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Van Hollen Seeks Medal of Honor for Black World War II Hero

By ALESSIA GRUNBERGER
Capital New Service

For hours, that was all that Army Cpl. Waverly Woodson, Jr. recognized as the landing craft rode the choppy English Channel on a moonless night.

The prospect of living was uncertain. But "Woody" Woodson, a medic for the 320th Barrage Balloon Battalion—the only all-black U.S. combat unit to storm Normandy's beaches on D-Day—was willing to risk his life for a country that treated him as a second-class citizen.

The morning dawn on June 6, 1944, illuminated Normandy's distant shoreline. Squinting at the serene beach that would soon be called "Bloody Omaha," Woodson found solace and satisfaction.

His moment of reverie, though, would be short-lived. In a matter of minutes, a hailstorm of German bullets and bombs would spray the English Channel and the coastline would be awash in bobbing, lifeless bodies.

Woodson would end up saving as many as 200 soldiers during the Allied assault on German positions. His heroic efforts earned him a Bronze Star—and a recommendation for the Medal of Honor. But he never received the medal.

More than 70 years later, Rep. Chris Van Hollen, D-Kensington, wants to right what he and others see as an injustice.

On Tuesday, the lawmaker wrote a letter to Acting Secretary of the Army Eric K. Fanning urging the military to award a posthumous Medal of Honor to the World War II veteran, who died in Clarksburg, Md., in 2005.

"As a result of his heroic actions on D-Day, Woodson was recommended for the Medal but never received it," Van Hollen stated in his letter. "As you know, no African Americans received the Medal of Honor for their heroism during World War II."

President Bill Clinton in 1997 awarded seven Medals of Honor to African American veterans of World War II, only one of whom was still alive.

Woodson's story received new attention in a recent book by Linda Hervieux titled "Forgotten: The Untold Story of D-Day's Black Heroes, at Home and at War." Van Hollen pulled excerpts from her book in his letter.

"It is very gratifying that (the congressman) thinks it's a cause worth fighting for," Hervieux said. "It was appalling that (Woodson) never got acknowledged for what he did."

On that June day in 1944, Woodson's landing craft hit two submerged mines. The explosion's impact blew out the vessel's motor.

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R to L; Congressman Steny Hoyer, EDC President and CEO Jim Coleman and EDC VP Pradeep Ganguly

Congressman Steny Hoyer Gives Economic Development Corporation a Thumbs Up On Its Advanced Manufacturing Strategy

By PRESS OFFICER
PGEDC

LARGO, MD—Today, the Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) opened its doors to Congressman Steny Hoyer as part of his national job creation initiative "Make It In America ... What's Next?" During this exclusive meeting EDC Presi-

dent and CEO Jim Coleman and his executive team provided an overview of how the Economic Development Corporation is taking radical steps to transform the lives of County residents by encouraging private sector job creation in Prince George's County. Congressman Hoyer and the EDC Team agreed to work on a series of innovative skills training and business ad-

vanced manufacturing solutions geared toward the advanced manufacturing sector, a key component of the "Make It In America" initiative.

"I am thrilled to have had the opportunity to share with Congressman Hoyer our ideas for putting more residents to work," said Mr. Coleman. "Having his support in making Prince George's County ground-zero for movement in advanced

manufacturing will definitely make a difference in the lives of the 27,000 County residents looking for high-wage, private sector job opportunities that are close to home. As the successful expansion of local manufacturing companies such as Thompson Creek Windows and

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PG County Economic Development Corporation and the PG Chamber of Commerce Connect Local Businesses to More Than \$9 Billion

By PRESS OFFICER
PGEDC

LARGO, MD—The Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) and the Prince George's Chamber of Commerce brought its collective resources together to bring local businesses face-to-face with County and federal agencies to learn how to successfully secure government procurement contracts. A standing room only crowd of more than 150 small business owners packed into the EDC's headquarters to hear from top level officials from the Federal Aviation Administration, the U.S. General Services Administration, the Prince George's County Public School System, the Office of Central Services Supplier Development and Diversity Division and Corvias Solutions. Collectively, these five entities contracted for more than \$9 billion in services last year and are well on their way to topping that number this year.



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L to R: Economic Development Corporation President Jim Coleman; Prince George's County Public School Minority Business Enterprise Coordinator Wes Owens; Corvias Solutions Contractor Development Coordinator Kimberly Funk; U.S. General Services Administration Associate Administrator A. Jerome Fletcher; Federal Aviation Administration Senior Management Program Analyst Marcus Benefield; Prince George's Chamber of Commerce President David Harrington; and Economic Development Corporation Small Business Specialist Toni Miles

"Now is not a time to cool off for small businesses in Prince George's County," said EDC President and CEO Jim Coleman. "While most government contracts have an MBE

goal of 25 percent or 30 percent that just isn't enough when you compare the quality and quan-

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Department of the Environment Now Accepting Applications for 2016 Environmental Science Student Award and Internship Program

By Press Officer
MDE

BALTIMORE, MD—The Maryland Department of the Environment is now accepting applications for the 2016 Environmental Science Student Award and Internship Program.

The Award recognizes high school seniors who have excelled in environmental science both inside and outside the classroom. Students who have demonstrated extraordinary leadership and participation in

environmental projects in school or their community such as recycling drives, stream or litter cleanups and other types of environmental projects are encouraged to apply. The grand prize winner will receive a paid internship at Department of Environment during summer 2016 (approximately valued at \$3,000). The second-place winner will receive \$500 and the third-place winner will receive \$250. All three will receive a certificate for their efforts.

"Our future relies on the student environmental leaders of today," said Secretary Ben Grumbles. "It is my hope that our Environmental Science Student Award and Internship Program will encourage those who are interested in science, technology, and engineering to continue their education and proactively participate in activities that support the environment. This internship program

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Council Approves Legislation Strengthening Tobacco Shop Regulations in Prince George's County

By Press Officer
PG County Council

PRINCE GEORGE'S, MD—The Prince George's County Council, during the final Council session for Legislative Year 2015 on Tuesday, November 17, approved CB-

92-2015, legislation amending County laws to prohibit tobacco and electronic cigarette shops in the Mixed Use Town Center (M-U-TC) Zone, and requiring special exceptions in other zones.

Council Member Karen R. Toles (D)—District 7, proposed

CB-92-2015 in direct response to the proliferation of tobacco and electronic cigarette shops in Prince George's County.

"Our number one concern is the health and welfare of our

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Positive Reception Greet Maryland Hospital-Quality Model's First Year

Hospitals in the state are now more inclined to help patients after they are discharged to get appropriate care and services that they need outside of the hospital—so patients will not have to return to the hospital for that care.

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Act Now to Make Anti-Poverty Tax Credits Permanent

This fall may be the best opportunity that Congress has as it debates legislation that could make some business tax breaks permanent. As the House and Senate consider this legislation, they cannot leave working families behind. They must make the improvements of the EITC and CTC permanent as well.

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USDA Invests \$63 Million to Support 264 Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Projects

Vilsack said. "Investing in renewable energy and energy efficiency projects supports home-grown energy sources, creates jobs, reduces greenhouse gas pollution and helps usher in a more secure energy future for the nation."

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Movie Review: "Spectre"

"The dead are alive" appears as an epigraph at the beginning, hinting that the film will deal with one or two things: the resurrection of deceased persons, or a general fixation on death. Bond is reminded often of Vesper Lynd, who died in "Casino Royale," and of his beloved M, who bit the dust in "Skyfall"

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Earth Talk

Dear EarthTalk:

Is recycling still worthwhile given the expense and emissions associated with it?

—Michael Vitti,
Norwalk, OH

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Towns and NEIGHBORS

In and Around Morningside-Skyline

by Mary McHale 301 735 3451

Chuck Henry, Air Force vet and insurance agent, dies at 87

Charles Leon "Chuck" Henry, former president of the Skyline Citizens Association, died Nov. 17 at the Fort Washington Medical Center surrounded by his loved ones. In recent years he lived in Oxon Hill and some of his family still live in his house in Skyline.

He was born at home on Front Street in Beverly, N.J., on Sept. 2, 1928 to George and Gladys Henry. He received his education in the Beverly/Burlington, N. J., schools and married his high school sweetheart, Shirley Mae Mackey.

Chuck served 25 years with the Air Force, which took him and his family all around the world. During those years he mastered German, Filipino, Vietnamese, Swahili and more. After retiring, he held several positions: apartment manager, bartender, insurance agent. (He never hesitated to let you know the importance of having insurance.) To keep abreast of the business world, he took business administration and computer technology classes at Prince George's Community College. On the side, he enjoyed cooking, all sports, and golfing with his buddies.

His wife Shirley preceded him in death. Survivors include his children, Charles L. Henry II, Melba Moye, Michele Gray and Marsha Henry; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; devoted companion Joan A. Jones, her son Derek and grandson Jonathan. His service was at Marshall March Funeral Home Chapel in Suitland with Pastor Marc A. Gaskins officiating. Music was by Christopher Tate. Chuck's son-in-law Rev. Michael L. Moye, Assistant Pastor at Transformation Fellowship Church, gave the eulogy. Burial will be later at Arlington Cemetery.

Chuck was one of Skyline's first presidents, back in 1974-75 when the Skyline Citizens Association was young. I remember we held our board meetings at his home. He was a great guy and as someone at the funeral said, "He was always smiling."

Neighbors

The Family Reunion, presented at the Camp Springs Senior Activity Center two weeks

ago, was delightful. Some really great voices! Every one of those seniors in the play was delightful but I particularly enjoyed two from my neighborhood, Yvonne Garvin and Juanita Chaplin.

Morningside Police Officer Smith has received a special award from Prince George's County.

I had a letter from Agnes Koch, written for her by her daughter Julie. Agnes, formerly of Morningside and Suitland, now lives in Bothell, Wash., near her daughter. Sad to say, Agnes is now blind, but at nearly 102, she says, "Still, I am grateful and glad for all my blessings."

