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Miguel Guzman, 32, describes how he got his first job in the U.S. as a plumber despite knowing very little English after leaving Mexico at the age of 17.

## Maryland Undocumented Immigrant Awaits Government Action

By LAUREN SAGL  
Capital News Service

WASHINGTON—As he stood outside the White House last November, Miguel A. Guzman listened with bated breath as President Barack Obama announced immigration policy changes that would protect an estimated 4.4 million undocumented immigrants from depor-

tation and allow Guzman to legally stay in the U.S. with his wife and two young children.

Now, after a federal judge in Texas halted the implementation of the programs this past April, Guzman said it feels like “an ice bucket has been dumped on my head.”

“You want to be here to provide for your family but you always live with the fear that

one day you go to work and get pulled over by police, they ask for your green card or social security card, and you don't have it,” said Guzman. “There has been a lot of pain living in the shadows.”

Guzman, a 32-year-old plumber from Prince George's County, has been undocumented in the United States for 15 years. Now, he stands to gain

temporary permission to stay in the U.S. through the president's proposed Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents (DAPA) program.

The proposed immigration changes include the start of the DAPA program, which would

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## Making Home Ownership More Accessible to Those With Student Debt

By PRESS OFFICER  
MDHCD

New Carrollton, MD — Maryland is putting more resources into an innovative program that makes homeownership more accessible to members of the Millennial generation who have been trapped by significant student debt.

Governor Larry Hogan and Secretary Kenneth Holt said the state will commit \$70 million for the next phase of the “You've Earned It!” program for Maryland Mortgage Program borrowers who have more than \$25,000 in student loan debt and are purchasing a home in one of the state's Sustainable Communities.

The program is aimed at assisting potential buyers, particularly members of the so-called “Boomerang Generation,” who are employed and have good credit but are saddled with student debt that is proving a barrier to homeownership. These young people are more likely to live with their parents than were young people one or two decades ago and they are saddled with significantly more student loan debt than their predecessors.

The program demonstrates the governor's commitment to changing Maryland for the better by making homeownership more accessible for Maryland families.

“This initiative is an innovative way to help young peo-



PHOTO: MDHCD

Secretary Holt says the “You've Earned It!” initiative will help members of the Boomerang generation move out of their parents' basements and into homeownership.

ple and families establish roots and create long-lasting financial security,” said Governor Hogan. “Through this program, we are changing lives, changing communities and changing Maryland for the better.”

Through “You've Earned It!” the Maryland Mortgage Program is offering a 0.25 percent discount on the program's fixed rate, 30-year conventional and government mortgages and \$5,000 in down payment assistance in the form of a zero percent deferred loan to qualified homebuyers. In addition, DHCD is waiving its fee for buyers who take advantage of the Maryland HomeCredit program, for additional savings.

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## Todd M. Turner Appointed to WSTC

By PRESS OFFICER  
PG County Government

The Prince George's County Council unanimously confirmed the appointment of Prince George's County Council Member Todd M. Turner (D) — District 4, to the Washington Suburban Transit Commission (WSTC) on Tuesday, July 14, 2015. Council Member Turner was appointed to



PHOTO: PG COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
Todd M. Turner

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## Half of Local Gaming Revenue to Fund Public Education

By PRESS OFFICER  
PG County Council

The Prince George's County Council, during session on Tuesday, July 14, 2015, unanimously adopted CB-33-2015, legislation requiring half of gaming revenue from the MGM National Harbor destination resort be allocated for public education purposes.

Under the new law, 50-percent of annual local gaming revenue, up to a maximum of \$25 million, will now be reserved for Prince George's County Public Schools, Prince George's Community College, and the Prince George's County Memorial Library System, as a part of the County's regular or supplemental budget processes. The law requires that this funding supplement and not replace or supplant

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## PGFD Battalion Chief Receives American Legion Firefighter of the Year Award

By PRESS OFFICER  
PG County Fire/EMS

On Thursday, July 16, 2015, Acting Fire Fighter/Medic Battalion Chief Ernest Shaun Lindqvist will receive the American Legion, Department of Maryland “Career Fire Fighter of the Year” award. The ceremony took place at the organization's convention in Ocean City, Maryland. In April of this year, he was selected as the “Career Fire Fighter of the Year” for both the American Legion's Southern Maryland District Council and the Prince George's County Council. Deputy Fire Chief Corey A. Smedley will represent the Fire/EMS Department at the awards ceremony.

“There are many reasons why I am extremely proud of Ernie Lindqvist, including overall work ethic, academic accomplishments and for his selection as the American Legion Firefighter of the Year,” said Fire Chief Marc S. Bashoor. “I congratulate him on his well-deserved award

and look forward to calling him Doctor Lindqvist in the very near future.”

Upon becoming a career member of the Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department in November 2000, Battalion Chief Lindqvist was already trained as both a firefighter and paramedic. During his tenure, he progressed through the ranks and served in many Fire/EMS Stations throughout the County. He is currently assigned to the Department's Training and Leadership Academy. In this position he serves as the Deputy Director of the Academy, overseeing all aspects of fire, rescue, EMS, and professional development training, as well as the High School Cadet Program.

Battalion Chief Lindqvist's fascination with the fire service began at the age of eight, when he became a member of the Junior Firefighters in his hometown of St. Thomas in the United States Virgin Islands. The Junior Firefighters is a youth mentoring program within the Virgin Islands Fire



PHOTO COURTESY PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY FIRE/EMS  
Acting Fire Fighter/Medic Battalion Chief Ernest Shaun Lindqvist

Service that provides guidance counseling and education in the areas of firefighting, fire prevention, fire safety, and leadership. The program focused on community service and public safety

and has been instrumental in the development of many of its members, for careers in public service.

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#### Ferguson Rebirth: Breaking New Ground on Once Scorched Land

Building a new empowerment center in Ferguson represents tangible movement on the issues of social injustice and inequality that create the cycle of poverty and violence that entraps so many of our citizens in our nation's most vulnerable communities.

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#### Maryland Individuals With Private Insurance Are Guaranteed Access to Free Preventive Services

Some of the estimated 137 million individuals nationwide that are guaranteed access to preventive services without cost sharing today may have had access to one or more of those services without cost sharing prior to the implementation of the Affordable Care Act.

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#### Movie Review: “Wild Horses”

The meat of the story concerns the events of 15 years ago. At the same time that Benny was kicked out, the ranch hand he'd been fooling around with disappeared and was never heard from again. A dogged Texas Ranger, Samantha Payne, has reopened the case, and is questioning everyone all over again.

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#### Earth Talk

Dear EarthTalk:

What's the latest with the U.S. Postal Service trying to reduce its environmental footprint? Starting delivery of some mail on Sundays doesn't seem like a step in the right direction.

— Kerry Rawlings,  
Albany, NY

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# Towns and NEIGHBORS

## In and Around Morningside-Skyline

With Mary McHale, will return next week

### Brandywine-Aquasco

by Audrey Johnson 301 888 2153

#### PGCPS BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR

Prince George's County Public Schools will have a Back to School Fair Saturday, August 8, 2015 from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM at The Show Place Arena. The address is 14900 Pennsylvania Avenue Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772. You will learn all about the academic programs and services available in PGCPS, visit vendors, and sign up for free and reduced-price school meals.

Children who attend the fair will receive a free backpack stuffed with school supplies. Health professionals will be on hand to provide immunizations free of charge to children who need immunizations.

Call 301-952-6001 for additional information about the fair. Please call 301-952-6095 or email [clandis@pgcps.org](mailto:clandis@pgcps.org) for Sponsor/Vendor information.

#### 10TH ANNUAL CRUZIN' MAIN ST. CAR SHOW

Join us Saturday August 22, 2015 for the Car Show at 14611 Main Street Upper Marlboro, Maryland. The town main street will be closed for the Car Show.

#### Firefighter from A1

In January of 1996, Lindqvist attended a paramedic program at the Center for Emergency Medicine of Western Pennsylvania and graduated with a Pre-Hospital Emergency Medicine Certificate. Immediately, at the conclusion of the program, he secured a paramedic position working under a 9-1-1 emergency service. He continued his professional development and became an instructor in various rescue and emergency medical services programs. Shortly thereafter, he took on a leadership position as the EMS Training Director.

In January 2000, Battalion Chief Lindqvist delved back into the career world of

\$20.00 per entry benefits Marlboro Volunteer Fire Department and Lions Club. Registration is at 4:00 PM. Show is from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Visit website [www.marlbocarshow.vpweb.com](http://www.marlbocarshow.vpweb.com). Hope you can join them for their 10th year.

#### NEW HOPE FELLOWSHIP SUMMER CARNIVAL

Nottingham Myers will be hosting their First Summer Carnival Saturday August 22, 2015 from 11:00 AM-5:00 PM at Nottingham-Myers Family Life Center. The address is 15601 Brooks Church Road. We welcome all of our Church Family, friends and community to come join us for a day of fun. There will be Carnival Playing Games, prizes, a moon bounce and your favorite kinds of carnival food such as cotton candy, snow cones and other foods.

