/ounce excise taxes and about \$39 million in new revenue from sales taxes. State expenditures would be exceeded through the estimated \$1.995 to \$3.985 million in yearly revenue in licensing fees from wholesalers, retailers, and safety compliance facilities.

A companion bill, SB 531, was introduced by Sen. Jamie Raskin (D-Montgomery County) earlier this week.

Marijuana businesses would not be permitted to operate within 1,000 feet of a school, and localities would be able to enforce additional regulations. Using marijuana in public and driving under the influence would remain illegal.

Currently in Maryland, possession of less than 10 grams of marijuana is a civil offense punishable by a fine of up to \$100 for a first offense, up to \$250 for a second offense, and up to \$500 for subsequent offenses.

Statement from Sara Love, public policy director for the ACLU of Maryland:

The Marijuana Control and Revenue Act is the next step on the road to saner drug policy in Maryland. For too long, tens of thousands of Marylanders, disproportionately black Marylanders, have faced life-altering criminal penalties simply for possessing a substance most voters believe should be legalized. Now, our state has the opportunity to move beyond the tragic costs of the counterproductive 'war on drugs' and toward increased revenue that can

be used to support policies that strengthen communities."

Statement from Rachelle Yeung, legislative analyst for the Marijuana Policy Project:

"The focus in Maryland this year is clear: creating jobs, improving the economy, and balancing the budget. Legalizing marijuana, and taxing and regulating it like alcohol, would help accomplish all three. Colorado is experiencing one of the highest job creation rates in the country, and it's no secret that the burgeoning marijuana industry has been a factor. This bill would generate significant new revenue without increasing existing taxes and limit government intrusion into Marylanders' private lives. Marijuana is a substance objectively safer than alcohol, and it should be treated that way."

Mid-Atlantic Council Initiates Action to Protect Unmanaged Forage Species

By PRESS OFFICER
MAFMC

The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council voted at its meeting last week to initiate an action that would protect unmanaged species of forage fish in the Mid-Atlantic. This action would place restrictions on the development or expansion of directed fisheries on these fish.

Forage fish are small, low trophic level fish that play a central role in the marine food chain. These species facilitate the transfer of energy to higher trophic levels by consuming very small

prey, such as zooplankton, and then being eaten by larger predator fish and other marine animals. Forage fish also serve a broader role in sustaining the productivity and structure of marine ecosystems.

Given the importance of forage fisheries to the productivity of many commercially and recreationally valuable species, the Council has become increasingly interested in management options to protect unmanaged forage species. "The Northeast region has previously experienced rapid expansions, and subsequent collapses, of fisheries that were not managed or assessed," said the

Council's Chairman, Rick Robins. "In some cases this resulted in a suite of economic, social, and ecological consequences."

As part of the Council's ongoing development of a Guidance Document to support Ecosystem Approaches to Fisheries Management (EAFM) the Council is preparing a series of policy white papers on a range of issues. The Council has identified forage species and their management as a key area of focus, and during last week's meeting the Council received a presentation on forage species and recommendations on management approaches that the Council could consider.

After extensive discussion, the Council voted unanimously to initiate a regulatory action to prohibit the development of new, or expansion of existing, directed fisheries on unmanaged forage species until adequate scientific information is available to promote ecosystem sustainability.

"This initiative recognizes that forage species play a uniquely important role in marine ecosystems," said Chairman Robins. "We recognize that the potential development of fisheries for forage species will require a proactive and orderly management approach to ensure the sustainability of these ecologically important species."

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"Every week we witness progress happening in every part of our County. Progress that is creating jobs, expanding our commercial tax base, and revitalizing incredibly diverse and rich communities such as Brentwood and the Gateway Arts Dis-

trict," said Prince George's County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III. "Our Gateway Arts District has grown leaps and bounds as we connect to the development happening across the border with our neighbors in the District. I am excited for the arrival of Studio 3807 and look forward to them opening their doors in a community of creativity and opportunity."

The County has selected the Landex Companies for the development of Studio 3807. For more than 25 years, Landex has been a leader in the development and redevelopment of quality residential properties. A Mary-

land based company, Landex's team includes two minority developers Structures Unlimited and Rellim, LLC. Landex is also receiving technical assistance from the Gateway Community Development Corporation.