Christmas at Suitland Road Baptist Church

Begin Christmas Day by celebrating Jesus's Birthday with an hour-long service at 8 a.m. For information, contact Dr. Kelvin M. McCune, Pastor, 301-219-2296. The church is at 6412 Suitland Road.

More Christmas activities

There's only one last weekend (Dec. 11-13) to visit Darnall's Chance in Upper Marlboro to enjoy seeing Gingerbread Houses and voting for your favorite. Hours are noon to 5 p.m. Admission is \$1.00.

The Winter Festival of Lights continues through New Year's Day, nightly from 5 to 9:30 p.m. Admission, \$5 per car, \$15 for mini-bus or limo, \$15 for bus. Free on Christmas.

Breakfast with Santa, Dec. 13, beginning at 10 in St. Philip's Parish Hall. In addition to Santa, there'll be pancakes, omelets, scrambled eggs, sausage, fruit, coffee and juice. Admission is \$5; ages 5-11, \$3; children 3 and under, free. St. Philip's is at 5416 Henderson Way in Camp Springs.

Changing landscape

Beginning Jan. 1, National Zoo will cut its hours. It'll open at 8 a.m. (instead of 6) and close at 5 p.m. in the winter (instead of 6) and 7 p.m. in the summer (instead of 8).

One of my favorite restaurants, The Royal Tea Room in La Plata, has closed. I hope it's only temporary.

Styles Unlimited Barber Shop has opened at 6723 Suitland Road in Morningside, across the street from the Red Octopus Tattoo Shop. Regular cuts Mondays

and Tuesdays are only \$10. Information: 202-498-1123.

May they rest in peace

Barry Steven Beam, 65, of Clinton, who served 23 years as an academy instructor with the Prince George's Police Department and two years as deputy chief of police with the U. S. Park Police, died Nov. 27. He was native of Lancaster, Pa., and a graduate of Elizabethtown College. In his four years with the Air Force he was a military police officer and in the Presidential Honor Guard. In recent years he was director of administration for EM Solutions. Survivors include his wife of 41 years, Dr. Joyce Kerr Beam, daughter and son-in-law Kristen Joy and Bryan Witt and their daughter, two-year-old Abigail. Services were at Riverdale Baptist Church.

Nina Louise Guthrie, 86, longtime Temple Hills resident and graduate of Oxon Hill High where she played varsity basketball, died Nov. 25 in Playa Del Rey, Calif. She was born in the home of her parents, Nina Theo and Wilmer Pyles. Nina worked at the Census Bureau, then became engaged in U. S. Presidential campaigns and NASCAR. She was preceded in death by her husband Glenn Guthrie, brothers Vinton, Pete and Dove and sister Faye. Survivors include daughters Donna Gordon (James) and Jane Skjervem (Mark) and three grandsons. She was a member of St. Barnabas Church where her service was held. She is at rest in the Church's cemetery.

Nina is a descendant of one of Prince George's oldest families—the Pyles have been here since 1671.

Milestones

Happy birthday to Bernie (Barbour) Pace, Thomas Shipman Jr. and Jim Trexler, Dec. 13; Linda Gryskewicz, Dec. 15; Stacie Smith and Erin Nicole Brown-Sandoval, Dec. 16; Bradley Wade and David Williams III, Dec. 17; Charlene Baker and Paul Ratliff, Dec. 18.

Happy anniversary to Johnny and Helen (Nichols) Richardson, their 13th on Dec. 14; and Margaret and Leslie Greene, their 72nd (!) on Dec. 18.

Brandywine-Aquasco

by Audrey Johnson 301 888 2153

THE LIVING CHRISTMAS TREE

You are invited to "The Living Christmas Tree" live event that you don't want to miss. The tree features a dynamic choir in a 30-foot tree, live orchestra, thousands of twinkling lights and a heartwarming holiday drama.

The address is Riverdale Ministries, 1177 Largo Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland (5 miles east of the beltway on route 202) Tickets cost \$12 (\$10 seniors/children 10 & under). Reserved seating, tickets limited group pricing available live nativity open one hour prior to each performance. You can purchase tickets online at livingtreetickets.com or call 301-249-9111. Use code LCTVP to save \$2 on an adult or child ticket when ordering on line or by phone. The performances will be Friday, December 11 at 7:30 PM, Saturday & Sunday, December 12 & 13 at 1:30 PM & 6:00 PM.

HONOR ROLL ASSEMBLY

Frederick Douglass High School (An IB World School) in Upper Marlboro, Maryland held their first marking period 2015-16 Honor Roll Assembly, "Eagles

soaring from good to a great world class high school" congratulating 267 Honor Roll recipients.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Invite your family and friends to join us for our Christmas Concert on December 19, 2015 at 6:00 PM at Westphalia United Methodist Church, Rev. Timothy West, Senior Pastor. The address is 9363 D'Arcy Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20774. Visit www.westphaliaum.org or call 301-735-9373.

SAMSON

Come and join us for a theater and shopping trip to Lancaster, PA April 02, 2016 sponsored by New Hope Fellowship Christ United Methodist Church Outreach Ministry. Trip includes travel on a deluxe motor coach bus, continental breakfast served on the bus and buffet lunch at Miller's Smorgasbord. A ticket to see the new production of the play "Samson" at the Millennium Theatre, and shopping at Rockvale Outlets and door prizes.

Itinerary includes Saturday, April 02, 2016 departure at 8:30

AM and return 8:00 PM (Clinton Park & Ride). Showtime for the play is 11:00 AM and lunch at 2:00 PM. After lunch you can enjoy shopping at Rockvale Outlets.

Cost is \$155 (Adults), \$95 (10-12 Child), \$40 (non-refundable). Final payment due March 13, 2016. Contact Phyllis Slater (301) 653-7345 or Deborah Proctor (301) 275-2544. Rev. Constance C. Smith, Pastor.

PATUXENT RIVER 4-H CENTER

The Educational Center in Upper Marlboro, Maryland is open to groups by reservation. The 4-H Center offers farming programs, overnight cabins, environmental education programs, group camping, 4-H activities and farming programs. Canoe launch on site. Call 301-218-3079; TTY 301-699-2544 for additional information.

PRINCE GEORGE'S COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Prince George's Community College offers college credit opportunities to high school students. Visit www.pgcc.edu/go/HighSchool to get more information.

Neighborhood Events

Edwards Statement on Republican Bill to Ban Settlement of Syrian and Iraqi Refugees

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Congresswoman Donna F. Edwards (MD-4) issued the following statement regarding H.R. 4038, the American SAFE Act of 2015. The bill would effectively stop any further Syrian and Iraqi refugees from coming to the United States by creating a new certification process that would require years to be implemented as this legislation is written. The legislation passed 289-137.

"The American people and the world continue to mourn the tragic loss of life over the past several weeks at the hands of ISIS. The brutal attacks in Paris, the bombings in Beirut, and the downing of a Russian airliner are all sobering reminders of the savagery and threat posed by ISIS. Without question, we as Members of Congress and the entire federal government will take every action possible and necessary to counter this threat at home and abroad.

"However, today's Republican legislation to effectively ban any further Syrian and Iraqi refugees from seeking safety in the United States will not increase our security. Under current law, any refugee seeking asylum must undergo one of the most comprehensive background checks in the world before ever setting foot on American soil, with the process often taking between 18 and 24 months to complete. This knee-jerk reaction that would punish mostly women, children, and seniors seeking safety from the brutality of ISIS is a betrayal of American values.

"We must remember the enemy is ISIS, not the refugees who are fleeing the region. I believe strongly that as Americans we cannot deny people shelter and safety based on stereotyping and xenophobia; it runs counter to who we are as a nation. We have the ability and the resources to welcome refugees, while taking all necessary steps to ensure our own security at the same time. It is what we have done and what we will continue to do."

WSSC Extends Winter Trail Pilot Program

LAUREL, MD—WSSC is extending its Winter Trail Pilot Program allowing the Triadelphia Access Road along the Triadelphia Reservoir to remain open for multipurpose use during the 2015-2016 winter months. Effective December 1, horseback riders, birdwatchers and hikers will be able to enjoy use of the Access Road through the winter as well as spring, summer and fall seasons.

The Pilot Program opens the 4.5 mile Triadelphia Access Road that traces the southern boundary of the reservoir in Montgomery County as a year-round multi-use trail. The blue stone parking lot, located on Triadelphia Lake Road, will be the only entrance to the Access Road during the winter. This lot provides ample parking space for six to eight horse trailers. Once the reservoir reopens to all visitors on March 15, 2016, the upper parking lot at Green Bridge Recreational Area will open to horse trailers as well, providing entrance to the Access Road from both ends. There will be no other trail entrances between the Triadelphia Lake Road and Green



Congresswoman
Donna F. Edwards

Bridge Recreational Areas.

The Pilot Program applies to land activities on the Access Road only. All other areas of the reservoir will close for the season on November 30. All fishing or boating activities will resume on March 15, 2016 (weather permitting) for the 2016 season.

WSSC will enforce its same watershed use regulations on the Access Road.

Anyone 16 years or older must possess a valid WSSC Watershed Use Permit; Minors under the age of 16 must be accompanied by someone 18 years of age and hold a valid WSSC Watershed Use Permit; All horseback riders must wear a helmet; No animal waste can be left on parking lots or roadways; Season and day permits are valid for use of the Access Road; 2015 season permits are valid thru December 31, 2015; 2016 season permits are required starting January 2, 2016. Season and day permits can be purchased online or in person at: www.wsscwater.com, or at Richard G. Hovevar Building Cashier's Window, and Brighton Dam Visitor's Information Cabin

2016 season permits can be purchased beginning January 2, 2016.

Horseback riding, bird watching and hiking are allowed on the Access Road only. The creation or use of side trails will not be permitted. Riders, birdwatchers and hikers will need to strictly adhere to the "Stay on Trail" signs visibly posted along the Access Road.