Early Bird Specials July 12th-August 16th (50 game tickets for \$20.00, 25 game tickets for \$15.00). Prices will be slightly higher day of the event. The cost of tickets will be 35 tickets for \$20.00, 20 tickets for \$15.00 and 15 tickets for \$10.00. To play the games you will need

to buy tickets. Tickets can be purchased on Event Brite at <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/new-hope-fellowshipnottinghammyers-summer-carnival-tickets-17636639661?aff=es2> and of August 22 at Nottingham — Myers Church.

#### BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday to Berline Brooks, Milton Holiday, Oliver Myers, Melvin E. Thomas, Monica Washington, Ray Johnson, and Cleo Mitchel who are celebrating their birthdays during the month of August.

#### BLOOD DRIVE

The Mental Health and Health Awareness Committee is sponsoring a blood drive at Clinton United Methodist Church on Saturday, August 8, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Church office number is 301-868-1281.

#### SEAFOOD FEAST

Save the date for a Seafood Feast at New Hope Fellowship Nottingham Myers Campus on September 12, 2015 from 4:00 PM-8:00 PM. There will be more information in August.

firefighting and cross-trained as a firefighter/paramedic in the Arlington County Fire Department in Northern Virginia. He held the position for nearly a year before taking an opportunity for the same position in Prince George's County, Maryland.

Acting Battalion Chief Lindqvist has many notable academic accomplishments. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree with a major in Fire Science and minor in Emergency Management at the University of Maryland University College in 2010. He furthered his education by receiving a Masters in Public Administration Degree with a Concentration in Disaster

Management from American Public University in 2012. Presently, he is completing studies to obtain his Doctorate of Philosophy in Public Policy & Administration with a focus on Public Safety and Emergency Management at Walden University.

Battalion Chief Lindqvist is a life-long student and is frequently taking courses in fire, rescue, emergency services, and public management. He exhibits strong personal leadership, as evidenced in his continued professional development and ability and commitment to pass on his knowledge through teaching and mentoring those under his command.

our constituents by requiring that 50-percent of the County revenues from the MGM National Harbor destination resort be used to increase spending on our public schools, libraries and community college."

Prince George's Community College President Dr. Charlene Dukes, spoke in support of the legislation, during a public hearing on the measure.

"Our students help to expand the County's economic base through their higher incomes while the businesses that employ them become more productive through the students

added skills," said President Dukes. "These benefits together, associated with the ripple effects of the economy, contribute millions in taxable income to the County's economy each year."

Local gaming revenue, as defined by the legislation, will include revenue from local impact grants distributed to the County from video lottery terminal proceeds; revenue distributed to the County from table game proceeds; real property and personal property taxes; hotel and motel taxes; and admissions and amusement taxes.

#### Revenue from A1

existing County funding sources for public education.

Council Chairman Mel Franklin (D) — District 9, says CB-33 is about accountability and trust.

"When residents voted by large margins to allow gaming in the County in 2012, they relied on promises from elected officials and others that the funds would increase the County's investment in education," said Chairman Franklin. "The unanimous passage of Council Bill 33 keeps trust with

## Neighborhood Events

### Edwards Leads Letter Calling for Greater Transparency in Political Spending

Washington, D.C. — Representatives Donna F. Edwards (MD-4), Anna G. Eshoo (CA-18), Michael E. Capuano (MA-07), and Steve Israel (NY-03) led 104 Members of Congress in a letter urging President Obama to issue an Executive Order to require companies that do business with the federal government to fully disclose their political contributions.

"As we enter what is expected to be our nation's most expensive election cycle ever, the American people deserve to know whether companies doing business with the federal government are making political contributions and who is receiving them," said Edwards, who chairs the House Democracy for All Task Force. "Disclosure is an important education tool for the American voter before they go to the ballot box, and to ensure transparency. We encourage President Obama to take this action and provide voters with another tool to help them make the most informed decision possible. I thank Reps. Eshoo, Capuano, and Israel for their leadership on this issue, and the dozens of Members from both the House and Senate who signed onto this important letter."

Nearly half a billion dollars in undisclosed money has been spent in the last two election cycles. Under current law, the President can take immediate action to increase transparency by requiring companies that receive federal contracts to fully disclose their political expenditures. A recent analysis by Public Citizen found that among the top 15 recipients of federal contracting dollars, only 47 percent fully disclose their contributions to non-disclosing 501(c)(4) organizations.

A similar letter led by Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI) was signed by 26 Senators and mailed to the White House earlier today.

The House letter is supported by a large coalition, including the AFSCME, Campaign Legal Center, Center for American Progress, Common Cause, Democracy 21, NAACP, People for the American Way, Public Citizen, Sierra Club, Sunlight Foundation, and U.S. PIRG.

#### Melwood Announces New Officers and Board Members

UPPER MARLBORO, MD — Cari DeSantis, President & CEO of Melwood, an Upper Marlboro nonprofit organization, is pleased to announce the election of new officers for the Melwood Board of Directors and the addition of six new board members, effective July 1, 2015.

"This is a very exciting time for Melwood. We are in the throes of a very aggressive strategic plan, and we recruited to our board a set of high caliber individuals who will offer significant expertise in guiding our growth," said DeSantis. "Together with the new officers, new directors and returning directors, I look forward to great progress in positioning Melwood for success in the next 50 years of service to people with differing abilities."

About Melwood  
Melwood is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization that is one of the largest employers of people with dif-



Congresswoman  
Donna F. Edwards

fering abilities in the Northeastern United States, proudly employing more than 760 people with differing abilities in Maryland, Virginia and Washington, DC through the U.S. AbilityOne Program and partnerships with community employers. Melwood is headquartered in Upper Marlboro, Maryland, with related facilities located in Temple Hills, Waldorf and Nanjemoy, Maryland. We employ 1,468 people, including those with differing abilities, who work at one of our 43 contracts sites. Our business and service Lines include: Total Facilities Management, Janitorial/Custodial services, Landscaping and Grounds Keeping, Recycling, Electronics Recycling, Call Centers, Customized Job Training, Community Supports, Retreat and Recreational Services, Horticulture Therapy, Therapeutic Riding, Inclusive Camping, and more. Some of our notable federal clients include Fort George G. Meade, U.S. General Services Administration, the United States Naval Academy, Naval Air Station-Patuxent River, The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, U.S. Department of Agriculture and Goddard Space Flight Center.

#### Educational Systems Federal Credit Union Celebrates Over a Decade of Volunteering as "Principal for a Day"

(Greenbelt, MD) — For the eleventh consecutive year, Educational Systems Federal Credit Union employees volunteered to serve as Principal for a Day, which is a partnership between Prince George's County Public Schools and the Prince George's County Chamber of Commerce. This annual event is where government, non-profit and business leaders are invited to shadow local principals for a full day of school. This year, six Educational Systems FCU employees volunteered.

"From the eyes of the principal, you see the entire learning process through interactions between educators and students," said Vic Samuels, Vice President of Community Relations for Educational Systems FCU. Samuels spent the day with Dr. Kathy Richard Andrews, principal of The Academy of Health Sciences at Prince George's Community College. The school is Maryland's first Middle College High School where students take high school and college classes simultaneously. Upon graduation, they receive a high school diploma and an associate's degree.

At another school, Kristy Mathey, Vice President of Marketing for Educational Systems FCU remarked, "I saw a phenomenal kindergarten teacher inspire her stu-

dents to celebrate each other's accomplishments in telling time, adding and spelling." Mathey volunteered at James Ryder Randall Elementary School working alongside Principal Sonia Beckford. The school also serves as a Special Education Early Childhood Center for young children with disabilities where professionals from a variety of disciplines work cooperatively to provide integrated services. Mathey continued, "I was amazed at the talent of Principal Beckford's team. It was clear that the students in all of the classes were engaged and having fun while learning."

"Principal for a Day allows our employees to truly understand the challenges and triumphs that the members of the education community experience every day," said Chris Conway, President/CEO of Educational Systems FCU. "By being in the schools, we learn how we can help and better serve the education community."

Educational Systems FCU ([esfcu.org](http://esfcu.org)) has proudly served the education community for nearly 60 years. With over \$790 million in assets and 12 branches, the Credit Union serves 87,000 members in seven school systems and three community colleges throughout Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Montgomery, Prince George's, St. Mary's and Talbot counties.

#### Council Tax Credit for Residences Equipped with Accessibility Features

Council Bill Supports Disabled Residents; Helps Seniors Age in Place

The Prince George's County Council, during Council session on Tuesday, June 2, 2015, approved Council Bill 7-2015, legislation establishing a property tax credit for the installation of accessibility enhancements on an existing primary residence.

Council Bill 7-2015 provides homeowners with a tax credit equal to 50% of eligible costs, or \$2,500 for an eligible accessibility feature installed on an existing principal residence. Any credit exceeding the annual tax liability of the property may be carried over until the next tax year.

Council Member Todd M. Turner (D) — District 4, proposer of CB-7, says the legislation provides a financial incentive for installing features that make a home more accessible for disabled residents and seniors.

"Council Bill 7-2015 will lessen the financial burden for residents who want to make accessibility enhancements to their homes," said Council Member Turner. "It is important for residents to have the option of living in their homes safely and independently, for as long as they desire to do so."

