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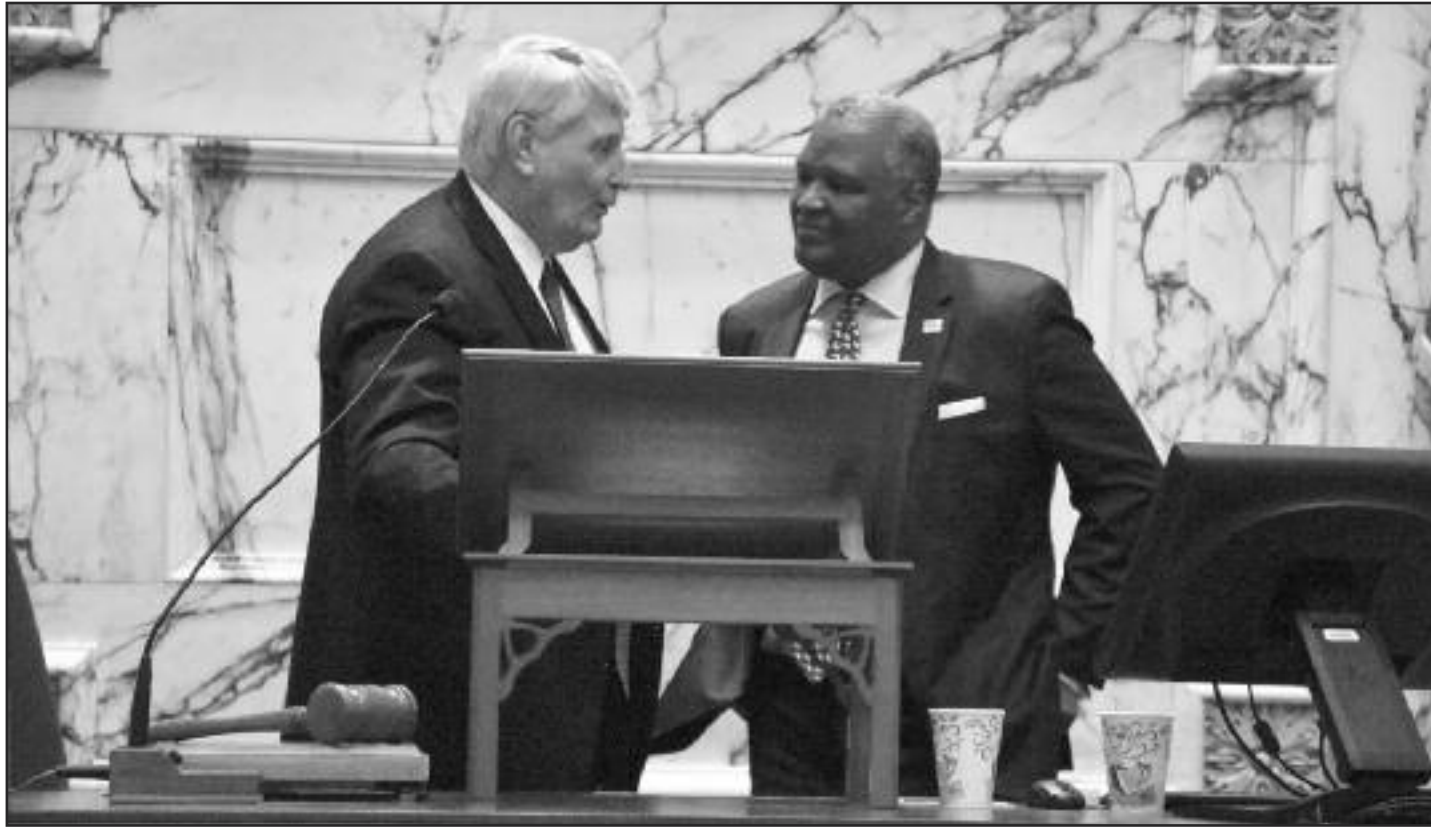
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Michael Busch, speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates, speaks with Prince George's County Executive Rushern Baker on Monday, April 11, the last day of the 2016 Maryland General Assembly.

Maryland General Assembly Ends Session With Criminal Justice Reform, But No Tax Cuts

By RACHEL BLUTH
Capital News Service

ANNAPOLIS, MD—In a legislative session that began with bickering between Republican Gov. Larry Hogan and Democratic leadership in the General Assembly, the biggest issue left unresolved

at the end—across-the-board income tax reduction—failed because of in-fighting among Democratic leaders.

Senate President Thomas V. “Mike” Miller Jr., D-Calvert, and House Speaker Michael Busch, D-Anne Arundel, couldn’t agree on who should get cuts.

The House’s version benefited middle- and working-class people, and the Senate’s version focused on higher-income and corporate tax cuts.

“Unfortunately the speaker of the House and Senate president dropped the ball and failed to get it done,” Hogan said Monday night

of the tax cuts, which were among his top priorities. “It’s very frustrating and disappointing.”

Perhaps the largest and most-debated issue this session was criminal justice reform.

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Maryland's Newest Sustainable Communities Put Spotlight on State's Diversity, History, Quality of Life

By PRESS OFFICER
MDHC

NEW CARROLLTON, MD—Maryland’s newest sustainable communities are as diverse as the state itself.

Cecil County, on the state’s Eastern Shore, boasts two of the newest additions: the town of Rising Sun and the town of North East. Both are rich with historical landmarks, natural beauty and plenty of modern amenities that seamlessly combine both the new and old. Visitors to North East, for example, can learn more about the town’s rich history as a significant spot for watermen on the Chesapeake Bay by visiting the Upper Bay Museum. Rising Sun was originally considered part of Pennsylvania, but in 1760, with the advent of the Mason-Dixon line, the town was found to sit below the line and thus part of Maryland.

Elsewhere along the Chesapeake, the town of Rock Hall, in Kent County, once served as a port for tobacco and other agriculture and was visited by some of the country’s Founding Fathers. These days, the town is a favorite of boaters and fishermen as well as people simply hoping to spend some time taking in the area’s natural beauty.

Oxon Hill, located in Prince George’s County, boasts the National Harbor, which is quickly

becoming one of the most popular spots in the state for dining, recreation and shopping and cultural events. Closer to Baltimore, Carroll County’s town of Hampstead was originally a small farming town bisected by the Western Maryland Railroads. These days, it’s a modestly sized town with a thriving main street.

**Cecil County—
Town of Rising Sun**

Built around the tavern, “Rising Sun,” the Town of Rising Sun has since expanded into a bustling historic district. The town is already home to green spaces such as Veteran’s Park, Triangle Dog Park, and Diddie Richardson Park. The area also boasts multiple large community events, such as Sunfest, Spooktacular, and a Color Run. With these assets, the Town of the Rising Sun is in a good position to encourage and increase area pedestrian and bike connectivity and recreational opportunities. The town is not only seeking designation as an Arts and Entertainment district, but is also planning to improve streetscaping to promote town unity and a greater sense of place. The Town plans to identify additional opportunities for parking downtown, promote property rehabilitation programs

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PGCPS Announces Washington Post Principal and Teacher of the Year Finalists

By PRESS OFFICER
PGCPS

UPPER MARLBORO, MD—The *Washington Post* recently awarded Academy of Health Sciences at Prince George’s County Community College Principal Dr. Kathy Richard Andrews and Samuel Ogle Middle School Teacher William Moulden for their demonstrated leadership, commitment to creating an excep-

tional educational environment, and ability to exemplify excellence in teaching.

Dr. Richard Andrews, who has 10 years of leadership experience as a principal, is a finalist of the 2016 *Washington Post* Principal of the Year Award, and Moulden, a science teacher with almost 40 years of teaching experience, is a finalist for the 2016 *Wash-*

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PGCPS Teacher Recognized as Summer Scholar

By PRESS OFFICER
PGCPS

UPPER MARLBORO, MD—Oxon Hill High School teacher O’Brian Holden was recently selected as a National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Summer Scholar. For two weeks, Holden will attend an institute entitled “Freedom for One, Freedom for All? Abolition and Women’s Suffrage, 1830’s–1920’s.”

“Congratulations to O’Brian Holden for receiving this national recognition,” said Dr. Kevin Maxwell, Chief Executive Officer for Prince George’s County Public Schools. “Thank you to the National Endowment for the Humanities for giving one of our teachers the opportunity to participate in this program.”

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EDC President Jim Coleman “Sells” Prince George’s County at Women Build America National Industry Conference in Washington, D.C.

By LORI VALENTINE
PGCEDC

WASHINGTON, D.C.—EDC President and CEO Jim Coleman joined an auspicious panel of speakers from around the country to speak on the final day of the Women Construction Owners & Executives (WCOE) “Women Build America” National Industry Roundtable and Conference at the Willard Hotel in Washington, D.C. “Women Build America” is a three-day national conference on construction opportunities hosted by the WCOE that brings together national leaders and experts for an innovative and engaging conversation on new opportunities for women in the construction, transportation, infrastructure, energy and technology industries. Mr. Coleman participated in a panel discussion entitled “Building a Personal Business Plan for Growth” and talked about the importance of being prepared, having first class



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Left to right: Caryn Boisen, President, WCOE; Hedy Leuterio Thomas, President & CEO, Leuterio Thomas, LLC; Renee Sacks, President & CEO, Sacks Communications; Jim Coleman, President & CEO, Prince George’s County Economic Development Corporation.

presentation materials, and getting to your point quickly. He also used this opportunity to share the value proposition of why doing business in Prince George’s County could benefit their businesses, re-

gardless of where they are currently located.