"This project can serve as a model for how the County and a municipalities can work with the community and a capable developer to provide the kind of housing, retail and art amenities that help make a community walkable and livable," said Eric C. Brown, Director of the Prince George's County Department of Housing and Community Development.

The mix of financing includes developer's equity, loans, Prince George's County Revenue Authority financing, Maryland state financing and conventional financing, making this a \$36 million dollar project.

The Redevelopment Authority is supporting 5 infill redevelopment projects in the Gateway Arts District: 2 in Brentwood, 2 in Mount Rainier and one in North Brentwood that will result in over 240 new units of market rate housing and 25,000 square feet of new retail.

For more information, please call Alexis Revis Yeoman (301) 883-2760.

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"We're pleased to have the opportunity to work with local governmental agencies and exceptional not-for-profits to help transform the lives of people in need," said Walmart Director of Community Affairs Nina Albert. "Programs like those operated by the Prince George's County Health Department, Doctors Community Hospital, Mary's Center and the Prince George's Child Resource Center provide essential services to friends, neighbors and fellow residents. It's an honor to play a part in supporting their honorable missions and promoting the outstanding work they do every day."

About Philanthropy at Walmart

Walmart and the Walmart Foundation are committed to helping people live better through philanthropic efforts that draw on the strengths of Walmart in the arenas of sustainability, economic opportunity, and community. As part of our commitment to creating a more sustainable food system worldwide, Walmart and the Walmart Foundation are leading the fight against hunger in the United

States. They recently exceeded a \$2 billion goal to fight hunger one year ahead of schedule and have donated more than 1.5 billion pounds of food to those in need across the country. To learn more about Walmart's giving, visit www.foundation.walmart.com.

About Doctors Community Hospital

Doctors Community Hospital is a premier medical and surgical hospital located in Lanham, Maryland. With a mission of being dedicated to passionately caring for the health of our patients and community, the hospital has provided high-quality as well as comprehensive health care to residents of Prince George's County and the region for nearly 40 years.

A 190+ bed facility that has earned numerous quality awards, Doctors Community Hospital has a wide range of specialty programs and services: Bariatric and Weight Loss Center; Cardiology Services and Outpatient Vascular Studies; Center for Comprehensive Breast Care; Center for Ear, Nose and Throat; Center for Wound Healing and

Hyperbaric Medicine; Comprehensive Orthopedic Program; Doctors Regional Cancer Center; Emergency Services; Infusion Center; Joslin Diabetes Center; Metropolitan Medical Specialists; Rehabilitation Services; and Sleep Center.

To learn more about Doctors Community Hospital or ways to support its various community health improvement initiatives, visit www.DCHweb.org or call 301-DCH-4YOU (301-324-4968).

About Mary's Center

Mary's Center is a nonprofit organization based in Maryland and Washington, D.C., with 27 years of experience providing medical, social, and education services to families throughout the region. As a Federally Qualified Health Center we provide care to over 40,000 individuals from over 110 countries, in Prince George's County alone we saw over 5,000 clients in 2014. Our social change model integrates an array of culturally competent health, education, and social services. Strengthening a family's health and job-readiness has large payoffs. For instance,

prenatal care avoids the increased costs that arise from preterm and low-weight births; childhood immunizations prevent medical costs later in life; and adult literacy programs result in higher earnings and lower education costs for participants' children. Mary's Center's holistic approach leads to healthy individuals, an increased number of stable families, and stronger communities.

To learn more about Mary's Center or opportunities to support our community development efforts, visit www.maryscenter.org or call 202-420-7051.

About Prince George's Child Resource Center, Inc

Prince George's Child Resource Center helps create healthy and nurturing environments for children by supporting their families and educating their caregivers. Each year the Resource Center provides family support services to over 1,500 families and training to over 3,500 child care providers, parents and human services workers touching the lives of nearly half a million children since 1990.



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Movie Review

“Fifty Shades of Grey”

Fifty Shades of Grey
Grade: D-
Rated R, abundant nudity
and some strong sexuality,
much sexual discussion, a lot of
profanity
2 hrs., 35 min

However kinky and taboo the novel *Fifty Shades of Grey* may be — and I haven't read it, so I don't know, and I'm not going to read it, so I'll never know — the movie version is disappointingly tame and astonishingly boring. It's about an adult victim of childhood sexual abuse who seeks to perpetuate the cycle of the most tedious way imaginable. It is the unsexiest movie since *Bowling for Columbine*.