Under the legislation, accessibility features eligible for a tax credit include a no-step front door; installed ramp; 32"-wide interior doorway; 36"-wide exterior doorway; reinforced walls surrounding a toilet, tub or shower; maneuvering space of at least 38"x48" in a bathroom or kitchen; elevator, lift or stair glide unit; accessibility-enhanced bathroom; or alarms, appliances and controls designed to assist an individual with a sensory disability.

### You can be an everyday hero in the fight against suicide.

Partner with us as an event sponsor for the  
2015 Prince George's County **FIRST Out of the Darkness Walk**  
October 17, 2015  
at Rosaryville State Park Upper Marlboro, Maryland  
7805 W. Marlton Avenue in Upper Marlboro Maryland 20772.

Why support the FIRST Prince George's County Out of the Darkness Walk?

Every year suicide claims more lives than war, murder, and natural disasters combined. It is estimated that 85% of people in the United States alone will know someone who has died by suicide, and that one out of every five of those losses will be a close friend or relative.

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention leads the fight against suicide.

Funds raised from The Out of the Darkness Walks allows to fully achieve its mission, AFSP engages in the following Five Core Strategies:

We have several 2015 sponsorship opportunities and benefits. You can also consider giving a monetary donation, creating a team, being a virtual walker. We also have several volunteer opportunities to set-up, registration, breakdown, cheerleader team to encourage the walker.

For more information, please contact:  
Alnicia Gibson at 240-424-7123 or email us at: [blessed2begifted@gmail.com](mailto:blessed2begifted@gmail.com)

# COMMUNITY

## Practical Money Skills

By Nathaniel Sillin

### Making Summer More Energy Efficient

It's expected to be a hotter summer this year, but don't confine your money-saving efforts to the thermostat.

The warm months can be the best time to focus on cutting year-round energy costs (<http://www.eia.gov/forecasts/steo/report/electricity.cfm>). Free of snow, ice and wind, it's easier to spot problems, do repairs and budget for energy-efficient appliances and fix-up projects that can save considerable money in the future.

Your first step should be better tracking and analysis of the energy you buy. The most common sources of energy spending are home utilities and fuel costs for vehicles. However, if you own a vacation home, operate a business within your residential space or have different vehicles for land or water, see if you can separate those numbers so you can more clearly identify usage patterns month to month and find ways to cut back.



**Think about an energy audit.** Whether you do it yourself or pay for the services of a certified professional summer is the best time to do a basement-to-rooftop energy audit (<http://energy.gov/energysaver/articles/professional-home-energy-audits>). Some utility companies have home energy audits online so you can see where your energy is going. Prospective homeowners might make an energy audit part of their home inspection process. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, in 2014, the average American spent 60 percent of their energy dollars heating rooms and water. Another 16 percent goes to lighting, cooling and food refrigeration. The remainder — nearly a quarter of total home energy uses — covers all miscellaneous energy use in the house.

**Then focus on the thermostat.** In the summer, confine heavy air conditioning use to the hottest nights, and the rest of the time, try to set the thermostat a little higher than you do now. For example, the U.S. Energy Department says that setting your air conditioning to 78 degrees instead of 72 can save between 6-18 percent on your summer cooling bill. Before you spend money on a programmable thermostat or convert your real-time utility billing to a budget plan, note that some research questions their value (<https://today.duke.edu/2015/04/autopay>). First, see how much you can save by shutting off vents and doors and drawing curtains in unused rooms and spaces. If you don't have pets, you may consider setting your thermostat significantly higher than 78 before you leave for work.

**Lights out.** We've all been admonished to turn off the lights when we leave a room, but there are other things we can do to capture random, or "vampire," energy waste. Sensors, dimmers and timers can reduce lighting use, and installing power strips can keep computers, microwaves, cable boxes, DVRs and high-end TV sets from sucking energy even when they're not turned on. Unplugging between uses works too. Also, swapping conventional incandescent bulbs for compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs) can provide lighting that lasts longer and saves money on replacements.

**Check for tax credits and rebates.** Make a call to your tax professional, check the Internal Revenue Service's website (<http://www.irs.gov/uac/Form-5695-Residential-Energy-Credits>) and EnergyStar.gov for news on residential energy credits for specific replacement appliances and energy-saving improvements to your home. Keep in mind that Congress traditionally acts late each year to renew old credits or to approve new ones.

**Consider energy-smart landscaping.** Keep in mind that well-placed trees and shrubs can shield a home from the sun and the elements year-round and potentially save 25 percent on energy costs annually.

**Cars, gas, and public transportation.** If you drive, consolidate errands, fill up your tank at cheaper times and consider smartphone apps to find low gas prices for commuting and vacation use. And if you don't regularly use public transportation, start testing it during the summer. The additional walking most people do when they take public transportation has health benefits as well.

Bottom line: This summer, don't just try to keep cool. Save money by changing your year-round energy behavior.

### Attention Golfers!

Christmas in April Needs You!  
Help us Celebrate 27 Years in the County

Andrews Air Force Base  
September 28, 2015 all day  
The Courses at Andrews Air Force Base

Prince George's County Christmas in April is sponsoring its 26th Annual Christmas in April Susan Denison Mona Golf Tournament. All profits from the tournament go toward funding the 2016 program, which renovates the homes of the elderly and disabled residents of Prince George's County at no cost to the homeowner. Golfers and sponsors are needed! Please call 301-868-0937 to register for the tournament. Fees include a buffet, cart, and green fees, prizes, refreshments on the course, and more. Your participation will enable Christmas in April to repair the hearts and homes of 90 needy families in 2016. Don't wait, call now as space is limited.

## Prince George's County Completes First Net Zero Home in Suitland

By Samantha Lozano  
MDHCD

Suitland, MD — A newly renovated home in Suitland may be 100 years old but as the first Net-Zero home in Prince George's County it represents the state-of-the-art in energy efficiency.

The house will be a stop on a tour hosted by the Greenbuild International Conference and Expo when the group meets in Washington, D.C. in November. Greenbuild is the world's largest conference dedicated to architects, engineers, designers and contractors in the green building industry.

DHCD helped fund the project through its Neighborhood Stabilization Program, a federally funded initiative that helps state and local governments purchase, rehabilitate and redevelop foreclosed or abandoned homes to stabilize neighborhoods and stem the decline of house values of neighboring homes. View a video to learn more about Net-Zero homes.

"Our programs support projects that can enhance neighborhood sustainability and inspire Maryland families to put down roots in our traditional communities," said Anne Stringer, DHCD's assistant director of community programs.

Greenbuild's tour will show how the triple goals of Net-Zero, Energy Star and LEED affected the entire process of renovating the house — from documentation and specification, to project team-building and in-field quality control

and to community engagement and education.

"We are eager to be a part of Greenbuild's tour this year," said Patricia Omondi, senior construction adviser and special projects administrator of the Redevelopment Authority of Prince George's County. "We faced some challenges, but we hope to educate attendees about products and strategies we used to build a sustainable and resilient home."

### First Net Zero Home in Prince George's County

The Redevelopment Authority of Prince George's County acquired the property with the goal of revitalizing it into a sustainable home that provides serious energy savings and water efficiency.

Renovations on the house lasted for nine months and it opened in June as the first Net-Zero Energy home in the county.

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, a Net-Zero Energy building is a residential or commercial property that is "60 percent to 70 percent more energy efficient than a model home, and the remaining 30 percent to 40 percent of energy is created with renewables, such as solar, wind and geothermal, to bring the energy use to zero."

Potential homebuyers can look forward to minimizing their utility bill to virtually zero dollars.

The net zero home is priced at \$320,000 and includes three bedrooms and two bathrooms. Using a system of energy-efficient technology, the Suitland



PHOTO COURTESY MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

**This Net-Zero home in Suitland, MD features 20 solar panels on the roof, a rain barrel irrigation system, low maintenance vinyl fencing and non-invasive plants in the front yard.**

home generates as much energy as it consumes over the course of a year. The house features solar panels as a renewable energy source, an HVAC mini-split system, energy efficient windows and doors and a solar hot water heater.

"In addition to its efficiency, the house is located within walking distance to the Suitland Metro Station and the Suitland Federal Center," said Howard Ways, executive director of the Redevelopment Authority of Prince George's County in a press release.

RDAs works to decrease the number of blighted residential structures within a half-mile radius of existing transit centers and improve the quality of life for residents.

First-time homebuyers or individuals who have not owned a home in the last three years are eligible to purchase and can contact Phoenix Real Estate Solutions for more information.

To learn more about DHCD's community development programs, visit the Neighborhood Revitalization website.

### Immigrant from A1

grant undocumented parents of U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents (LPRs) temporary permission to stay in the U.S., called "deferred action." Deferred action allows non-U.S. citizens to remain in the country temporarily and apply for a work permit. Under this program, Guzman would be considered a lawful resident for as long as his deferred action lasts.

The president also announced that he wanted to expand his 2012 Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program to give deferred action to older immigrants who were 16 years old and younger when they came to the U.S. undocumented.

"I wasn't planning on staying here too long," Guzman said. "As many of my Mexican friends and family came here, they worked and then they went back. But that was not my case."

