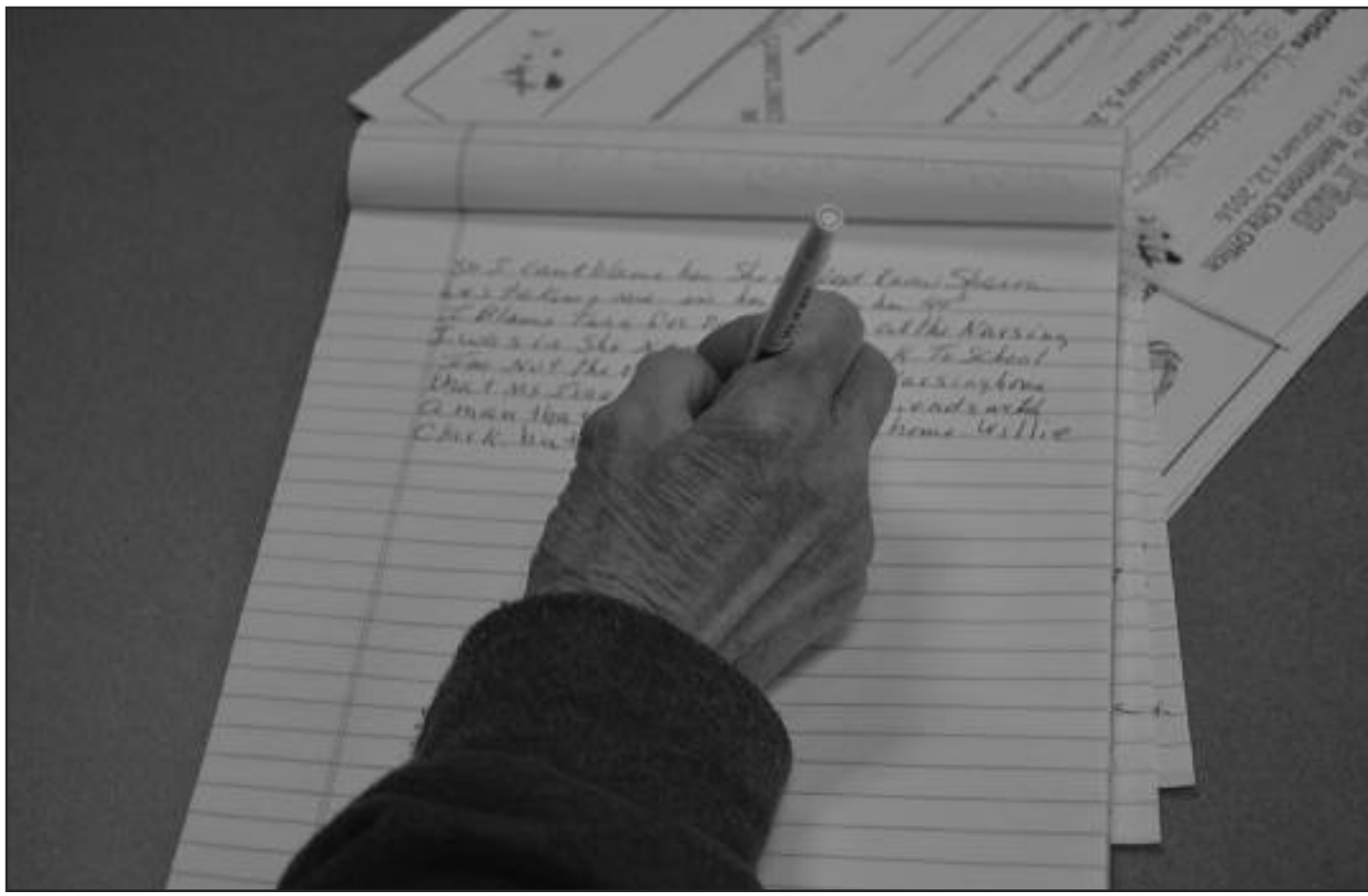


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Vonda Wagner, 59, writes the details of her alleged assault and experience in an unlicensed assisted living facility. Wagner underwent surgery for throat cancer and cannot speak.

Nursing Homes' Push to Make Money Can Clash With Patient Needs

By ZOE SAGALOW and JOE ANTOSHAK
Capital News Service

HYATTSVILLE, MD—A bottom-line mentality in modern nursing home chains is clashing with a creaky regulatory system, a mixture that can leave vulnerable patients in unlicensed assisted-living facilities that are often inadequate and sometimes dangerous.

Consider the stories of Vonda Wagner and Andrew Edwards, who were both discharged from NMS Healthcare facilities in Maryland into unlicensed assisted-living facilities, where they said they were assaulted and robbed, according to court records and interviews.

NMS Chief Operating Officer Mark Yost said he felt "horrible" about what happened to Wagner

and Edwards but can only control what happens within NMS facilities. The company stopped doing business with the unlicensed assisted-living operator, Sharon Isaac, after it learned of the Wagner and Edwards cases from a Baltimore police investigator, he said.

While the charges of assault and robbery are unusual, the business forces behind Wagner's and Edwards' discharges are not.

NMS' Yost provided a window into the modern nursing home business in a wide-ranging interview, addressing criticism addressed at his company and the industry in general. He said NMS, which operates five nursing homes in Maryland, commonly discharges patients when

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Celebrate STEAM Fest 2016 With the Department of Parks and Recreation for PG County

By Press Officer
MNCPPC

RIVERDALE, MD—Help make learning relevant, reality based, and interconnected—not to mention fun—for your child by introducing them to STEAM. The Department of Parks and Recreation of Prince George's County is offering an entire week of more than 20 engaging, hands-on, and FREE events to teach students of all ages new ways to interact with science, technology, engineering, art, and math.

The week-long celebration of innovative learning kicks off Saturday, November 5 from

11–2 p.m. with the STEAM Festival at Southern Regional Technology and Recreation Complex (7007 Bock Road, Fort Washington, MD 20744), which features giveaways, games, and demonstrations. Other activities include building computers, learning the chemistry behind cosmetics and creating your own, building chain reactions with Legos, and family challenges.

For details on individual events, visit our STEAM Festival website: http://www.mncppcapps.org/calendar/history/seasonal_events.aspx?searchTerm=STEAM:

P G Valor Basketball Team's First and Historical Scrimmage

By Press Officer
PGValor Basketball

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD—American Basketball Association (ABA) Expansion Team and the first official sports team of Prince George's County, MD—the PG Valor Basketball team announced today that they have accepted an invitation to scrimmage the Beltway Bombers Basketball Team.

"We are really excited about our first and historical scrimmage and are glad that it's against a great team—the Beltway Bombers. Even though they are not a part of the ABA, they are one of the first semi-pro

teams that I learned about in the DMV area. I highly respect the team and their leadership with Chaz Dudley," stated LaDonna M. Smith, Owner of PG Valor. "This scrimmage for the PG Valor is not about winning or losing, but it's a way for us to self evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of our players, coaching staff and overall franchise. This will help us continue to prepare for our season which begins November 5, 2016."

The scrimmage took place Friday, October 7, 2016 at the New 24 Fitness and Basketball (former Run and Shoot), Great Eastern Plaza Shopping Center, 6417 Marlboro Pike, District Heights.

Maryland Officials Frustrated Over Delay in Picking FBI Headquarters

By SYDNEY TONIC and KIMBERLY ESCOBAR
Capital News Service

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Maryland officials expressed frustration Tuesday over the federal government's decision to delay picking a site for the FBI's consolidated headquarters until March.

The General Services Administration had been expected to make a decision in December, but the agency said Monday it was putting off action for an additional three months.

Sen. Ben Cardin, a Democrat, released a statement on Tuesday expressing frustration with the delay, calling it "extremely disappointing and ... counter to our national security."

Plans to relocate the FBI headquarters from downtown Washington have been underway since 2012, when the GSA announced it was seeking developer interest. Two years later, the agency selected Greenbelt and Landover in Maryland and

Springfield, Virginia, as the final three candidate sites.

Renee Kelly, a spokeswoman for the GSA, told Capital News Service the delay in a final decision has to do with "a strong and overwhelmingly positive response from developers."

"GSA and FBI are encouraged by the proposals received and are confident that, if Congress provides the resources requested in the president's fiscal year 2017 budget, we will be able to deliver on our commitment to provide a world class facility for the FBI and a good deal for the taxpayer," Kelly said.

But the decision does not sit well with Maryland lawmakers like Cardin and fellow Democratic Sen. Barbara Mikulski.

"To best carry out its mission on behalf of the safety and security of the American people," Cardin said, "the FBI urgently needs a new home to fully consolidate its employ-

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Economic Development Corporation Partners With Baltimore Washington Corridor Chamber to Bring Procurement Opportunities to Local Companies

By LORI VALENTINE
PGCEDC

LAUREL, MD—EDC President and CEO Jim Coleman was among several guest speakers at the Baltimore Washington Corridor Chamber (BWCC) Procurement Opportunity Outreach Session at the Patuxent Greens Country Club. BWCC Chairman of the Board Eric Harris, in collaboration with MGM National Harbor, coordinated the procurement forum to provide information to the more than 100 subcontractors and vendors from the area about the services MGM National Harbor would be in need of as they countdown for their grand opening in December. Mr. Coleman provided the attendees with an overview of the numerous development projects on the horizon in Prince George's County and talked about the services the EDC has to help businesses increase their capacity and grow.

"The EDC is delighted to have a role in creating one of the most fascinating cities in the world, downtown Prince George's County; also known as National



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Left to right: EDC Chief of Staff Britta Vander Linden; EDC President & CEO Jim Coleman; Former BWCC Board Chair Ray Plummer; BWCC Membership Director Nancy LaJoyce; FSC First Business Development Manager Steward Smith; BWCC Board Chair Eric Harris

Harbor," said Coleman. "We are fortunate to have great leadership in County Executive Baker, great partners like MGM National Harbor and the BWCC and we are laser focused on being able to grow the number of jobs and increase the median household income in this region. Each day, my team of professionals is working to help local businesses expand. We know that when busi-

nesses are doing well, they grow and create more jobs, which helps families, schools, police departments and the community in general live sustainable lives. With all of the development taking place here, now is the best time in the world to expand into Prince George's County."