The trail will be closed to horseback riding in wet weather and when the trail is wet and muddy to protect the watershed from erosion. You can find out the daily status of trails by checking WSSC's website at <http://www.wsscwater.com>, our watershed recreation Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/WSSCWatershedRecreation> or by calling the "4Fun" hotline at 301-206-4386. Access Road trail maps and complete rules and regulations are available online under the Education and Recreation section of our site.

The Access Road will be open daily from sunrise to sunset. On days when managed hunts occur on Triadelphia Reservoir, the entire reservoir including the Access Road will be closed until 1 p.m.

Hunts are currently scheduled for:

- December 21, 28, 30, 2015
- January 12, 2016

The pilot program is consistent with recommendations in a 2012 study performed by EA Engineers on behalf of WSSC and several months of working with the local community and equestrian enthusiasts. The study determined

that Triadelphia Access Road only has a small amount of highly erodible soil (HES) allowing WSSC to provide public access to the road. The program will be re-evaluated based on erosion and environmental impact on the Access Road and the reservoir prior to the 2016-2017 winter season.

WSSC is Winter Ready!

LAUREL, MD—WSSC is winter ready! At the Commission's Anacostia Depot today, crews showed members of the media how to close a valve on a broken water main and then make repairs to the pipe.

The demonstration was part of an event to detail WSSC's plans for the busy winter water main break season. Cold weather plus aging infrastructure equals an increase in water main breaks.

Acting Chief of Utility Services Calvin Farr was on hand for the event and stressed that the Commission is ready for the busy winter season. "We know, in the winter, our crews could be faced with 400 to 600 water main breaks during a single month," Farr said. "We stock our depots with the necessary equipment, have extra crews on standby and are committed to restoring service for our customers as quickly as possible."

WSSC maintains 5,647 miles of water mains and a total of 65,022 valves. More than a third of the Commission's water mains are over 50 years old and the valves required to close those mains are often equally as old.

Customers are encouraged to report a suspected water main as soon as possible. The sooner we know about a break, the sooner we can fix it. It is also a good idea to keep on hand 1-2 gallons of safe tap or bottled water per person per day for emergencies. A three-day supply of water is ideal, including water for pets.

While WSSC is not responsible for our customers' indoor plumbing, we feel it is important to share information that can help keep their pipes and water meters from freezing during the winter.

- Repair broken windows, doors and walls.
- Tightly close all doors and windows.
- Insulate outside walls.
- Check with your local hardware store about materials to insulate pipes and meters.
- Seal all leaks in crawl spaces and basements.
- Cover vents from the inside with insulation, cardboard, plastic or newspaper, if they will not close.
- Turn off the water to outside faucets, remove hoses and drain the pipes.

If a Pipe Freezes:

- Completely open the cold water faucet nearest the frozen pipe. This relieves the pressure and reduces the chance of breakage.
 - Use a hand-held dryer if you decide to thaw the pipe yourself.
 - If you're not certain what to do, call a registered plumber.
- WSSC maintains the pipes in the street, the connections to homes and businesses and outdoor water meters. Inside water meters are the responsibility of the property owner. Visit wsscwater.com to winterize for a complete list of winter

COMMUNITY

Practical Money Skills

By Nathaniel Sillin

Think Twice About Spending That Bonus

When is a bonus not a bonus? When you fail to think about what that extra income will mean to your overall finances.

I don't mean to spoil the fun. Bonuses, particularly if they recognize your great performance during the year, are rewarding in a number of ways beyond money. It means your work is being noticed and you might rise higher in the organization—always a good thing.



However, in many organizations, bonus compensation has developed and transformed to a new entity, very different from how it was a generation ago. So before you book your dream trip to an exotic beachfront resort, take a closer look.

According to human resources and management consulting firm Aon Hewitt, (<http://www.aon.com/human-capital-consulting/>), some 90 percent of employers have either implemented or are considering something called “variable pay systems” that mean a greater reliance on “incentives, bonuses and cash awards,” to reward high-performing employees.

Employers are signing on because it helps them slow the growth of overall payroll, which is the biggest fixed cost in any business. It also offers a way to boost performance among workers at all levels.

What do one-time bonuses or a conversion to a variable-pay system mean for you? Potentially, this could result in changes to your tax situation, the overall value of your employer- and government-based benefits and therefore, your long-term financial picture. Here are some questions to ask:

What kind of bonus is it? Make sure you understand whether a bonus is a one-time award or a shift to an ongoing bonus system. This is a money and a career question. If you are going to be evaluated under new benchmarks and measurements for work you've done every day, you should fully understand these new guidelines and how you can maximize them in your best interest.

Get qualified advice. A one-time bonus or a long-term change in the way you're being compensated is an important financial event. Consider speaking with a qualified financial planner or tax expert about any bonus news you receive and see how they think you should handle the money. Keep in mind that the Internal Revenue Service generally considers bonuses as supplemental wages that can be taxed at a higher rate. Check IRS Publication 15 for more detail. Keep in mind that your salary level—not extra money you get from bonuses or other incentives—provides the basis for calculating your employee benefits and what a lender might offer for mortgages or other credit. In some cases, it might be better to save or invest that bonus than to spend it outright.

Ask questions. Read any paperwork that accompanies your bonus information, write down questions and take them to your employer's designated human resource representative or manager directly.

Be practical, but don't forget the fun. Consider treating your bonus like your paycheck—evaluate what essential needs should be addressed first and figure out what you can spend for fun.

Make a change if you need to. As more employers adopt variable pay and performance grading systems, consider issues beyond the money. For example, if you are doing work you love, will meeting new performance targets change how you feel about your job? Are you ready to take on the challenges of a workplace where you're graded and evaluated in a different way than you are used to? In some environments, new employee compensation methods can be liberating and financially rewarding; in others, it can make it tougher to stay. See where you stand, and if changing jobs might be worthwhile, consider looking for a better opportunity (<http://www.practicalmoneyskills.com/personalfinance/lifeevents/work/landingjob.php>).

Bottom line: The way workers are being paid is changing. It's important to understand how one-time or annual bonuses might affect your long-term finances.

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residents,” said Council Member Toles. “In recent years we have seen a steady increase in the number of tobacco and electronic cigarette shops and the upward trend cannot continue. It is critical that we have the tools and regulations in place to monitor the number of shops that are established, as well as their uses. CB-92 is a step in the right direction.”

Prince George's County Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement Director Haitham Hijazi noted the legislation as a critical public safety tool.

“The bill is an outstanding step in assisting enforcement officials in curbing the sale of illegally distributed tobacco products or other illegal substances within our communities,” said Hijazi.

Under the legislation, CB-92 clearly defines tobacco and electronic cigarette shop uses in the County Zoning Ordinance, and prevents locations from establishing near a school, library, park or recreational facility. Additionally, CB-92 provides an amortization period for tobacco shop and electronic cigarette shop uses that are not in compliance with the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance.

Positive Reception Greeted Maryland Hospital-Quality Model's First Year

New England Journal of Medicine Article, CMS Find Success Reducing Cost Growth

By PRESS OFFICER DHMH

BALTIMORE, MD—Today, the *New England Journal of Medicine* released an article on Maryland's new All-Payer Model that is designed to encourage health system transformation by reducing barriers to coordinated and integrated care across providers and community service organizations. In the first year of the hospital model, The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) found that quality at hospitals improved and that cost growth was constrained when compared with historic levels.

As a result of the new system, those who pay for hospital services in Maryland (such as individuals, business and insurers) are experiencing reduced hospital cost growth, and Maryland patients are receiving better hospital care with improved outcomes. Hospitals in the state are now more inclined to help patients after they are discharged to get appropriate care and services that they need outside of the hospital—so patients will not have to return to the hospital for that care. Under the new system, these types of results are good for both patients and hospitals.

The article showed the following during calendar year 2014 compared with calendar year 2013:

- Per-person hospital revenue growth was reduced to 1.47 percent—well below the tar-

geted growth of 3.58 percent, which is the long-run growth rate of the state's economy;

- Medicare achieved savings of \$116 million, compared with the growth rate in the rest of the country, because of improved care and better utilization here in Maryland;
- Complications such as infections were reduced by 26 percent;
- Medicare readmissions here declined more than in the rest of the nation, but still did not meet State goals; and;
- The percentage of hospital revenue under a value-based or population-based model exceeded the five-year goal of 80 percent.

In January 2014, the State of Maryland and the CMS reached an agreement to modernize Maryland's all-payer rate-setting system for hospital services. This agreement represents one of the most expansive demonstration projects of its kind in the nation.

“Maryland's new all-payer model provides Maryland with a unique opportunity to reduce health care costs to consumers, insurers and businesses by improving quality and by addressing patients' needs more holistically,” said Health and Mental Hygiene Secretary Van T. Mitchell. “We are seeing some initial successes that we hope will translate into sustained improvements in popu-

lation health and in health care for all Marylanders.”

John Colmers, Chairman of the Health Services Cost Review Commission, added “Maryland hospitals and their clinical partners are to be commended for their efforts in response to the new incentives in the system. We are also grateful to have a willing innovation partner in the CMS.”

Executive Director of the Health Services Cost Review Commission Donna Kinzer, said “This represents very good progress in the first year and shows the commitment that many hospitals have made toward improving population health. However, the greatest challenges are ahead of us as hospitals begin to create partnerships with community providers and organizations with the goal of viewing care and community services through the eyes of the patient.”

This initiative allowed Maryland to adopt new and innovative policies aimed at improving care, improving population health and moderating the growth in hospital costs. Transforming Maryland's health care system to be highly reliable, highly efficient and a point of pride in our communities requires increased collaboration between health systems, payers, community hospitals, ambulatory physician practices, long-term care, and other providers, as well as public health and community-based organizations.

The agreement between Maryland and CMS, which went into effect on January 1, 2014, replaced Maryland's 36-year-old Medicare waiver and aims to transform the state's health care system to enhance patient care, to improve population health and to lower total costs. The Commission and the health department envision a health care system in which multi-disciplinary teams—including physicians and nurses, as well as individuals outside the medical model such as nutritionists, social workers, public health practitioners and community health workers—work with high-need/high-resource patients and their families to manage chronic conditions and to address functional limitations and socioeconomic determinants of health. The All-Payer Model operates in conjunction with a number of other endeavors currently under way in Maryland, including efforts to strengthen primary care and to coordinate hospital care with community care; to map and to track preventable disease and health costs; to develop public-private coalitions for improved health outcomes; and to establish regional partnerships.

