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Obama Calls for Equality, in Inaugural Address

The President Was Sworn in on Sunday, as Constitutionally-Mandated

By JEREMY BARR
Capital News Service

WASHINGTON - President Barack Obama's second inaugural address, delivered on a cold, cloudy afternoon, set out a clear vision for a more equal, unified America.

Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts administered the oath of office to Obama on Monday, however the president was officially sworn in on Sunday, as constitutionally-mandated.

"My fellow Americans, we are made for this moment," the president said in his 19-minute address. "And we will seize it — so long as we seize it together."

Obama's speech eschewed specific policy proposals, though he vowed change on a slate of progressive causes, from global warming to gay rights.

"We will respond to the threat of climate change, knowing that the failure to do so would betray our children and future generations," Obama said.

His reference to climate change

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Gov. O'Malley Proposes Assault Weapons Ban, Fingerprinting

By LUCAS HIGH
Capital News Service

ANNAPOLIS - Gov. Martin O'Malley announced a highly-anticipated gun control and public safety package Friday that would ban the sale of assault weapons, limit the ammunition capacity of magazines and require handgun buyers to submit fingerprints as part of the licensing

requirement.

If O'Malley's proposals become law, prospective gun owners would also have to pass a training course and face more stringent background checks.

Promoting public safety by reducing gun crime and access to certain firearms is the "top legislative priority" this session, O'Malley said during a press conference

attended by dozens of legislators, county executives and law enforcement personnel from around the state.

If passed, Maryland's gun laws will be some of the strictest in the nation.

The majority of the new laws, which Sen. Brian E. Frosh, D-Montgomery, called "courageous and common sense," are expected to pass swiftly through Maryland's

Democratic-dominated legislature.

However, the stringent new licensing requirements and fingerprinting database are likely to face opposition from both Republicans and more conservative Democrats.

"I think that bill will have

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Fear of Gun Control Drives Sales Up in Md.

Boost has Led to a Shortage in the Supply of Assault Rifles

By RASHEE RAJ KUMAR
Capital News Service

COLLEGE PARK -- Fears of new gun control regulations proposed by President Barack Obama and Gov. Martin O'Malley have intensified sales at Maryland gun shops.

While the boost in sales has bolstered gun dealer's profits, it has also led to a shortage in the supply of guns in the state, especially assault rifles, gun shop owners said.

"Everybody is panicking. Every day has been absolutely crazy for the last three weeks," Henry Calvert, president of Calvert Firearms, Inc. in North East, a town in Cecil County, said of his customers. "It's a bear market. Everyone is purchasing everything that comes in."

Obama proposed a set of gun control regulations on Wednesday, which included a universal background check for all gun sales and a ban on military-style assault weapons. On

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Protester Caused Inaugural Disturbance

By ANAMIKA ROY
Capital News Service

WASHINGTON - A vocal anti-abortion protester who climbed a tree at the Presidential Inaugural on Monday was arrested by Capitol Police after his screaming disturbed ticketholders.

A man identified by Capitol Police as Rives Grogan was a ticketed guest, who was detained after causing the disturbance, said Capitol Police spokesman Shennell S. Antrobus. Antrobus did not provide an age or hometown for Grogan.

The protester accused President Obama, whom he called "the anti-Christ," of killing babies and causing bloodshed. He asked attendees to "Stop Obama." The protest-

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Maryland Marching Band Honored With Inaugural Parade Appearance

By YAGANA SHAH
Capital News Service

COLLEGE PARK - The trumpets are polished, the tubas are shined and the drumsticks are dusted as part of the last-minute preparation for the Mighty Sound of Maryland's performance in Monday's 57th Inaugural Parade.

The century-old University of Maryland band marched in the inaugural parade for the fourth time. It last performed in President John F. Kennedy's 1961 inaugural.

This time around, the band beat out nearly 2,800 applicants in a competition that required submission of a list of its accomplishments, along with pictures, audio and video of their performances. They also received letters of support from Maryland Democratic Sens. Ben Cardin and Barbara Mikulski, as well as Rep. Steny Hoyer, D-Mechanicsville.