“I’m looking for all of you to do business in Prince George’s County. Our development community is booming, our local incentives are

attractive and my Economic Development Corporation can provide a roadmap for MWBE’s, veterans, and a

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PG County Planning Board Approves Grants to Rehabilitate and Restore Historic Properties

Thirteen historic properties in Prince George’s County will receive funding for rehabilitation and restoration projects through grants approved by the Prince George’s County Planning Board of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. **Community**, Page A3

End Child Summer Hunger Now!

Hit or miss. No child in rich America should go hungry this or any summer, especially when 100 percent federally funded summer feeding programs are available if local officials and communities apply for or use them. But more than 1 in 4 families with children are food insecure and struggling to keep food on the table. **Commentary**, Page A4

Maryland’s Gender Wage Gap Costs the State’s Women More Than \$8.5 Billion Per Year

These findings include that, for every dollar paid to white, non-Hispanic men in Maryland, African American women, Latinas and Asian women who work full time, year round are paid 69 cents, 47 cents and 82 cents, respectively. **Business**, Page A5

Movie Review: 10 Cloverfield Lane

A young woman wakes up after a terrible accident to find that she’s locked in a cellar with a doomsday prepper, who insists that he saved her life and that the world outside is uninhabitable following an apocalyptic catastrophe. Uncertain what to believe, the woman soon determines that she must escape at any cost. **Out on the Town**, Page A6

Earth Talk

Dear EarthTalk:

Do scientists think there is a big environmental component to the huge rise in peanut allergies in recent years?

— Jay Williams,
Fresno, CA

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With Mary McHale, will not run this week

Brandywine-Aquasco

by Audrey Johnson 301 888 2153

SAFE SUMMER BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Register your team to play in our annual Safe Summer Basketball Tournament at Potomac Landing Community Center. Teams must register by June 1st to be eligible. Potomac Landing Community Center Safe Summer Basketball League runs Monday thru Thursday starting June 2016 9:00 PM-12 midnight. The center is located at 12500 Fort Washington Road, Fort Washington, Maryland 20744. Call the Center at 301-292-9191 to sign up. Only the first 12 teams will have a spot. Free for spectators ages 18-24.

AN AFTERNOON OF PRAISE

Join us for an afternoon of Praise featuring the Grammy Nominated Harvey Sisters at Grace United Methodist Church Sunday, May 15, 2016 at 4:00 PM. This program is sponsored by the United Methodist Women. The church is located at 11700 Old Fort Road Fort Washington, Maryland, 20744. Please contact Rosetta Daniels 301-292-4294 for more information.

PRE-SCHOOL SUMMER CAMPS

Nature lovers and Nature Seekers can learn about the world of nature thru games and stories in a half day camp at Watkins Nature center 301 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro Maryland 20774. Themes include plants, animals, forests and wetlands. Camp is for one week for ages 4-5 from July 18-July 22 (Camp 1649198), 9:00 AM-12:00 PM, \$90 and \$120.00 (NR). Extended care is not available for pre-school camps. Telephone number is 301-218-6702.

BADEN COMMUNITY CENTER

The Community Center provides a basketball camp for children. Experienced staff will teach boys and girls basketball fundamentals—rebounding, passing, dribbling, game rules, shooting, defensive and offensive skills. Camp dates are July 18-July 29 (Camp 147354, AM Care 1647356, PM Care 1647355). for ages 6-12. Camp 9:00 AM-4:30 PM.

The Center is located at 13601 Baden Westwood Road, Brandywine, Maryland 20613. Please call 301-888-1500 for more information.

SECOND ANNUAL BRIDGE WALK

Join New Hope Fellowship Parish United Methodist Women for their second Annual Bridge Walk May 7, 2016 at 7:00 AM across the Woodrow Wilson Bridge. We will begin our walk at the Great American Steak Buffet in Alexandria, Va. and return to our starting point.

Pledges collected will be deposited into the New Hope Fellowship UMC fund to support the concerns of the community such as: homelessness, domestic violence, educational struggles and hunger. Join us and support our continued efforts to be an integral part of the whole mission of the United Methodist Church. On your mark and get set ... Off we go and see you there. So put on your walking shoes! Please contact Ms. Slater at 301-653-7345 or Ms. Jackson at 240-427-5459 for more information.

PGCPS Educator to Participate in Teacher Exchange Program

By PRESS OFFICER PGCPS

UPPER MARLBORO, MD—Mary Kate Bransford, Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) Environmental Literacy Outreach Educator, was recently selected to participate in the Institute of Interna-

tional Education's Japan-U.S. Teacher Exchange Program for Education for Sustainable Development (ESD).

The program, which is hosted by Fulbright, will bring together 10 U.S. teachers and 10 Japanese teachers to learn about ESD efforts and strengthen the ESD curricula in both countries.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for me and will greatly benefit the school system," said Bransford. "We have a new environmental literacy program for students in kindergarten, and grades 1,4,5, and 7, as well as

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Neighborhoods

Edwards Statement on Anti-Net Neutrality Bill

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Congresswoman Donna F. Edwards (MD-4) today issued the following statement regarding her vote against H.R. 2666, the No Rate Regulation of Broadband Internet Access Act. The bill passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 241-173.

"I oppose this unnecessary and potentially harmful bill that undermines the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC's) Open Internet Order as well as numerous consumer protections," Edwards said. "The FCC has already stated that they will not be regulating broadband prices, and this duplicative legislation also has the side effect of preventing them from doing things like enforcing agreements making broadband more affordable for low-income families. It goes far beyond its stated intent, severely weakening the FCC's ability to check monopoly rates and negotiate beneficial merger conditions, and restricting their ability to respond to consumer complaints with enforcement."

"I have always believed in a free Internet that supports our nation's entrepreneurs, small businesses, minority and rural communities, and students. I feel strongly that our laws should reflect this principle and guarantee an open and free flow of information for all users."

Gaylord National Resort Shows Appreciation for Military in May

NATIONAL HARBOR, MD—In honor of National Military Appreciation Month, Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center is offering special deals and discounts to celebrate military members and their families this May.

Men and women of the armed forces can book a room at the nearly 2,000 room resort starting at \$119 that includes the hotel's resort fee (valued at \$18). Gaylord National also offers a Military Appreciation overnight package that includes:

- One night room accommodations
- Complimentary resort fee and self-parking
- \$100 resort credit that can be used at the resort's restaurants or Relâche Spa
- Complimentary atrium view room upgrade based on availability

The package starts at \$199 and is available now. To book, use code "M0F."

Visitors to the resort's luxury spa and salon, Relâche Spa, throughout the month of May also will receive a 15 percent discount off any spa services including massages, facials, body therapies, hand and foot treatments and more. For a complete listing of the spa's services, visit www.RelacheSpa.com or call 301-965-4400.

Military families also can experience additional benefits throughout the waterfront destination of National Harbor beginning on May 1. Every Saturday evening through Labor Day, visitors can enjoy a free military band concert from 7 to 8:15 p.m. on the Harbor's plaza.

Several National Harbor attractions, retailers and dining outlets also offer up to 20 percent discounts to the mili-



Congresswoman Donna F. Edwards

economic development, education, health and human services, criminal justice, the environment, and multi-culturalism/diversity. These sessions will be followed by a one-day closing retreat in November and a graduation celebration in December. More than 100 experts representing business, government, education, and the non-profit community will serve as panelists and guest speakers.

"The selection process for the Class of 2016 was very competitive this year, as we had an extraordinary pool of diverse and experienced applicants to choose from," said Renée M. Winsky '05, president and Chief Executive Officer, Leadership Maryland. "The 52 selected participants represent a diverse and broad spectrum of highly-qualified executives from across the state, and we are confident that their Leadership Maryland experience will help them to play an even greater role in our unified effort to shape the future of our state."

Leadership Maryland is open to senior-level executives with significant achievements in either their careers and/or their communities. Ideal Leadership Maryland members have a desire to learn more about Maryland's most critical issues and a personal commitment to be a force for positive change in their organizations, their communities, and their state. For more information about Leadership Maryland, please visit www.LeadershipMD.org, call 410-841-2101 or email Info@LeadershipMD.org.

Temple Hills Skating Palace Announces S.T.E.A.M. Lesson Programs, New Rental Skates, and Staff

Temple Hills Skating Palace is known for being the largest roller skating rink in Maryland with over 10,000 guests each month. It has been a staple in the Prince George's County community for decades. Now under new management, Temple Hills Skating Palace has developed new programs, Specialty skate nights, Adult Nights, and Community targeted skating sessions that appeal to all ages.

We are pleased to announce that Temple Hills Skating Palace has taken on additional new ventures! We have introduced a fantastic, educational S.T.E.A.M. Lesson program for Schools and Groups, acquired new rental skates for children and adults, hired new employees and management, new mural paintings throughout the facility, new arcade games and a newly resurfaced skate floor!