More information on the State's all-payer model can be found under the link titled “Maryland All-Payer Hospital System Modernization” at <http://www.hscre.maryland.gov/index.cfm>. The article may be found at <http://goo.gl/qHrwZj>.

More Evidence That Maryland Educators Are Making the Grade

Evaluation Data Reveals Some Differences between Schools, Systems

By PRESS OFFICER MSDE

BALTIMORE, MD—Teacher and principal effectiveness ratings showed improved precision across Maryland, according to the second annual State report card on educator evaluations.

In the second full report, completed last school year, 97.4 percent of teachers were rated either “highly effective” or “effective” in the State's three-tiered rating system, a slight increase over 2013–14. Likewise, 97.8 percent of principals were rated either “effective” or “highly effective.”

While overall ratings for educators remain high, differences in the percentage of effective educators are emerging between schools and school systems.

“Our goal is to make certain all of our students, no matter where they live, have access to great teachers and school leaders,” said Interim State Superintendent of Schools Jack R. Smith. “Maryland has thousands of great educators. Our school systems can use this data to further improve classrooms, schools, and student success.”

The data, unveiled today before the Maryland State Board of Education, is based on the 2014–15 school year. It found that 44.55 percent of teachers were rated “highly effective,” the top tier of the three part rating system. Likewise, 47.1 per-

cent of principals were rated “highly effective,” under the evaluation system.

Maryland school systems have spent the past five years developing TPE programs. Every Maryland school has begun to see the benefits from the professional development and collaboration used to develop Student Learning Objectives (SLOs) to guide instruction. Systems are currently in the third year of implementing new evaluation systems, and MSDE will continue to monitor progress in that implementation.

Today's data release marks the second annual statewide effort to evaluate teacher and principal effectiveness based in part on student growth.

Each school district could develop its own evaluation system within State parameters, or could use a State-developed system. In the end, each district constructed an evaluation model based on its own interests, and each local superintendent and head of the local bargaining unit signed off on the design.

Evaluations were based on two factors: (1) professional practice—items such as education, leadership and observation; and (2) student growth. For the first two years of the evaluation system, student growth will be calculated exclusively by using the SLOs. SLOs are measurable instructional goals established for a specific group of students over a set period of time.

Today's report found:

- Students in low poverty schools are more than two times more likely to have a highly effective teacher than students in high poverty schools. Students in low poverty schools are nearly three times more likely to have a highly effective principal.

- Students in low minority schools are four times more likely to have a highly effective teacher than students in high minority schools. Students in low minority schools are more than twice as likely to have a principal rated highly effective than those in high minority schools.

- Tenured teachers are more likely to be rated highly effective—and less likely to be rated ineffective—than untenured teachers.

- There is significant variation between school systems in their teacher and principal effectiveness ratings.

All 24 of Maryland's school systems are now participating in the Statewide Teacher and Principal Evaluation Program.

There are 43,818 teacher ratings at 1,112 principal ratings included in today's release, along with 1,101 principal ratings. The largest participating systems (Prince George's County, Baltimore County, Baltimore City, Anne Arundel County, and Howard County) represent two-thirds of the ratings. The full range of data from Frederick and Montgomery Counties will be provided in the summer 2016.

MSDE has involved all 24 school systems and various stakeholders in the professional development process for Teacher and Principal Evaluation. In 2014, MSDE and the Maryland State Board of Education joined the Maryland State Education Association, Public School Superintendents Association of Maryland, Maryland Association of Boards of Education, Maryland Association of Secondary School Principals, Maryland Association of Elementary School Principals, and the Baltimore Teachers Union in a Memorandum of Understanding pledging to coordinate resources and strategies in the development of rigorous and measurable SLOs as part of that process. Several reports on Maryland's Teacher-Principal Evaluation system have already been released. For example, “Change in Practice in Maryland: Student Learning Objectives and Teacher and Principal Evaluation,” issued last month by the Community Training and Assistance Center and the Mid-Atlantic Comprehensive Center of WestEd, found that support continues to grow for the evaluation process. Educators are embracing the use of SLOs as a tool to measure student growth and improve instruction. The full report from Mid-Atlantic Comprehensive Center is available at <http://maryland-publicschools.org/tpe/TPEReport2015.pdf>.

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COMMENTARY

Cong. Chris Van Hollen
House Democratic Minority Whip



Van Hollen Releases GAO Report Documenting Skyrocketing Costs of New Drugs

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Today Maryland Congressman Chris Van Hollen, Ranking Member of the House Budget Committee, released a report from the Government Accountability Office (GAO) that examines trends in the costs of new drugs entering the market. The GAO looked at a variety of drugs covered under Medicare Part B—and the results are cause for deep concern. Numerous new prescription drugs have come on the market over the past several years, some with extraordinary prices—sometimes resulting in costs per patient of \$100,000 per year or more.

“The rising cost of prescription drugs is putting heavy financial burdens on families and seniors across the country. People can live longer, healthier lives thanks to innovative research that leads to effective new drugs. But great strides forward in medical science will not be very useful if people cannot afford them. When you are asking people to spend tens of thousands of dollars out of their own pocket to treat diseases like cancer, we have a serious problem,” said Congressman Van Hollen. “We must look closely at how to promote innovation in a way that allows greater access and affordability for all Americans—not just the wealthy few.”

The GAO looked at 75 new drugs approved by the Food and Drug Administration since 2006

and covered under Medicare Part B, and found the following:

- The 20 drugs with the highest costs per beneficiary had total yearly expenditures per beneficiary ranging from \$51,000 to \$536,000 in 2013.
- Nearly half of the new drugs had expenditures per beneficiary greater than \$20,000 in 2013.
- Nearly two-thirds of new drugs had expenditures per beneficiary in excess of \$9,000 in 2013.

Medicare beneficiaries are financially responsible for 20 percent of that cost—meaning that for nearly two-thirds of new drugs, senior citizens and disabled workers with Medicare were on the hook for \$1,900 to \$107,000 per drug.

“We must act with urgency to address the skyrocketing prices that make these drugs unaffordable for most Americans. I am pleased that the Department of Health and Human Services is hosting a public forum today to discuss ideas for promoting pharmaceutical innovation, access, affordability, and better health. Finding real solutions will require all stakeholders to work together,” Van Hollen added. “The information in this GAO report provides useful insight into the challenges we face.”

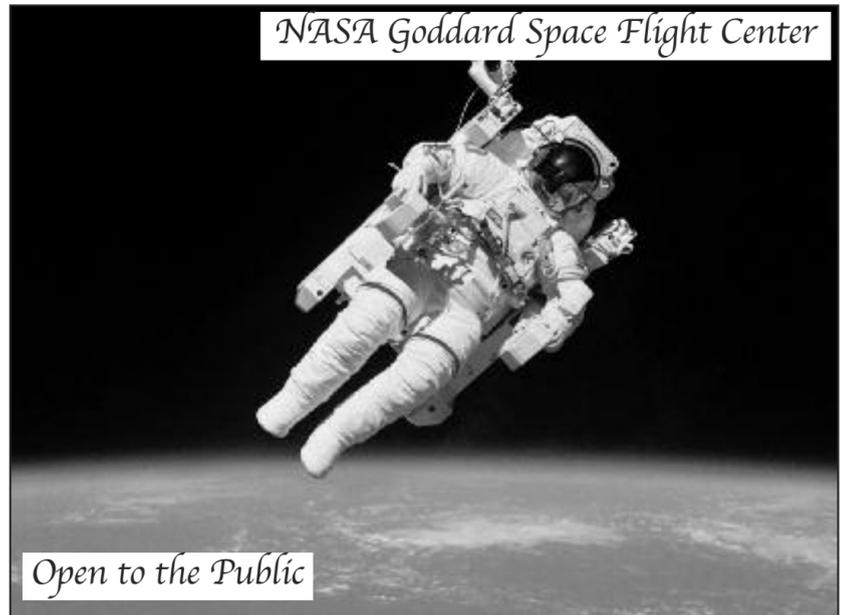


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Child Watch
by Marion Wright Edelman



A Prayer of Thanksgiving to the God of All Children in America and the World

O God of the children of Syria, Nigeria and Liberia, of Sudan, South Africa and South Carolina,

Of Afghanistan, Pakistan, India and Myanmar, of Israel, Iran and Iraq

Of the Congo, Central America, Charleston, and Cleveland, of Darfur and Detroit, of Libya, Yemen and Ukraine, Nepal and New Orleans,

Help us to love and respect and protect and welcome them all.

O God of Black and Brown and White and Albino children and those all mixed together

Of children who are rich and poor and in between

Of children who speak English and Russian and Hmong and Chinese and Spanish and Arabic and languages and dialects our ears cannot discern, of refugee children without a country

Help us to love and respect and protect and welcome them all.

O God of the child prodigy and child prostitute, of the child of rapture and the child of rape,

Of run or thrown away and sexually trafficked children who struggle every day without parent or place or friend or future,

Of LGBT children struggling to be who they are and Dalit children roaming across nations in search of a place called home,

Help us to love and respect and protect and welcome them all.

O God of children who can walk and talk and hear and see and sing and dance and jump and play and of children who wish they could but can't

Of children who are loved and unloved, wanted and unwanted,

Help us to love and respect and protect and welcome them all.

O God of incarcerated, beggar, beaten, abused, neglected, homeless, AIDS, drug, violence, and hunger-ravaged children,

Of children who are emotionally and physically and mentally fragile, and of children who rebel and ridicule, torment and taunt,

Help us to love and respect and protect and welcome them all.