Foolishly, I assumed that since it was a popular novel considered worthy of cinematic treatment, *Fifty Shades of Grey* must have, you know, a plot. A story. A sequence of events establishing a theme and building toward a conclusion. But this was folly on my part. Here is the entire plot: a virgin meets a handsome billionaire; he introduces her to the world of kinky bondage sex; she doesn't care for it; the end.

Is the book the same way? (Again: I will have to take your word for it.) Perhaps when it's stuffed with one ribald sex scene after another, you don't mind the lack of narrative. That's certainly the case with most pornography. *Fifty Shades of Grey* isn't pornography, but it is LIKE pornography, in that it doesn't have a plot and the lead actress is named Dakota.

That would be Dakota Johnson, playing a naive Washington State college student named Anastasia Steele. (Surely her parents knew when they named her that she would grow up to be a character in a romance novel.) Through a needlessly convoluted series of improbable



ROTTENTOMATOES

E.L. James' kinky best-seller gets the big screen treatment with this Universal Pictures/Focus Features co-production. The steamy tale details a masochistic relationship between a college student and a businessman, whose desires for extreme intimacy pen from secrets in his past. ~ Jeremy Wheeler, Rovi

events, Ana ends up in the Seattle offices of Christian Grey (Jamie Dornan), a 27-year-old telecom billionaire, to interview him for the school paper. The smooth, unflappable Christian subsequently pursues Ana romantically, careful to tell her up front that his tastes are “very singular.” “I don't do romance,” he says. He doesn't do the girlfriend thing, either, or sleep in the same bed as a woman he's dating, or go on dates.

What he does do, and what he would like Ana's consent to do with her, is practice bondage and sadomasochism — spanking, handcuffs, whips, sex toys, that sort of thing. He's a dominant in search of a submissive. When he was 15, his mother's friend Mrs. Robinson'd him and then used him as a submissive for six years. Somehow the movie believes this is sexy, like it's supposed to turn Ana on to know her sex-master was molested as a teenager. Is the book like that? Never mind, don't tell me.

Anyway, because Christian is a gentleman, he wants Ana's written permission before they

proceed. There is a genuinely amusing scene of contract negotiations, in which she basically refuses to do anything out of the ordinary except get handcuffed and spanked. “What would I get out of this?” she asks Christian of his more elaborate fantasies. His reply: “Me.”

Maybe on paper Christian Grey comes across as a smoldering, dangerous, desirable man. On film, played by human doorknob Jamie Dornan, he's a bland, expressionless cipher. Apart from his money and good looks (both of which are considerable, I admit), it's hard to imagine why a woman would even date him, let alone put up with his peculiar, specific, idiosyncratic sexual demands. He's so broody and secretive about it, too. Even having a conversation with him is a lot of work.

The film was adapted by Kelly Marcel and directed by Sam Taylor-Johnson (Nowhere Boy). They are both women, as is the book's author, E.L. James. It is curious that a movie made by women, for women, has the same nudity ratio as movies made by men

for men — lots of female nudity, with quite a bit less of the male variety — and also that the supposedly empowering female protagonist is such a doormat. (Kudos to Dakota Johnson, who seems to be talented, for doing the most she could with a flatly written character.) There must be a goldmine of potentially interesting subject matter in the psychology of a person like Christian and/or a person like Anastasia, but the movie has no interest in examining it beyond a cursory level.

The sex scenes, which comprise about 20 total minutes of the movie's runtime, are steamy enough, I guess, as far as mainstream wide-release Hollywood-produced sex scenes go. But they've (apparently) been watered down from the book, to where they contain nothing transgressive or shocking, and they're surrounded by the direst tedium and a complete lack of conflict or tension. Presumably the sequels will explore forbidden taboos like “character development” and “plot.”

Mikulski from A4

“I had to decide whether to spend my time fighting to keep my job or fighting for your job. Do I spend my time raising money or raising hell to meet your day-to-day needs? Do I spend my time focusing on my election or the next generation. Do I spend the next two years making promises about what I will do or making progress on what I can do right now.”

“The more I thought about it, the more the answer became really clear — I want to campaign for you. That's why I'm here to announce I won't be seeking a 6th term as a United States Senator for Maryland.”