After living in Arizona for two months, Guzman came to the D.C. metro area to escape harsh laws for undocumented immigrants. Here he met his wife, an immigrant from Honduras with a Temporary Protected Status (TPS). Together, they have two children.

Seven years ago, Guzman started his own plumbing business to support his family, working out of the back of his two-door Mustang.

"I started off on Craigslist and advertised myself as a \$100 small repairs plumber," Guzman said. "People were calling me like crazy."

Since then, Guzman's business has taken off, and he has been able to upgrade to a new white van. However, without a social security number, Guzman cannot obtain a plumbing license.

"If I was able to get my plumber's license, I could grow

my business bigger, and then I can employ people and help this economy," Guzman said. "That's where I'm coming from."

Guzman, a native of Jalisco, Mexico, knows that going back to Mexico with two young children is not feasible. The violence in Jalisco is so bad that the Department of State prohibits U.S. government personnel from taking personal travel trips to certain areas of the state.

Jayesh Rathod, an associate professor of law at American University who specializes in immigration law, believes the DAPA program and expansion of the 2012 Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program will greatly benefit the D.C. metro area.

"These programs are significant for D.C. because the area is an emerging gateway for immigrants, and we have a large Central American population trying to escape trafficking and bad governments," said Rathod. "We have a lot of people poised to benefit from these programs."

With an estimated 11 million undocumented people in the United States, Rathod says that these programs address the reality that there are not enough resources in the budget to deport everyone.

According to Rathod, the lawsuit against these reforms was brought by 26 states, who argued that the proposed programs would result in costs incurred by the states.

"Normally, when the Executive Branch issues a new rule, that rule has to be subject to notice and comment under the Administrative Procedure Act, and all stakeholders get a say," said Rathod.

While the Texas judge believes that these programs are a type of rule that should fall under notice and comment, President Obama has argued that they are not clear-cut rules,



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**Miguel Guzman, 32, who came to the United States from Mexico when he was 17, poses for a picture in front of the Casa de Virginia office in Arlington Va. on Wednesday, March 4, 2015. Guzman supports immigration reform and was outside of the White House last November when President Barack Obama announced his actions to overhaul the immigration system.**

but rather statements of policy, under which the states can use discretion on how they implement the guidelines.

"It's pretty clear if you look at the draft form, there is a discretionary component to it," said Rathod.

If the Texas judge does not lift his injunction, the U.S. Justice Department has said it will take its request to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, where Rathod believes the fed-

eral government has a better chance of prevailing.

This is based on a previous court case heard by the 5th Circuit, Villas at Parkside Partners v. City of Farmers Branch. In April 2012, a three-judge panel ruled that an ordinance prohibiting landlords to rent to tenants based on immigration status was unconstitutional because, "the ordinance's

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# COMMENTARY

## Cong. Chris Van Hollen House Democratic Minority Whip



### Van Hollen and Esty: FBI Must Fix Systemic Breakdown in Background Check System

*Representatives: Requiring Permits for Handgun Purchasers Would Strengthen System*

Washington, DC — Maryland Congressman Chris Van Hollen and Congresswoman Elizabeth Esty (D-CT) released a letter to FBI Director James Comey requesting an explanation of the breakdown in the background check system that allowed Dylan Roof to purchase the gun he used in the tragedy at Emanuel AME Church in Charleston. Van Hollen and Esty recently introduced legislation to encourage states to require potential handgun buyers to apply for a permit before purchasing a firearm, a policy that has been shown to reduce gun violence in states where enacted.

Van Hollen and Esty wrote, "According to Professor Daniel Webster, the Director of the Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Policy and Research, if this law was in place in South Carolina, 'the background check would have played out differently' and 'most likely [Dylan Roof] would have been denied because these agencies often have better access to records used in background checks.' Like Professor Webster, we believe that requiring gun buyers to apply for a permit at a law enforcement agency, and having them submit fingerprints and photo identification, would add additional layers to the current background check system."

"In the wake of this tragedy, it is critical that the FBI has a system in place to ensure that criminals are not able to slip through the cracks and purchase firearms," they added.

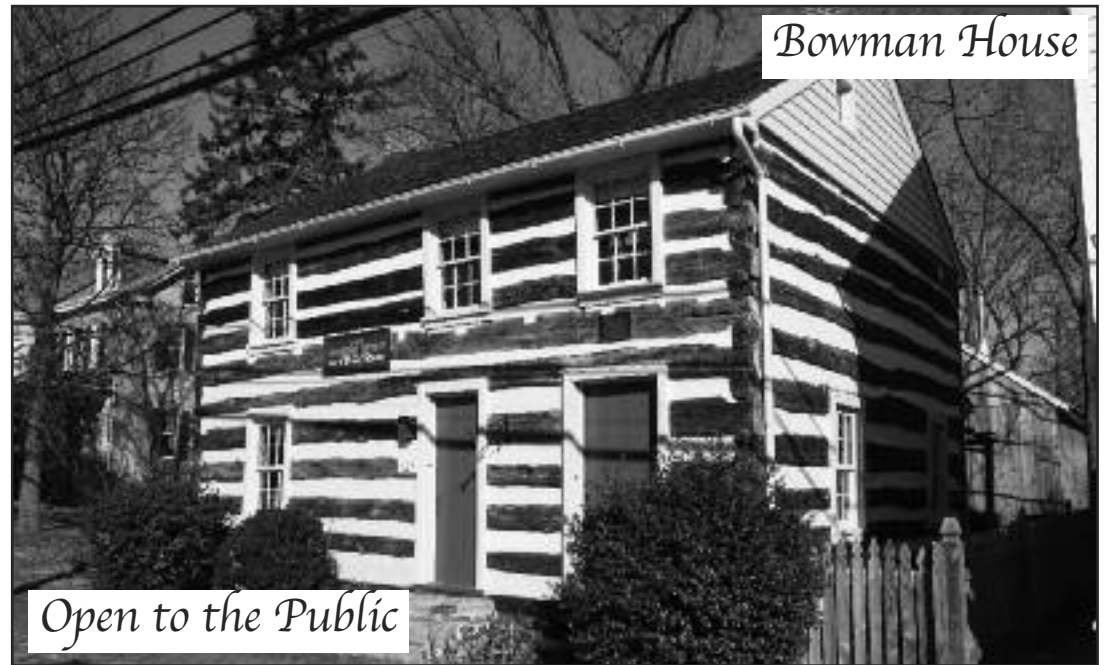
The full letter to Director Comey is below.

Dear Director Comey:

It has now been over four weeks since the devastating shooting at the Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, South Carolina that left nine people dead. For weeks, there have been questions about how the shooter, Dylan Roof, was able to acquire the gun used in this massacre. We were very disheartened to learn that the reason he was able to purchase a handgun was because of a breakdown in the FBI's National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS). This recent news has unfortunately led to only more questions than answers.

By all indications, when Dylan Roof purchased a gun in April, the NICS system initially flagged him as being an admitted unlawful drug user and having a misdemeanor drug arrest on his record. Despite being presented evidence that should have clearly disqualified Roof from making this transaction, NICS was unable to make a determination on his eligibility within 72 hours, as required under current federal regulations. As a result, he was able to make the purchase. We want to know why the FBI was unable to make a determination within this three day period given the information it had at its disposal? Given what we now know, there

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Bowman House

Open to the Public

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#### BOWMAN HOUSE

The Bowman House, built by Jacob Powles during the first half of the 19th century, is typical of log houses built in Western Maryland. In 1868, John E. Bowman purchased the log house and established the Boonsboro Pottery. His kiln was about 75 feet to the rear of the building. The pottery closed in 1908, succumbing to mass-produced materials. The building is now the office of the Boonsboro Historical Society. Located at 323 North Main Street. Open May to October on the fourth Sundays, 1 PM to 4 PM. Call 301-432-8410.

## Child Watch

by Marion Wright Edelman



### How to Keep Our Black Boys Alive: Channeling the Rage

The recent spotlight on systematic racial profiling and police brutality against Black boys and men has exposed a painful truth long known in the Black community: just about every Black youth and man seems to have a story about being stopped by the police, and all live daily with the understanding it can happen to any of them at any time.

Dr. Terrell Strayhorn is Director of the Center for Higher Education Enterprise at The Ohio State University and a Professor of Higher Education in the Department of Educational Studies in the College of Education and Human Ecology. He also has faculty appointments in the Ohio State John Glenn College of Public Affairs, Department of African American and African Studies, and Education Policy, Engineering Education, and Sexuality Studies programs. But none of these credentials mattered one bit when Dr. Strayhorn was pulled over by a White police officer a week before he spoke at the June Children's Defense Fund training for college-age students preparing to teach at CDF Freedom Schools® sites across the country this summer. He shared this story with the 2,000 young mostly non-White leaders because it was an integral part of his message for the young teachers in training: "How to Keep Our Black Boys Alive."