As Temple Hills Skating Palace gears up for another extraordinary summer, we welcome guests of all ages to join us! According to the National Roller Skating Association, roller skating provides a complete aerobic workout and involves all of the body's muscles, especially the heart. Skating is equivalent to jogging in the reduction of body fat and leg strengthening. This is a great opportunity to continue to fight childhood obesity, while encouraging exercise through family fun, and also provides a socially

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COMMUNITY

Practical Money Skills

By Nathaniel Sillin

Five Ways to Save on an Overseas Trip

My neighbors and I talked for weeks about their upcoming European vacation with their teenaged kids. We discussed every single place they planned to visit. But when I asked if they knew how much their European train and ground transportation, smartphone data plans and meals out were going to cost, they shrugged and said, "We're not worried. That's the cheapest part of the trip!"



They might have been right—if they had planned ahead. Sometimes it's not the airfare and hotel bill that get you, it's the failure to monitor small expenses that can turn into big ones in a hurry. No matter where you go, there are hidden money pits. That's why smart money management before you travel is so important. Whether you meet or exceed your budget depends on how you plan and execute your spending.

Consider these five tips to help you conserve funds in all major areas of vacation spending:

1. Start by sweating the small stuff. Take some time to do a bit of research on basic expenses at the various locations where you're planning to go. Talking to friends can help and so can travel magazines and sites.

2. Keep the costs of ground transportation in mind. The convenience of cabs or rental cars will likely cost more—and depending where you go, some options might be safer than others—so study options like reloadable city smart cards or continental rail passes. Paying individual ticket prices for short hops or long journeys can drain your budget. Also, consider traveling at off-peak times of the day to get cheaper rates on train travel.

3. Know what it costs to use your electronics. You've probably heard about people getting socked with huge cell phone bills. To avoid this, call your carrier before you leave to make sure your phone will work wherever you're going. If so, check if they offer an affordable international talk and data plan. If not, consider options like an international SIM card—a small chip card that fits inside your phone for specific use within that country—or a prepaid phone. If you're downloading any apps to supply maps, translation or reading material on your phone or computer, do it while you are home to avoid chewing up international data at your destination. Also, be careful with Wi-Fi. Many recognizable global restaurants and fast-food chains offer the service for free, so check before you pay for it. Once you're home, be sure to cancel any international services you've ordered.

4. Eat like the locals. The Internet and the myriad travel sites it offers make it easy to find good places to eat at all price levels practically anywhere in the world. But eating food out can add up. Focus on the cheapest and safest ways the locals eat.

5. Travel insurance can be smart money management. Lost luggage, missed connections or a medical emergency won't just ruin your trip—they can potentially wreck your finances. Check your personal home and health insurance to see what they might cover on a trip and back your protection with a leading travel insurance policy. Visit websites that will allow you to compare coverage you need to select the best option for you. Make sure to check any travel insurance policy closely for any exclusions or pre-existing conditions that could void your coverage.

Bottom line: It's surprisingly easy to overspend when traveling overseas if you don't do your research. Take the time to analyze all possible expenses large and small before you leave. Your travel budget will thank you.

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engaging experience within the community.

Nestled directly across the street from the Naylor Road Metro, Temple Hills Skating Palace is new, improved, and exciting! We welcome all of our guests, past and present, within Prince George's County, Washington, D.C., and the local surrounding ar-

ea's to join us for roller skating fun all year long! For more information about our Group Packages, School Field Trips, STEAM, Family Sessions or Birthday Parties, call us Mon-Fri at (301) 505-6490 or send any questions/comments to: Michelle Burton, Sales Manager at TempleHillsSkating@gmail.com. Our website address is www.TempleHillsSkating.com

Scholar from A1

Not only will O'Brian heighten his understanding for other cultures, but he can share his experience and inspire our students."

Each summer, NEH supports enrichment opportunities at colleges, universities, and cultural institutions where

teachers can study with experts in humanities disciplines.

Holden, one of 30 teachers selected, will spend his two weeks at the Brooklyn Historical Society and the Museum of the City of New York, and have the opportunity to share with and learn from other participants. He will also receive a stipend to cover travel, study and living expenses.

Prince George's County Planning Board Approves Grants to Rehabilitate and Restore Historic Properties

By PRESS OFFICER
Office of the Lt. Governor

UPPER MARLBORO, MD—Thirteen historic properties in Prince George's County will receive funding for rehabilitation and restoration projects through grants approved by the Prince George's County Planning Board of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC). The grants, which total \$300,000, will be used to accomplish a variety of critically needed preservation projects including: cupola, window and siding restoration; roof repairs; chimney rebuilding; foundation stabilization; and more.

The awards were made under the Prince George's County Historic Property Grant Program. The grant program was approved in 2008 by the Prince George's County Council and is administered by M-NCPPC's Prince George's County Plan-

ning Department. The program is governed by guidelines developed by the Planning Board in partnership with the county's Historic Preservation Commission (HPC).

The criteria for project selection included: significance of the property; equitable countywide distribution of grant funds; urgency of need; retention of original materials in the project; provision for long-term preservation; applicant's administrative capability and readiness to initiate and complete the project; demonstrated community interest and support; educational and innovative value; and leveraging of other preservation activities. Photos and descriptions of the award-winning projects, and additional information on the grant program are available at www.pgplanning.org/hp-grants.htm or by contacting the M-NCPPC Historic Preservation Section at 301-952-3680.

The 13 grant awardees were selected from applications received and compiled by Planning Department staff. Final recommendations to the Planning Board were made by the HPC. The projects selected for awards and their locations are as follows:

3721 36th Street, Mount Rainier

Brookfield of the Berrys,
Upper Marlboro 3721 36th Street, Mount Rainier

Chapel of the Incarnation,
Brandywine Pleasant Prospect, Bowie

Cheltenham United Methodist Church, Cheltenham

Epiphany Episcopal Church, Forestville

Frederick and Frances Watkins House,
Bowie Wagner House, Accokeek

Harvey Dairy Store, Hyattsville

Kleiner-Davidson-White House,
Berwyn Heights

St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church,
Leeland, Upper Marlboro

St. Joseph's Chapel, Hyattsville

Hitching Post Hill, Hyattsville

Pleasant Prospect, Bowie

Wagner House, Accokeek

Communities from A1

for both small businesses and home owners. To help promote environmental sustainability, the Town has a strategy to minimize water pollution in the Octoraro Creek Watershed.

Cecil County— Town of North East

The Town of North East is conveniently located near several parks and recreation sites, such as Elk Neck State Park, Turner Park, and Herring Snatcher Park. With support from State programs, the Town plans to bring in more small businesses and attract more homeowners. The town is seeking to address pedestrian safety concerns by identifying and reconstructing sidewalks with large unsafe gaps, and also putting in new street lights in previously unlit areas. The town also plans to create opportunities for small businesses to grow and thrive with tenant fit out and façade improvement programs. For the residential community, the Town would

like to see an increase in the rehabilitation of older homes to attract more homebuyers. The Town of North East is also looking to continue to support its parks and green spaces through capital investments, improved stormwater management practices, green streets, and rain gardens.

Kent County— Town of Rock Hall

The Town of Rock Hall, referred to as "The Pearl of the Chesapeake, is an active waterfront community on the Chesapeake Bay. The Town is located along the Chesapeake Scenic Byway and also boasts a historic, pedestrian friendly Main Street. The Town of Rock Hall's plans are aimed at increasing tourism, revitalizing Main Street, and attracting homeowners. Specifically, the Town would like to establish a façade improvement program, increase parking in downtown, and repair sidewalks to improve pedestrian connectivity between the historic Main Street and popular waterfront. Coupled with plans to organize

more community events, these activities aim to support small businesses in the area. The Town would also like to encourage the rehabilitation of older, aging housing stock while preserving affordability for its residents.

Carroll County— Town of Hampstead

The Town of Hampstead is seeking to improve its historic Main Street. To support small businesses, reduce vacancies and beautify the Main Street, the Town plans to establish façade improvement and tenant fit out programs. Furthermore, the Town plans to add additional parking sites to accommodate commercial activities. The Town will also address issues of pedestrian safety by repairing sidewalks and adding light fixtures. To promote home ownership and energy efficiency, the Town plans to encourage the use of weatherization grant programs in older homes. The Town will also move to become more environmentally friendly through stormwater management programs, such as rain garden planting.

Prince-George's County— Glassmanor-Oxon Hill

The Glassmanor-Oxon Hill community has significant plans to improve the quality of life in the area. These plans aim to improve various issues such as public safety, water quality and access to healthy food options. Plans for low impact development and green infrastructure will help manage stormwater runoff and improve the quality of water. Furthermore, efforts to reduce the amount of litter and illegal dumping in the Winkle Doodle Channel will reduce water pollution. To improve access to healthy food options, the Town plans to plant gardens near and on school grounds. The Town also aims to improve public safety through increased lighting and other environmental design techniques, providing bicycle facilities, increasing pedestrian walkways, and upgrading crosswalks. Plans for commercial revitalization include improving building facades and public spaces.

Session from A1

The omnibus bill steers non-violent drug offenders toward treatment rather than incarceration.