“Because every day, I want to wake up thinking about you — the little guys and gals, the watermen, automobile workers, researchers, small business owners and families. I want to give you 120 percent of my time with all of my energy focused on you and your future. Because it's always been about you, never about me. That's what it takes to be a good senator by my expectations and by my standards.”

“Over the next two years, I'll be fighting to give families a raise by finishing what we started with the Lily Ledbetter Fair Pay Act and passing the Paycheck Fairness Act, once and for all guaranteeing equal pay for equal work. I'll be fighting for a family-friendly tax code with targeted tax breaks, doubling the child care tax credit to make child care more affordable.”

“I'll be fighting for you jobs. Creating jobs today in construction rebuilding America's roads, bridges and water plants. And creating jobs for tomorrow in the new economy through research and discovery.”

“I'll keep up the charge to make college more affordable with permanent tuition tax breaks and by reforming Pell Grants, making them year round, easier to apply for and increasing them to cover more costs. And families should be able to refinance student loans at lower rates. I'll also be introducing my new bill, Debt for Duty, providing student loan forgiveness in exchange for time spent volunteering.”

“I'll be making sure promises made are promises kept to our veterans. Because if you've been on the frontlines, you shouldn't have to stand in line for benefits you've earned and deserve. And I'll be protecting the social safety net for seniors, because ‘Honor thy father and mother,’ isn't just a great commandment to live by, it's good public policy. That means making sure Social Security remains a guaranteed, lifetime and inflation-proof benefit and that Medicare is there when you need it.”

“To the people of Maryland — I thank you. You've honored me with your confidence and trust. I've tried to live up to it and will continue to do that every day. I pledge, as always, that I will take the values I learned living here in East Baltimore and work as hard as ever, dedicated to you and dedicated to the nation. Thank you and God bless.”

Senator Mikulski was the first Democratic Senator elected in her own right, and was one of only two women

Senators serving when she took office in 1987. On January 5, 2011, she became the longest-serving woman in U.S. Senate history when she was sworn in to the 112th Congress, breaking the record previously held by Senator Margaret Chase Smith (R-Maine.) Senator Mikulski has said she shares many things in common with Senator Smith, including a strong belief in constituent service.

On Saturday, March 17, 2012, she surpassed Rep. Edith Nourse Rogers as the longest-serving woman in the U.S. Congress. In 1976, she was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives as the Congresswoman from Maryland's third district.

Senator Mikulski holds many other “firsts,” including being the first Chairwoman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, a post she took on December 20, 2012.

Throughout her time in elected office, she has fought to uphold the values she learned growing up in East Baltimore. She continues to fight for a stronger economy and safer America every day.

The Edge of Sports

by DAVE ZIRIN

Following Up on the Conspiracy Theory Surrounding the Super Bowl's Final Moments



I reported earlier this week that right after the Super Bowl, in a Seahawks locker room clearly in a state of profound distress, some were talking conspiracy. People connected to the team, shocked at the play call that led to an interception from the Patriots one-yard line with the game in their grasp, were saying that the reason why bruising running back Marshawn Lynch was not given the ball was because the coaching staff wanted the hero to be quarterback Russell Wilson. The NFL Network's Mike Silver also reported that this was being articulated inside the locker room. Whether true or ridiculous, it was a belief rooted in the divisions in the Seahawks locker room that Bleacher Report's Mike Freeman reported on earlier this season, when the team was on the brink of imploding. After a couple days to cool down, I was in touch with my contact and asked him if he still believed that factors other than “What is the best football play for this moment?” played into coach Pete Carroll's decision. All he said was, “I don't even know if I believe that anymore. I don't know what to believe. I just can't believe it ended like that.”

After I reported on this earlier in the week and speculated upon exactly why these particular conspiratorial thoughts might find purchase in a shell-shocked locker room, I was on the receiving end of a great deal of social media ugliness. The hate rolled in from a combination of right-wingers egged on by the often disturbing fringe website The Daily Caller and sexual harasser-turned presidential candidate turned radio host Herman Cain. It has also come from New England Patriots fans who believed that I was somehow denigrating their moment of triumph.

Let's forget about the hard-right faithful for the purposes of this article, because I don't believe honestly that they actually read the piece. Their critique centered on the fact that I had conjured up some kind of racialized conspiracy theory, as opposed to actually reporting something that was being said in the locker room. They can have their strawman on their own time. (And at the risk of stating the obvious, I sure as hell have it worlds easier in this country than their usual targets.)