He'd just bought a beautiful new car. "So I'm driving my really nice car because that's what you can do in this country, right? You can work hard and you can make good money, and then you can use your money to buy a car... So I'm in my car, in my good hard-earned money car, and then comes a blue light in my rearview mirror." The promise of the American Dream was gone in an instant. Instead he wasn't even sure whether he would "live the next couple of minutes"—"because my nice car, and my nice degree, and my nice money, and my nice bracelet, and my nice looks, and my nice feel, my nice shoes—none of it, none of it, none of it, none of it, none of it is a panacea for the problems that we have in this country. And I watched an officer who does not know me come up to my window and say, 'Mister, I need to see your license and registration.' And I got ready to reach for it, and he reached for his gun—and I said, 'Oh, my God. I know how this ends.'"

Dr. Strayhorn had to make an immediate decision about how he

would respond. "I put my hands back and I said, 'Do I have permission to do what you just asked me to do?' And the cop said, 'Yes, you can now move.'" Only then did Dr. Strayhorn go ahead and pull out his registration and license, along with his university identification card, though the officer didn't seem to care. "He said, 'Do you know why I stopped you?' I said, 'No.' He said, 'Because you don't look old enough to drive this car.' It sounded like a compliment, but then I had to remind him—in my head, not out loud—that in this country actually, [when] you get a driver's license, you're free to drive any car."

Dr. Strayhorn knew he'd been stopped for no legitimate reason—a version of the "show your papers" demands Black men have faced since slavery—and he was furious. But he also knew that in that minute he couldn't show it. That was part of the lesson he wanted to share with our young leaders: "When you are mistreated, deemed guilty before you are innocent, and oppressed by that form of unbridled, misused power and authority, it is infuriating. It is offensive. It is enraging... The rage just started in my pinky toe and it climbed all up my body. But, thank God, I had what I'm going to say is the number-one thing: if you're going to teach [our children] anything—

teach them literacy, teach them numeracy, teach them vocabulary, teach them history, teach them political science, but listen—teach them how to control their rage."

He explained what he meant: "Don't deny the rage... but teach them how to control it. How do I control it? How do I channel it? How do I redirect it? Because the word 'rage' means violently angry. But I love the second definition of the word 'rage.' The second definition of the word 'rage' is impassioned enthusiasm. You've got to teach them that there is 'something inside so strong' [the Freedom Schools theme song]. Tell them, 'I know you can make it. I know. I know it's rough sometimes. I know. I know, I know, I know, I know it's unfair how police officers treat you, how some teachers treat you, but control and redirect that rage.'"

He went on: "We've got to remember that while we're teaching them how to control their rage, giving them the language to have that conversation, they need words for that encounter with the police officer, that encounter with the neighbor. The reason why people fight is because words are not present for them to have the conversation. Give them the literacy tools so they can have the con-

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## Marc Morial, President and CEO National Urban League



### Ferguson Rebirth: Breaking New Ground on Once Scorched Land

*"Up from a past that's rooted in pain / I rise / I'm a black ocean, leaping and wide / Welling and swelling I bear in the tide / Leaving behind nights of terror and fear / I rise / Into a daybreak that's wondrously clear / I rise"*

— Dr. Maya Angelou, "Still I Rise," 1978

Today, in the face of tragedies that shock the collective conscience of our nation, it has become commonplace for national media to ask, "What will happen after the cameras shut off, the notepads are tucked away and the reporters have gone home?" Those in the community—who have been most intimately touched by the calamity—will wonder aloud, and to themselves, "What comes next?"

Those questions lingered in the smoldering air of Ferguson, Mo. after the death of Michael Brown—an unarmed Black teen shot and killed by a white police officer—ignited protests, riots and left behind a trail of urban destruction in its wake. Last week, the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, under the leadership of President and CEO Michael P. McMillan, provided its response to those persistent questions. From the ashes of a convenience store burned in the unrest following Brown's death will rise the new Urban League Community Empowerment Center.

The center, set to complete construction in fall 2016, will house the Urban League's recently launched "Save Our Sons" program. The workforce-training program will provide life- and community-changing assistance to African-American men living in Ferguson and surrounding North St. Louis County communities. The four-week training program serves to broaden access to education, job training, economic self-reliance and employment for its participants. Since the initiative's launch in January, over 100 Black men from Ferguson and its surrounding neighborhoods have already found gainful employment. Along with three other social services organizations: Provident, Better Family Life and Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, the center will also offer counseling for housing, assistance with utilities and rent, as well as mental health services.

The "Save Our Sons" initiative has proven its value and now, it can continue to provide its much-needed services in a new home. Eleven months

ago, a QuikTrip stood where the new empowerment center will one day stand. The nondescript convenience store at the corner of West Florissant Avenue and Northwinds Estates Drive was set on fire the day after Brown's death, and in the days that followed, it became a powerful symbol and staging ground for protesters and rallies. QuikTrip, an Oklahoma-based chain of convenience stores, had the lot cleared, erected a fence, demolished the store's remains and contacted the Urban League with an offer to donate the property and a request that a community center be built in its place.

This is how we rebuild communities. This is how we work as partners—private, corporate and government—to save our cities. This is what a commitment to changing lives for the better and empowering our fellow citizens to become productive members of their communities looks like. From once scorched land, a beacon of hope and lasting change will rise. At a site once marred by anger and violence born of tragedy, the Urban League and community members—including Lesley McSpadden, the mother of Michael Brown—broke ground together, determined to bestow meaning and purpose to pain.

Building a new empowerment center in Ferguson represents tangible movement on the issues of social injustice and inequality that create the cycle of poverty and violence that entraps so many of our citizens in our nation's most vulnerable communities. The new empowerment center means we put boots on the ground and listened to the needs of the community. Pres. McMillan has said the community center and its direction and purpose is a direct result of conversations the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis had with young people following Brown's death. The Urban League Community Empowerment Center will also be the catalyst for further development in the area, kicking off business development along the West Florissant Avenue corridor.

Debate and conversation has its rightful place in our nation, but rhetoric without resources and a resoluteness to enact reforms leaves us in the same place it found us. Debate and conversation may sometimes represent motion, but building the Community Empowerment Center represents movement—movement in a positive direction with a higher purpose.

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# BUSINESS

## The American Counseling Association's Counseling Corner

### When The Demands Of An Aging Parent Go Over The Line

The good news? We're living longer. Lifestyle changes and improved health care are helping us outlive recent generations.

The not-so-good news is that many families now have one or more elderly parents who may be burdening their children's lives with their needs for assistance.

It can present a difficult situation. While we may feel a strong sense of responsibility for our elderly relatives, we also have very real obligations to our spouses and children. Balancing those competing demands can prove a challenge.

It's important to evaluate how real the needs for assistance are. Health issues are the easiest to recognize and the ones that we want and need to meet first.

But in some cases elderly parents are simply demanding. They may feel that their adult children "owe" them and the result can be a never-ending list of "important" needs they expect help with.

Giving in to such demands, usually out of guilt, can leave us feeling angry and frustrated, and can lead to family problems as our spouse's and children's needs get pushed aside.

That's when it's time to look for help.

Siblings are one place to turn, even if they don't live in the immediate area. You may be surprised by the ideas and assistance they may be able to offer, even from a distance.

Friends and neighbors can also be sources of help. A neighbor, for example, might be happy to have the company of your elderly parent for a shopping trip or lunch out.

Also check on local social agencies, such as the Council on Aging. You may find they have help available, or can refer you to free or low cost programs offering elderly assistance.

It's also important to be a good time manager in order to fit in the demands of both that elderly parent and your own life. Sometimes it can be as simple as setting a schedule to visit and help, rather than constantly being "on-call."

And sometimes you may have to set priorities and say "no," though that can be difficult. The key is to separate what's absolutely necessary for a parent's well-being, such as those doctor visits, from things like gardening help that really could wait.

Let an aging parent overextend you and everyone involved suffers. Understand your own limits, reasonably and realistically, and you can be better at truly helping someone you love.

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### Turner from A1

the Commission by Prince George's County Executive Rushern Baker, III.

WSTC serves as the bi-county agency that coordinates mass transit activities for Montgomery and Prince George's Counties in concert with the State of Maryland and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA). The Commission also acts as the financial conduit through which funds flow between the counties, the State of Maryland and WMATA.

Council Member Turner says he looks forward to serving as a member on the WSTC.

"I am pleased to have the support of my colleagues on the County Council to represent them and the resi-

dents of Prince George's on this important transportation body," said Council Member Turner. "Given the numerous issues, challenges and opportunities for transportation and transit in the County and region, I hope to add my voice to the conversation on moving our community and public system forward during my service."

WSTC consists of seven members appointed to three-year terms. Two are chosen by the Prince George's County Executive, and two by the Montgomery County Executive. Annually, the position of chair alternates between Montgomery and Prince George's counties. Malcom L. Augustine, a resident of Cheverly, will also represent Prince George's County as a member of the Commission.

### Breakdown from A4

was a systemic breakdown in this process.

In addition, we would like to know how permitting requirements might have prevented an error such as this. Specifically, would permit-to-purchase requirements, such as those enacted in states like Maryland and Connecticut, have made it more likely that someone like Dylan Roof would have been flagged as a felon and drug user? According to Professor Daniel Webster, the Director of the Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Policy and Research, if this law was in place in South Carolina, "the background check would have played out differently" and "most likely [Dylan Roof]

would have been denied because these agencies often have better access to records used in background checks." Like Professor Webster, we believe that requiring gun buyers to apply for a permit at a law enforcement agency, and having them submit fingerprints and photo identification, would add additional layers to the current background check system.