MGM National Harbor has partnered with numerous economic development organizations

over the last 18 months, including the Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation, to keep local small businesses abreast of the procurement opportunities at their new site. The purpose of the Procurement Opportunity Outreach Session was to provide information about the

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Hope for the Future Through Your Vote

The time is ripe right now to do what is right and reject the ugliness, violence, demagoguery and greed that have permeated far too much of our political discourse. We must move forward and not backward and teach our children how to disagree strongly without disagreeing wrongly.
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U.S. Department of Education Reaches Settlement With DeVry University

As a result of this settlement, DeVry's provisional status may last as long as five years. Moreover, DeVry also agreed that its continued participation in Title IV federal student aid programs will be contingent on complying with additional requirements.
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Movie Review:

Deep Water Horizon

On April 20th, 2010, one of the world's largest man-made disasters occurred on the Deepwater Horizon in the Gulf of Mexico. Directed by Peter Berg (*Lone Survivor*), this story honors the brave men and women whose heroism would save many on board, and change everyone's lives forever.
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Earth Talk

Dear EarthTalk:

You hear a lot about solar and wind energy, but what's new in efforts to generate electricity from ocean waves?

—Melanie Bernstein,
New York, NY

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Towns and NEIGHBORS

In and Around Morningside-Skyline

by Mary McHale 301 735 3451

Recycle old electronics at two County locations

Recycle your old TV, computer equipment and other electronics at an Ecycling event. County locations for electronics recycling will be held at High Point High School on Saturday, Nov. 5, and at Surrattville High School on Saturday, Dec. 3.

High Point High is at 3601 Powder Mill Road in Beltsville. Surrattville High is at 6101 Garden Drive in Clinton. Hours at both events are 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., rain or shine.

This Ecycling is free and open to all Prince George's County residents.

Murder in

Upper Marlboro, 1893

Dennis Campbell has a new book out, *Redemption at Upper Marlboro*, described as "a non-fiction account of a late 19th century Maryland murder and a series of intriguing aftermath events. It's also the story about the rural farming community, its social values and the unsophisticated nature of life in a serene Southern Maryland small town."

To purchase a copy, write Dennis Campbell, 5340 Majesty Lane, Saint Leonard, MD 20685. The cost is \$25. By the way, Dennis is also the author of *Journey Through Time, A Pictorial History of the Prince George's County Police Department*, published in 1991 when he was a lieutenant with the PGCPD.

Coming up

Nov. 6: Daylight Savings Time ends
Nov. 8: Election Day. At last!
Nov. 15: Morningside Town Meeting, 7 p.m. at the Town Hall
Nov. 16: Skyline Citizens Meeting, 7 p.m. at the Morningside Fire House
Nov. 24: Thanksgiving Day

Open House at McNamara

Bishop McNamara High School invites the public—particularly parents and prospective students—to their annual Open House where they'll have a chance to tour and ask questions.

Visitors can learn about McNamara's Concurrent College Enrollment Program; the 163 courses offered, including 17 advanced placement, and courses

in such fields as American Sign Language, broadcast journalism, anatomy & physiology, AP psychology, AP studio art, and so much more.

McNamara is at 6800 Marlboro Pike in Forestville. For information, call 301-735-8401.

Surratt House seeks volunteers

Be a part of keeping history alive and enjoy meeting and learning from visitors who come from all points of the globe!

The Surratt House Museum, in Clinton, is sending out a plea for volunteers, especially to give tours of this historic house. Help is also needed in the Visitors' Center. They ask for a commitment of only one, 4-hour shift each month.

Guides will be given extensive training on the history of the times and the Surratts. They will be asked to provide their own period-correct outfit (financial assistance will be provided). Those who work in the Visitors' Center are asked to wear appropriate "civilian attire" of the 21st century to greet visitors, sell tickets and gift shop items.

For information, contact the Surratt Society at 301-868-1121.

Changing landscape

The College of Southern Maryland has a new 74-acre Regional Hughesville Campus, anticipated to open in the spring of next year.

A huge Economic Development Incentive Fund deal may return Iverson Mall (now known as the Shops at Iverson) to its former glory. (How many of you remember how exciting it was back in the 1960s when Iverson Mall opened, the first of its kind in the Metro area?)

MedStar PromptCare facilities have two new locations: PromptCare Waldorf, 3064 Waldorf Market Place (301-932-5960). Hours: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekends. PromptCare Charlotte Hall (301-290-1499), 37767 Market Drive. Hours: 3 p.m. to 11 p.m., Monday through Friday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekends.

Morningside Memories: 1986

Mayor Jerry Glaubitz was emcee for Morningside's an-

nual Halloween party Oct. 31 at Foulis Middle School. About 25 kids won costume awards, too many to list. But adult costume awards went to Rachael Fisher, Lawrence Bipera, Dennis Seaman and Tad Blanchard.

Prizes for best-carved jack-o-lanterns were awarded for: scariest, Mary Waggoner; prettiest, Misty Muchmore; funniest, Asa Knox; and most creative, Emma Wiczak.

Grandson of former Morningside Councilman dies

William David "Billy" Gilmartin, 33, grandson of Morningside Councilman William J. "Bill" Gilmartin, Sr., who served on the Council from 1956 to 1964, died Sept. 10. Years ago Bill and Alice lived with their large family on Woodland Road before moving to Auth Village. Billy was born in Clinton to William Gilmartin Jr. and L. Diane Winfree and grew up in Owings and Chesapeake Beach. After Northern High School, he became an electrician with Local 26 IBEW. He was a member of the Stalling Williams Post 206 Sons of the American Legion, and was an ardent supporter of the Redskins, Orioles and Washington Capitals. He was preceded in death by his brother Ryan. Survivors include his parents and sisters Erin, Shannon and Megan. Services were at Rausch Funeral Home with burial at Resurrection Cemetery.

Milestones

Happy birthday to Bella Cordero, Nov. 4; Brandon Wood and Bob Elborne, Nov. 5; Steve Call, Linda Beatty and Dennis Waby, Nov. 6; Davey Capps, Jr., Nov. 9.

Happy anniversary to Al and Debbie Callison, Nov. 4; John and Dineen Whipple, their 41st on Nov. 8; Becky and Dave Capps, their 53rd on Nov. 9; and Roseann and Franny Rohan, their 53rd on Nov. 9.

And a special greeting to V.F.W. Post 9619, Morningside, on their 69th anniversary Nov. 4. I suspect there'll be a really big celebration next Nov. 4 when they turn 70.

Brandywine-Aquasco

by Audrey Johnson 301 888 2153

BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP GALA

Delegate Susie Proctor received the Philanthropy and Financial Support Award at the Gala held at Martin's Crosswinds on Friday, October 14, 2016.

She is a lifelong educator and active citizen who has touched the lives of children and families in Prince George's County Public School System for more than fifty years. She served as a classroom teacher, pupil personnel worker and the court liaison. Delegate Proctor received her Bachelor of Science in Education and her Master of Arts in Special Education from Bowie State University.

In the late 1980's she hosted a community television talk show *Lifestyles with Susie & Rita*, that provided information about community resources and highlighted the accomplishments of noted Prince Georgians. As a member of the Prince George's County Commission for Children and Youth she helped to coordinate an Annual Festival of Youth which showcased the talent of the children of Prince

George's County and connected families to services available in the county. She was also a member of the Maryland State Teacher Association, and advocated for benefits and improved working conditions on behalf of teachers throughout the state.

Delegate Susie Proctor has served on the Board of the Community Support Services which helps low and moderate-income families and senior citizens access services. In 2010 Governor O'Malley appointed her to serve as the Chair of the Prince George's County Property Tax Assessment Appeal Board. In 2011, Senate President Mike Miller recommended her to serve on the Board of "Trustees" for Prince George's Community College. Most recently, she has been asked to serve as a member of the Southern Maryland Black Chamber of Commerce. These positions and appointments represent only a small segment of the many ways in which she has served the citizens in Prince George's County.

She also accepted a posthumous Philanthropy and Financial Support Award on behalf

of her late husband Delegate James E. Proctor, Jr. Susie family includes two children and three grandchildren.

CALLING ALL VETERANS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL

Clinton United Methodist Church will be recognizing all veterans and military personnel on Sunday, November 6 at their 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Service. Please call and invite your family members and friends to attend. You do not have to be a member of Clinton UMC to be recognized. Please call the church at 301-868-1281 and leave a message for Barbara Washington.

ADVENT PRAYER BREAKFAST

The United Methodist Women at Union United Methodist Church will sponsor an Advent Prayer Breakfast Sunday, November 27, 2016 at 8:00 AM. R.S.V.P. by November 17, 2016 at 301-627-5088. Rev. Kendrick D. Weaver, Pastor. The address is 14418 Old Marlboro Pike, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772.

Neighborhoods

Educational Systems Federal Credit Union is Now Accepting Donations for Warming Hearts and Hands

GREENBELT, MD—Educational Systems Federal Credit Union is inviting members of the education community to donate new hats, gloves, mittens, scarves and socks to help students in need through its Warming Hearts and Hands program. New winter clothing accessories for K-12 and community college students can be dropped off at any of the Credit Union's 12 branch locations between October 3 and December 3, 2016

Educational Systems FCU has sponsored Warming Hearts and Hands for the past three years. In 2015, 1,000 items were provided to students in Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Frederick, Montgomery, Prince George's, St. Mary's and Talbot counties. In addition to Credit Union members and volunteers donating items, employees also raised nearly \$4,000 to help make a difference.

"Our core purpose is serving the education community," said Chris Conway, President/CEO of Educational Systems FCU. "We started Warming Hearts and Hands because a need was identified in the education community. The school systems and community colleges we serve told us that their students needed winter accessories to help them stay warm during the cold months."