The band learned of its selection in mid-December, giving its 255 members just one month to prepare.

"You could hear the cheers all across campus from the kids hearing the news," said band director L. Richmond Sparks.

"I had been out all day when I came back and checked Facebook. There were a lot of statuses with a lot of likes," said Kevin "KG" Willson, 19, a sophomore trumpeter.

The band will also debut new uniforms at the parade, made possible, in part, through the win-

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Marylanders Help Pay for Obama's Inauguration

By JEREMY BARR
Capital News Service

WASHINGTON - Preliminary disclosures from the Presidential Inaugural Committee show 28 Marylanders have donated to Obama's second inaugural, and many more are expected.

Their donations will help pay for Saturday's National Day of Service events, a concert for children of military families and Monday's inaugural parade and balls.

Ten of Maryland's 28 PIC contributors also gave to Obama's first inaugural committee, according to the independent watchdog group Center for Responsive Politics.

Marylanders donated \$1,638,274 to the 2009 PIC, ranking the state eighth in total contributions, slightly behind Virginia. In 2009, 12 Marylanders gave the maximum \$50,000 allowed by the PIC. There is no limit on donations this time around.

Only one of the 2009 Maryland big donors gave to

Obama's second inaugural committee -- Emmanuel Irono, now of the District of Columbia and president of support services contractor Motir Services.

Another repeat Maryland donor, Susan Liss, of Chevy Chase, executive director of the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, said she likely would do it again.

"I really support this president, and I believe in him and hope he'll have a great second term," she said. "I am really glad that I was able to help ... I support candidates and causes as much as I am able to."

Liss' \$10,000 donation to the 2009 Inaugural Committee netted her inaugural ball tickets. This time around, she bought tickets for her son and his girlfriend, who are flying in from Denver.

A long-time contributor to Democratic politicians and liberal causes, Liss made phone calls for Obama's re-election campaign and held

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Students Visit Fire Station

County Firefighter/Medics hosted two dozen special needs students from a County school at their station. Firefighter/Medics, who were preparing to provide this morning's tour were motivated to create memories for these young students similar to the ones they had when they were children.

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Four More Years

Setting Partisanship Aside is the Best Way to Achieve a Better Future

By Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-Md.)
Four years ago, President Obama took office against a backdrop of severe job losses, an auto industry on the brink of collapse and a housing market shaken by a foreclosure crisis. Our economy calls for action, bold and swift.

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Enterprise Zone Expansion

The State has approved the expansion of Baltimore City's existing Enterprise Zone and the re-designation and expansion of the Salisbury-Wicomico Enterprise Zone, enabling these jurisdictions to provide businesses with income and property tax credits to help create and retain jobs. Businesses received million in property tax credits

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Movie Review "I Am Not a Hipster"

The non-hipster at the center of "I Am Not a Hipster" is an indie musician in San Diego who probably wouldn't be mistaken for a hipster anyway. He's more of a temperamental jerk. Movies about mopey artists are a dime a dozen at film festivals, but this one is a thoughtful and quietly affecting contribution.

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Earth Talk

Dear EarthTalk:

Why is it that airplane exhaust is so much worse for the environment than engine emissions on the ground?

— Winona Sharpe,
New York, N

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Towns and NEIGHBORS

In and Around Morningside-Skyline

by Mary McHale 301 735 3451

New principal announced for McNamara High School

Dr. Robert Van de Waag has been appointed the next principal at Bishop McNamara High School, in Forestville, effective July 1, 2013. The current president, Marco J. Clark, made the announcement in December.

Dr. Van de Waag served as lecturer, chaplain-in-residence and member of the Admissions Committee at Georgetown for the past five years, as assistant professor at Marymount University, and as teacher and campus minister at McNamara.

He has an undergraduate degree from Georgetown University, Master's in from the Duke School of Divinity, a Ph.D. from Duquesne University, and he will complete his Post-Master's Certificate in Educational Leadership and Administration from The George Washington University later this Spring.

Thanks were extended to Reginald Brady who has served as Interim Principal for the past year. He will continue as such until the new principal takes over and then will remain on as Associate Principal/Dean of Students.