But I actually do want to address Patriots Nation quite directly on this. Any Boston sports fan who remembers the 1980s has no excuse for thinking that a manager or coach would never choose sentiment over strategy or wouldn't jeopardize a victory in the name of having a favored player get the glory over the person better suited to do the job.

The moment I'm referencing—the one that Bill Simmons called the greatest gut punch in the history of sports—was of course game six of the 1986 World Series when New York Mets outfielder Mookie Wilson hit the grounder that dribbled through Red Sox first baseman Bill Buckner's legs.

Bill Buckner was a great player, a multiple All-Star whose twenty-year career ended with over 2,700 hits. In 1984 after a long stretch with the Chicago Cubs, he joined the Red Sox and quickly became the heart of that team. He was also playing on ankles that were being held together with balsa wood and duct tape. All season, Red Sox manager John McNamara brought in young Dave Stapleton as a late-inning defensive replacement for Buckner in tight games. But in game six, with the Red Sox up two runs in the tenth inning and the Mets seemingly without hope, Buckner was in the game. John McNamara got sentimental wanting his favored vet out there for the final out, and it cost the Red Sox the game and perhaps the World Series.

These kinds of decisions happen all the damn time in sports, but we rarely hear about them because it usually doesn't end in catastrophe. More often, it's more like Bears Coach Mike Ditka in Super Bowl XX ordering William Perry instead of the great Walter Payton to get a one-yard touchdown because of his personal preference. Examples abound of players on the field or the court when they shouldn't be because the coach wants them to have their moment. Anybody who has played sports in high school or college—myself included—got playing time their senior year that they otherwise would not have received for the simple reason that, well, that we were seniors. Do we think that Pete Carroll, with the ball on the one-yard line, was immune to conscious or subconscious thoughts about who would get the team's crowning moment? I don't know. But I certainly do understand why some players and the Seahawks locker room were feeling that at their lowest moment.

What we do know is that Pete Carroll simply overthought the moment. He put Russell Wilson in a position to throw the first interception from the opposing teams one-yard line in the entire NFL season. It's inexcusable, and he'll have to carry

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Calendar of Events

March 12 — March 18, 2015

2015 CAA Women's Basketball Championship

Date & Time: Thursday, March 12-Sunday, March 15, 2015
Description: It's tournament time! The Show Place Arena in Upper Marlboro is hosting the 2015 CAA Women's Basketball Championship. Watch teams from Charleston, Delaware, Drexel, Elon, Hofstra, James Madison, Northeastern, Towson, University of North Carolina at Wilmington, and William & Mary compete for the title.

Tickets: Purchase tickets in advance or at the door.
FREE parking

Ticket Books (all 9 games): \$40

Single Session Tickets (one, all-day pass): - First Round Game (3/12): \$6 for all ages; - Quarterfinals (3/14), Semifinals (3/15) and Championship (3/16): • \$15 for adults (18-61); • \$7 for youth (3-17); • \$7 for seniors (62+); • \$6.50/person in groups of 10 or more**; • \$5.50 for CAA students with ID**; • Military Discount: Military personnel may get \$5 off per ticket - for up to 4 tickets - with a military ID**

**These tickets must be purchased at The Show Place Arena.

TICKET PROMOTIONS

Mystics Promotion: Mystics season ticket holders can receive exclusive tickets to the 2014 CAA Women's Basketball Championship through a special promo code. Tickets are available for Friday or Saturday. Check your Mystics Weekly for the code and go to Ticketmaster.com and order your seats today.

School Day Promotion: Children in kindergarten through grade 7 can attend games on Thursday, Friday and/or Saturday for a fee of only \$2/ticket. School Day Promotion discount tickets must be purchased at Show Place Arena.

Wegmans Promotion: Wegmans Loyalty Card customers can receive two special offers to attend the CAA Women's Basketball Championship.

- FOUR FREE TICKETS – Wegmans CAA Family Four Pak of free tickets for Thursday or Friday games.
- TICKET BOGO – Wegmans CAA Buy-One-Get-One Free for Saturday (Semifinals) or Sunday (Championship Game)

Wegmans Loyalty Card discount tickets must be purchased at Show Place Arena.