We understand that you have initiated an internal review of the FBI's background check system. In the wake of this tragedy, it is critical that the FBI has a system in place to ensure that criminals are not able to slip through the cracks and purchase firearms. We appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to your prompt response.

## Estimated Maryland 2,953,834 Individuals With Private Insurance Are Guaranteed Access to Free Preventive Services

By PRESS OFFICER  
U.S. DH&HS

In Maryland an estimated 2,953,834 individuals, including 1,225,095 women and 582,300 children, have private health insurance that covers recommended preventive services without cost sharing, according to a new ASPE Data Point from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Under the Affordable Care Act, most health plans are required to provide coverage for recommended preventive health care services without copays. Nationwide, about 137 million individuals, including 55 million women and 28 million children, have private health insurance that covers recommended preventive services without cost sharing. Increased access to preventive services can reduce and prevent costly chronic diseases and help Marylanders live healthier lives. These

services include but are not limited to:

- Blood pressure screening
- Obesity screening and counseling
- Well-woman visits
- Domestic violence screening and counseling
- Breastfeeding support and supplies
- FDA-approved contraceptive methods
- Well-baby and well-child visits
- Flu vaccination and other immunizations
- Tobacco cessation interventions
- Vision screening for children
- HIV screening
- Depression screening

"Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, more Marylanders have access to preventive services, including vaccinations, well-baby visits, and diabetes and blood pressure screenings," said Secretary Sylvia M. Burwell.

"These services can substantially improve the health of families, and in some cases even save lives. We urge all individuals with health care coverage to take advantage of these services. This can make a tremendous difference in the health of Americans."

The data released today are broken down by age and gender. Of the estimated 2,953,834 Marylanders with access to recommended preventive services without cost sharing:

- 582,300 are children, who have access to free preventive service coverage for flu vaccinations and other immunizations, vision screening, and well-baby and well-child visits.

- 1,225,095 are women, who have access to free preventive services such as well-woman visits, breastfeeding support and supplies, and recommended cancer screenings.

- 1,146,439 are men, who have access to annual wellness visits, blood pressure screening, and cancer screenings.

Some of the estimated 137 million individuals nationwide that are guaranteed access to preventive services without cost sharing today may have had access to one or more of those services without cost sharing prior to the implementation of the Affordable Care Act. According to the Kaiser Family Foundation's Employer Health Benefits Survey in 2012, 41 percent of all workers were covered by employer-sponsored group health plans that expanded their list of covered preventive services due to the Affordable Care Act. Based on this and available Health Insurance Marketplace data at the time, HHS previously estimated that approximately 76 million Americans—and 30 million women—received expanded coverage of one or more preventive services because of the Affordable Care Act nationwide. In Maryland, approximately 1,575,000 Marylanders—and 623,000 women—received expanded coverage of one or more preventive services because of the Affordable Care Act.

## Navy Lt. Alexander Scott, of Owings, Md., Serves Aboard USS Mississippi

By PRESS OFFICER  
NAVY OUTREACH

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii — A 2006 Gonzaga College High School in Washington D.C. graduate and Owings, Md. native is part of a select crew, protecting and defending America aboard the U.S. Navy's nuclear-powered attack submarine USS Mississippi.

Lt. Alexander Scott is the assistant weapons officer aboard Mississippi, one of the Virginia-class submarines based at the Navy base in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

"The guys I work with are a great group of Sailors. They're all very smart and hard working," said Scott.

Mississippi, commissioned in Pascagoula, Mississippi in 2012, is longer than a football field at 377 feet and can sail under the waves at more than 30 mph.

Mississippi, like all attack submarines in the Navy's fleet, can carry out an array of missions on the world's oceans in defense of America.

"The Navy's attack submarines are at the forefront of the nation's warfighting capabilities," said Cmdr. Tory Swanson, commanding officer, USS Mississippi. "Our primary missions include hunting

enemy submarines and surface ships, launching cruise missiles at enemy targets far inland, and covertly delivering special operations forces to the fight."

Because of the demanding nature of service aboard submarines, sailors like Scott are accepted only after rigorous testing and observation that can last several months. The crews have to be highly motivated, and adapt quickly to changing conditions.

"I'm the assistant weapons officer so I supervise the use of the ship's sensors and weapons to perform our mission" said Scott.

In peacetime, our stealth allows us to observe the activities of potential adversaries," said Swanson. "Nuclear power and the ability to make our own water and oxygen give our submariners unmatched endurance, allowing us to deploy anywhere in the world's oceans, unseen, and remain there as long as necessary."

The training is demanding, as the crew needs to be ready to respond to any kind of situation that may arise while at sea and endure long periods of time submerged deep below the surface of the ocean.

"While Mississippi has some of the most advanced technology



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Lt. Alexander Scott

in the world, submarining remains a people business at the heart," said Swanson. "Well-trained, well-disciplined professional Sailors are what bring the ship to life. When we go to sea, each of us entrusts our lives to the actions of every other crewmember. This requires an extraordinary amount of trust in each other. Those who wear the gold and silver dolphins signifying 'qualified in submarines' have demonstrated that they embody these high standards of personal integrity, accountability and responsibility. Working with people like this is why I became a submariner in the first place."

The rigorous nature of submarine service is challenging, but Scott enjoys it and believes it makes the crew tighter.

"You get to do a lot of things you could never do in the civilian world. Like going out to sea and pushing the edge of the envelope," said Scott. "You're not just sitting in an office doing paperwork. In the Navy, you're at the point at the end of the spear."

Being an attack submarine sailor has meant spending a lot of time away from his friends and family, but Scott believes in the work he is doing.

### Watch from A4

versation. Teach them rage is natural; rage against this thing; rage against inequality—but control it in the face of authority that can take your life, because the end of the thing is we want them to live."

Self-control over rage at the right moment might help save a Black boy's life, though even that has certainly never been a guarantee. But no matter what, the critical next step still has to be channeling rage at deeply embedded structural racism and blatant injustice into "impassioned enthusiasm" for the larger fight. That larger fight can and must start with all of us by getting ourselves organized and providing our children positive alternatives to the miseducation in so many schools and the dangers on

the street from law enforcement agents. Dr. Strayhorn said: "What allows a young man to [have enough control to] sit there and say 'hands up' is that he knows that while his hands are up, someone else's hands are on the job. I'm willing to put my hands up if I know your hands are on something, right? So I'll put my hands up if your hands are on the educational problems in this country. I'll put my hands up so long as your hands are on the problem of inequality in neighborhoods. I'm willing to put my hands up so long as my Black sisters and my White brothers and my Native American brothers and my Latino sisters and brothers are also putting their hands on the problem of racism . . . We fight for their freedom, and if they know that we are fighting for their free-

dom, they are more willing, they are more capable, they are more empowered to go through what they have to go through."

And, Dr. Strayhorn concluded, this all-hands-on-deck call to rage against injustice and fight for freedom is for everyone: "We've got to pursue freedom and justice not just for Black people, but pursue freedom and justice for Latino folks, pursue freedom and justice for Native American people, pursue freedom and justice for gay people, for LGBT, for poor people, for rich people, for tall people, for short people, for people who don't have anything at all, for first-generation people, for welfare mothers, for everybody. Freedom and justice for all."

That's the message every child of every color who is "different"

must internalize to break the vicious cycle of deeply embedded cultural and structural racism that pervades so many American institutions including those too prevalent in the criminal justice system that too often takes rather than protects lives.

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

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

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# OUT ON THE TOWN

ERIC D. SNIDER'S  
IN THE DARK  
Movie Review  
"Wild Horses"

*Wild Horses*  
Grade: B  
Rated R, some F-bombs and some violence  
1 hr., 40 min

Robert Duvall has settled nicely into the Lovable Old Coot phase of his career, but he doesn't seem to be slowing down. The 84-year-old living legend wrote, directed, and stars in *Wild Horses*, a sturdy Texas-set drama about an old rancher settling his affairs at the end of his life. Duvall acquits himself well enough behind the camera, but it's his on-screen work that's most impressive. He gave himself a difficult role that requires him to be alternately grandfatherly and malicious, and darned if he isn't convincing both ways.

A prologue set 15 years ago shows Duvall's character, Scott Briggs, chasing his teenage son off the ranch at gunpoint for having a gay relationship. In the present, old man Briggs is fondly regarded by the ranch's mostly Mexican household staff, and by the townsfolk in general. His virulent homophobia (which has abated but little) is countered by his goodwill toward needy immigrants and his affection for his grandchildren.

The gay son, Benny (James Franco), returns now to hear the reading of his father's newly revised will, which contains bombshells that do not ultimately affect the plot. He's joined by his brothers, K.C. (Josh Hartnett) and Johnny (Devon Abner), who are still in Dad's good graces and have continued in the family business in



TEXAS RANGER Samantha Payne (Luciana Duvall) reopens a 15-year-old Missing Persons case, uncovering clues linking a local boy's death to wealthy family man, Scott Briggs (Robert Duvall). Samantha will stop at nothing to discover the truth even if it means risking her own life. With the unexpected return of his estranged son Ben (James Franco), Briggs must find a way to either silence the law for good, or come to terms with the relationship between Ben and the boy that he tried to conceal all those years ago. ©eOne

this small town of good ol' boys who look out for each other.