Leadership on both sides of the aisle and in both branches of government have called this bill—the product of intense compromise between the House and Senate—one of the crowning achievements of the session.

"It's a game changer for the criminal justice system in multiple ways," said Sen. Robert Zirkin, D-Baltimore.

Another bill, Noah's Law, passed the General Assembly with only an hour to go.

The bill, named after a police officer who was killed while on a drunken driving patrol, expands the use of ignition locks on cars of drunken drivers.

"We know we're saving a lot of lives by doing this," said Sen. Jamie Raskin, D-Montgomery, the bill's sponsor.

Busch called it one of the most productive sessions he could remember as Hogan signed more than 100 bills into law Tuesday.

The \$42.3 billion operating budget was passed unanimously in both chambers more than two weeks before session ended, and closely resembled Hogan's original proposal.



CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE PHOTO BY LEO TRAUB
Confetti rains down on the House of Delegates at midnight on Monday, April 11, the last day of the 2016 Maryland General Assembly.

"It's been the best, easiest in terms of levels of stress and differences," Senate Budget and Taxation Committee Chair Edward Kasemeyer, D-Baltimore County, said of negotiations. "Everybody was very accommodating."

The session saw several other big initiatives become law, including a plan to reduce

student loan debt, set new standards to combat climate change and create harsher fines for poachers. The General Assembly also approved a partnership between the University of Maryland's College Park and Baltimore campuses.

The session also saw the passage of some bills that could be seen as a response to

the death of Freddie Gray and the unrest in Baltimore last year, including laws reforming officers' training, and allowing for residents to anonymously report complaints about police.

Some initially controversial pieces of legislation, like a law

COMMENTARY

Cong. Chris Van Hollen House Democratic Minority Whip



Van Hollen Announces Additional Campaign Co-Chairs Jeanne Hitchcock and Terry Lierman

Kensington, MD—Today Chris Van Hollen announced that Jeanne Hitchcock and Terry Lierman will join Yvette Lewis, Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, and Susan Burke as Campaign Co-Chairs. He also released a new round of endorsements from elected leaders across the state. Community leaders and grassroots activists have rallied behind Chris because they know he's the best candidate to continue Senator Mikulski's legacy of results-oriented leadership.

"I couldn't be more pleased to announce my support for Chris Van Hollen. His commitment to Baltimore and the entire state is second to none. He's the candidate who can translate our progressive values into results. The question of who should succeed U.S. Senator Barbara Mikulski comes down to who will continue her legacy of getting results for Maryland families? The answer is Chris Van Hollen," said Jeanne Hitchcock.

"When I had the honor of being Congressman Steny Hoyer's chief of staff for 5 years, I had a ringside view of how effective and able Chris Van Hollen is. What stands out the most about Chris is his unwavering commitment to the people he represents. From helping President Obama get the Affordable Care Act across the finish line, to fighting Republican efforts to cut Social Security, to helping constituents with home foreclosures or veterans benefits, Chris is there for Marylanders. He is not just about words, he is about deeds. He will make an outstanding U.S. Senator and I'm proud to support him," said Terry Lierman.

"I'm honored to have the support of Jeanne, Terry, and such strong leaders across Maryland. They are committed to making their communities the best that can be—and they know that means investing in better schools, good paying jobs, and

safe neighborhoods. But we know talk is not enough—we have to take action if we want to deliver real results for working families. I'm committed to fighting every day on these important issues, and I won't stop working to move Maryland forward," said Chris Van Hollen.

These leaders understand that Maryland needs a U.S. Senator with a proven track record of getting things done and a clear plan for future action—and the best person for the job is Chris Van Hollen. New endorsers include:

- Ulysses Currie, State Senator, Prince George's County
- John Astle, State Senator, Anne Arundel County
- Nathaniel Oaks, State Delegate, Baltimore City
- Curt Anderson, State Delegate, Baltimore City
- Ted Sophocleus, State Delegate, Anne Arundel County
- Pat Young, State Delegate, Baltimore County

Chris Van Hollen has already received endorsements from Maryland leaders like Attorney General Brian Frosh, Prince George's County Executive Rushern L. Baker III, Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett, Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamenetz, Frederick County Executive Jan Gardner, Baltimore State Senators Nathaniel McFadden and Joan Carter Conway, Prince George's County State Senator Joanne Benson, Baltimore City Council President Bernard "Jack" Young, grassroots activists like Heather Mizeur, unions such as all of the local Maryland Chapters of SEIU and the Maryland UAW, groups like the Sierra Club and CASA, and many more.

Marc Morial, President and CEO National Urban League



Defending Democracy in the Fight Against Voter Suppression

"No right is more precious in a free country than that of having a voice in the election of those who make the laws under which, as good citizens, we must live. Other rights, even the most basic, are illusory if the right to vote is undermined."

—The Supreme Court of the United States, *Wesberry v. Sanders*, 1964

In 2013, the Supreme Court stripped the Voting Rights Act of its power to stop states from creating and enforcing laws that would prevent eligible voters from exercising their constitutional right to vote. Under the dark shadow of the newly crippled law, our nation celebrated the 50th year anniversary of the passage of the Voting Rights Act in 2015. In 2016, our nation will observe its first presidential election since the court effectively paved the way for states to usher in new, legal obstacles to the polls that would largely affect low-income people, the elderly, people with disabilities, students and communities of color.

Preclearance—which laid at the very heart of the VRA—required states with a history of discriminatory, race-based voter suppression to have any amendments in their voting laws "precleared" by the Justice Department. The Supreme Court, in all its wisdom, decided the preclearance provision was the stuff of a bygone era of racial injustice in American history. The court could not have been more flawed in its thinking. Since then, states have been hard at work introducing and passing countless laws that do what the VRA was created to stop: the calculated denial of the vote to targeted classes of Americans.

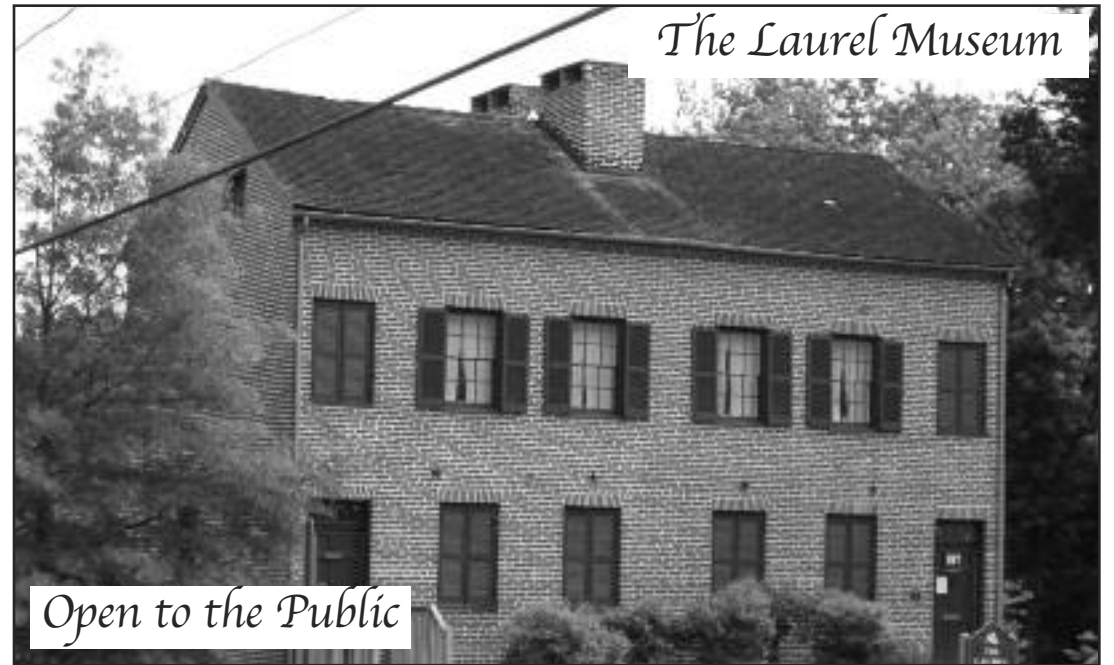
In our first election since Barack Obama became the first African American to be elected this nation's president, 17 new states—from Texas to Rhode Island—will have new voting restrictions in place. While it is true that the days of poll taxes, literacy tests and grandfa-

ther clauses exist in the pages of our history books. The old strategy of voter suppression is not sitting somewhere collecting dust on a shelf. Voter suppression is alive and well and dressed in a new suit of modern tactics, with states passing laws strict voter ID laws, cutting back on early voting, denying ex-felons the right to vote and even closing polling places in communities of color.

In all, 22 states have new restrictive voting requirements in effect since the 2010 midterm election, according to the Brennan Center for Justice. That sobering number represents nearly half our nation's states. It also represents hundreds of thousands, perhaps even millions, of eligible voters being denied their protected right to a vote. We should not accept this current state of affairs as the last word on voting rights in our democracy.

We certainly cannot rely on a change of heart from states bent on denying this fundamental right to its residents. We cannot allow political parties to hijack elections for short-term political gain while they undermine a basic pillar of our democracy in the long-term. We need action, and we need action from our elected officials.