Educational Systems FCU has 12 branches located throughout Maryland in Annapolis, Aspen Hill, Bowie, California, Cherry Hill, Clarksburg, Greenbelt, Middlebrook, Prince Frederick, Rockville, Upper Marlboro and Waldorf. For driving directions to the Credit Union's branches and to learn more about how to donate to Warming Hearts and Hands, visit esfcu.org.

Educational Systems FCU (esfcu.org) has proudly served the education community for 60 years. With over \$850 million in assets and 12 branches, the Credit Union serves 87,000 members in seven school systems and three community colleges throughout Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Montgomery, Prince George's, St. Mary's and Talbot counties.

First Year of BGE's SEEDSM Program Provides Energy Discounts to Businesses Contributing to Job Creation in Maryland

BALTIMORE, MD—Since its launch in September 2015, Baltimore Gas and Electric Company's (BGE) Smart Energy Economic DevelopmentSM (SEEDSM) Program has approved incentives for 19 businesses which are expected to contribute to the addition of nearly 2,400 new jobs in Maryland. New and expanding businesses creating new full-time employment can qualify for SEED discounts on natural gas and electric connection and usage costs.

"A strong economy is vital to having a strong community and by providing incentives to businesses through the innovative SEED Program, we can help stimulate growth and job

creation," said BGE CEO Calvin Butler Jr. "This is truly a partnership with the state of Maryland, business groups and business customers. By working together we will continue to move smart energy forward, which benefits the whole region."

Nineteen SEED applicants have been approved with 11 in Baltimore City, four in Harford County, three in Baltimore County and one in Prince George's County. More than 600 of the planned jobs reported by these businesses will be created in Baltimore City. The planned jobs in Baltimore City also support BGE's commitment to BLocal, through which Baltimore-area businesses are working together to help strengthen the city.

"The response from the business community shows that there is a strong desire to build in the area. 2,400 potential jobs is a great start and we will continue to work hard to get more participants," said Ammanuel Moore, BGE's economic development manager. "We are thankful for the support we've received from economic development groups in spreading the word about SEED."

The SEEDSM Program was developed to meet the needs of contemporary businesses by offering larger discounts than previous incentive programs and by adding natural gas discounts in addition to electricity incentives.

Qualifying commercial customers receive BGE incentives that:

- Discount charges (demand, distribution and customer) by 25 percent for electric and natural gas service,
- Offer a 75 percent discount on BGE construction costs to extend and expand service to businesses located in a Maryland Enterprise Zone,
- Eliminate a minimum usage requirement for businesses located in Enterprise Zones to allow small businesses to take advantage of the program.

For more information about the economic development programs and incentives that BGE offers to help move smart energy forward, please visit the website at <http://www.BGE.com/economicdevelopment> or contact BGE Economic Development at economicdevelopment@bge.com.

Melwood Observes National Disability Employment Awareness Month

UPPER MARLBORO, MD—In honor of this year's "Inclusion Works" theme for National Disability Employment Awareness Month, Melwood has increased their efforts to advocate for workers with differing abilities. The nonprofit organization has worked for more than 50 years to educate all Americans on the issues surrounding employment for those living with disabilities.

Melwood President and CEO, Cari DeSantis was honored as a key speaker during the Federal Reserve Board's National Disability Employment Awareness Month program on Oct. 12.

She explained how Melwood strives to remove obstacles to employment and enables individuals with differing abilities to maximize their independence and inclusion in the community through work.

"I am reminded of a quote from a letter written by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. which reads 'injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere,'" she said. "This quote reminds me each day of Melwood's responsibility to continually fight for the rights of people with differing abilities so that we will realize our vision of a world where people with differing abilities are fully included."

Melwood provides over 900 people with differing abilities with consistent employment, benefits and direct support both at Melwood facilities and on the 43 federal contracts sites throughout the Greater Washington, D.C. region and State of Maryland through the U.S. AbilityOne program.

In early October, special employee luncheons were held at three of these contract sites and DeSantis was on hand to congratulate the sites on their hard work and recognize Melwood's longest serving employee at each location.

A prevailing issue that plagues workers with differing abilities is earning at least a minimum wage. Melwood believes that every employee, regardless of their ability, deserves a fair wage for their work. Today, Melwood employees earn at least the local minimum wage and many earn significantly more. Melwood employees with differing abilities earn an average of \$13.50 an hour or between \$25,000 and \$30,000 per year.

Melwood is continually developing new programs in support of their mission. Ms. DeSantis explains, "As Melwood grows, our focus is on preparing young people with differing abilities for a variety of new and interesting jobs according to their personal skills, talents and preferences so they can take their places in the 21st century American workforce."

About Melwood:

Melwood is a nonprofit organization that advocates for and empowers people of differing abilities to transform their own lives through unique opportunities to work and play in the community. Melwood envisions a world where people with differing abilities are fully included. Using an innovative and effective social entrepreneurial model, Melwood offers job training, employment, life skill improvement, community support and recreation opportunities to more than 2,050 people each year in the D.C. metropolitan area. Melwood operates a training program graduating approximately 100 workers with differing abilities each year and employs more than 1,600 workers, including over 900 employees with differing abilities. For more information visit www.melwood.org

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COMMUNITY

Practical Money Skills

By Nathaniel Sillin

Make a Difference: Become a Financial Educator

Teaching personal finance topics can be immensely rewarding because the lessons are often immediately applicable to many students' lives. Whether you're comparing financial products, creating a budget or evaluating the cost of a loan, financial literacy provides the foundation to make a well-informed decision. Even so, many people get little to no financial education.



According to a study from the Council for Economic Education, 45 states include personal finance in their K-12 standards, but only 17 states require high school students to take a personal finance class before graduating. After grade school, one might find financial education courses at colleges, universities or employers, but they're rarely required.

If you have a passion for financial literacy, consider passing on your knowledge and helping your community change for the better. Whether you're volunteering at a grade school or teaching a course at a local community center, teaching money management skills can help improve others' future financial prospects and encourages community connection and growth.

Decide what to teach and take advantage of free resources. There are a wide range of lessons that students of different ages and backgrounds will need, from informative presentations for older adults who are targets of scammers to lessons for high school students who need to learn how to handle finances in college.

Prepare for your outreach by identifying the financial topics you want to teach. You can draw from your own strengths and experiences, which can be an effective way to help students relate to the lessons. However, there are also free educational materials you can use to design your personal finance course.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) has comprehensive free curricula for adults and young people in grades K-12, as well as a curriculum tailored to the needs of older people. Visa's Practical Money Skills also offers curricula, lesson plans and educational games for students from Pre-K to college, including those with special needs. A simple Internet search can also turn up results for any financial lesson imaginable.

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Maryland Medicaid Initiative to Incentivize Counseling in Drug Treatment

Change Will Update Reimbursements to Medication Assisted Treatment Providers

By PRESS OFFICER
DHMH

BALTIMORE, MD—The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene announced that effective March 1, 2017, it will implement a new payment policy for community-based Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)—a clinical intervention that combines the use of medications and substance use disorder counseling.

Maryland Medicaid will provide a re-bundled methadone reimbursement rate to include a \$63 per-week-per-patient bundle for methadone maintenance, and the ability for Opioid Treatment Programs (OTP) to bill for outpatient counseling separately, as clinically necessary.

Currently methadone maintenance providers are reimbursed using a bundled weekly rate (\$81.60) and require a weekly face-to-face visit in order to receive reimbursement for that week. The services required per COMAR 10.09.80.05.E are all-inclusive under this rate, and counseling is to be delivered by

the provider from outpatient treatment up to intensive level of treatment.

"We believe that this initiative will positively impact those in recovery, as well as their families. Ultimately, we are confident that improvements to our treatment system will strengthen communities across Maryland that are struggling as a result of an opioid epidemic," said Maryland Lt. Governor Boyd K. Rutherford, who chaired the State's Heroin and Opioid Emergency Task Force.

"MAT providers are required by federal law to provide counseling along with needed medications, and these changes are intended to move the treatment providers in the direction of more evidence-based practice," said Health and Mental Hygiene Secretary Van T. Mitchell. The State funds an array of medication options to treat opioid use disorders; however the legacy payment policy does little to incentivize the counseling component of MAT. "Through a nine-month stakeholder engagement process, the State has developed

an initiative that advances our desire to reduce the number of overdose deaths in Maryland by furthering evidenced-based care for those suffering from addiction," said Mitchell.

"Counseling is vitally important to the recovery process for those struggling with opioid and heroin addiction," said U.S. Rep. Elijah E. Cummings (D-Baltimore). "This policy reinforces that counseling and medication must be provided in tandem to ensure that Maryland residents suffering from addiction and their families have the tools they need in order to rebuild their lives."

"The evidence is clear: Addiction is a disease, treatment exists and recovery is possible. Medications, including methadone and buprenorphine, combined with counseling are proven to lead to better outcomes than treating opioid addiction with medication alone," said Dr. Leana Wen, Baltimore City's Health Commissioner. "Counseling allows those in recovery to develop the tools and coping skills they need to prevent relapse."

In the coming months, the State will amend its regulations to reflect this change and will seek federal approval to implement these improvements. There will be an opportunity for additional comment on the regulations, along with a six-month period for providers to prepare for these important changes.

For updates on the re-bundling proposal, please visit our Behavioral Health Administration page at the website <http://goo.gl/OqK9HR>.

Marylanders who need help finding substance-use-disorder treatment resources should visit <http://goo.gl/nIfGm0> or call the Maryland Crisis Hotline, which provides 24/7 support, at 1-800-422-0009. For information on many of the policies currently implemented to fight addiction and overdose in Maryland, see <http://goo.gl/KvEzQw>. If you know of someone in need of treatment for a substance use disorder, treatment facilities can be located by location and program characteristics on our page at <http://goo.gl/rbGF6S>.

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ees scattered throughout the National Capital Region."

"I will demand full accountability for any further delays," he added. "The decision making process must be transparent and fair for all parties at all stages."