O God of children of destiny and of despair without hope for the future, ravaged by wars of adults

Of refugee children without a country to welcome them, at sea in flimsy boats, or caged in juvenile and adult prisons

and holding pens as they seek asylum

Of disfigured, diseased, and dying children,

Of children without hope and of children with hope to spare and to share,

Help us to love and respect and protect and welcome them all on this day of Thanksgiving as we affirm the sacredness of every child in our own country and all around the world.

Marion 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.

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

Marc Morial, President and CEO
National Urban League



Act Now to Make Anti-Poverty Tax Credits Permanent

“The Earned Income Tax Credit is the most effective anti-poverty program in the United State. It both encourages and rewards work by allowing low-income workers to recoup money that otherwise would have gone to taxes. And since low-income people are more likely to spend their income than to save it out of necessity, it is also an economic stimulus.”

—Alice Lieberman, Professor, University of Kansas School of Social Welfare.

With only a few weeks left in the year, Congress is debating a series of key issues for working families. One of the most important is the fate of key parts of two tax credits that help millions of low-income working Americans.

The two credits—the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and the Child Tax Credit (CTC)—are powerful tools that reduce poverty and encourage and reward work. Together, they lift more children out of poverty than any other program, while also promoting greater mobility and opportunity for families. And, with four million African American children living in poverty today, the EITC and CTC make a critical difference in our communities.

In 2009, President Obama signed into law temporary improvements to the credits that dramatically expand access to the CTC to very low income working families and provide additional help for some families receiving the EITC.

Although these very important improvements to both tax credits were extended in 2012, they will expire in 2017 unless Congress acts to make them permanent.

This fall may be the best opportunity that Congress has as it debates legislation that could make some business tax breaks permanent. As the House

and Senate consider this legislation, they cannot leave working families behind. They must make the improvements of the EITC and CTC permanent as well.

If they don't, African Americans would be disproportionately harmed: two million working African American families and 4 million children would lose an average of \$1,200 per year. A single mother of two working full time at the federal minimum wage would lose every penny of her CTC.

“In many cases, these two measures are what allows working families to stay in their homes,” said Don Cravins, Jr., Executive Director of National Urban League Washington Bureau. “The consequences of ending the credits would be nothing of devastating.”

In the course of these discussions, Congress also has a chance to address the plight of lower-income workers without kids, many of whom are left out of the EITC. Expanding the EITC to cover these workers has bipartisan support and would help promote work, could reduce incarceration rates, and boost earnings.

The Obama administration is calling for Congress to make the improvements to these working family tax credits permanent.

Now is the time to make your voice heard in the halls of Congress. You can help by contacting your senators and representatives, urging them to make the improvements to the EITC and CTC permanent and reminding them of the importance of fixing the glaring hole in the EITC that leaves out childless workers without kids.

With your help, we can make the key provisions of these credits permanent so that they can keep making a difference in all of our communities.

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Are You Getting the Most Out of That Visit to Your Doctor?

As we get closer to the end of the year, many families find themselves facing more visits to the family physician, or dentist, or eye doctor. It might be due to insurance deadlines, increased levels of the colds and flu which come with the season, or just catching up on health issues that you put aside, hoping they would just go away.

Whatever the case, visits to a health practitioner often make people nervous and anxious, not only because of the possible health problems that may be present, but also because many of us are unsure of how to deal with a busy doctor and all the medical jargon, tests and procedures we simply don't understand.

But this anxiety can be minimized. One way is to adopt an attitude that professional counselors call "appropriately assertive." This starts by remembering that the person you're seeing is actually working for you—you, or your insurance company, is paying him or her for the time and expertise they share with you.

"Appropriately assertive" means speaking clearly and directly about the issues on your mind. Understanding that the doctor has a busy schedule should not stand in the way of getting your concerns addressed.

To make things easier, make a list of those questions before getting to your health professional's office. Tell your doctor you have issues to discuss and ask if he or she wants to do so before or after your exam. And if your doctor answers your questions in terms you don't fully understand, don't just pretend you get what's being said. Rather, politely ask for clarification.

It's not uncommon for people in white coats to unintentionally make the rest of us feel nervous during an office visit. If you find that happens to you and you can't always remember a diagnosis or instructions, ask if a friend or family member can come along as a second set of ears. Most doctors will say yes immediately.

Your goal is open communications between you and your health practitioner. You want to be able to ask follow-up questions, to clarify unclear information and to leave the office confident that you've understood what has happened and what you were told.

Being prepared and willing to be proactive when you visit a medical professional can help ensure that you are getting the care you require.

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Hero from A1

The medic hunkered down on the craft's deck as a shell exploded near him. Shrapnel sliced open Woodson's leg and groin.

Seriously wounded and with no time to spare, he followed a tank that rolled off the landing craft as the battalion made a bee-line for Omaha Beach, hauling 125-pound barrage balloons that served as protection for allied troops from low-flying enemy aircraft.

Under rapid fire from German gunners, Woodson created a makeshift medical station and rescued hundreds of soldiers, according to later military reports. The medic resuscitated multiple, nearly-drowned troops, dressed gaping wounds and even amputated a foot in a rescue effort that lasted for 30 grueling hours until he collapsed.

For his valor, the U.S. War Department sent a memo to President Franklin D. Roosevelt suggesting Woodson as a candidate for the Medal of Honor.

"Here is a Negro from Philadelphia who has been recommended for a suitable award," the memo read. "This is a big enough award so that the President can give it per-

sonally, as he has in the case of some white boys."

Interviewed for the 50th anniversary of D-Day in 1994, Woodson said of his exploits: "There is no hero. It's just that you're there and you do what you can."

In 1997, the ex-soldier explained to U.S. News & World Report that the Army he served was "totally segregated" and "the feeling was that blacks were inferior to whites."

"Four or five of us were recommended for higher honors, but we didn't get them," he told the magazine. "Our white superiors recommended us but the War Department didn't approve it. Silver Stars and Congressional Medals of Honor did not go to black officers or black enlisted men."

Van Hollen, along with Woodson's wife, Joann, who currently resides in Clarksburg, are continuing the fight.

"I think he has a very good shot of getting it," said Hervieux.

The Army did not comment specifically on the Woodson case.

"We do not talk about individual cases that may be under consideration for the Medal of Honor while they are under review," said Wayne Hall, an Army spokesperson.

USDA Invests \$63 Million to Support 264 Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Projects Nationwide

Funding Supports Solar and Other Renewable Energy Projects to Create Jobs and Promote Energy Independence

By PRESS OFFICER
USDA

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced \$63 million in loans and grants for 264 renewable energy and energy efficiency projects nationwide that USDA is supporting through its Rural Energy for America Program (REAP).

"This funding will have far-reaching economic and environmental impacts nationwide, particularly in rural communities," Vilsack said. "Investing in renewable energy and energy efficiency projects supports home-grown energy sources, creates jobs, reduces greenhouse gas pollution and helps usher in a more secure energy future for the nation."

These REAP projects are expected to generate and/or save 207.8 million kilowatt hours (KWh) of energy—enough to power more than 13,600 homes for a year.

For example, Bradley Phillips, owner of A.B. Phillips & Sons Fruit Farm, is receiving an \$18,000 grant to install a photovoltaic solar system on his farm in the village of Berlin

Heights, Ohio. The system will generate nearly 13,000 kilowatt hours of electricity annually. Phillips grows apples, peaches, pears, plums, raspberries, cherries and grapes on a farm that has been in his family for more than a century.

Blue Sky Poultry, Inc., of Bainbridge, Ga., has been selected for a \$16,094 grant to install a solar array on the roof of the poultry houses. The array is expected to generate 36,300 kWh of electricity per year.

Stokes Farms, LLP, of Chatfield, Minn., is receiving a \$19,750 grant to install a 10 kW wind turbine. When operational, the project is expected to generate 30,000 kWh of electricity per year.

Lakeview Biodiesel, LLC will use a \$3.3 million loan guarantee to help acquire a Missouri biodiesel plant and make improvements to bring it online to produce enough biodiesel to run approximately 16,500 vehicles annually.

In North Carolina, South Winston Farm, LLC is receiving a \$4 million loan guarantee to finance a 7 megawatt solar array system that is expected to generate enough energy to power 994 households per year.

Funding for the projects announced today is contingent upon the recipients meeting the terms of the grant or loan agreement.

Here are two examples of how REAP has helped rural businesses:

- In 2014, Mt. Abram, a ski area in western Maine, finished installing an 803-panel solar photovoltaic system that was financed with a \$235,000 REAP grant. Mt. Abram is the first solar-powered ski area in the state and the second-largest solar-powered ski area in the country. The solar array will generate 280,000 kWh in energy each year and meet about 70 percent of the resort's power needs.

- Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack visited Progress Solar in North Carolina in September 2014 to highlight a \$3.4 million REAP loan guarantee the company received to install a solar array. Today, the 46-acre farm produces enough solar energy to power 540 average-sized homes each year.

Eligible agricultural producers and rural small businesses may use REAP funds to make energy efficiency improvements or install renewable energy systems, including solar, wind, renewable biomass (including

anaerobic digesters), small hydroelectric, ocean energy, hydrogen, and geothermal.

The next application deadline for REAP grants is November 2, 2015. USDA will issue a notice of available funding with more details on how to apply in the coming weeks. REAP was created by the 2008 Farm Bill and was reauthorized by the 2014 Farm Bill.

Since the start of the Obama Administration, USDA has supported more than 9,600 renewable energy and energy efficiency projects nationwide through REAP. During this period, the Department has provided more than \$291 million in grants and \$327 million in loan guarantees to agricultural producers and rural small business owners.

President Obama's plan for rural America has brought about historic investment and resulted in stronger rural communities. Under the President's leadership, these investments in housing, community facilities, businesses and infrastructure have empowered rural America to continue leading the way—strengthening America's economy, small towns and rural communities.

Hoyer from A1

the Local Motors company continues, the EDC will continue to work with Congressman Hoyer on innovative ideas to expand the infrastructure needed to attract even more companies."