When the Supreme Court stripped the preclearance provision from the VRA, it challenged Congress to create new legislation—an updated set of protections that would help guarantee our right to vote and repair much of the damage caused by the Supreme Court's 2013 ruling. The National Urban League will continue to work in coalition with the civil rights community and press members of Congress to restore the VRA. If we don't stand for everyone's right to vote—we stand to lose it and lose what makes living in this country special, and in many cases, unique. Millions of Americans should never have to fear barriers at the ballot box. Let's #RestoretheVRA.



The Laurel Museum

Open to the Public

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THE LAUREL MUSEUM

Discover the rich history of Laurel, Maryland, an historic town located on the Patuxent River half way between Baltimore and Washington. The museum houses collections of books, photographs, tools, personal artifacts, textiles and oral histories. The Museum's main floor is the site of exhibits devoted to the history of Laurel, Maryland, maintained by the Laurel Historical Society. Explore the history of its schools, fire department, shops, banks, and Main Street. Meet the people who helped it grow into a thriving and diverse community. Learn about its mill town roots, railroad connections, African-American community and early suburban experiences. The Laurel Museum is located at 817 Main Street, Laurel, Maryland, in a former 1840's mill workers' home.

Child Watch by Marion Wright Edelman



End Child Summer Hunger Now!

Spring is almost in full swing and summer is just around the corner. Millions of children in America can't wait for summer vacation, but for millions of poor children who rely on school meals it's a mixed blessing. "I qualify for free and reduced lunch. I can get a free breakfast, I can get like a muffin, juice, anything like that, in the morning, and then lunch, I don't have to pay, so I can get whatever I wanted for lunch. So I've always been able to eat at school for lunch and breakfast." Linda Ransom is a Columbus, Ohio high school senior and the winner of a Children's Defense Fund Beat the Odds® scholarship whose family struggles to make ends meet. When Linda was seven her mother was diagnosed with breast cancer and the medical crisis led to a family financial crisis. Linda's mother lost her job, and with a mountain of medical bills is still trying to catch up ten years later. They've been homeless for stretches of time. Food has often been beyond their means. Linda says, "If we didn't have any food at home, I knew I could get some at school, and sometimes I could take a couple things from the breakfast line and I could just save it for later, so when I got home, if I was hungry, I could eat it."

Hunger doesn't take a summer vacation and poor children like Linda who rely on free and reduced price breakfast and lunch during the school year to keep the wolves of hunger at bay face a long summer of food deprivation. "It was hard without school during the summer, but being able to qualify for something like food stamps or having a food pantry near us, that helped a lot," Linda says, but at the end of the month, "it was kind of like a hit-or-miss kind of situation."

Hit or miss. No child in rich America should go hungry this or any summer, especially when 100 percent federally funded summer feeding programs are available if local officials and communities apply for or use them. But more than 1 in 4 families with children are food insecure and struggling to keep food on the table. The federal Summer Nutrition Programs could help millions more chil-

dren escape hunger this summer by providing meals if responsible adults act now. The need is urgent. Although 19.7 million children received free or reduced price lunches during the 2013-2014 school year, only 3.2 million children—16.2 percent—participated in the Summer Nutrition Programs.

If local school boards, community groups, faith congregations, mayors, and county representatives act now, they should be able to get 100 percent federally funded Summer Nutrition Programs in their area or add more if there already are some summer food sites. The federal Summer Food Service Program and the "Seamless Summer" option offered through the National School Lunch Program are designed to replace the regular school year breakfast and lunch programs. Meals provided through the Summer Nutrition Programs also can link children without summer learning opportunities, camps or other costly options to educational and recreational programming to keep them learning, active and safe during school vacation. Summer feeding programs also create jobs for food preparers, servers, bus drivers and others.

Schools, community recre-

ation centers, playgrounds, parks, places of worship, day and residential summer camps, housing projects, migrant centers, and Native American reservations are among places that can serve as summer feeding program sites. Many more sites are needed to fill the summer hunger gap for millions of children. Far too many communities have no sites at all or have sites difficult for children without transportation to reach. Check in now with your school officials, mayors and county executives to learn what they are doing to prevent childhood hunger. Some questions to ask include:

- How many children receiving school year breakfasts and lunches will be served by Summer Food Service Programs? What steps have they taken or will they take immediately to get more summer feeding sites up and running?
- How are parents notified about free summer food options?
- Are there district school buses that could be outfitted to deliver summer meals to inaccessible rural areas?
- How many weekend and holiday meal backpacks are pro-

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The American Counseling Association's Counseling Corner

Seeing Bullying in Schools For the Serious Problem It Is

As long as there have been schools, "schoolyard bullying" has been a problem. Bullying is when one person repeatedly acts in ways meant to hurt or intimidate someone else, usually someone physically, emotionally or psychologically weaker.

It can be physical aggression, verbal taunting, or even cyber-bullying where someone is attacked online through various social media.

Bullying at school used to be viewed simply as "kids being kids," but today school administrators, psychologists, counselors and parents are much more aware of the harmful consequences, from school shootings to student suicides, that bullying can produce.

Victims of bullying tend to be more quiet and shy than the average student. They are often anxious, insecure and unhappy, as well as suffering from low self-esteem. Such personality characteristics often lead to the bullied student becoming depressed and even more withdrawn. Studies find such students often have more thoughts of suicide than their peers.

Today, growing numbers of schools have undertaken anti-bullying programs to educate students and faculty about bullying and its effects. Such efforts have helped reduce reports of bullying by 30 to 50 percent in some schools. These programs have also helped make students, administrators and faculty more aware of what can be done to prevent and counter bullying, and of how to seriously address bullying incidents.

As a parent, it's important to take seriously any reports of bullying you hear from your child. In most cases, the victim did nothing to provoke the action of the bully and thus can feel hurt and confused about why he or she was picked on. It is important for a parent to listen carefully to what happened and to offer positive, non-judgmental support for their child.

Yes, there are times when what has happened is simply peer conflict, two students disagreeing, arguing or fighting over something. But in actual cases of bullying, the bully will almost always be stronger, bigger or more aggressive than the victim, and the bullying will occur repeatedly.

In such cases, don't dismiss what your child reports, but do go talk with your child's school counselor. A professional counselor is trained to help your child handle the consequences of being bullied, and to take action to minimize the chances that more bullying will occur. He or she can also offer advice on what you can do as a parent, including pushing for an anti-bullying program if your child's school lacks one.

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Finalists from A1

ington Post Teacher of the Year Award.

"I am humbled and honored to be selected as a finalist," said Moulden. "I've been an educator for most of my life, teaching all content areas for grades 3-7. Each day I am resolved to motivate and engage my students so that they reach their fullest potential. I am truly proud to serve as a teacher in Prince George's County."

The *Washington Post* Principal of the Year Award, formerly known as the Distinguished Educational Leadership Awards, was established in 1987 and honors the principal who goes beyond the daily responsibilities of their position to create an exceptional education environment through dedicated leadership. The *Post* also awards the Teacher of the Year Award, which is formerly known as the Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Awards. This award

Educator from A2

high school. The exchange program will supply us with new and innovative ideas and connections to support the expansion of our programs and enrich our curricula so that all of our students can become environmentally literate."

PGCPS environmental literacy program teaches students about complex environmental, economic, and social factors that impact a human's ability to thrive. Students learn how humans fit within natural sys-

was formed in 1983 and recognizes pre-kindergarten to 12th grade teachers who ensure that students receive a high-quality education through first-class and creative instruction.

"I am extremely proud of Dr. Richard Andrews and Mr. Moulden for receiving notable recognition," said Dr. Kevin M. Maxwell, Chief Executive Officer for PGCPS. "They are examples of the high-performing educators we have in the district helping to achieve our goal of outstanding academic achievement for all students."

PGCPS employees, students, and the community submitted nomination packages, which included a statement of support, career summary, biography, list of accomplishments, work history, and the nominee's educational background.

A PGCPS committee reviewed a total of 13 nominations before submitting the final recommendations to Dr. Maxwell and the *Washington Post*.

tems, how they can impact those systems, and how to become responsible stewards of the environment.

Bransford will attend a joint conference in San Francisco from May 1 to May 4 and will travel to Japan from June 21 to July 3 to tour Japanese ESD sites and collaborate in a joint conference in Tokyo.

Bransford was selected from a pool of candidates that had to submit an online application that included a personal statement, two recommendations, and an Impact Plan.

Maryland's Gender Wage Gap Costs the State's Women More Than \$8.5 Billion Per Year, New Equal Pay Day Study Finds

If the Gap Were Closed, Maryland Women Could Afford Food for More Than One Year, Five More Months of Mortgage and Utilities, or Nearly Seven More Months of Rent Annually

By PRESS OFFICER
National Partnership.org

WASHINGTON, D.C.—On average, Maryland women employed full time, year round are paid just 85 cents for every dollar paid to men—a yearly pay gap of \$8,604. That means, in total, women in Maryland lose more than \$8.5 billion every year, which is money that could strengthen the state economy and the financial security of Maryland's women and families, including the nearly 318,000 Maryland households headed by women. These are some of the findings of a new analysis conducted by the National Partnership for Women & Families and released for Equal Pay Day tomorrow.