Mikulski said that she would do everything she could to propel the FBI consolidation forward.

"I'm deeply disappointed in more delay," she said. "The men and women of the FBI need a 21st century headquarters today to take on 21st century threats tomorrow."

Rep. Steny Hoyer, D-Mechanicsville, said he was against any further postponement.

"The hardworking employees of the FBI deserve a new, consolidated headquarters as soon as possible," Hoyer said. "Additional delays undermine

the FBI's mission and our national security, as well as employee morale and safety."

Greenbelt City Council Mayor Emmett Jordan said the delay fits a pattern.

The GSA has "set a number of time tables ... they have had to push it back on several occasions," he said.

The decision to wait until March to pick a site also has an impact on business owners, Jordan said, explaining that

they are waiting for a decision to be made so they can plan for what's ahead.

Despite the delay, optimism lingers among Maryland officials pressing to bring the FBI to the state.


The administration of Gov. Larry Hogan, a Republican, remains confident that Maryland will prevail, according to

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CONGRESSMAN

STENY HOYER

DEMOCRAT



GETTING THE JOB DONE FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

Creating Jobs

- Helped create and save nearly 23,000 jobs in and around Maryland's Fifth District, including jobs at Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt
- His "Make It In America" jobs plan is focused on helping entrepreneurs start and grow businesses here by promoting innovation, closing the skills gap, building a 21st century infrastructure, and breaking down barriers to manufacturing in the U.S.

Supporting Economic Development

- Fighting to make Prince George's County the new home of the FBI headquarters – a \$2 billion economic development project that could bring 11,000 jobs to the County

Improving Infrastructure and Transportation

- Helped secure over \$1.5 billion in federal funds for improvements to Metro's infrastructure, and has secured funding to improve roads and bridges in the area
- Helped secure a \$2 million grant to help reconstruct and clean up Piscataway Drive after the road crumbled from the slope failure

Standing Up for Federal Employees

- Fights for fair pay and benefits for the over 62,000 federal employees who live in Maryland's Fifth District

Standing Up for Middle-Class Families

- Helped pass the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act to help end pay discrimination
- Cosponsored the Paycheck Fairness Act, which would make it more difficult for employers to pay women less than men for the same work
- Fighting to increase the federal minimum wage
- Worked to increase the maximum Pell Grant award so that all Maryland students can afford to go to college; is fighting to make loan repayment more affordable and to allow for the refinancing of high interest student loans

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Cong. Steny H. Hoyer House Democratic Minority Whip



Congressman Steny Hoyer Meets with the National Volunteer Fire Council

GREENBELT, MD—On October 4, 2016, Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-05) received a briefing from representatives of the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC), a nonprofit membership association representing the interests of the volunteer fire, EMS, and rescue services. NVFC was recently awarded a \$1,069,174 Fire Prevention and Safety Grant through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program for a national awareness campaign on health and safety.

“As co-chair of the Fire Services Caucus, it is my top priority to ensure that our first responders have the resources to do their jobs safely and effectively,” said Congressman Hoyer. “The recent grant awarded to the NVFC will do just that. From

addressing heart disease and cancer among firefighters to promoting the Fire/EMS Helpline within the emergency service community, this funding will help ensure firefighters remain healthy on the job. I thank NVFC for meeting with me today, and I look forward to working with them to address the needs of first responders here in Maryland and across the country.”

Congressman Hoyer played a leading role in helping to establish the AFG Program, and he leads a letter with Members of Congress to the Appropriations Committee each year to ensure adequate funding is appropriated for the program. Over \$15 million has been awarded to Fifth District fire departments since the program was established.



Hancock's Resolution

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HANCOCK'S RESOLUTION

In 1785 Stephen Hancock, Jr. built the original stone section as the main house for what was then a 410-acre (170 ha) farm. Additions to the house were built in 1855 and in about 1900. Stone and frame outbuildings remain, including a one-story gable-roofed stone dairy. Hancock's Resolution remained in Hancock family ownership until the deaths in the 1960s of Mary Hancock and her brother, Henry Hancock, who left the property to Anne Arundel County to be preserved. Hancock's Resolution underwent a thorough restoration in 2000 and is now open to the public as a house museum. Open Sundays April through October, 1-4.

Marc Morial, President and CEO National Urban League



Policing By the Numbers: Increasing Transparency and Building Trust

“To continue in our current system without comprehensive data only stalls meaningful conversation and fuels empty debates, both within law enforcement and in the communities we serve.”

—James B. Comey, F.B.I. Director, Uniform Crime Reporting Program, 2014

Following an explosive succession of high-profile police killings—many of them of unarmed African-American men—the Justice Department is poised to spearhead an ambitious, nationwide initiative to track all incidents of the use of force by police officers, including all police shootings—whether they are fatal or not.

As a participating organization on the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing, The National Urban League submitted its “10 Point Justice Plan,” outlining recommendations for comprehensive police reform and accountability, including increased, mandatory law enforcement participation in data gathering and amending existing legislation to include tracking encounters where non-lethal police force is used.

We are encouraged that the Justice Department is moving towards comprehensive national data collection that goes beyond police-involved deaths to include data collection on the non-lethal use of force by law enforcement, but there pressing concerns that must be assessed and addressed. The first is: pace. The FBI will issue its plans to begin the pilot data collection program in early 2017. This initiative will inevitably fall to the next presidential administration, and its agenda, to implement. In the meantime, communities will remain divided over their distrust of law enforcement, and countless lives may be lost.

Enforcement of the newly expanded national use-of-force data collection remains a concern. In 2014, Congress re-enacted the Death in Custody Reporting Act (DICRA). The act required local police departments to report only the police encounters where individuals died to the attorney general's office. The Justice Department is now calling for police departments to also report on non-lethal uses of force—voluntarily. It has always been the position of the National Urban League that reporting should be mandatory, and if that will not be the case, there must be clear consequences baked into the act that punishes law en-

forcement agencies for failing to report this critical, much-needed data.

Past voluntary reporting programs on police-community encounters have failed. Reportedly, in 2014, only 224 of the more than 18,000 law enforcement agencies nationwide reported fatal shooting deaths at the hands their officers. Penalties, including any financial penalties, for non-reporting police departments must be included in the act if the Justice Department expects to enforce its expanded collection initiative and effectively collect data. Under DICRA, the attorney general's office can withhold 10% of federal grant money that provides criminal justice funding from non-compliant, non-reporting agencies. The Justice Department needs to be clear on its plans to use financial penalties, as authorized by DICRA or otherwise, to enforce its data collection proposals; it should consider making data reporting a pre-condition for agencies to receive federal funding; and it should examine if proposed financial penalties are enough to compel compliance.

In the absence of facts, all manner of myths, suspicions and anecdotal evidence rushes in. As Attorney General Loretta Lynch has noted, “accurate and comprehensive data on the use of force by law enforcement is essential to an informed and productive discussion about community-police relations.” Without these facts, without a complete-picture, national database that can be accessed by government agencies and the public, we cannot fix the problem of police violence in our communities, and we cannot build the kind of transparency that has the power to inspire trust between law enforcement officers and the communities they serve. As we await the final iteration of this expanded data collection plan, we are encouraged that, at the highest levels of government, the cries and protests in the streets and on college campuses, and the nationwide demand for change and accountability has been heard.

The National Urban League will continue to advocate for all of the recommendations from our “10 Point Justice Plan,” including expanding data collection at local, state and federal law enforcement agencies. And we urge all members of law enforcement—at all levels—to employ every strategy and statistic available to put an end to a national conversation about police violence that has been marred by division and to—most importantly and urgently—put an end to these senseless deaths.

home this win,” she said in a statement.

David Iannucci, senior economic development advisor for Prince George's County Executive Rushern L. Baker III, said that delay does not change that fact that the county has the two best sites for the FBI headquarters.

“We will continue to work with the GSA, FBI, state and congressional officials, and the three bid teams to refine the proposals and build on our already strong program for the Greenbelt and Landover sites,” Iannucci said.

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spokeswoman Shareese De-Leaver-Churchill.

“From day one, we have worked closely with our partners in the federal delegation and will continue doing everything possible to bring

Child Watch

by Marion Wright Edelman



Hope for the Future Through Your Vote

Thus says the Lord: Keep your voice from weeping and your eyes from tears; for there is a reward for your work, says the Lord: they shall come back from the land of the enemy; there is hope for your future, says the Lord: your children shall come back to their own country.

—Jeremiah 31:16–17

The Reverend Shannon Daley-Harris quotes this passage from Scripture in the preface to her powerful new book *Hope for the Future: Answering God's Call to Justice for Our Children*. She says: “Even in the midst of the enormous problems our children face—poverty, gun violence, abuse, neglect, lack of health care, and more—I do believe there is hope for our future, that we can bring all children to an experience of safety, love, and justice. It will take more than weeping, God reminds us, it will take work—and to keep at that work we need to stay close to God.”

It's time for that work. *Hope for the Future* is a series of twelve meditations that include Scripture passages, moving true stories, and examples from other movements and faithful leaders to inspire all those working to create a better world for our children. It's a book that could be used as a devotional or in group discussions by everyone from parents to pastors. Rev. Daley-Harris has long been speaking out on the call to care for children in every major faith tradition and calling on people to turn faith into action. As the Children's Defense Fund (CDF)'s Religious Affairs Advisor and Director of the Samuel DeWitt Proctor Institute for Child Advocacy Ministry for two decades, she coordinates the National Observance of Children's Sabbaths® Celebrations. Every year congregations of many faiths observe the Children's Sabbath by drawing on Rev. Daley-Harris's resources and the texts and teachings of their religious traditions to hear and respond to the holy and eternal call for love and justice that urges special care and protection for children, especially those who are poor.

October 21–23 marks the 25th anniversary of the annual Children's Sabbaths Celebra-

tions. This year's theme, “Children of Promise: Closing Opportunity Gaps,” focuses on the inherent promise in every child, made in God's image, and on the importance of keeping our promises as adults, leaders, and people of faith to treat all children with equality, dignity, justice and love.