Linda Estep dies, was one of 14

Linda Lou (Nichols) Estep, 57, formerly of Morningside, died Dec. 31 at home in Huntingtown, Md., where she had lived for the past 13 years. She was one of the 14 children of Lawrence and Mary Nichols of Allies Road, probably the biggest family ever to live in Morningside.

Linda worked in landscaping at Andrews until retiring with a disability. She enjoyed gardening, swimming in the pool, playing with her dog and cat, and "girls day out."

Her parents, sister Betty

Lukacsina, and brothers Joe and Jerry Nichols preceded her in death. She is survived by her husband of 32 years, Keith Estep, daughter Jeannie and husband Jiggs Knowles, Sr., and grandsons Jiggs, Jr. and Keifer Knowles. Four brothers, John, Jack, James and Jimmy Nichols, and six sisters, Shirley Lynch, Mary Taylor, Helen Nichols-Richardson, Dottie Fletcher, Lydia Duncan, Judy Barragan and lots of nieces and nephews survive her.

Friends joined the family to celebrate Linda's memorial and repast on Jan. 19 at American Legion Post 126, in Forestville.

Neighbors

On Jan. 12, 1992, Morningside Firefighter Kenneth Michael Hedrick died while fighting a housefire on Walls Lane in Suitland. He rescued a seven-year-old boy, went back into the house thinking there was another child, and died in the fire. Rescue Squad 27, Morningside VFD, is dedicated to the memory of Kenny, "The Pride of the Department." They spent January 12 drilling on the tragic circumstances that took Kenny's life 21 years ago.

Mount Calvary School is seeking alumni. If you'd like to be informed of the latest Mount Calvary news, reunion information and events, email to alumni@mountcalvarycatholic-school.org.

Get well wishes to Col. Ralph Young, retired, formerly of Skyline, who is ailing. He reads this column out in California where he now lives.

Ticky Tacky Tea Party

Phyllis Cooks, Auxiliary President of VFW Post 9619, invites you to their annual Ticky Tacky Tea Party on Saturday, Feb. 23, 2 to 4 p.m. The event benefits the Auxiliary's Cancer Aid & Research Program. The

Post is at 6527 Suitland Road in Morningside. For information, call Phyllis at 301-736-5022.

May they rest in peace

Ronald G. Maurice, 83, of Camp Springs, attorney and high-ranking member of the Knights of Columbus, died Oct. 25. A native of Providence, R.I., he graduated from Providence College and was a lawyer with offices in Marlow Heights. He was Grand Knight and Papal Navigator with the Knights of Columbus and was in charge of the Pius X Council Hall in Forestville. He was also active with the Elks Camp Springs Lodge in Temple Hills. He was the father of Diane Maurice, Janine Johansen and Carolyn Coppola, brother of the late Raymond Maurice. Mass of Christian Burial was at St. Philip's Church where he attended Mass daily. Burial is at Resurrection Cemetery.

Richard Oliver "Ollie" Moore, 98, died Dec. 30, 2012, at his home on the farm in Melwood where he was born and lived all his life. He was predeceased by his parents Charles Moore, Sr. and Mary Ward Moore and siblings J. Edward Moore, Florence Jones, Ethel Sweeney Moran and Laura Cooper. He was the husband of the late Marion Moore; father of Margaret Telemeco, Faye Rodgers, Larry Moore and Janice Reagan; grandfather of four and great-grandfather of five.

Milestones

Happy birthday to my great-grandson Jason Shearer, Jan 22; Kenneth Brown and Michelle Willis, Jan. 25; Father Thomas LaHood and Yvonne Garvin, Jan. 27; Sister Zion and Lisa Call, Jan. 29; David Call, Martha Kline and Joanne (Clark) Bunch, Jan. 30; Donna Young and Robin Sawyer, Feb. 1.