The analysis spans all 50 states, all 435 congressional districts in the country, and the District of Columbia. It can be found at NationalPartnership.org/Gap. The full set of findings for Maryland is available here. These findings include that, for every dollar paid to white, non-Hispanic men in Maryland, African American women, Latinas and Asian women who work full time, year round are paid 69 cents, 47 cents and 82 cents, respectively.

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wide spectrum of entrepreneurs. But you've got to be able to cut to the chase, look sharp, and present marketing materials that show me know you're competitive and serious about doing business in Prince George's County," said Coleman. "Any CEO, regardless of

"This analysis is a sobering reminder of the serious harm the wage gap causes women and families all across the country," said Debra L. Ness, president of the National Partnership. "At a time when women's wages are so critical to the economic well-being of families, the country is counting on lawmakers to work together to advance the fair and family friendly workplace policies that would promote equal pay. There is no time to waste."

According to the new analysis, if the gap between women's and men's wages in Maryland were eliminated, each woman who holds a full-time, year-round job in the state could afford to buy food for 1.3 more years, pay for mortgage and utilities for five more months, or pay rent for nearly seven more months. Basic necessities like these would be particularly important for the 19 percent of Maryland's woman-headed households currently living below the poverty level.

Maryland is not the only state with a wage gap. In fact, every state and 98 percent of the country's congressional districts have one. The National Partnership's national analysis

finds that the 10 states with the largest cents-on-the-dollar wage gaps in the country—from largest to smallest—are Louisiana, Utah, Wyoming, West Virginia, North Dakota, Alabama, Idaho, Oklahoma, Montana and Michigan. A ranking of all 50 states and the District of Columbia can be found here.

Nationally, women who are employed full time, year round are paid, on average, 79 cents for every dollar paid to men. The gap is larger for African American women and Latinas who are paid 60 cents and 55 cents, respectively, for every dollar paid to white, non-Hispanic men. For Asian women in the United States, the gap is smaller but persists. On average, Asian women are paid 84 cents for every dollar paid to white, non-Hispanic men, although some ethnic subgroups fare much worse.

"It is unacceptable that the wage gap has persisted, punishing the country's women and families for decades," Ness continued. "Some state lawmakers have taken steps to address the issue by passing legislation to combat discriminatory pay practices

and provide other workplace supports. It is past time for federal lawmakers to do the same. We need Congress to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act, which is a common sense proposal that has languished for much too long."

Currently before Congress, the Paycheck Fairness Act would close loopholes in the Equal Pay Act, help to break patterns of pay discrimination, and establish stronger workplace protections for women. The National Partnership argues that the bill, along with other supportive policies—such as paid sick days, paid family and medical leave, minimum wage increases, fair scheduling and protections for pregnant workers—are what is needed to close the gap and should be top priorities for lawmakers.

The National Partnership's analysis of the wage gap was released in advance of Equal Pay Day on Tuesday—which marks how far into the new year women must work in order to catch up with what men were paid the year before. The analysis uses data from the U.S. Census Bureau. The findings for each state, along with state rankings, are available at NationalPartnership.org/Gap.

gender, should to be a thought leader and have an attitude of winning. After all, you are the evangelist for your company. If you don't tell your story, who will?

Mr. Coleman was joined on the panel by Renee Sacks, the President and CEO of Sacks Communications in New York City, who encouraged the atten-

dees to anticipate change, trust with caution, be authentic and be you. Conference attendees were delighted with the information that was presented at the conference and expressed a strong desire to make definitive changes in their current business plans.

"I truly enjoyed the presentation from Mr. Coleman with

Prince George's County," said Janet Winkelman, President of Wink Fasteners, Inc. in Charles City, Virginia. "We have been looking to make some changes with our business model and I am definitely considering expanding my company into Prince George's County. They really have it going on over there."

Session from A3

allowing terminally ill patients to end their lives after a series of stipulations, never made it to the governor's desk.

Advocates for a bill requiring businesses to let their employees earn paid sick leave spent weeks in Annapolis lobbying lawmakers, but it never passed.

Mileah Kromer, a political scientist from Goucher College, said this represented a big loss for Democrats.

"It's an initiative they have been working on for a couple of years now, and they can't seem to muster enough to get it through," she said.

The session began with overrides on five bills Hogan vetoed in 2015.

The low-boil of tension during the session also bubbled up when Hogan again tried to thwart legislative action by vetoing bills both chambers passed.

With less than a week before the General Assembly adjourned for the year, Democrats used a constitutional maneuver to force Hogan's hand early on some bills. This gave them time to override two more of his vetoes, including a Democratic plan requiring all transportation projects to be scored before they receive funding.

An oft-repeated number around the State House this year was "83 percent"—the amount of the state's operating budget that Hogan's office said is eaten up by mandates, which require the governor to fund certain projects every year in his budget.



CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE PHOTO BY LEO TRAUB
The parents of police officer Noah Leotta, who died after being struck by an impaired driver and for whom a new ignition interlock law was named, talk with state Sen. Jamie Raskin and members of the media after the bill passed in the waning hours of the session, on Monday, April 11, the last day of the 2016 Maryland General Assembly.

Republicans got a lot of mileage out of that statistic, which appeared represented by a jar of change on the desk of Senate Minority Leader J.B. Jennings', R-Baltimore, for weeks.

Hogan introduced legislation to curb this kind of funding, but his proposals got little traction in the General Assembly. He often described himself as a "goalie, just trying to stop a lot of bad things from happening," when it came to new initiatives that came with future price tags.

"I think any time you have divided government you'll have a struggle on where money goes

because neither side has full control of it," said Kromer.

Several bills that would require later funding, including for Prince George's Regional Medical Center and a package of bills aimed at revitalizing Baltimore, received bipartisan support. But Hogan called them "needless political actions" because they required spending "on programs that our administration was already committed to."

Others, including scholarship programs and extended library hours, also passed, but were opposed by Republicans who opposed creating more funding requirements.

Miller on Monday night indicated that a one-day special session might be necessary to pass both the tax cuts legislation and the earned sick leave bill.

Special sessions are usually for urgent bills that can't wait until the next year, and while Miller has said he thought the bills merited special circumstances, both Hogan and Busch were less enthusiastic.

"If the governor calls a special session, I'll be here obviously," Busch said. "But he has to justify it to the public."

OUT ON THE TOWN

ERIC D. SNIDER'S
IN THE DARK

Movie Review

10 Cloverfield Lane

10 Cloverfield Lane

Grade: A-

Rated PG-13, two cuss words and some violent images
1 hr., 45 min

Don't be distracted by the title of *10 Cloverfield Lane*, which puts you in the mind of *Cloverfield*, the excellent filmed-by-a-bystander monster movie from 2008. What connection, if any, this film has to that one doesn't matter, and knowing (or guessing) ahead of time won't help you enjoy it any more.

No, you should stay focused on the matter at hand: a masterfully suspenseful mystery thriller set in a doomsday bunker, with a story that conjures *Misery*, *Alien*, *The Twilight Zone*, several Steven Spielberg movies, and at least one episode of *Breaking Bad* (YOU'LL KNOW THE ONE.) Directed with astonishing confidence by first-timer Dan Trachtenberg, the film uses a deceptively simple premise, carefully scripted (by Josh Campbell, Matthew Stuecken, and Damien Chazelle) so that no information is wasted and each new piece of it furthers the mystery. What happened before? What's happening now? What's true and what isn't? And what connection, if any, do the true things have to each other?

The situation is this: a young woman named Michelle (Mary Elizabeth Winstead), injured in a car wreck, wakes up chained in a concrete bunker owned and operated by one Howard (John Goodman), a gruff, bear-like man who says he only wants to keep her safe. He says there's been an attack of some kind, that everyone not in a plane like this is dead or dying. He doesn't know a lot of details other than that the air out there is unbreathable. The doors are barricaded, and he's armed. Nobody's getting into this bunker, and nobody's getting out.



A young woman wakes up after a terrible accident to find that she's locked in a cellar with a doomsday prepper, who insists that he saved her life and that the world outside is uninhabitable following an apocalyptic catastrophe. Uncertain what to believe, the woman soon determines that she must escape at any cost.

Also present is Emmett (John Gallagher Jr.), a harmless-seeming scuffy dude about Michelle's age, also injured, who helped Howard build the bunker—a multi-room, rather home-like dwelling, once you get used to it—and then sought refuge here when whatever happened out there happened. He doesn't know much either. But they have enough food, water, power, entertainment, and air filtration to stay here indefinitely.

Michelle is in disbelief at what she's being told, though she realizes that doesn't necessarily mean it isn't true. But it's hard to confirm that all life outside is dead when you aren't allowed to go outside. And there are little discrepancies between what she's being told and what she's observing. Winstead's performance during all of this uncertainty is terrific, taking us through the mind of a smart, resourceful, brave-but-not-superheroic woman who's insistent on making her own choices. When she crawls through an air duct and you automatically think of Ripley in *Alien*, it doesn't seem unreasonable to put those characters on the same level.