In America, we are good at making promises but far less good at keeping them. We promise all children a free and equal education, but millions of children are consigned to failing schools bereft of adequate resources, and 62 years after *Brown v. Board of Education* a majority of Black children are still receiving a separate and unequal education. We promise families that if they work hard and play by the rules they can get ahead, but millions of hard-working parents find that a minimum wage doesn't lift their family above the poverty line. We promise that all people are created equal with a right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, but children find that the lottery of birth and geography gives some of them enormous advantages while others face profound and persistent hindrances, and we allow these gaps to grow wider rather than narrower over time. During the Children's Sabbath, people of all

faiths are promising to work to close the opportunity gaps now and in the years to come so that each and every child has a fair chance to succeed.

An election year is especially rife with promises. Candidates assure us of what they will do to improve the lives of children and families as they kiss babies and pause for photo ops with cute children. Will those promises be kept after the ballots are cast? On this Children's Sabbath weekend, we must commit to pay attention to the promises politicians are making to children and families and hold them accountable if they are elected. We must keep our disciplined attention on policy decisions long after the election spotlight has switched off.

People of faith and goodwill must put their bodies and souls in motion to curb morally obscene and indefensible child poverty rates; wealth and income inequality; massive miseducation of poor children of color; lack of affordable quality child care and preschool opportunities; preventable hunger and homelessness; mass incarceration and unjust criminal justice systems that

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The American Counseling Association's Counseling Corner

No, I Really Don't Need to Go to Counseling

It can be difficult to ask for help. Most of us were taught from early in life that we have to be strong, independent and responsible for ourselves. Asking for help, especially from a stranger whom we are going to have to pay, seems to run counter to much of what we've been taught.

Yet, at various times, most of us are able to recognize that every now and then we just may be in a little over our heads. We might find ourselves troubled, depressed, confused or just unsure about what the next step should be. We may be overwhelmed by what life has suddenly dealt us, or emotionally buried by any of a variety of things. We need help.

Help, of course, is what the counseling profession is about. Yet many people hesitate to seek counseling, usually not because of any negative first hand experience, but from what's been depicted in novels, movies and TV shows.

They tend to worry that the counselor will think them crazy, or is going to tell them what to do. They're afraid people will think they're weak for seeking help, plus they may believe that counseling never really helps anyone.

The reality, of course, is quite the opposite. The training that a professional counselor goes through doesn't focus on a person's weaknesses or problems, but rather on the person's strengths, the things that he or she is already doing well. Professional counselors are trained to help their clients feel safe and comfortable. Their job isn't to scold, to make someone feel guilty, or to insist on certain actions or thoughts.

Does counseling work? Studies have found that those who attend even a few counseling sessions feel better than those who attend none. Some researchers have even found that it's not counseling technique or approach that makes counseling effective, but just the fact of participating in counseling. In other words, sometimes merely acknowledging that you want something in your life to change and having a professional counselor who understands you, can really make a difference in your life.

Professional counselors offer specialized help in a variety of fields from relationship to career counseling and much, much more. If you are facing issues in your life and want to make a change, set up an initial appointment to get the facts about what the counseling profession has to offer you.

Counseling Corner is provided by the American Counseling Association. Comments and questions to ACAcorner@counseling.org or visit the ACA website at www.counseling.org

Practical Money Skills from A3

Focus on practical and interactive lessons. Incorporating interactive elements into the mix can supplement financial literacy curriculum and help lessons come alive.

You want to give your lessons context and teach students how to apply what they learn to real life situations. For example, explaining the importance of investing for the future and the benefits of compound interest is a great start, but you could continue your lesson by running a stock market simulation that lets students practice investing with play money.

Games and apps can also make lessons memorable and engaging. Younger children might benefit from physical activities like dividing allowance into saving, spending and charity jars. Or, they can play fun online games that teach basic lessons like recognizing and counting the value of coins.

Whatever topic you're teaching, plan every lesson with your students in mind. Reinforcing the lessons with relevant activities or even consequences and rewards can be effective.

Explore volunteer opportunities. If you're unsure of how to get started, consider looking for a volunteer opportunity with an established nonprofit. Volunteering allows you to meet new people, give back to your community, make new connections and share knowledge that can have a lasting impact. Some organizations will train you and ask that you teach their own personal finance curricula. Others may set guidelines and let you work independently within them.

The Corporation for National & Community Service (CNCS) has a comprehensive guide to learning and teaching personal finance, as well as several helpful resources. Look for volunteering positions in your area with the CNCS government search engine (Serve.gov), which allows you to filter volunteering opportunities by keywords and location.

Bottom line: Whether you're training as a professional teacher or working as a volunteer, teaching financial literacy is an admirable way to provide essential knowledge to members of your community. Using quality resources and tools—and bringing your own experience, passion and perspective—can help elevate students' personal finance skills and make a positive impact in your community.



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U.S. Department of Education Reaches Settlement With DeVry University Over Job Placement Claims

By PRESS OFFICER
U.S. Department of Education

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The U.S. Department of Education announced a settlement agreement with DeVry University (DeVry), a subsidiary of DeVry Education Group Inc., resolving the Department's charge that the institution used unsubstantiated job placement claims in recruitment and advertising materials. This settlement further enhances the Department's oversight of DeVry and builds upon the Obama Administration's commitment to protecting students, safeguarding taxpayer dollars and increasing accountability among postsecondary institutions.

"Students deserve accurate information about where to invest their time and money, and the law is simple and clear: recruitment claims must be backed up by hard data," said U.S. Secretary of Education John B. King Jr.

If a postsecondary institution advertises job placement statistics to recruit students, federal law requires that the institution be able to substantiate the truthfulness of such claims. In August 2015, the Department requested that DeVry provide data and other information to substantiate DeVry's advertised claim that, since 1975, 90 percent of its graduates were employed in their field of study within six months of graduation. After reviewing the information that DeVry provided, Federal Student Aid found that DeVry could not provide evidence to substantiate this claim.

The Department is also working closely with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) in connection

with its lawsuit against DeVry which alleges the institution's advertisements deceived consumers about the job placement rates in graduates' chosen fields of study, and falsely claimed graduates would earn more than those graduating with bachelor's degrees from other colleges or universities. The Department will continue to support the FTC's ongoing lawsuit against DeVry, while also continuing its own investigations of the institution.

Today's agreement settles only the issue of a single, unsubstantiated claim and does not prohibit the Department from imposing future enforcement actions against DeVry in the event of additional findings.

"We are grateful to our federal partners at the Federal Trade Commission for their ongoing support in our investigation," said U.S. Department of Education Chief Enforcement Officer Robert Kaye. "Together, we've put an end to the use of an unsubstantiated claim by this institution, and we will continue our efforts to ferret out similar unlawful practices."

Effective immediately, DeVry University will be participating in the federal student aid programs only through a provisional program participation agreement. As a result of this settlement, DeVry's provisional status may last as long as five years. Moreover, DeVry also agreed that its continued participation in Title IV federal student aid programs will be contingent on complying with additional requirements.

Specifically, the agreement requires DeVry to:

- Cease publishing marketing claims that include the "Since 1975 Representation;"

- Cease making any representations about post-graduation employment rates without possessing and maintaining (1) graduate-specific data to substantiate those representations; and (2) documentation of the methodology used to calculate any claims. DeVry must also certify, and provide an independent certification to the Department, of its compliance with these documentation requirements;

- Post an irrevocable, five-year letter of credit of no less than \$68.4 million;

- Prominently disclose, for a period of two years, a notice on its online home page regarding its failure to substantiate the "Since 1975 Representation" and include the same language in new enrollment agreements for a period of five years; and

- Take steps to rid the internet of the "Since 1975 Representation" (both on its own website and on websites not under its direct control).

The funds from the letter of credit may be drawn in part or in whole by the Department to pay refunds owed to or on behalf of current or former students of DeVry, to provide for transitional costs, including teach-outs, of students enrolled at DeVry in the event of a closure, or to pay institutional liabilities owed to the Department. The letter of credit represents roughly 10 percent of DeVry University's total Title IV aid revenue for the 2014–15 award year.

Additionally, DeVry University has been placed on Heightened

Cash Monitoring I, a Title IV program method of payment that will require the institution to provide documentation of qualifying federal aid expenses before accessing funds. This financial oversight action enables the Department to more closely monitor how the institution handles federal aid dollars. DeVry must also comply with additional notification requirements to the Department.

Separate from and unrelated to the settlement, DeVry has previously announced that it will no longer require students to agree to mandatory arbitration clauses, allowing students to seek redress of grievances in court and that it will restrict its reliance on all federal sources to 85 percent of revenue, in line with President Obama's 2017 budget proposal.

The Enforcement Unit, announced in February, collaborates with partner state and federal agencies, in building cases against institutions of higher education that engage in wrongdoing. The Unit includes four groups—Investigations, Borrower Defense, Administrative Actions and Appeals, and Clery—and utilizes a broad set of interventions and tools, including subpoena authority, document demands, interrogatories and interviews to enforce against violations of federal law.

In the 2014–15 aid year, DeVry Education Group, Inc. enrolled roughly 116,500 Title IV aid recipients. Of those, approximately 66,000 attended DeVry University as undergraduate or graduate students. That year, DeVry University received approximately \$684 million in federal student aid dollars.

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they do not have sufficient income to pay. That's because NMS has to "protect" itself because it needs to pay its employees and cannot sustain patients who are not paying, he said.

"You can look at it and say, 'Well, wow, that's just a horrible nursing home. Look at them, they're discharging people,'" he said. "But, quite frankly, we have a duty here to pay our employees, and in order to pay our employees, we need patients in our beds that are paying. And quite frankly, I can't excuse the Medicaid process. I can't excuse the insurance process. And that's where the problem is. I'm not discharging a patient that's paying."