The meat of the story concerns the events of 15 years ago. At the same time that Benny was kicked out, the ranch hand he'd been fooling around with disappeared and was never heard from again. A dogged Texas Ranger, Samantha Payne (Luciana Pedraza Duvall, the filmmaker's wife), has reopened the case, and is questioning everyone all over again. Here's where we see that Scott Briggs has a mean streak, and perhaps something to hide.

Franco and Duvall have a couple of well-wrought scenes

together, hashing things out as father and son. The other brothers are underused in the story, but there's an enjoyable fraternal-bonding sequence involving all three of them and a bar fight. Other characters, like the maid's daughter (Angie Cepeda), whom the boys regarded as a sister growing up, and the doughy local cops, add color to Duvall's portrait of the changing West.

But tonally, the movie is all over the place. Some weighty matters are treated whimsically, while others are handled gravely. It's not clear how seriously we're supposed to take

Briggs's misdeeds and his misuse of power, or how seriously Duvall takes them. As both writer and director, he seems unsure about committing to a particular attitude. And as they say on the rodeo circuit, you don't rope calves with hesitant lassos (they don't say that). When the emotional punches in *Wild Horses* come, they don't hit as hard as they might have if we'd been truly invested. Still, though it may be more schmaltzy fiction than serious literature, it's an earnest film, and a solid, respectable piece of entertainment.

## Immigrant from A3

sole purpose is not to regulate housing, but to exclude undocumented aliens, specifically Latinos, from the City of Farmers Branch, and that is an impermissible regulation of immigration."

"The policy issues are similar," said Rathod of the two cases. "The local jurisdiction challenged the federal government, and the Fifth Circuit sided with the federal government."

Rathod estimates that an appeal could take four to six months, unless the 5th Circuit expedites it. Until then, undocumented immigrants like Guzman will remain in limbo.

"I hope this can be resolved as soon as possible and I hope that we can show Americans that we are willing to help this economy grow and this country," said Guzman. "God bless America. That is for sure."



Miguel Guzman, 32, who came to the U.S. from Mexico when he was 17, poses for a picture in the Casa de Virginia office in Arlington Va. on Wednesday, March 4, 2015. Guzman supports immigration reform and was outside of the White House last November when President Barack Obama announced his actions to overhaul the immigration system.

## The Edge of Sports by DAVE ZIRIN

### Soccer's Enduring Sexism and the Magnificence of Marta



My son goes to a sprawling public school that provides the majority of players for our local soccer rec league. He plays on a team of boys and girls where, as is often the case with 6-8 year olds, the girls frequently dominate on the field of play. In addition, his awesome classroom teacher played soccer at the most legendary women's collegiate program in the United States. And yet, despite all of that, when recess happens, it's just the boys playing soccer, while the girls watch. Despite all of that, my son came home to say that one little boy at his school told him and his friends that they "play like girls." (I'm proud that my son knew that this was an utterly fucked-up thing to say.)

I write this preamble because this is a column about the sexism plaguing Brazilian soccer, but I want to be clear that this is not a South American issue, or an "over there" issue: It's a global issue. Women's soccer is not only the story of a sport. It's the story of a fight for access and opportunity and respect, often against the very people who are supposed to be developing the game. Perhaps nowhere is that reality more evocative than in Brazil. As we know, Brazil still loves its soccer with a passion few countries can match, despite the foul aftertaste of the 2014 World Cup. The women's team is well-positioned to win its first World Cup (taking place right now in Canada) and its best player, the transcendent Marta, just scored her 15th World Cup goal, making her the most prolific scorer in Women's World Cup history. Now, like her one-named compatriot Pelé, she is without rival in international competition. And yet her goal did not even merit a mention in the main Brazilian newspaper, *O Globo*. Meanwhile a friendly match between the men's national team and Honduras was on the front page. As Stephanie Nolen reported in Toronto's *Globe and Mail*, "Some Women's World Cup games are being broadcast on Brazilian cable channels—but no one appears to be watching."

Nolen was able to secure comment on this state of affairs from the head of women's soccer for the Confederation of Brazilian Football, Marco Aurelio Cunha, and his analysis was infuriating in its predictability. Cunha said that he was hopeful for the future of the sport in Brazil because "Now the women are getting more beautiful, putting on make-up. They go in the field in an elegant manner. Women's football used to copy men's football. Even the jersey model, it was more masculine. We used to dress the girls as boys. So the team lacked a spirit of elegance, femininity. Now the shorts are a bit shorter, the hairstyles are more done up. It's not a woman dressed as a man."

Cunha's screeching sexism and subtle-as-a-blowtorch homophobia is a nasty echo of Sepp Blatter's infamous comments from a decade ago that the women's game would be more successful if they played "in more feminine clothes like they do in volleyball. They could, for example, have tighter shorts." Even responding to these comments feels nauseating, but to be clear: This is not only morally wretched, it is a recipe for warping, if not destroying, the future of the sport. As proven in field studies by the Tucker Center for Women's Sports, sexualizing women athletes is a road to neither attention nor respect. In fact, it is the opposite. As Mary Jo Kane of the University of Minnesota's Tucker Center said to me, "For a female athlete, stripping down might sell magazines, but it won't sell your sport."

Women's soccer will only achieve greater growth when we have a FIFA not run by sexist men. It will grow by pressuring the media to acknowledge the greatness of players like Marta. It won't grow by saying her invisibility is understandable if she doesn't dress in a bikini. Marta, who is still just 29, has been named FIFA's player of the year five times and for 11 years has finished in the top three. This is without precedent in any sport. She is the most laureled soccer player on earth and is in position to lead her country to their first Women's World Cup. Marta achieved this despite a childhood where she endured beatings for wanting to play. It's a story for the ages. But her odyssey has been met with a call to turn the game she honors into a lingerie league. She is not being told to "shut up and play" but "shut up and pose."

That moral midgets like Sepp Blatter and Marco Cunha have overseen Marta's development says wondrous things about her resiliency and love of the beautiful game. It also says horrific things about the state of leadership in the sport. Their call to sexualize women's soccer is a call to debase the game, repel the best young female athletes from playing, and justify the media's ignoring women's soccer on the basis of it not being a "serious sport." It justifies a status quo in Brazil that I saw: where young boys played in the favelas and on the beaches in bare feet and the girls stood on the side watching. They watched with that yearning universal of children to run, jump, and play, but a force field of sexism kept them at bay. It's not unlike the recess force field at my son's school. It's a force field we should be tearing apart with our bare hands. If FIFA's sausage-feet of leaders stands in the way, let them be torn to pieces as well.

## Bowie Baysox and March of Dimes 12th Annual Bikers for Babies Motorcycle Ride August 8, 2015 • 6:35 PM

The Bowie Baysox is once again teaming up with March of Dimes of Suburban Maryland. In addition to enjoying a baseball game with proceeds going towards the March of Dimes, the March of Dimes will hold pre-registration for their upcoming Bikers for Babies motorcycle ride and celebrate an awards ceremony for the Prince George's March for Babies prior to the game start.

To participate, purchase your tickets online at [www.baysox.com](http://www.baysox.com) using the code "BIKERS." And don't forget to wear your purple or March of Dimes shirt when you come! The 12th Annual Bikers for Babies will take place Saturday, October 3rd. To register for Bikers for Babies or learn more about the ride and its volunteer, vendor and sponsorship opportunities visit:

[www.bikersforbabies.org/dmv](http://www.bikersforbabies.org/dmv)  
or contact Jennifer Abell  
at the March of Dimes at (571) 257-2310.

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"You've Earned It! is open for a limited time to families purchasing a home in one of the state's Sustainable Communities.

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"This is still a good deal for Maryland families and it is still a good deal for our state," Secretary Holt said. "The You've Earned It" initiative unlocks the

buying power of a key demographic that is facing greater barriers to homeownership than their predecessors. This program will provide a significant boost to Maryland's housing market which will provide a big boost to our overall economy."

Maryland's Sustainable Communities program seeks to strengthen reinvestment and revitalization in the state's older communities through state, local and private sector partnerships. There is at least one designated Sustainable Community in each of Maryland's 23 counties and Baltimore City.