John Goodman is great, too, using his physical mass (he's bigger here than he's been lately) to make Howard an imposing force in a confined space, even when he's calm. Howard is a doomsday prepper and, as Emmett puts it privately, "a blackbelt in conspiracy theory." As we start to think the issue isn't Howard's sincerity so much as his sanity, Goodman uses our natural inclination to like him to throw us off balance. It's a subtle performance, full of details that take on

new meaning in hindsight as we learn more about the character.

I wouldn't call this a horror film, though it certainly has some white-knuckle moments and a few elements of scary movies. Stylistically, it bears no resemblance to the film it shares an SEO keyword with (rest easy, sufferers of shaky-cam nausea). What's remarkable is how Trachtenberg keeps the tension and interest level up despite being about three characters in a single setting. Some movies of that description feel like stage plays (which isn't a bad thing), but this doesn't. This feels like a movie, one that uses editing, camera movement, and other cinematic tools to tell (very effectively and efficiently) a story that happens to be set in one place. You don't need a large cast or a variety of locations to produce skin-crawling drama.

Session from A5

The tense undercurrent flowing through much of the session would boil up in occasionally odd ways, like in February, when

Hogan compared legislators to kids on spring break, coming to Annapolis and causing trouble.

"They come here for a few weeks," he said on the C4 show on WBAL-AM Radio. "They

start breaking up the furniture and throwing beer bottles off the balcony."

It prompted a brief backlash, where Democratic senators and delegates Tweeted pictures of themselves in committee hearings captioned #notspringbreak.

And on the first day lawmakers arrived in Annapolis, before the General Assembly had gavelled in for its first vote, Miller said there was no communication between Hogan's office and Democratic leadership, a complaint both sides brought up throughout the 90-day session.

Redistricting reform, on the top of the governor's list, failed. Maryland has been called the "most gerrymandered" state, and Hogan introduced a bill in January that required congressional districts to be contiguous and take into account county and city boundaries.

This is likely in response to Maryland's 3rd Congressional District, which was nicknamed the "praying mantis" district by the Washington Post, and has also been said to resemble a "broken-winged pterodactyl, lying prostrate across the center of the state," by a federal judge.

Some of Attorney General Brian Frosh's initiatives, like dealing with fantasy gaming and passing some gun restrictions, didn't pass either.

CNS Correspondent Lexie Schapitt contributed to this report



CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE PHOTO BY LEO TRAUB
Senate President Thomas V. "Mike" Miller Jr. looks over the chamber on Monday, April 11, the last day of the 2016 Maryland General Assembly.

Christmas in April • Prince George's County

URGENT NEED FOR ALL SKILLED TRADES PEOPLE

To Repair 83 Homes
Saturday, April 30, 2016

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In order to assist our neighbors, we are in urgent need of all skilled trades people (such as carpenters, painters, plumbers, roofers, and contractors).

If you can help us, contact Mary Kucharski, Executive Director of Christmas in April • Prince George's County, at 301-868-0937, or email us at cinap@aol.com.

The Edge of Sports

by DAVE ZIRIN

How the Kansas Jayhawks Can Help Stop the Madness



Kansas, as has become custom, is a number one seed in the NCAA tournament after a stellar 30-4 record. I had never been to Lawrence, Kansas, until last month, and traveling to the land of Rock Chalk Jayhawk was actually less of a "trip" than a pilgrimage. It is without question part of the Mount Rushmore of college basketball's history, along with North Carolina, Kentucky, and UCLA. (Sorry, Duke. You can wait outside.)

Yet for all the legendary programs on the college hoop landscape, Kansas really does stand alone. Its first men's coach was this guy Dr. James Naismith, who in 1891 only invented the damn sport. The current coach is Bill Self, who has won 82 percent of his games at KU, the second-highest percentage at one school in the history of college hoops, and the best since Herbert Hoover was president. There have only been six coaches in between, with names like Phog Allen, Larry Brown, and Roy Williams.

(Want a great bar trivia question? Of the mere eight coaches that have helmed the men's team over the last century, Dr. Naismith is the only one with a losing record.)

This is also the school of Wilt Chamberlain, the most dominant player to ever walk the earth; Lynette Woodard, whose galactic ability was honed under the leadership of the legendary coach Marian Washington, and who was the first woman to play for the Harlem Globetrotters; and Danny Manning, who, for my money, ranks behind only Lew Alcindor and Bill Walton as the greatest male collegians ever to take the court. Kansas is in addition at the root of another Hall of Fame coaching tree in Chapel Hill. Lawrence was where North Carolina's almighty Dean Smith—Kansas born—played and then worked as an assistant to Phog Allen. Hell, the town of Halstead, Kansas, is even the birthplace of the person who gave us Kentucky basketball—albeit the segregated version—coach Adolph Rupp. Given the population of the state, under 3 million people, what this institution has given the game is almost surreal.

Yet there is something else about Kansas, which I witnessed firsthand. In touring the Allen Athletic center and speaking at both a class on race and sports and an evening symposium, I saw something that I have never seen at other big-time state basketball schools: utter engagement of the athletes with the academic and campus life.

I am cynical about college sports, and this cynicism is well earned. Revenue-producing amateur athletics in this country are a cesspool of exploitation, and the NCAA lords over this flaming trash heap like an old man with a sawed-off shotgun in a rocking chair. That man in the rocking chair, its \$2 million-a-year president, Mark Emmert, runs this multibillion-dollar cartel with no sense of morality or higher purpose. Far too many school administrations and athletic departments reflect this absence of a moral mission and see their task as little other than winning games and securing ever more lucrative contracts for their coaches. I've seen and heard too many stories of so-called student-athletes on a conveyor belt, with no one having any kind of interest in their future beyond what they can do to put the rock in the hole come March Madness.

But then I saw Kansas. The class where I spoke had basketball and football players fully engaged with the rest of the students, their books as dog-eared as anyone else's. The evening event, where I spoke, was scheduled from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Practice for the men's hoops team ended at 6, and every member of the team was in their seats, along with 500 other people, by 6:15. Keep in mind that at the time of this writing the Jayhawks were the number two basketball team in the country, and getting ready for March Madness. Professors with whom I spoke told me stories matter-of-factly about the academic work of several Jayhawks now in the NBA. They are still in contact with their academic advisers, still taking steps toward their degree. One player—whose anonymity I will protect—was even having his advisers fly out to the team to advise him on his thesis and assist him with field interviews.

I know schools where the NBA-caliber players don't know their professors and that antipathy is shared. Or if the pros do know the players, they are so busy covering up for them, and enjoying the whiff of the jock, they don't care about actually making sure they are doing the work. But here, I was able to walk through the athletic academic center and see serious engagement across the board. I also met several former players, like former Big 12 Player of the Year and NBA first round draft pick Wayne Simien

Calendar of Events

April 28, — May 4, 2016

Master Class with Dallas Black Dance Theatre: Liturgical Dance for Teens and Adults

Date and Time: Thursday, April 28, 2016, 7:45–9:15 pm
 Description: This class designed for teen and adult dancers will expand students' knowledge of praise dance movement and choreography that can be used in worship services or special events. Students will also learn a spiritual ballet.
 Cost: \$20/person; \$15/person (if purchased with a ticket to an April 30 or May 1, show); \$10/person (observers)
 Ages: 15 & up
 Location: Publick Playhouse
 5445 Landover Road Cheverly, MD
 Contact: 301-277-1710; TTY 301-699-2544

Platinum Live: Dallas Black Dance Theatre

Date and Time: Friday, April 29, 2016, 11 am
 Description: Dallas Black Dance Theatre returns to the Publick Playhouse with new dance pieces that include music by Ray Charles and Marvin Gaye, plus "The Ostrich" returns for another lively performance.
 Cost: \$10/person; \$8/person (groups of 20 or more)
 Ages: 60 & better
 Location: Publick Playhouse
 5445 Landover Road Cheverly, MD
 Contact: 301-277-1710; TTY 301-699-2544

Asia Revealed: Annual Opening Reception

Date and Time: Friday, April 29, 2016, 7 pm
 Description: Experience the sights, sounds and tastes of Asia in celebration of Asian-Pacific Islander American Heritage Month. Dance performances, musical entertainment, martial arts, a Pan-Asian snack buffet and popular henna decorations will be featured. Reservations are required by calling 301-249-2004.
 Please, no strollers allowed.
 Cost: FREE
 Ages: All ages
 Location: Newton White Mansion
 2708 Enterprise Road, Mitchellville, MD
 Contact: 301-446-3232; TTY 301-699-2544

Annual Montpelier Festival of Herbs, Tea, and the Arts

Date and Time: Saturday, April 30, 2016, 10 am–4 pm
 Description: Hosted by Montpelier Arts Center and Montpelier Mansion/Historic Site, celebrate spring at this fun festival for the entire family!
 Visit the resident artists' studios, watch art demonstrations, paint the Montpelier bird, and create spring-themed crafts.
 Stroll the Arts Center's galleries and view exhibitions by Cianne Fragione & Seth Aldesberger and Dominic Nash. At 1 pm, enjoy a classical recital by the Fortunata Trio (flute, clarinet, and bassoon).
 Cost: Free
 Ages: All ages welcome
 Location: Montpelier Arts Center
 9652 Muirkirk Road, Laurel, MD
 Contact: 301-377-7800; TTY 301-699-2544