Consumer activists and some regulators say NMS and other nursing homes are discharging patients when their more lucrative but short-term Medicare benefits expire. Nationally, Medicare pays about \$13,809 a month, far more than the average Maryland Medicaid reimbursement rate of \$7,404. NMS discharges more patients than the average nursing home in Maryland, or even nationwide, a practice consumer advocates say allows the company to boost its revenues but leaves vulnerable patients with few options.

"Our feeling—and I say that nicely—is that they [at NMS] don't want long-term residents," said Eileen Bennett, the Montgomery County Long Term Care Ombudsman Program manager. "They only want to serve people who are turnover, under Medicare. That's our sense of who they want in their nursing home setting."

Yost acknowledged the turnover but noted other factors in their decision making process. He said NMS accepts the sick and low-income patients often rejected by other nursing homes. NMS's intake

financial screening process is less rigorous, he said, and the company doesn't shy away from residents with high levels of needs, such as ventilator or dialysis care. That is part of the philosophy of the company, founded in 2004 by former social work administrator Matthew Neiswanger, Yost said. Neiswanger, for example, established an HIV/AIDS treatment ward at another nursing facility before starting NMS, according to Yost.

"He believed that: 'Okay, that's a niche I can fill. I'm not afraid of that level of acuity, or that level of sickness, so let me try to help those patients,'" Yost said. "He brought that philosophy when he started [NMS]."

Capital News Service obtained records showing NMS, on a per bed basis, had the most requests for discharge hearings among major nursing home groups in Maryland. A review of Maryland Office of Administrative Hearings data shows NMS patients filed 103 administrative hearing requests in the last five years over nursing home discharge disputes. NMS had 13 requests for hearings per 100 beds, double the rate of the nearest competitor. The rate of NMS patients seeking discharge hearings was six times the state median rate of two hearing requests per 100 beds, according to a CNS analysis.

Reacting to the CNS findings, Yost said the number of appeals "is not indicative of any wrongful action by NMS."

"In fact, it shows that our residents are utilizing their rights to request hearings in accordance with the law," Yost said in an email. "NMS defends its records and follows the relevant regulations with regards to the discharge of residents."

Data on the national level paints a similar trend. An average of 65 percent of NMS patients on

Medicare were discharged in 2014 versus a national average of 42 percent, according to a Capital News Service analysis of Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services data. The Maryland statewide average was 57 percent. Yost did not challenge the Capital News Service findings, except to note that NMS won a vast majority of the discharge hearing appeals.

According to Yost, NMS's discharge of numerous nursing home patients is rooted in a more fundamental problem: Maryland's complex Medicaid application process causes lengthy delays in payment to nursing homes.

"We would not have to discharge anywhere near the number of folks that we do if it weren't for the difficulties with the Maryland Medicaid program and getting approvals," Yost said in an hour-long interview. "I've been involved in long-term care for the last 15 years, and nothing has improved."

One industry analyst, Toby Wann of Obsidian Research Group, does not find NMS's behavior unusual.

"I would say that it is pretty standard practice when somebody exhausts their benefit for days in a skilled nursing facility, that they get discharged," Wann said. "It's the unfortunate underbelly, if you will, of the industry ... You can't keep a patient in a facility without getting reimbursed for it because there's costs associated with that."

While it may be standard industry practice, some of the discharges have led to serious problems, such as the Wagner and Edwards cases. Both Wagner and Edwards are pursuing criminal assault and theft charges against Isaac, owner of Isaac Supportive Living Service LLC. In March, the Office of Health Care Quality ordered Isaac to produce an assisted-living license for her business or move people out. Isaac, in

a February interview, denied the assault and robbery allegations. She described her business as a "supportive living service" operating at two properties in West Baltimore since 2007. She declined later interview requests from Capital News Service to answer regulatory questions about her facilities.

Advocates for nursing home residents such as Bennett said NMS's discharge practices are unusual and questioned whether residents are always placed in safe and secure environments after leaving the nursing homes.

Wann said skilled nursing is a tough business because "it's not a hugely profitable business from a reimbursement standpoint, and you get a lot of very sick patients that, you know, unfortunately, don't get better." Nationwide, skilled nursing facilities had revenues of \$123.5 billion in 2014, and they grew at an annual rate of 4.6 percent in 2014, according to a Plunkett Research Ltd. industry report.

Yost maintained that the company's goal is not to have a revolving door for Medicare patients. He said NMS's focus on rehabilitative care, and getting residents out of the nursing home setting as quickly as possible, is beneficial.

NMS begins talking with patients about applying for Medicaid at or after the patient is admitted, and has four lawyers who work full-time on the Medicaid approval process, including securing guardianship for patients who are unable to work through the application process themselves because of their health conditions, Yost said.

"We are aggressive with getting people approved for Medicaid," he said. "We start day one from when they're in here, when they sign the contract for admis-

OUT ON THE TOWN

ERIC D. SNIDER'S
IN THE DARK

Movie Review

Deep Water Horizon

Deep Water Horizon
Grade: C+
Rated PG-13, some profanity
and intense disaster sequences
1 hr., 47 min

This week's dramatization of a recent disaster is *Deepwater Horizon*, in which director Peter Berg (*Lone Survivor*, *Battleship*) tells how the offshore-drilling rig went kablooey in April 2010, killed 11 people, and eventually dumped 210 million gallons of oil into the Gulf of Mexico. Wisely, instead of dwelling on the economic impact (all that precious oil!) or even the environmental one (morally defensible but hard to dramatize), Berg and screenwriters Matthew Michael Carnahan and Matthew Sand focus on the human element: the noble workers who risked or gave their lives to help others survive, and the greedy British Petroleum executives whose corner-cutting caused the tragedy. Those are things anyone can relate to, even if we don't understand how drilling rigs work or how the accident happened.

Berg does try to teach us. The film begins with Mike Williams (Mark Wahlberg) preparing for a stint on the *Deepwater*, saying goodbye to his wife (Kate Hudson) and daughter (Stella Allen), who this very day will present a project to her school class about what her daddy does for a living. She uses a soda can and a straw to demonstrate the basic principles, and when soda suddenly shoots out of the straw uncontrollably, everyone laughs, oblivious to the omen. Other omens as Mike drives to Louisiana and takes a chopper out to the rig include a bird hitting the helicopter



ROTTENTOMATOES

On April 20th, 2010, one of the world's largest man-made disasters occurred on the *Deepwater Horizon* in the Gulf of Mexico. Directed by Peter Berg (*Lone Survivor*), this story honors the brave men and women whose heroism would save many on board, and change everyone's lives forever.

and a visiting executive wearing a necktie that is the same color as the *Deepwater's* highest alert level. In case viewers didn't already suspect that something was going to go wrong today.

There are 126 people on the massive rig (which weighs 50,000 tons and is longer and taller than a football field), but only two besides Mike who are of interest to us. One is Andrea Fleytas (Gina Rodriguez), a navigator; the other is Jimmy Harrell (Kurt Russell), aka Mister Jimmy, the conscientious boss who objects when visiting BP execs urge hastiness in order to make up lost time on the behind-schedule project. The BP guys, played by John Malkovich and Brad Leland (Buddy Garrity on *Friday Night Lights*), are suit-

ably oily and snaky, accentuated by Malkovich's sniveling Cajun accent.

The movie is about half over when things go irretrievably awry and Berg shifts into the portion of the story dedicated to survival and the dazed aftermath. The action here is moderately exciting, certainly more compelling than the pre-explosion tests and arguing were, though it's often hard to tell one man from another when they're covered in oil and mud. As usual, Wahlberg is good as a working-class hero, and Russell shines as an earthy mentor figure. Rodriguez (playing a real person) contributes importantly as the only female voice in the film. (Kate Hudson is just *Concerned Wife on Phone*.) Other recogniz-

able actors like Ethan Suplee and Dylan O'Brien (from the *Maze Runner* movies) are also on-board, their fates intermingled in one's memory as soon as the film is over.

But ultimately, despite Berg's best efforts, the movie can't overcome its formulaic ordinariness. We're engaged in the action, but hardly what you'd call emotionally invested. We hiss at the cowardly necktie-wearers whose short-sightedness caused it, but there's nothing special about those characters or performances. Have you seen other movies about perilous situations and disastrous accidents? Then you've seen this one, a serviceable docudrama worth your time, maybe, but not your money.

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sion, telling them they need to apply for Medicaid."

Andrew Applegate, executive director of Asbury Solomons in the southern Maryland community of Solomons, whose facility did not have a complaint or mediation filed against it during the five years of data reviewed by Capital News Service, said his skilled nursing facility begins discussing a discharge plan with patients on their first day that is in line with the patient's long-term goals.

"We don't want to be starting to talk about discharge and then

not be prepared, because there's financial consequences for the resident," he said. Applegate said the only time he could see patients being discharged involuntarily from his facility would be after nonpayment, or failure to even try to apply for Medicaid.

The Asbury Solomons facility has the top five-star rating under Medicare's Nursing Home Compare rating system. By contrast, NMS Healthcare of Hyattsville and NMS Healthcare of Annapolis both have four-star ratings. Three of the NMS facilities—NMS Healthcare of Hagerstown, NMS Healthcare of Silver Spring and NMS Health-

care of Springbrook—have two-star ratings from Medicare.

Aside from NMS's discharge practices, the company has an unusual regulatory history.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid in 2012 declared NMS Healthcare of Hyattsville a "Special Focus Facility," which subjects a nursing home to intensive inspection because they had a "history of serious quality issues." NMS appealed this designation to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and won a retroactive reversal, Yost said.

"There was never a doubt that this facility shouldn't have been on

that list to begin with," Yost said. "The Office of Health Care Quality overstepped their bounds, and it really should have never happened."

NMS was removed from the Special Focus Facility list after fulfilling requirements for removal, said Lorraine Ryan, a spokeswoman for Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. NMS had no severe deficiencies or complaints for two consecutive inspections, she wrote in an email.

Capital News Service reporters Catherine Sheffo, Daniel Trielli and Darcy Costello contributed to this story.

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status of projects taking place at MGM National Harbor Resort, as well as give local vendors specific information about the types of services MGM National Harbor is looking for now. Vendors were also told about the bidding process MGM utilizes and their timetable for awarding decisions.