In making the case for the growth potential of Prince George's County as a leader in advanced manufacturing, the Economic Development Team highlighted the fact that the County has four times the industrial space than Montgomery County. In addition, Prince George's County boasts an expanding manufacturing industry with more than 300 manufacturing companies employing over 6,600 workers.

"We are in a much more competitive environment than we were in, even 20 years ago," said Congressman Hoyer. "If we haven't thought about it

in the past, we need to now make sure that manufacturing will be here, stay here, come back here and expand here; which is exactly what you're talking about here at the EDC. That is a top priority."

House Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer introduced "Make It In America" five years ago as a plan to encourage private sector job creation in manufacturing in the United States. The plan was launched at a time when the U.S. economy was recovering from the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression. Through a series of bills enacted to cut taxes, provide loans for small businesses, speed up the patent process, train skilled workers and end tax loopholes that encourage companies to ship jobs overseas, the unemployment rate in the United States has decreased to 5 percent and private sector job



PHOTO COURTESY PRINCE GEORGE'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
Congressman Steny Hoyer (far right) with EDC President and CEO Jim Coleman (to his right) and members of the Economic Development Team

growth has increased for 68 consecutive months.

The collective strategies discussed by Congressman Hoyer and the EDC team included advanced manufacturing programs in high schools and colleges, code writing certificate programs for the County's reentry popula-

tion and financial incentives to promote job creation and support workforce development in advanced manufacturing.

For more information about the business and workforce development, call 301-583-4650 or visit the Economic Development website at www.pgcedc.com

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tity of small businesses in this area. By bringing public and private contractors such as the FAA and Corvias Solutions who have billions of dollars to spend, we have the potential to make every small business in Prince George's County a big business by connecting them to the revenue from these contracts."

This breakfast celebrated the launch of 'Connections for Success,' a three part panel series designed by the Economic Development Corporation and the Prince George's Chamber of Commerce to assist small businesses in the areas that are most in demand: contracting opportunities, capital and financing and business assistance to attract more customers.

"Today was a giant step in the right direction toward Small Business development, procurement, securing contracts and wealth creation," said David Harrington, President and CEO of the Prince George's Chamber of Commerce. "The Prince George's Chamber of Com-

merce and the Economic Development Corporation are fully committed to helping businesses create and sustain wealth. More to come!"

Each presenter provided tangible contract opportunities and key advice on how to best secure procurement contracts.

"In FY 15, the GSA exceeded all of its small business goals and had spent more than \$4 billion. Not only do we spend GSA dollars, but also dollars for other federal agency procurements and I strongly encourage you to get on our schedule," said A. Jerome Fletcher from the U.S. General Service Administration. "From our leadership to our staff, we are constantly looking for ways for you to be successful. It is important for small businesses to know what procurement opportunities out there and how they would qualify for a particular contract. Secondly, businesses shouldn't bite off more than they can chew; know their limitations."

Attendees from today's event, which was sponsored by Eight O'Clock Coffee in Landover, MD, BLE Executive and Virtual Office Suites, Strativa Solutions and Creative Lipi, all in Upper Marlboro, MD were extremely pleased with the presentations and information that was shared by the presenters and the business development professional in the room.

"These events definitely help small businesses stay aware of what is going on in the community," said Andre Benefield, President of F. Benefield Consulting Group. "This event has been very informative. You can clearly understand each of the requirements [needed for procurements] and they let you know what is going on in Prince George's County that you would never know without attending. I appreciate this forum and I #ChoosePGC."

"Today, I am walking away with information to take my small business to a big business," said Fredericka Cunningham with HR in Motion, LLC. "I have met many businesses in need of resource management services today. I also met federal government repre-

sentatives from the FAA and GSA as well as representatives from EDC and the Chamber of Commerce and am walking away with a wealth of knowledge. As I go back to my office, not only will I get busy working on the information I received, but I am also ready to make inroads that will give HR in Motion the effectiveness necessary to take my small business to a big business."

The second and third 'Connections for Success' forums will be held on January 11, 2016 with "Building Your Business through Access to Capital" and on March 14, 2016 with "Enhancing Relationships With Customers for Long Term Growth". Both will be from 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at 1801 McCormick Drive, Suite 140, Largo, MD 20772.

Free admission and parking will be provided. All attendees for these exclusive events must RSVP to Crystal Ballard (cballard@co.pg.md.us) at 301-583-4650. Sponsorship opportunities are available. Contact Toni Miles (tmiles@pgcedc.com) or 301-583-4604.

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ERIC D. SNIDER'S
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Movie Review
"Spectre"

Spectre
Grade: C+
Rated PG-13, a little profanity,
moderate action violence, a
little sexuality
2 hrs., 28 min

Daniel Craig's fourth outing as James Bond finds him wearier, less humorous, and more apathetic than before—and buddy, I'm right there with you. "Spectre" fills in the blanks of a standard 007 adventure, but it feels like those involved were merely completing an assignment. How it was made by the same director, Sam Mendes, and most of the same writers as the energetic "Skyfall" is beyond me.

Then again, "Casino Royale" was from the writers as "Die Another Day" and the director of "GoldenEye." The Bond films, perhaps more than any other franchise, are shaped by more hands than just the authors'. Sometimes the extra interference pays off, sometimes it doesn't.

"The dead are alive" appears as an epigraph at the beginning, hinting that the film will deal with one or two things: the resurrection of deceased persons, or a general fixation on death. Bond is reminded often of Vesper Lynd (Eva Green), who died in "Casino Royale," and of his beloved M (Judi Dench), who bit the dust in "Skyfall" but has a message for him in "Spectre." Bond's parents died, too, as you'll recall, and "Spectre" continues the trend of mining Bond's past for new complications—even when, as in this case, the new information is of such magnitude that it's ridicu-



A cryptic message from Bond's past sends him on a trail to uncover a sinister organisation. While M battles political forces to keep the secret service alive, Bond peels back the layers of deceit to reveal the terrible truth behind Spectre.

lous to think 007 never mentioned it before.

The present concern is over an international organization of villains who seem to be uniting behind a common goal. But Bond is sidelined, officially: after going rogue one too many times, he's put on leave by the new M (Ralph Fiennes), who's under new scrutiny from MI6, which wants to shutter the Double-oh program as obsolete, which it seems like has been the goal for the last four movies. Moneypenny (Naomie Harris) isn't given much to do, but Q (Ben Whishaw) assists Bond on the sly.

There are Bond girls: Lea Seydoux as Madeleine Swann, and Monica Bellucci as the widow of

a guy James assassinated. (Bellucci, as 007's first age-appropriate lover in years, is gone after one scene.) There's a big, mean henchman: Dave Bautista as Mr. Hinx. There are action scenes, but nothing memorable.

And then there is the villain. He's played by Christoph Waltz, an addictively watchable actor whose performance in "Inglourious Basterds" six years ago lingers as one of the most entertaining bad guys in recent memory. Here he has limited screen time, and is disappointingly utilized even then, doing nothing more than rehashing old Bond storylines.

What kind of monster casts Christoph Waltz as a villain and then hardly uses him?!

When Craig took over the part and the character was essentially rebooted, the producers wisely addressed the elephant in the room: James Bond's old-fashioned brand of espionage is quaint in the 21st century. The theme of the last few movies has been 007's efforts to find the balance between old and new, to keep what still works and replace what doesn't. But now, four movies in, this relentless focus on the dreary realities of our modern-day surveillance state is just a drag. Things are different now. We get it. Can we let Bond get back to doing what he does best—and, more importantly, to let him (and us) have fun doing it?

MGM National Harbor Unveils Lineup of Celebrated Chefs to Lead Resort's Culinary Program

By PRESS OFFICER
MGM Resorts International

NATIONAL HARBOR, MD (November 30, 2015)—MGM National Harbor has named the powerhouse lineup of celebrated chefs—including José Andrés, Marcus Samuelsson, and Bryan and Michael Voltaggio—to lead its culinary program when the resort opens in the second half of 2016. Each new concept has been carefully crafted to pay homage to the culture and influence of the region's prominent culinary landscape.

Creating a true culinary destination for the eastern United States, MGM National Harbor has partnered with the biggest names in the food world to deliver totally new concepts, exclusive to the resort. Award-winning Spanish American chef José Andrés, renowned for popular dining destinations in Washington, D.C., Beverly Hills, Las Vegas, Miami and most recently, Mexico City, will join the roster along with Ethiopian-born and Sweden-raised acclaimed chef Marcus Samuelsson, known for his New York City hotspots. Adding local flavor to the mix are brothers Bryan and Michael Voltaggio, natives of Frederick, Md., whose victories on Bravo's popular culinary competition "Top Chef" made them both national sensations.

"In recent years, the Capital Region has become a thriving food destination with many of the best chefs in the world contributing to our booming restaurant scene," said MGM National Harbor General Manager Bill

Boasberg. "We have selected incredible talent to create an unparalleled dining experience at our resort and we are excited to welcome these new concepts and chefs into our company's award-winning culinary portfolio."

Chef José Andrés

José Andrés will introduce his first seafood-focused concept overlooking the Potomac from the prow of MGM National Harbor. Drawing inspiration from the bounty of the regional watershed, the restaurant's menu will feature locally sourced ingredients and fresh seafood. Exquisite dishes will incorporate local and international cooking techniques, allowing diners to experience diverse flavor combinations and profiles. Guests will be able to choose from a variety of dining options depending on their preferred experience, including cocktail, sushi or tempura bars with exciting views of interactive kitchen stations, and communal tables or main dining room seating offering commanding views and visually stunning décor.

"I'm thrilled to be announcing my first seafood restaurant in what will be the iconic MGM National Harbor," said Chef Andrés. "There are so many stories to be told through the astonishing bounty of the sea."

Named one of Time's "100 Most Influential People," awarded "Outstanding Chef" by the James Beard Foundation and named "Chef of the Year" by Bon Appétit and "Hot Restaurateur" by Condé Nast Traveler, Andrés has been a defining force in the culinary world. A pioneer

of Spanish tapas in the United States, he is also known for his groundbreaking avant-garde cuisine and his award-winning group of restaurants that spans 21 concepts throughout the country, in Washington, D.C., Miami, Puerto Rico, Las Vegas and Los Angeles. He is a committed advocate of food and hunger issues and is known for championing the role of chefs in the national debate on food policy. This work has earned him awards and distinctions such as Outstanding American by Choice, awarded by President Barack Obama, and the McCall-Pierpaoli humanitarian award.