Military Appreciation: Military personnel may get \$5 off per ticket - for up to 4 tickets - with a military ID. These Military Appreciation discount tickets must be purchased at Show Place Arena.

Ages: All ages welcome

Location: The Show Place Arena

14900 Pennsylvania Avenue, Upper Marlboro 20772

Contact: 301-952-7900; TTY 301-952-7998

Xtreme Teens: Skate Night

Date and Time: Friday, March 14, 2015 7-9 pm

Description: Teens will enjoy an indoor skating party at the community center with their friends. There will be a DJ, so get ready to have fun.

Cost: FREE

Ages: 10-17

Location: Glenarden Community Center

8615 McLain Ave, Glenarden 20706

Contact: 301-772-3151; TTY 301-218-6768

Mornings at the Museum

Date and Time: Saturday, March 14, 2105 11 am

Description: Explore exciting aspects of the College Park Aviation Museum's collection on the second Saturday of each month with a museum educator. March's tour will focus on women in aviation.

Cost: FREE with museum admission

Ages: All ages welcome

Location: College Park Aviation Museum

1985 Corporal Frank Scott Drive, College Park

20740

Contact: 301-864-6029; TTY 301-699-2544

Colonial Tavern Dinner

Date and Time: Saturday, March 14, 2015 7-9 pm

Description: Be our guest as we recreate the atmosphere and flavor of a mid-18th century tavern dinner in Upper Marlborough. Participants will enjoy colonial food and spirits. Following dinner, listen to Ship's Company sing sea shanties and tavern songs of the period. Capacity is limited; reservation and payment required in advance.

Cost: Resident: \$40; Non-Resident: \$48

Ages: 18 & up

Location: Darnall's Chance House Museum

14800 Governor Oden Bowie Drive, Upper Marlbor

Contact: 301-952-8010; TTY 301-699-2544

Xtreme Teens: Glenarden CC vs. Peppermill CC (Basketball)

Date and Time: Saturday, March 14, 2015 7-10 pm

Description: Teens from Glenarden CC will travel to take on teens from Peppermill Community Center in a game of basketball. Come out and play a friendly game Transportation will be provided to Peppermill Community Center; please arrive at the Center by 6:30 pm.

Cost: FREE

Ages: 10-17

Location: Glenarden Community Center

8615 McLain Ave, Glenarden 20706

Contact: 301-772-3151; TTY 301-218-6768

National Capital Adult Equestrian League

Date and Time: Saturday-Sunday, March 14 & 15, 2015 8 am-5 pm

Description: The Prince George's Equestrian Center is hosting the National Capital Adult Equestrian League Horse Show.

Cost: Free for spectators

Location: The Show Place Arena

14900 Pennsylvania Avenue

Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

Contact: 301-952-7900; TTY 301-952-7998

EARTH TALK ... Divesting From Fossil Fuels

Dear EarthTalk:

What is Global Divestment Day and how does it relate to protecting the environment?

— Michel LaPlante,
New Orleans, LA

With crucial international climate negotiations coming up in Paris in the Fall of 2015, the first ever Global Divestment Day took place on February 13-14, with activists and everyday people across six continents and 48 countries joining together in more than 300 events—including street theater, elaborate props, sit-ins, vigils, dancing, bicycle parades and social media blitzes—all in the name of calling on corporations, foundations, endowments and other institutions to divest from fossil-fuel industries in order to speed society's transition to renewable, non-polluting sources of energy.

The climate movement has embraced divestment—that is, ditching stocks, bonds or investment funds deemed unethical or morally ambiguous—given how effective the tactic was in helping topple Apartheid in South Africa by shaming the companies still willing to do business there. Other successful divestment campaigns have targeted tobacco as well as companies doing business in the embattled nation of Darfur.

"The fossil fuel industry has our political process in shackles

with its financial might," says Fossil Free, the group that created and organizes Global Divestment Day. "But we are matching their financial might with a different kind of power... Through divestment, we are directly challenging the social license of these corporations who have become rogue entities seeking profits at the expense of people and planet."

Global Divestment Day, the group argues, highlights a conflict that most politicians are loath to address: "If the world is to avoid catastrophic global warming, most known fossil fuel resources need to stay in the ground. Yet fossil fuel companies not only plan to extract and sell their existing reserves but are exploring ever more sensitive territory to find new ones, thus ruining any chance of securing a safe planet."