"We are very pleased to have been able to work with the Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation, especially on the construction side of the project," said Barbara Holder, Senior Diversity Manager for MGM National Harbor. "Thus far, this has been a very successful partnership,

ensuring that Prince George's County residents are employed on the MGM resorts. We are looking forward to bigger and better things as we move forward into the operation phase of the project and are wishingpganguly@co.pg.md.us for success all the way around."

The Baltimore Washington Corridor Chamber Board Chair moderated the Outreach Session, which also heard from Steward Smith from the Prince George's County Financial Services Corporation (FSC First). The BWCC, the only regional chamber in Maryland partnered with MGM National Harbor to networking, information and growth resources for

local companies interested in doing business with MGM National Harbor. After the presentations, several of the companies in attendance were able to have one-on-one meetings with MGM National Harbor representatives to talk about their credentials and how they could benefit the company.

"This event, between the Baltimore Washington Corridor Chamber and MGM National Harbor at the Patuxent Greens Golf Club in Prince George's County, is helpful to bringing businesses, particularly small businesses to the opportunities presented by MGM's \$70 million in annual local procurement," said BWCC Board

Chair Eric Harris. "Jim Coleman from the EDC did a great job of showing these businesses how they can connect with that opportunity. We are delighted the EDC was a part of this event today."

Individuals interested in career opportunities at MGM National Harbor should email their resume for consideration to pgonestop.events@co.pg.md.us or contact the Prince George's County One Stop Career Center by October 5th at 301-618-8425.

For more information on business development assistance or expansion, contact the EDC Executive Vice President Pradeep Ganguly (pganguly@co.pg.md.us) at 301-583-4602.

The Edge of Sports

by DAVE ZIRIN

Talking Kaepernick Protests With 1968 Olympian John Carlos

Olympian and iconic medal-stand protester Dr. John Carlos has had quite the week. After another group of young athletes raised their fists just as he did alongside Tommie Smith at the 1968 Summer Games, Dr. Carlos traveled to Washington, D.C., for the opening of the National Museum of African American History and Culture and the unveiling of a statue bearing his likeness. Then it was on to the White House, where Dr. Carlos, Tommie Smith and all of the 2016 Summer Olympians were greeted by President Obama. It was the first time either man had been greeted at the White House. I spoke to him during the whirl of this wild week. The following is an edited transcript, and the full audio interview is embedded at the bottom of the page.



Dave Zirin: What does it feel like to see people who are, in some cases, not even 12 years old, let alone 20 or 30, taking the field, raising their fist, and saying they are doing it in the tradition of what you did with Tommie Smith in 1968?

Dr. John Carlos: I feel like they've done their homework. I don't think we followed our history. Back in the '40s and '30s and '20s, there was a thing called Black History that would be passed down among the parents and the grandparents. So it gives me the impression, today, that maybe I was a gardener or horticulturist or someone that tilled the earth, planted the seeds, watered the garden, and what you see in these young individuals is the fruit of my labor. They understood what happened at that particular time, they used the slide rule to see whether we have really progressed in this nation as a race of people and they feel that we can go farther and we're pushing the ball up the road to get there.

What words of advice do you have to people who are young, who are modeling themselves after you in so many ways and now feeling a terrible backlash?

Death threats are part of the game. For those that stood for what was right in society throughout the annals of time, they've always had people who've preyed upon them and threats against their lives, but the issue is greater than one's life. People want change and they want change now, and they're willing to step up and be that sacrificial lamb, because when you think about the halls of justice, it moves slower than a snail's pace.

So, you know, as I did what I did 48 years ago, it wasn't for John Carlos at that particular time, but it was for Malik Carlos and Kimme Carlos and all my kids and their peers and their grandkids, to make it a better playing field for them. We have to take the initiative to start somewhere. And God seems to send us back, like Harry Belafonte was there, John Carlos was there, Paul Robeson was there, there's always someone that's going to come up with a clear mind and a strong heart and a desire to make this a better society.

What's your impression of Colin Kaepernick?

I think Colin Kaepernick is a gifted individual. He sees something wrong, as I did as a young man, and he chose to sacrifice himself to make a statement for all people. His whole thing was not about burning up the American flag. His thing is about dealing with America straight on, as I did 48 years ago, to tell them that there's something wrong within the system. He didn't say that all police are bad, he just said that they have certain police that's bad and you need to look at yourself to try and weed this thing out.

It's just too many people dying and he feels, as I feel, and many other people feel, there's needless death. When you see an individual die because he's selling loose cigarettes or you see an individual kid die because he's in the park with a cap gun, well, where else is a kid supposed to be than in a park with a cap gun? When you see a young lady get picked up for a traffic citation, next thing she knows, she's hung in a jail cell, these things need to be investigated and when you sit back and think about the investigations, there have never been any prosecutions. No one pays the price for these individuals.

You were at the opening ceremonies of the National Museum of African American History and Culture where there is a statue of you and Tommie Smith and Peter Norman. What was it like to be at the opening ceremonies?

If I was to put it in a phrase and say what I think about the museum, I have to think back to our lord and savior, the guy that they said made miracles, because they have made a miracle here on Earth. That's how deep this particular museum is. I don't think he left a stone unturned, I think that people are extremely emotional and excited about what they've seen in the museum. I feel that the design of the museum has taken the nation's capital to a new level, a new zone in terms of its structure, letting them know that it's a new day. Now, to see the statue there of myself, it makes you reflect on your kids and your kids' kids and their kids on down the line.

When I was a youngster, my father gave all of my siblings the value of the family name, Carlos. He told us, "Whatever we do in life, don't do anything to shame or to embarrass or tarnish the family name." So it brings tears to my eyes now just to talk about it. To think that our name will be in the annals of time. That statement, is not a statement for self, but it's a statement for

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Calendar of Events

November 3 — November 9, 2016

Hypnotic Brass Ensemble

Date and Time: Friday, November 4, 2016, 10:15 am & 12 noon
Description: Hypnotic Brass Ensemble comprises of seven brothers from the south side of Chicago who come from an extraordinary musical family. The band freely mix the brass band tradition with generous doses of hip-hop, soul and funk, creating an intoxicating and boisterous blend.

Cost: \$8/person; \$6/groups of 20 or more

Ages: Recommended for Grades 7-12

Location: Publick Playhouse, 5445 Landover Rd, Cheverly, MD

Contact: 301-277-1710, TTY 301-699-2544

Xtreme Teens: Ice Cream Social

Date and Time: Friday, November 4, 2016, 7-10 pm

Description: Bring a friend and join us for a night of delicious treats! Teens will make ice cream sundaes or floats. You bring your sweet tooth and we will bring the ice cream!

Cost: Free with M-NCPPC Youth ID

Ages: 10-17

Location: Vansville Community Center

6813 Ammendale Road, Beltsville, MD

Contact: 301-937-6621; TTY 301-699-2544

Jug Bay Run/Walk for Wildlife

Date and Time: Saturday, November 5, 2016, 9 am

Description: Run or walk along the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Driving Tour in Patuxent River Park. This mostly flat, paved and dirt road course leads runners along the banks of the Patuxent River. Proceeds from this event directly support projects, research, conservation and education in the Patuxent River watershed. For information, including registration details, visit www.pgparcs.com/jugbayrun.htm.

Cost: Call or go online for registration fees.

Ages: All ages

Location: Patuxent River Park

16000 Croom Airport Rd., Upper Marlboro, MD

Contact: 301-627-7755; TTY 301-699-2544

The 54th Massachusetts, After Glory

Date and Time: Saturday, November 5, 2016, 4 pm

Description: After four years of fighting, the Civil War finally comes to an end and the soldiers return home. But what about the men who had the most to risk—the United States Colored Troops? Join Bernie Siler, a member of the current 54th Massachusetts, as he discusses the personal lives and legacy of the USCT. Arrive early, seating is limited.

Cost: Free

Ages: All ages welcome

Location: Surratt House Museum

9118 Brandywine Road, Clinton, MD

Contact: 301-868-1121; TTY 301-699-2544

Potomac Valley Dressage Chapter Challenge

Date and Time: Sunday, November 6, 2016, 8 am

Description: The Show Place Arena is excited to host the Potomac Valley Dressage Chapter Challenge.

Cost: Free for spectators

Location: The Show Place Arena

14900 Pennsylvania Avenue, Upper Marlboro, MD

Contact: 301-952-7900; TTY 301-699-2544

Full S.T.E.A.M Ahead!

Date and Time: Sunday, November 6, 2016, 12 noon-3 pm

Description: We've added RT to the Maryland STEM Fest, and invite families to learn about the arts and sciences 19th century-style with hands-on activities. Advance registration required by October 28.

Cost: FREE

Ages: All ages welcome

Location: Riversdale House Museum

4811 Riverdale Road, Riverdale Park, MD

Contact: 301-864-0420; TTY 301-699-2544

riversdale@pgparcs.com

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

Date and Time: Monday, November 7, 2016,

10:15 am & 12 noon

Description: This enchanting musical is based on C.S. Lewis' adventure story about four children of war-torn England, who accidentally enter the land of Narnia by climbing through a magic wardrobe. This strange and wondrous place is ruled by the cold-hearted White Witch, who makes the winter last year round. Although they seem unlikely saviors, the children fulfill an ancient prophecy by defeating the witch, thus restoring sunshine and peace to the spell-bound Narnia and returning the great Lion King Aslan to his throne.

Cost: \$8/person; \$6/groups of 20 or more

Ages: Recommended for Grades 1-5

Location: Publick Playhouse, 5445 Landover Rd, Cheverly, MD

Contact: 301-277-1710; TTY 301-699-2544

STEAM: Lego Builders

Date and Time: Monday, November 7, 2016, 4-6 pm

Description: Create special Lego projects such as Mining Trucks, Bulldozers, Container Trucks and Fire Planes. Instructions and materials provided.