Chef Marcus Samuelsson

Making his Capital Region debut, five-time James Beard Award-winning chef Marcus Samuelsson will create a menu honoring his cultural roots while showcasing the distinct coastal flavors of the local landscape. Samuelsson will serve signature creations for breakfast, lunch and dinner along with classic dishes like his whole fried chicken that is meant to be shared. His elegant comfort food is anchored around an open kitchen and large grill, a warm and inviting bar with signature cocktails, in addition to a smaller bar that gives guests a peek into the kitchen. Samuelsson's concept is designed to inspire a celebratory and festive atmosphere, making it the ideal setting for either a special event or a casual stop for a quick snack while enjoying live music.

"I'm super excited to be partnering with MGM on the opening of this hotel in National Har-

bor. It is a real privilege to be a part of such a great collection of chefs including José, Michael and Bryan," said Samuelsson.

The world-renowned chef's career includes notable highlights such as cooking the State Dinner for President Barack Obama, being the youngest recipient of a three-star review by the *New York Times* and winning a James Beard Foundation award for "Best Chef: New York City." He opened the iconic Red Rooster Harlem in 2010 to much acclaim and later that year won Bravo's "Top Chef Masters" Season 2, further elevating his culinary career on a national scale. Samuelsson is the author of several cookbooks including the James Beard Award-winning "The Soul of a New Cuisine" and "Marcus Off Duty: The Recipes I Cook at Home." He released his *New York Times* bestseller and James Beard-winning memoir "Yes, Chef" in 2012 to rave reviews and in 2015 the young adult adaptation, "Make It Messy." In 2015, Marcus opened Streetbird Rotisserie in Harlem, and Marcus' at the Hamilton Princess in Bermuda.

Chefs Bryan and Michael Voltaggio

Brothers Bryan and Michael Voltaggio will join forces, for the first time, to open a contemporary steakhouse concept at MGM National Harbor. The menu will highlight regional specialties, drawing inspiration from their home state of Maryland. The de-

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The Edge of Sports

by DAVE ZIRIN

Why Does Anybody Play Football Anymore?



Almost a year ago, NBA all-star LeBron James was asked why he does not allow his young sons to play football, as he did when growing up in Akron, Ohio. LeBron said, "My kids don't need a way out [of poverty]. They're all right. I needed a way out when I was a kid. I tried to do whatever it took to get out. That's my excuse."

The exchange went viral during an NFL weekend defined by mangled bodies more than anything that could be called a game.

Running backs Reggie Bush and Le'Veon Bell are gone for the season with knee ligament injuries while receiver Steve Smith, Sr., playing in what was supposed to be his last season, had his Achilles torn, perhaps ending his career. It made one wonder: If this is what's happening to muscles, ligaments, and tendons, what could be ripped and bruised inside a player's skull on every hit?

Unfortunately, a national television audience was given a gut-wrenching view of that very scenario.

In a game between the Seattle Seahawks and the Dallas Cowboys, Seahawks receiver Ricardo Lockette—on a clean hit—was concussed, sustaining ligament damage in his neck, and will be out for the rest of the year. For his family, teammates, and the television audience, this diagnosis spurred waves of relief. This is because after he hit the turf, Lockette remained motionless as players from both sides held hands and prayed while the Dallas crowd was near silent. It was unnerving, and it spoke to the kind of existential fear in the pit of the stomach of every player and league-office bean counter: that someone could die directly from an on-field collision.

It's morbid to contemplate—and it's only happened once in an NFL game, over 40 years ago—but if that fear seems overly alarmist, then you haven't been paying attention to what's been happening at the high-school level over the past two months. This fall, seven high school football players have died from on-field injuries since the start of the season. The latest was Andre Smith from Bogan High School in Chicago. His official cause of death on the Cook County autopsy was "blunt force head injuries due to a football accident."

The typical cause of death on the football field is sudden cardiac arrest, something which, in theory, could be screened for before any teenager takes the field. But in a country that for all its wealth has a crumbling public-school system, it's hard to see how electrocardiogram machines could be available to every athletic department. In other words, you're playing a lottery with kids' lives.

Given all we have learned in the last decade about the dangers of brain damage and chronic traumatic encephalopathy, why would anyone play? On one level it goes back to LeBron's quote about why he won't let his sons take the field, but that's of course not the only reason. There are thousands of kids who involve themselves in football not because they dream of a way out of poverty (they know they're not making the pros) but because they want other things that the sport brings—community, status, popularity, a sense of inclusion. This is certainly true of other sports as well, but there is nothing in this country that builds a cult of localized hero worship quite like football. And there is nothing as irrationally rational as teenage boys risking their own mental and physical health to feel special amidst the most awkward—and seemingly interminable—time of their lives.

It brings to mind a famous quote that allegedly comes from a conversation between two generations of boxers. Buster Mathis Jr. and his father, Buster Mathis Sr. Buster Jr. was a young, massive, physically gifted teenager, and he asked his father if he should box or play football. His dad said, "Son, please play football. Because nobody plays boxing." This story is usually told as a cautionary tale about the brutality of boxing compared to other sports. But now that quote needs a rewrite.

Given what we know in 2015, the question is whether anybody is really "playing" football. Are high schoolers risking their lives for a chance out of poverty or a sense of elevated status really "playing"? Are those who take the field in the NCAA, exploited for billions of dollars in television revenue while working in a state of indentured servitude, "playing"? Are the NFL athletes who have to treat every single play as a potential threat to their brains, and get an average of three and a half years on the field, "playing"? The only people "playing" in this scenario are egomaniacal coaches and parents, craven NCAA thought leaders, and NFL executives, all preaching intensity and sacrifice, but really just playing with the lives of others. They are the sports equiv-

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Calendar of Events

December 10 — December 16, 2015

Bob Brown Puppets: Winter Wonderland

Date & Time: Thursday, December 10, 2015, 9:30 am & 11:15 am
Description: The amazing Bob Brown brings a few fun friends to the Playhouse to show kids how to enjoy the cold weather. Snowmen, snowflakes and lots of wacky winter fun make this a show to beat the winter blues!

Cost: \$5/person
Ages: Grades Pre-K - 3
Location: Publick Playhouse Cultural Arts Center
5445 Landover Road, Cheverly, MD
Contact: 301-277-1710; TTY 301-699-2544

Evening Candlelight Tour

Date and Time: Friday, December 11, 2015, 6-9 pm
Description: Warm up a winter evening with festive music, lovely candlelight and traditional holiday greens! See the mansion's rooms decorated by local garden clubs in 18th century style decor as area performers entertain nightly.

If you can't make this evening tour, you can still see Montpelier decorated for the holidays from December 8-31, from 11 am to 3 pm.

Cost: \$3 for ages 19 & up; \$1 for ages 6-18;
Free for ages 5 & under
Ages: All ages welcome
Location: Montpelier Mansion/Historic Site
9650 Muirkirk Road, Laurel, MD
Contact: 301-377-7817; 301-699-2544;
montpeliermansion@pgparks.com

G.E.A.R.: Melted Crayon Ornaments

Date and Time: Friday, December 11, 2015, 7-10 pm
Description: Calling all young ladies! Join us to make creative holiday ornaments using melted crayons.

Cost: Free with M-NCPPC Youth ID
Ages: 13-17
Location: Beltsville Community Center
3900 Sellman Road, Beltsville, MD
Contact: 301-937-6613; TTY 301-699-2544

Xtreme Teens: Holiday Shopping Trip

Date and Time: Friday, December 11, 2015, 7-10 pm
Description: Teens will travel to the local mall for holiday shopping. Departure is at 7 pm with a return time of 10 pm.

A signed specialized permission slip is required; please bring money for shopping and food.

Cost: Free with M-NCPPC Youth ID
Ages: 10-17
Location: Beltsville Community Center
3900 Sellman Road, Beltsville, MD
Contact: 301-937-6613; TTY 301-699-2544

Xtreme Teens: Skate Night

Date and Time: Friday, December 11, 2015, 7-10 pm
Description: Enjoy skating to your favorite music and having fun with your peers. Please wear socks.

Cost: Free with M-NCPPC Youth ID
Ages: 10-17
Location: College Park Community Center
5051 Pierce Avenue, College Park, MD
Contact: 301-441-2647; TTY 301-699-2544

Holiday Open House, Wine tasting and Bazaar

Date and Time: Saturday December 12, 2015, 5-8 pm
Description: Set aside a special time to enjoy the holiday season! Visit Marietta for a holiday bazaar with local vendors selling holiday gifts, enjoy tasting wines from a local winery while listening to the sounds of the season. Then, take a tour of Marietta Historic House Museum and appreciate the greenery! Light refreshments provided.

Cost: \$10/person
Ages: 21 & up (ID required)
Location: Marietta House Museum
5626 Bell Station Road, Glenn Dale, MD
Contact: 301-464-5291; 301-699-2544

A Charlie Brown Christmas with the Eric Byrd Trio

Date and Time: Sunday, December 13, 2015, 3 pm
Description: The Eric Byrd Trio celebrates the music from the Peanuts' Charlie Brown Christmas show! The songs we all grew up with and loved are brought to life with fresh arrangements, and will sure get everyone in the holiday spirit. Merry Christmas, Charlie Brown!

Cost: \$15/person
Ages: All ages welcome
Location: Montpelier Arts Center
9652 Muirkirk Road, Laurel 20708
Contact: 301-377-7800; TTY 301-699-2544

Season's Greetings

Date & Time: Monday, December 14, 2015, 10:15 am & 12 noon
Description: Prepare yourself for holiday magic galore! At this festive winter wonderland, guests of all ages will be enamored with a levitating elf, dancing Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, toy soldiers and the real white doves.