Fossil Free and other groups and individuals participating in Global Divestment Day are asking portfolio managers to stop adding new investments in fossil fuel companies and to sell off their holdings in the top 200 fossil fuel companies within five years. To date more than 200 institutions with combined assets topping \$50 billion have signed on committing to divest in fossil fuels. Some of the heavy hitters so far include the Rockefeller Brothers Foundation, the British Medical Association, Stanford University and the World Council of Churches.

Election from A1

Sarbanes, D-Towson, both said they were giving the run "serious consideration."

Van Hollen, with nearly \$1.7 million, and Ruppertsberger, with nearly \$1.1 million, at the end of 2014 had the largest campaign accounts among the Maryland delegation to the House of Representatives.

As Congressional seats become vacant, they tend to be filled from the ranks of the General Assembly. Those seats would, in turn, need to be filled.

"This is going to affect the entire political food chain in Maryland," political commentator Blair Lee IV said. "Every 20 or 30 years, it's like musical chairs -- some are sitting down and some are standing up when the music stops playing."

"There's going to be a lot of new faces and new jobs," Lee said. "2016 in Maryland is going to be historic, not a boring election year."

Lee said if he had to put money on a candidate, he would

put it on Rep. Donna Edwards, D-Fort Washington.

For the last 30 years, both U.S. senators have come from Baltimore, which, Lee said, has created a power shift that will favor candidates beyond that area.

He also emphasized gender and race as important factors, saying that Edwards, as an African-American woman, checks off a lot of boxes that make her a potentially winning candidate.

"How long can you tell African-Americans it's not their turn yet?" Lee said.

Edwards's office on Tuesday declined comment on whether she would run for the Senate seat.

But for Barry Rascovar, a political commentator who worked at the Baltimore Sun for more than 20 years, it will be the incumbents and recognizable names who will have the best shot at filling Mikulski's big shoes.

"I think those are the ones that are going to be polling the best," Rascovar said. "There will be other names in the race, but I don't



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Activists ride bikes through the streets of Amsterdam on Global Divestment Day.

Meanwhile, a growing chorus of voices from the financial and investment communities agrees that divestment might be the quickest route to mitigating climate change. A senior investment analyst with European investor Axa IM told the Guardian that "moral issues" are playing a role in recent low oil prices "with the divestment movement steadily gaining traction amongst investors across the globe."

Fossil Free points out that divestment isn't so much an economic strategy as a moral and political one.

"Just like in the struggle for Civil Rights here in America or the fight to end Apartheid in South Africa," the group reports, "the more we can make climate change a deeply moral issue, the more we

will push society towards action." The group adds that divestment also forces prominent institutions and individuals to choose sides, sparking public debate on the topics at stake and raising awareness for doing the right thing. "We need to make it clear that if it's wrong to wreck the planet," Fossil Free concludes, "it's also wrong to profit from that wreckage."

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think they'll be the favorites."

Many Maryland congressional members may be considering running at this moment, but once one of them announces they're officially running, the others will probably back off, Rascovar said.

Rascovar's initial favorite for the position was former Gov. Martin O'Malley, a Democrat, who announced Tuesday morning that he would not seek Mikulski's spot in the Senate. O'Malley is exploring a run for U.S. President.

With O'Malley out, Rascovar named Van Hollen as the favorite to run.

Reps. Elijah Cummings, D-Baltimore, and Steny Hoyer, D-Mechanicsville, did not comment on their plans.

Mileah Kromer, a professor of political science at Goucher College, said this senatorial race could show just how Democratic Maryland is -- a state that boasts a two-to-one Democratic majority over Republicans -- despite the recent win by Republican Gov. Larry Hogan.

"It'll be interesting to see if Hogan does a good job and wins public approval, if that can help carry a Republican into the Senate," Kromer said.

But since 2016 will be a presidential year, Lee said, he expects Marylanders to vote as a strong blue state, since presidential elections tend to turn out the African-American communities and the youth vote, which are both largely Democratic.

Rascovar said that the "land rush" is an unlikely possibility.

"These people have worked hard to win their congressional seats, and they're not going to give it up lightly," he said. "It's probably a long shot that we're going to have a stampede of congressional incumbents giving up their seats to get a shot at the Senate."

But deciding to run for Senate is more complicated than a single-focused "land rush," Kromer said, because these politicians' radars span beyond one office.