Oxon Hill Boys and Girls Club present The New World Basketball Academy. The location is Oxon Hill Staff Development Center 7711 Livingston Road Oxon Hill, Maryland 20745. There will be intense daily basketball workouts, homework assistance study hall. The Academy is for Grades K-8 Boys and Girls. Pick up by 6:30 PM. The Academy provides transportation from local schools and drop-offs at Clinton Park and Ride on Woodyard Road at 6:00 PM. Contact Taj.Hawkins@me.com to register and for pricing.

LEARNING-----ACADEMIC & FUN

Your local library provides a constructive and safe environment if a computer is not available in your home for your children to explore required and new interests for your children at Prince George's County Memorial Libraries. Some helpful websites are Tutor.com

(get online tutor to help), FreeWorldU.org (provides free flashcard-style learning in all subject areas for pre K-12 students, Kidsknowit.com (the total free children's learning network and many more websites. Visit <http://prge.lib.md.us>. This website offers free e-books, audio books and online tutoring for all students.

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION (NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA CHAPTER)

Support group meetings for family members and friends of Dementia diagnosed individuals meet in the Parsonage 3rd Saturday each month 10:00 AM at grace United Methodist Church (Pastor Robert Earl Slade). The church is located at 11700 Old Fort Road Fort Washington, MD 20744. Prior to attending your first meeting, please contact Barbara Stevenson-Facilitator 301-248-3027 or Gabrielle Peace- Co-Facilitator 301-248-3069.

Neighborhood Events

Flu Remains Steady in Maryland

Season's First Pediatric Flu-Related Death Confirmed

(Baltimore, MD) January, 2013 – Weekly surveillance indicates that influenza remains steady around Maryland, but some indicators suggest declines. The pattern in Maryland is consistent with what is being seen in some other parts of the country. At the same time, however, laboratory testing confirmed this week that a Baltimore area child who died in December tested positive for influenza. The child also had an underlying health condition.

For the week that ended on January 12, emergency department visits for influenza-like illness were up, as were the number of people who reported that they had influenza-like illness to Maryland's influenza tracking survey (MRITS). Influenza associated hospitalizations were down, as were the proportion of positive lab tests. More information about Maryland influenza activity can be found at: <http://ideha.dhmm.maryland.gov/influenza/fluwatch>

An annual vaccination remains the best way to prevent influenza and its related complications, and it's not too late to get vaccinated. While some healthcare providers no longer have influenza vaccine available, there is still vaccine in Maryland; DHMH urges people whose usual healthcare provider no longer has influenza vaccine available to check in with other community vaccinators, such as pharmacies, health departments or other healthcare providers.

People who develop influenza-like illnesses (fever plus cough or sore throat) should stay home from work or school while they're sick. Most people recover from influenza within a few days to less than two weeks, even without any specific treatment. However, certain people who might be at greater risk of complications if they get influenza should check in with their healthcare provider if they develop an influenza-like illness, to see if they might benefit from an antiviral medication, like Tamiflu. Those people include young children, people at 65 and over, people with underlying medical conditions, and pregnant women.

Surviving the Winter Storm - Fire/EMS Tips

The National Weather Service has issued a Winter Storm Watch for Prince George's County. The men and women of your Fire/Emergency Medical Services Department want you to help us by staying safe yourself. We recommend that our citizens, visitors and businesses.

Stay Informed, Stay Ready, Stay Safe

• Stay prepared by bringing out your emergency preparedness kit and having a supply of essential items (food, water, warming items, radios, batteries, flashlights, etc.) available.

• Stay informed by monitoring TV news, news radio, National Weather Service radios and the Internet. Important information may be broadcast that could affect you and your family. Ensure your cell phones and lap top computers are fully charged now – before the storm occurs.

• Stay safe by keeping fire safety and injury prevention a priority in your activities. It is important to remember that

(MD-5) released the following statement after the swearing in of President Barack Obama for his second term:

"As President Barack Obama took his second oath of office to 'preserve, protect, and defend' our Constitution, we reflect on the challenges our nation has faced over the past four years, as well as the ones that lie ahead. President Obama has taken action to strengthen our economy, reduce our deficits, and increase our national security. We have made significant progress over the course of his first term, but we know more needs to be done to make the promise of the American Dream more accessible to every American.