Cost: Free

Ages: 10-17

Location: Deerfield Run School Community Center

13000 Laurel-Bowie Road, South Laurel, MD

Contact: 301-699-2449; TTY 301-699-2544

STEAM: Fossils and Our Past

Date & Time: Tuesday, November 8, 2016, 10-11:30 am

Description: Fossils can tell many interesting things about the past and provide evidence about animals that lived long ago. Participants will learn the difference between cast and mold fossils while being paleontologists.

Cost: Free

Ages: 8-10

Location: Watkins Nature Center

301 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro 20772

Contact: 301-699-2449; TTY 301-699-2544

EARTH TALK ...

Wave Power Could Meet 1/4 of U.S. Electricity Needs

Dear EarthTalk:

You hear a lot about solar and wind energy, but what's new in efforts to generate electricity from ocean waves?

— Melanie Bernstein,
New York, NY

Wave power advocates cheered in September 2016 when Hawaii-based Naval researchers started feeding power from two experimental offshore wave energy devices into the grid on nearby Oahu, representing the first time the American public could access electricity derived from ocean waves. The trickle of energy from these experimental devices doesn't amount to anything substantial yet, but wave energy's potential is huge.

Analysts think we could derive at least a quarter of U.S. electricity needs by harnessing wave power around our coasts. Most other countries around the world have coastlines they could exploit for wave energy, as well, if engineers could create affordable technology to capture and transport the energy back to shore where it would be used to power local communities or get fed into existing larger power grids.

But just because we can tap ocean energy big time doesn't mean we necessarily will, given the high costs of getting started, technical issues with maintaining offshore equipment, and the chal-

lenges of scaling up for mass consumption. The world's first experimental wave farm, the Aguçadoura Wave Park off the coast of Portugal, went online in September 2008 with three wave energy converter machines, but ceased operations only two months later when bearings on the equipment gave way, underscoring the technical challenges of running complicated heavy machinery in unstable marine environments.

While such technical problems may be frustrating, financial concerns loom larger over wave energy's future. Two of the biggest wave energy endeavors in the world, Pelamis and Aquamarine, both based out of wave-battered Scotland, went belly up recently despite funding from the Scottish government and plans to build out the biggest wave energy farms in the world based on the success of earlier prototypes.

Aquamarine's CEO John Malcolm chalked up his company's demise to "the considerable financial, regulatory and technical challenges faced by the ocean energy sector as a whole." Meanwhile, cheap natural gas and the surge in solar and wind power options have kept ocean energy on the back burner.

But wave power is far from dead in the water. Besides the experimental wave farm off Oahu, two larger projects are being built off the coast of the United Kingdom, while three additional proj-



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U.S.-based Lockheed Martin is branching out from defense contracting in assisting with the design of Ocean Power Technologies' (OPT) PowerBuoy technology to harness electricity from off-shore wave farms, as deployed here off the coast of Victoria, Australia.

ects are underway around Australia. Funding for these projects has come from not only the host governments but also the private sector. American defense contractor Lockheed Martin, for one, is a big player in deployment of wave power technologies and is a driving force behind the 19 megawatt, grid-connected wave power station currently in the works near Victoria, Australia.

Here in the U.S., wave energy advocates say the federal government has done too little to encourage research and development in this promising niche of the energy sector. Subsidies and tax incentives helped solar and wind power grow from pipe dreams in the 1980s to significant players in the global energy mix of today. Wave

power advocates would like to see similar incentives employed to boost the development of ocean-based renewable energy sources, but for that to happen the American public will need to speak up to get Congress to act.

CONTACTS: Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative, www.hawaiicleanenergyinitiative.org; Lockheed Martin, www.lockheedmartin.com.

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society, for humanity and for the Carlos name to be attached to that statement is remarkable. I smile to myself to think that my grandkids will come up and say that's your pop-pop there or that's your great-great-grandfather there and it gives them the encouragement to do the right thing and stand behind what you do.

There's a big difference, though, with this statue of Tommie Smith and you that stands at San Jose State, and that's Peter Norman. Peter Norman, the silver medalist from Australia, who, of course, stood with Tommie Smith and you and wore a button that said "Olympic Project for Human Rights." He's not there at San Jose, but he is on the medal stand and part of the statue at the Smithsonian. Why is that?

When the statue came about at the museum and I said, "It's great that you guys are putting a statue up of Tommie and I, but it's imperative that you put Peter Norman up there as well. I said, because your job is to educate the masses through this museum and they would never be educated in the museum of African-American culture and history, it would never be true history if Peter Norman is not there. And then I had to remind him also that we don't want it to be a situation like John Brown. John Brown should have statues in and around the United States as well. We don't want him to be forgotten, as well as we don't want Peter Norman to be forgotten for his contributions to having an equal playing field for all races, particularly the black race.

Is there a fear that when they make a statue out of you, that it's a way to sort of like make you safe, to extract your political teeth?

No, not really, because that symbol is so revealing and so strong, for years after I'm dead and gone that symbol will still inspire and motivate individuals to seek out higher ground and to push the stone up the road, to making a better society for all people. Now, that's a eternal job. It's not a job that you say in 10 months, or 10 years or 25 years the job will be done. It's an eternal job. You're going to do this job as long as the bubble spins!

You are also going to the White House this week. What is that about?

That's incredible to think that I'm going to the White House, and once again I can say 48 years later from my involvement in the Olympics itself. I would hope that my teammates from the 1968 team, one day, will one day have their day at the White House as well, but at this particular time, Tommie Smith and I will be going to the White House as a part of the 2016 Olympic team that did so well. I take my hat off to all of the team, the women of the team in particular, for track and field, because the women came through big-time. So we have to respect and honor their good deeds.

But, relative to going to the White House, man, it's a very emotional thing for me, in a sense that my father was in the First World War. Gave up blood, had relatives in the Second World War and the Korean War and none of them, I don't think, ever got close enough to the president of the nation that they stood for. For me to go, for my wife to be there by my side, I don't think it gets any greater than that. To be able to shake the president's hand, the first black president of the United States, that would be something that would linger through my mind.

This is also tied to an apology that's being put forward by the United States Olympic Committee for how they treated you and Dr. Smith, is that correct?

I don't know whether they're attempting an apology as much as I think what they did is lowered the drawbridge and were willing to come across the drawbridge to greet us with open arms. I think they made it clear to me that they had a charter and they have rules and regulations that were instilled in the Olympic process, I guess at the beginning, and they feel that I crossed the line with my statement.

However, they did express that we feel that what you did was the right movement and thought to say that you stand for justice and equality for all people. They admired the strength that we had to endure the pain and sacrifice we had [made] by making that statement. They acknowledged the fact that we haven't wavered from what our beliefs were at that particular time. And they reiterated that we agree with your statement, we just disagree with [you using] the podium for doing it. I can accept that.

But relative to an apology, well, people always ask me, would you be happy with an apology from the USOC? I don't really feel that the USOC owes me an apology, but an apology is owed by an individual American by the name of Mr. Brent Musburger.

Brent Musburger owes you an apology.

Absolutely. I think I'm offended by the statements that Brent Musburger made, and I think every American, true American, should be offended by the statement that he made in reference to Dr. Smith and myself.

You're talking about in 1968, as a young reporter for the Chicago American, Brent Musburger described you and Tommie Smith as "black-skinned storm troopers."

Absolutely. So what he's calling me is a neo-Nazi. So I guess, based on what we were fighting for at that particular time, if America accepted his statement towards us to call us neo-Nazis or fascists or whatever you might want to call it, then America is just acknowledging that maybe Kaepernick is right, maybe John Carlos is right, or all those civil activists down the line have been right. When a white individual can call a national figure in the Olympics games a black-skinned storm trooper and American society let it go? That's racism in itself. So if anyone owes an apology, it's Brent Musburger. And just to think about the fact that he made millions of dollars on the backs of so many young blacks that are out there playing every Saturday, and I would say that 99.9 percent of them have no idea that he called us black storm troopers.

Do you think police violence and racism are actually getting worse now or do you think it's just a question of us being more aware?

I think it's getting worse in the sense that, you know, we didn't have social media when I was a kid. What we did have, we had community policing. When I say community policing, I'm talking about, we had police that would beat police. They walked the streets, they knew the people in the community, the people in the community knew them. Some of them, we'd go to the people's houses to have lunch or dinner. They knew the kids in the community.

If a kid did something and he was going the wrong way, they wouldn't throw him on the ground, face down, they wouldn't shackle him, drag him out, or shoot him or beat him up, they might take him home and let his parents deal with him and make him realize what you're doing is wrong. We no longer have a beat police.

Used to be years ago, two riding in the car, now it's one riding in the car. They circle a whole area like they're herding cattle, to keep them in their stables, so to speak. So there's no relationship with them. If you look at something that's supposed to be less than you, that's less than you, whether it be sheep or cattle, and when it gets out. Well, what [do we do to the] sheep when it gets out and keeps getting out? They take the prod and put the prod on you, give you some shock treatment. Let them know that if you come through this gate, you're going to get lit up again. And that's the attitude that they have amongst certain police within these various agencies across the nation.

I'm watching the cattle. If I have to take down one of the cattle because he stepped out of line, I'll do it. We have to make sure that the police department is responsible for their policing. We're not saying that the police, universally, is a bad situation. We're saying that you have bad elements within your agency and it's your responsibility, your job, you take the oath to protect the public. If you're not protecting the public because your own people are committing atrocities, then you have to take an inward look for yourself to deal with these atrocities that are happening from your agency. Simple as that.

You know, that's all that young man is doing right now by taking a knee, saying, America has to take a better look at itself.

If you remember back in 1968, when I was on the podium, I had a black shirt on to cover up my USA jersey. I didn't cover up my jersey because I was mad at United States. I covered my jersey because I was ashamed of the United States. There's a difference in being mad at someone and being ashamed of someone, and I was ashamed because all the projection that America had put out through the world, it was a farce, relative to where I was standing, and I felt that America could have done and should have done better. That's all these people are saying today. America, you can and you should do better.