"It's not just a Senate race, but also a governor's race," Kromer said. "So it's a land rush not all at once, but over the next four years."

Maryland Casinos Generate \$82.8 Million in Revenue During February

By PRESS OFFICER
MLGCA

(Baltimore) – The Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Agency today announced February 2015 revenue numbers for the state's five casinos – Hollywood Casino Perryville in Cecil County, Horseshoe Casino Baltimore in Baltimore City, Casino at Ocean Downs in Worcester County, Maryland Live Casino in Anne Arundel County, and Rocky Gap Casino Resort in Allegany County. February 2015's combined statewide revenue totaled \$82,795,013.

Hollywood Casino Perryville generated \$6,022,954 from both slot machines and table games in February. Gross gaming revenue per unit per day was: \$197.14 for slot machines, \$2,603.58 for banking table games and \$347.51 for non-banking table games. Hollywood Casino's February 2015 revenue decreased by \$1,040,614, or 14.7%, from February 2014. Hollywood

Casino Perryville operates 915 slot machines and 22 (12 banking and 10 non-banking) table games.

Horseshoe Casino Baltimore generated \$22,989,376 from both slot machines and table games in February. Gross gaming revenue per unit per day was: \$210.32 for slot machines, \$2,442.08 for banking table games and \$1,025.53 for non-banking table games. Horseshoe Casino Baltimore operates 2,226 slot machines and 159 (134 banking and 25 non-banking) table games. The casino opened to the public in August 2014.

Maryland Live Casino generated \$46,970,008 from both slot machines and table games in February. Gross gaming revenue per unit per day was: \$245.70 for slot machines, \$4,166.91 for banking table games and \$1,332.28 for non-banking table games. Maryland Live's February 2015 revenue decreased by \$5,359,046, or 10.2%, from February 2014. Maryland Live Casino operates 4,222 slot

machines and 189 (137 banking and 52 non-banking) table games.

Casino at Ocean Downs generated \$3,338,100 from slot machines in February, and its gross gaming revenue per unit per day was \$149.40. Casino at Ocean Downs' February 2015 revenue decreased by \$173,456, or 4.9%, from February 2014. The Casino at Ocean Downs operates 798 slot machines.

Rocky Gap Casino Resort generated \$3,474,575 from both slot machines and table games in February. Gross gaming revenue per unit per day was: \$177.82 for slot machines, \$1,378.36 for banking table games, and \$406.82 for non-banking table games. Rocky Gap Casino Resort's February 2015 revenue increased by \$364,660, or 11.7%, from February 2014. Rocky Gap Casino Resort operates 577 slot machines and 17 table games (15 banking and 2 non-banking).

In a year-to-year comparison, February 2015 casino revenue increased from February 2014 by

\$16,780,920, or 25.4%. In a comparison excluding Horseshoe Casino Baltimore, which opened in August 2014, year-to-year revenue decreased from February 2014 by \$6,208,456, or 9.4%. See attached document (or click HERE) for a detailed breakdown of February 2015's fund disbursement, fiscal year-to-date totals for the individual casinos and combined state total.

The Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Agency (MLGCA) is responsible for all matters relating to regulation of the state's casinos. In this regulatory role, the agency oversees all internal controls, auditing, security, surveillance, background investigation, licensing and accounting procedures for the facilities. To keep Marylanders informed and maintain integrity and transparency in its regulation of the state's casinos, the MLGCA posts monthly financial reports on casino revenue on its website, gaming.mdlottery.com.

Super Bowl from A6

that for the rest of his coaching career. But a great measure of credit should also go to New England Patriots coach Bill Belichick for making what seemed to be the unpardonable decision

not to call a time-out and save time for his star quarterback, Tom Brady, if the Seahawks scored. Belichick instead chose to let the clock run and to turn up the heat on Pete Carroll and Russell Wilson's mental synapses. Guess what? It

worked. It's a reminder that players and coaches are not computers. There are sweaty palms, shivering minds and sentimental human error involved when the moment gets tight. And frankly, if there wasn't, we wouldn't watch. That's what makes sports

awesome, and that's what can make them also at times so silly and so devastating. Just ask John McNamara and Bill Buckner. In the end, Pete Carroll overthought the moment. What those thoughts actually were will remain in the realm of speculation.