Classical Recital Series: The Fortunata Trio, Flute/Clarinet/Bassoon

Date and Time: Saturday, April 30, 2016, 1 pm
 Description: Featuring works by women, Latin Americans, and a variety of 20th century and classical composers, the Fortunata Trio includes Alicia Kosack (flute), Laura Armstrong (clarinet), and Kimberly Buchar Nolet (bassoon).
 Following the recitals, please join us for a reception sponsored by CAAPA: Coalition for African Americans in the Performing Arts.
 Cost: Free; \$5 donation appreciated
 Ages: All ages welcome
 Location: Montpelier Arts Center
 9652 Muirkirk Road, Laurel, MD
 Contact: 301-377-7800; TTY 301-699-2544

Tavern Night

Date and Time: Saturday, April 30, 2016, 8 pm
 Description: Join us as we transform Riversdale into a 19th-century tavern! Guests will enjoy spirited entertainment by the Ship's Company sailors and dine on tavern-style dishes. Fee includes a souvenir glass.
 Advance payment required by April 25.
 Cost: Resident: \$25; Non-Resident: \$40
 Ages: Ages 21 & up
 Location: Riversdale House Museum
 4811 Riverdale Road, Riverdale Park, MD
 Contact: 301-864-0420; TTY 301-699-2544
 riversdale@pgparks.com

Girl Scout Day at the Museum

Date and Time: Saturday, April 30, 2016, 12 noon–4 pm
 Description: Brownies and Juniors can earn 5 badges all in one day! Try your hand at archery, make a basket, tour the museum, learn how herbs were used in the 18th Century and make your own lavender sachet and more! Space is limited. Troop leaders must register and pay by April 22.
 Cost: \$20/girl scout (includes all badges); FREE for leaders & chaperons
 Location: Darnall's Chance Museum
 14800 Governor Oden Bowie Drive, Upper Marlboro, MD
 Contact: 301-952-8010; TTY 301-699-2544

Forty Years of Keeping History Alive

Date and Time: Sunday, May 1, 2016, 12 noon–4 pm
 Description: Join in the festivities as the Surratt House Museum marks its 40th Anniversary as a public house museum. Tour the historic house, visitors' center, and research center. Refreshments and gift shop sales will be available.
 Cost: Free
 Ages: All ages welcome
 Location: Surratt House Museum
 9118 Brandywine Road, Clinton, MD
 Contact: 301-868-1121; TTY 301-699-2544

EARTH TALK ... Do Scientists Think There is a Big Environmental Component to the Huge Rise in Peanut Allergies in Recent Years?

Theories Still Abound Regarding Causation, But Definitive Proof Remains Elusive

Dear EarthTalk:

Do scientists think there is a big environmental component to the huge rise in peanut allergies in recent years?

— Jay Williams, Fresno, CA

Peanut allergies among children in the United States has more than tripled, from 0.4 percent in 1997 to 1.4 percent in 2010, according to a study by food allergists at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City. Of the eight foods that cause 90 percent of food allergies (milk, soy, eggs, wheat, peanuts, tree nuts, fish and shellfish), peanuts are the deadliest. They result in an estimated 15,000 emergency room visits (half of the 30,000 due to food allergies) in the U.S.

Heather Fraser, author of *The Peanut Allergy Epidemic: What's Causing It and How to Stop It*, says that despite the continuing intense attention given to the growing epidemic of peanut allergies in children, an answer to its cause(s) has not been found. Fraser adds that it is difficult to accept the startling increase in peanut allergies in just the last 20 years as a coincidence or to chalk it up to a genetic fluke.

Robyn O'Brien, author of *The Unhealthy Truth: How Our Food is Making Us Sick and What We Can Do About It*, states that the sudden surge in American peanut allergies may be attributed to the fact that peanuts

are grown in the same soil as Roundup Ready, or glyphosate tolerant, cotton. Unlike almonds, walnuts and cashews, peanuts do not grow on trees—they're actually a legume with a soft shell that grows in the ground. "Put anything in that soil and you can imagine how it gets absorbed into the peanut," O'Brien wrote on her website, adding: "Put genetically engineered seeds in that soil and you get soil that is saturated with a controversial chemical, glyphosate," a chemical that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has linked to gradually increasing, cellular-damaging inflammation.

But according to Fraser, the consumption of genetically modified foods does not correlate with the epidemiological facts of the peanut allergy epidemic: during a specific window of time between the late 1980s and early 1990s peanut allergy began to increase suddenly, just in children, in specific countries (the US, UK, Canada, AU)—and again, at the same time. Upon further investigation, Fraser discovered that there was a precedent to the child specific epidemic.

"Over 100 years ago the words allergy and anaphylaxis were coined to describe strange symptoms in children that were provoked by the first ever use of the needle paired with vaccines," says Fraser. "The current allergy epidemic among children was provoked by a sudden change in the vaccination schedule to-



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Researchers still haven't zeroed in definitively on what's behind the recent uptick in peanut allergies.

gether with a sudden increase in coverage rates (the number of children being vaccinated at an early age)."

With the direct cause(s) of the peanut allergy epidemic still open-ended, many pregnant women have taken to avoiding peanuts altogether to prevent their unborn child from developing the allergy. But a recent study found that children whose non-allergic mothers had the highest consumption of peanuts or tree nuts, or both, during pregnancy had the lowest risk of de-

veloping a nut allergy. The risk was most reduced among the children of mothers who ate nuts five or more times a month.

"Some studies actually showed that avoiding peanuts during pregnancy increased the risk of a child developing peanut sensitization," said Dr. Ruchi Gupta, an associate professor of pediatrics at Northwestern University. Dr. Gupta emphasized that further research is needed to determine "why more and more children are developing food allergy and how we can prevent it."

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Maryland High Court Upholds Permits to Reduce Stormwater Runoff, Protect and Restore Chesapeake Bay and Local Rivers and Streams

By PRESS OFFICER MDE

BALTIMORE, MD—Maryland's highest court today issued a ruling upholding Department of the Environment permits that regulate and reduce polluted stormwater runoff in the state's largest jurisdictions.

The Maryland Court of Appeals opinion finds that the Department's municipal stormwater permits for Baltimore City and Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Montgomery and Prince George's counties comply with the federal Clean Water Act. Previous lower court rulings had upheld the legality of these Municipal Separate Storm Sewer

System (MS4) permits for other Maryland counties.

The Court of Appeals opinion supports the Department's approach to reducing polluted stormwater: each jurisdiction is required to treat or reduce 20 percent of its impervious surface area during the course of the permit and take other specified actions. Reducing the amount of hard, impervious surfaces allows the ground to absorb polluted stormwater that would otherwise be channeled into storm drains and, eventually, waterways.

Polluted stormwater runoff is a significant source of the sediment and nutrient pollution that threatens the health of the Chesapeake Bay and its tribu-

aries, and reducing this pollution source is a crucial part of Maryland's federally approved Bay restoration plan. Stormwater runoff can also carry other pollutants into waterways.

"The Court of Appeals ruling is a big win for the Chesapeake Bay and local streams and rivers," Maryland Environment Secretary Ben Grumbles said. "The ruling supports our approach of combining accountability with flexibility to help local governments find practical solutions to reducing polluted stormwater runoff."

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) stormwater

regulations require large urban jurisdictions to control pollution in stormwater to the "maximum extent practicable." In Maryland, Baltimore City and Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Charles, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery and Prince George's counties, along with the Maryland State Highway Administration, are issued individual stormwater permits. Although individual permits are not issued for smaller jurisdictions, these jurisdictions are also required under NPDES regulations to implement measures to reduce polluted stormwater runoff.

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RECYCLE THIS ROOM

When thinking about recycling at home, which room comes to mind first? Many people think of the kitchen, but recyclables are produced in more places than just this room. Take recycling beyond the kitchen! Many common bathroom products end up in local landfills. Consider adding a small recycling bin in your bathroom and check out the top 5 items many people forget to recycle:

- 5 Body lotion bottle
- 4 Toilet paper roll
- 3 Shampoo bottle
- 2 Shaving cream can
- 1 Toothpaste box

Source: Keep America Beautiful, www.kab.org

Prince George's County's Second Nature is an initiative of the Department of the Environment, Office of Central Services to promote cost savings and sustainability in our everyday behaviors.

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and star guard Aaron Miles, who have returned to Lawrence to live.

Professors with whom I spoke, even the "burn the NCAA to the ground and pay the damn players like the employees that they are" professors, were proud

of what their school has been able to do and have an ethical direction in an amoral landscape. They should be proud. But, with all respect, that's also not enough. As the saying goes, with great power comes great responsibility, and Kansas has a responsibility not only to feel content about what it is doing in

Lawrence but to challenge the NCAA to fundamentally reform. It's one of only a few places with the history and the cultural capital to push the needle on that kind of change. In the name of James Naismith, Dean Smith, and Danny Manning, the school needs to be seen very openly and very publicly as an institution

trying to get so-called student-athletes a seat at the table, so the system can be fixed and everyone benefits: not just the cartel known as the NCAA. That's real leadership, and one would be hard-pressed to think of a major institution other than Kansas that has the credibility to stand up to the NCAA and be heard.