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## Calendar of Events

July 30 — August 5, 2015

### Safe Summer: 5 Spot Basketball Tourney

Date and Time: Thursday, July 30 2015 10 pm-12 midnight  
Description: Teens will take the court for day one of this week's 5 spot basketball tourney. Join your team and battle it out for the win.  
Cost: Free with M-NCPPC Youth ID  
Ages: 12-17  
Location: Bladensburg Community Center  
4500 57th Avenue, Bladensburg 20710  
Contact: 301-277-2124; TTY 301-445-4512

### SaXtreme Teens: Skate Night

Date and Time: Friday, July 31, 2015 4-6 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. Don't miss the fun and remember to wear socks.  
Cost: Free with M-NCPPC Youth ID  
Ages: 10-17  
Location: Mt. Rainier Nature Center  
4701 31st Place, Mt. Rainier 20712  
Contact: 301-927-2163; TTY 301-445-4512

### Safe Summer: Cafe' Blade

Date and Time: Friday, July 31, 2015 10 pm-12 midnight  
Description: Tonight teens will enjoy a fun night at Cafe Blade with great food, games, company and music by DJ O.  
Cost: Free with M-NCPPC Youth ID  
Ages: 12-17  
Location: Bladensburg Community Center  
4500 57th Avenue, Bladensburg 20710  
Contact: 301-277-2124; TTY 301-445-4512

### Safe Summer: Cheer, Dance & Step/Craft Night

Date and Time: Friday, July 31, 2015 10 pm-12 midnight  
Description: Tonight teens will learn new cheers, dances and steps. Afterward, stay for crafts and late night basketball.  
Cost: Free with M-NCPPC Youth ID  
Ages: 12-17  
Location: Deerfield Run Elementary School Community Center  
13000 Laurel-Bowie Road, Laurel 20708  
Contact: 301-552-1093; TTY 301-445-4512

### Legends and Heavy Hitters of Soul

Date and Time: Saturday, August 1, 2015 6 pm  
Description: Legends and Heavy Hitters of Soul concert featuring Millie Jackson, Latimore, Clarence Carter, Roy C and Nellie Tiger Travis.  
Cost: Floor Seating: \$65; Bowl Seating: \$55 (service charges aren't included in the price)  
Location: The Show Place Arena  
14900 Pennsylvania Avenue, Upper Marlboro, MD  
Contact: 301-952-7900; TTY 301-952-7998

### Safe Summer: Pizza Night

Date and Time: Saturday, August 1, 2015 10 pm-12 midnight  
Description: Get ready for a night of deliciousness with pizza and games.  
Cost: Free with M-NCPPC Youth ID  
Ages: 12-17  
Location: Bladensburg Community Center  
4500 57th Avenue, Bladensburg 20710  
Contact: 301-277-2124; TTY 301-445-4512

### Safe Summer: Movie Night Under the Stars

Date and Time: Saturday, August 1, 2015 10 pm -12 midnight  
Description: Tonight, teens will watch a family friendly movie under the stars.  
Cost: Free with M-NCPPC Youth ID  
Ages: 12-17  
Location: Kentland Community Center  
2411 Pinebrook Avenue, Landover 20785  
Contact: 301-386-2278; TTY 301-445-4512

### Bike Rodeo

Date and Time: Sunday, August 2, 2015 2-3:30 pm  
Description: Learn how to ride bikes safely by doing skills courses, bike safety discussions, and a bike and helmet check. Participants can bring their own bikes and helmets, but there will be limited bikes available. All participants should bring a helmet.  
Cost: Free  
Ages: 8-12 years old  
Location: Langley Park Community Center  
1500 Merrimac Drive, Hyattsville 20783  
Contact: 301-445-4508; TTY 301-445-4512

### Safe Summer: Comedy

Date and Time: Monday, August 3, 2015 10 pm-12 midnight  
Description: Tonight teens will be introduced to the art of comedy. Bring your best jokes and show us your humorous side.  
Cost: Free with M-NCPPC Youth ID  
Ages: 12-17  
Location: Kentland Community Center  
2411 Pinebrook Avenue, Landover 20785  
Contact: 301-386-2278; TTY 301-445-4512

### Jazz on the Lawn: Seth Kibel Quartet

Date and Time: Wednesday, August 5, 2015, 7 pm  
Description: Bring a blanket or lawn chair, and enjoy Jazz on the Lawn—Riversdale's summer jazz series. In case of rain, the concert moves inside. This evening will feature music by the Seth Kibel Quartet.  
Cost: Free  
Ages: All ages welcome  
Location: Riversdale House Museum  
4811 Riverdale Road, Riverdale Park 20737  
Contact: 301-864-0420; TTY 301-699-2544

### Safe Summer: Campfire

Date and Time: Wednesday, August 5, 2015 10 pm-12 midnight  
Description: Kick back, relax and join fellow teens by the campfire for s'mores and good music.  
Cost: Free with M-NCPPC Youth ID  
Ages: 12-17  
Location: College Park Community Center  
5051 Pierce Avenue, College Park 20740  
Contact: 301-441-2647; TTY 301-445-4512

## EARTH TALK ... How is the United States Postal Service Greening Snail Mail?

Dear EarthTalk:

What's the latest with the U.S. Postal Service trying to reduce its environmental footprint? Starting delivery of some mail on Sundays doesn't seem like a step in the right direction.

— Kerry Rawlings,  
Albany, NY

As recent TV ads have been telling us, the United States Postal Service (USPS) has recently started delivering some mail on Sunday in what most chalk up to an effort to stay one step ahead of United Parcel Service (UPS) and Federal Express (Fedex). But while Sunday delivery may be convenient for consumers, environmental leaders worry that adding an extra day causes an unnecessary waste of fuel and carbon emissions. Though this service has been implemented too recently for any concrete statistics on its increase of greenhouse gas emissions, the USPS has several other initiatives already in process that can, at the very least, perhaps help to offset the environmental impact of this new increase.

Recycling, one of the familiar poster-children of the green movement, has become a true priority at the USPS in recent years. In 2012, USPS saved over 250,000 tons of paper, cans and plastic waste. In the lobbies of

local post offices are over 22,000 recycling bins for those looking to dispose of any paper products. These same offices also offer eco-friendly envelopes, boxes made from recycled materials, and stamps that make use of a biodegradable adhesive.

Another important environmental initiative of USPS is its Return for Good program which facilitates recycling of stuff besides paper. Under the program, USPS collects expired prescription drugs, small electronics, empty ink cartridges and even fluorescent lamps. This program recovered approximately 172,000 pounds of unused pharmaceuticals in 2012. Recyclers can save themselves a trip to the post office to turn in recycled items by scheduling a pickup from the trucks already driving nearby 6-7 days/week. USPS even offers cash back on some newer electronics devices.

There are also efforts to reduce the impact of the large fleet of postal delivery trucks. According to the article, "Greener Delivery?" in the Harvard Gazette, the USPS has begun the process of replacing 180,000 of its trucks with more eco-friendly alternatives. The recognizable boxy mail trucks seem to be a thing of the past, as a January proposal suggested several design alterations to enhance efficiency and reduce emissions from the current rate of 9 miles per gallon. In addition to changes to the traditional truck,



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The U.S. Postal Service is working hard to facilitate recycling and reduce carbon emissions.

there are already around 42,000 alternative-fuel vehicles in the USPS fleet, most of them using ethanol as a fuel source. There are also electric, natural gas and bio-diesel trucks.

Of course, another way USPS is trying to reduce its environmental impact is to cut out consumer trips—and the emissions entailed—to the post office. Consumers can now print out pre-paid labels to simply attach to packages. By scheduling a pickup from your home, the mailman who passes every day will pick up your package and begin the delivery process.

CONTACT: USPS, [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com).

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## USDA Open Enrollment Period for Agriculture Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage Safety-Net Programs Continues

By PRESS OFFICER  
USDA

WASHINGTON — U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that eligible producers may normally enroll in the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs for 2014 and 2015. The enrollment period began on June 17, 2015, and will end Sept. 30, 2015.

"The extensive outreach campaign conducted by USDA since the 2014 Farm Bill was enacted, along with extending deadlines, is central to achieving an expected high level of participation," said Vilsack. "We worked with universities to simplify these complex programs by providing online tools so producers could explore how program election options would affect their operation in different

market conditions; these tools were presented to almost 3,000 organizations across the country. The Farm Service Agency also sent more than 5 million educational notices to producers nationwide and participated in over 4,880 educational events with more than 447,000 attendees. I am proud of the many committed USDA employees who worked hard over the last several months to provide producers support to help them make these important decisions."

The new programs, established by the 2014 Farm Bill, trigger financial protections for agricultural producers when market forces cause substantial drops in crop prices or revenues. More than 1.76 million farmers have elected ARC or PLC. Previously, 1.7 million producers had enrolled to receive direct payments (the program replaced with ARC and

PLC by the 2014 Farm Bill). This means more farms have elected ARC or PLC than previously enrolled under previously administered programs.

Nationwide, 96 percent of soybean farms, 91 percent of corn farms, and 66 percent of wheat farms elected ARC. 99 percent of long grain rice farms, 99 percent of peanut farms, and 94 percent of medium grain rice farms elected PLC. For data about other crops and state-by-state program election results go to [www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc).

Covered commodities under ARC and PLC include barley, canola, large and small chickpeas, corn, crambe, flaxseed, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, dry peas, rapeseed, long grain rice, medium grain rice (which includes short grain and sweet rice), safflower seed, sesame, soybeans, sunflower seed and

wheat. Upland cotton is no longer a covered commodity.

The 2014 Farm Bill builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past six years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for the taxpayer. Since enactment, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has made significant progress to implement each provision of this critical legislation, including providing disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; strengthening risk management tools; expanding access to rural credit; funding critical research; establishing innovative public-private conservation partnerships; developing new markets for rural-made products; and investing in infrastructure, housing and community facilities to help improve quality of life in rural America. For more information, visit [www.usda.gov/farmbill](http://www.usda.gov/farmbill).

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