Cost: \$8/person (general admission)
\$6/person (groups of 20 or more)
Ages: All ages welcome
Location: Publick Playhouse Cultural Arts Center
5445 Landover Road, Landover, MD
Contact: 301-277-1710; TTY 301-699-2544

Senior Holiday Concert

Date and Time: Wednesday, December 16, 10:30-11:30 am
Description: The Senior Singing Sensations will delight you with holiday tunes to get you in the spirit of the season!

Cost: FREE (Cash donations to support families in need are appreciated.)
Ages: 60 & Better
Location: Laurel-Beltsville Senior Activity Center
7120 Contee Road, Laurel, MD
Contact: 301-446-3400; 301-446-3402

EARTH TALK ... Is Recycling Still Worthwhile Given the Expense and Emissions Associated With it?

Dear EarthTalk:

Is recycling still worthwhile given the expense and emissions associated with it?

— Michael Vitti,
Norwalk, OH

Americans generate about 254 million tons of trash and recycle and compost about 87 million tons of this material, which adds up to a 34.3 percent national recycling rate. Recycling and composting prevented the release of approximately 186 million metric tons of carbon dioxide in 2013, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, comparable to taking over 39 million cars off the road for a year.

Aluminum cans are currently recycled more than any other beverage container in the U.S., which is good for business and the environment, says the Aluminum Association, because making a can from recycled aluminum saves not only aluminum but 92 percent of the energy required to make a new can. A 2015 analysis by the Aluminum Association and the Can Manufacturers Institute determined that if all of the aluminum cans in the U.S. were recycled, we could power four million homes and save \$800 million per year. Aluminum cans are also the most valuable to recycling companies, with a value of \$1,491 per ton compared to \$385 per ton for PET plastic. "Cans are

recycled at the highest rates, and drive recycling programs across the country because of the high value of aluminum compared to other packaging materials," said Heidi Brock, President and CEO of the Aluminum Association.

In recent years, however, recycling companies are struggling with higher processing costs, due in part to newer, larger recycling bins that don't require user sorting and thus become increasingly contaminated with garbage. When the District of Columbia replaced residents' 32-gallon bins with ones that were 50 percent larger last year, the extensive amount of non-recyclable material put into the bins drove up the city's processing cost for recyclables and cut profits from selling recyclables by more than 50 percent.

"Our biggest concern and our biggest challenge today is municipal solid waste and contamination in our inbound stream," James Delvin, CEO of ReCommunity Recycling, which operates 31 facilities in 14 states, told Green is Good Radio. "It's an economic issue if you think about we go through all this effort to process this material, and roughly 15 to 20 percent of what we process ends up going back to the landfill. It's incredibly inefficient to do that." In a 2014 survey by the National Waste and Recycling Association, nearly one in 10 Americans admitted to throwing their waste in recycling bins when trash cans were full; one in five said they



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will place an item in a recycling container even if they are not completely sure it is recyclable.

"People refer to this as 'wishful recycling,' that's just when in doubt, put this in the bin because there's an outside chance they might be able to recycle it," Delvin notes. "So you see Styrofoam. You see PVC. You see batteries and those types of things ..." This mixing of waste with recyclables, he says, makes it very difficult to extract the true recyclable commodities that are there that have value.

Improved education regarding the proper materials to recycle is needed to allow recycling plants to remain economically feasible. The pros and cons of recycling are heavily debated, but there's never an argument over the environmental benefits of limiting disposable packaging

and utilizing more durable reusable goods, like shopping bags, coffee thermoses and water bottles, to name a few, in daily life.

CONTACTS: Aluminum Association, www.aluminum.org; Can Manufacturers Institute, www.cancentral.com; Green Is Good Radio, www.greenisgoodradio.com; National Waste and Recycling Association, www.wasterecycling.org; ReCommunity Recycling, www.recommunity.com.

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Football from A6

alent of the Bush-era chicken-hawks. Note how many big-time basketball coaches have kids who play hoops and note how few football coaches can say the same.

Expect the LeBron mantra to grow in the years to come—no one will play this game if they don't have to. And that "have to" exposes an ugly

truth: No matter how many "mom's clinics" the NFL runs, no matter how many safety protocols they initiate, no matter how many slick ad campaigns where they shout "we play football," the pool of players will become smaller and less economically affluent in the years to come. We will then have to reckon with just what the hell it is we are watching every Sunday.

Internship from A1

provides students with many opportunities to learn new skills and hone their strengths in a real world situation. We are excited to nurture the next generation of environmental scientists here at Department of the Environment."

The deadline for nominations is May 1, 2016. Application forms and instructions are

available on the Department's website and may be submitted by email to Nadine.Jackson-Bey@maryland.gov or by mail to: Maryland Department of the Environment, Office of Human Resources, 1800 Washington Boulevard, 5th Floor, Baltimore MD 21230, Attention: Nadine Jackson-Bey. Winners will be notified via email and U.S. Postal Service on or before June 1, 2016.

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sign will integrate a host of nostalgic details and contemporary furnishings to create a feeling of coming home that is both sophisticated and familiar.

"Michael and I have always talked about collaborating. Despite having as many differences as we do similarities, we have been waiting to tell the story of the two of us as chefs through one menu," said Bryan Voltaggio. "It's fitting that we are bringing our first kitchen together in our home state of Maryland and we are excited to be a part of the evolution of the new Potomac waterfront."

Michael added, "We couldn't have asked for a better partner to bring us together in our home town. By creating a world class experience where guests can eat,

sleep, and play, MGM National Harbor is setting the stage for an exciting family reunion!"

Based on opposite coasts, Bryan is chef and owner of a restaurant group that sprawls throughout the Mid-Atlantic, while Michael has planted new roots in Los Angeles. Bryan's properties span the culinary spectrum including finer, progressive dining at flagship VOLT and Range, to refined Italian at Aggio, classic American fare at Family Meal, and artisanal sandwich concept Lunchbox. Meanwhile, Michael opened his "modern Los Angeles" flagship ink, and chef-driven sandwich concept ink.sack both to much critical acclaim. The former was named by *GQ* as the Best New Restaurant in America the year it opened; the latter recently found its second home at the Tom

Bradley International Terminal at Los Angeles International Airport, and is poised for continued growth in the immediate future.

Both Bryan and Michael Voltaggio may best be known for their time on Bravo's Emmy-winning season of "Top Chef," on which they were fierce competitors battling it out to the very end. Bryan would later make a reprisal on Bravo's "Top Chef Masters." The two have also been featured on various programming for both the Cooking Channel and Food Network. Most recently, Michael could be seen on Travel Channel's acclaimed docuseries, "Breaking Borders."

About MGM National Harbor

The newest addition to the MGM Resorts International portfolio, MGM National Har-

bor's unrivaled setting offers stunning panoramic views of the eastern shore of the Potomac River in Maryland. The \$1.3 billion resort sits a short distance from Washington, D.C. to the north and historic sites, including George Washington's Mount Vernon estate across the river in Virginia. The 24-story, 308-room resort will feature premier amenities and experiences for locals as well as visitors from around the world including a dynamic casino with over 125,000 square feet of space that includes slots, table games and poker; a world-class spa and salon; an entertainment theater with flexible seating for up to 3,000; high-end branded retail; 27,000 square feet of meeting space; and restaurants from renowned local, national and international chefs.

Six Bowie State Bulldogs Named to the 2015 All-CIAA Football First Team

Bulldogs Land Four on CIAA All-Rookie Team

By PRESS OFFICER
Bowie State University

CHARLOTTE, NC—The Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association, in conjunction with the CIAA Football Coaches' Association and Sports Information Directors Association has released the 2015 All-CIAA Football First, Second Teams and Honorable Mention teams along with Players of the Year.

Of those named to the All-CIAA First Team include seniors Anthony McDaniel (Fort Washington, Md.), Curtis Pumphrey (Laurel, Md.) and Brian Hall (Capitol Heights, Md.), juniors Kevaughn Townsend (Fort Washington, Md.), Justin Nestor (Dayton, Md.) and Nyme Manns (Baltimore, Md.). This marks

McDaniel's third consecutive year on the All-CIAA First Team and second time (2013) on the First Team for Pumphrey as a Punt Returner. Pumphrey was also recognized this season on the All-CIAA Second Team as a defensive back. Additionally, Pumphrey was named to the 2013 All-CIAA Second Team and named the CIAA Defensive Rookie of the Year in 2012. This is Manns' first post season honor. Nestor and Townsend were selected to the CIAA All-Rookie Team in 2013.

Graduate student Kendall Jefferson (Temple Hills, Md.) received All-CIAA Second Team honors at running back and kick returner. Senior defensive lineman Cavin Murray (Abingdon, Md.) was named to the All-CIAA

Second Team along with sophomore offensive linemen Diontae Jordan (Bladensburg, Md.) and Victor Tamba, Jr. (District Heights, Md.).

This year's All-Conference team is led by Offensive Player of the Year, Drew Powell of Livingstone College and Defensive Player of the Year and Austin Jacques of Johnson C. Smith University.

Chowan University's Nick Hahula was voted as the Special Teams Player of the Year.

Three other Bulldogs were recognized for their play this season as juniors Heleance Gates (Philadelphia, Pa.) and Sean Copeland (Baltimore, Md.) along with sophomore Rahman Kamara (Bowie, Md.) were All-CIAA Honorable Mentions.

The future is very bright for the Bulldogs football program as Bowie State landed four players on the CIAA All-Rookie team, the league office announced on Thursday, tying Winston-Salem State for the most in the conference.

Defensive back DeVonta' High (Upper Marlboro, Md.) leads Bowie State's All-Rookie contingency and is joined by fellow defensive back Quinton Jordan (Upper Marlboro, Md.), linebacker Kyle Jackson (Upper Marlboro, Md.) and tight end Julian Granby (Silver Spring, Md.).

High was voted the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association's Defensive Rookie of the Year while Virginia Union's Ha-keem Holland was selected Offensive Rookie of the Year.