"I am hopeful that, in witnessing our President publicly renew his oath today, we can all – Democrats and Republicans – be moved by the same love of country and our shared history and work together to meet the challenges that we face today, as the President called on us to do."

Van Hollen Statement on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Rockville, MD – Maryland Congressman Chris Van Hollen released the following statement in recognition of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day:

"Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. lived a life marked by courage, conviction, and a dedication to justice. He changed our nation for the better and was instrumental in extending the opportunity to pursue the American Dream to all people. Dr. King was also committed to the principle of non-violence, and serves as an important reminder that we must always strive to express our differences while still respecting one another. As we celebrate the second inauguration of our nation's first African American President, we remember the extraordinary life and work of Dr. King and the many civil rights heroes that came before us, and we reaffirm our commitment to continuing the fight for justice and equality."

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fire apparatus and ambulances will be slower to respond to your emergencies due to the weather and hazardous driving conditions. Check your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms now to ensure they are working. In the event of an emergency, have an escape plan and call 911 immediately from a safe location.

• If possible, stay indoors and off the roads at all costs. Reduced traffic on roadways will allow public works crews an opportunity to clear a path that can be used by first responders to handle emergencies. If you must venture outdoors, dress warm and in layers, wear a hat and gloves, and cover your face with a scarf.

• A winter storm always has the potential to cause power disruptions as snow will collect on power lines and tree branches that will then come in contact with power lines. Do not approach a downed power line – always consider downed power lines to be "live." Restrict access to the downed lines and call 911.

• Speaking of calling 911 – please – only call 911 for emergencies. Activity for Fire and EMS service could be high. If you do not have an emergency you should call 311 for assistance.

• In the event of power outages – use flashlights and battery powered lanterns for illumination – do not use candles. Ensure you have a battery powered radio.

• Give space heaters space – keep space heaters at least 3-feet away from anything combustible like bedding, furniture, paper, etc.

• Use only seasoned wood products in your fireplace and use extreme caution when disposing of fireplace ashes as they can remain hot for days after the fire is out. Dispose of ashes in a metal container outside and away from the house.

• Some winter storms produce enough snow that will make it difficult to shovel, especially for those that have an existing heart condition or anyone over the age of 50. Limit shoveling to only a few minutes at a time, shovel smaller amounts, and take frequent breaks.

• It is time to be a good neighbor – check on your senior citizen neighbors and ensure they have heat and food. Shovel their sidewalks and check on them frequently.

• Clear away snow from the fire hydrant on your street. If the fire hydrant is on your property; you are required to clear away the snow.

• If you must drive – reduce your speed, increase the distance between you and the car in front of you, turn on your headlights, and do not be distracted by cell phones. Keep an eye out for pedestrians as they will venture out into the streets as sidewalks disappear. This information especially applies to 4-wheel drive SUV operators. The Prince George's County Fire/EMS Fire Department stands ready and prepared to provide the best services available. We ask you to help us by preventing emergencies from ever occurring to avoid the need for us to have to respond to that emergency. Remember, Safety First.

Brandywine-Aquasco

by Ruth Turner 301 888 2153

CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Congratulations to Ronald Banks, Eliza Cobb, Pauline Dotson, Arthur C. Duckett, Jr., John H. Hawkins, Robert A. Hawkins, Andrea Holland, LaYhea Lee, LaShae Lee, Sharon Robinson, Fannie Savoy, Carla Slater, Phyllis Slater, Dominic Strickland and Anthony B. Taylor on your birthday celebrations during the month of January.

NOTTINGHAM MYERS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Congratulations to Winthrop Chew, Margaret Contee, Francis Deville, Barbara Hall, Elizabeth Hamilton, Selena Jackson, Erin N. McCoy, Albert Makle and Cecelia Patterson as you celebrate your birthdays in the month of February.

ANNUAL PANCAKE SUPPER

St. Philip's Church Annual Pancake Supper will be Tuesday, February 12, 2013 from 5:00 PM-7:00 PM at St. Philip's Church Baden Parish. The church is located at 13801 Baden Westwood Road Brandywine, MD 20613. Adults pay \$7.00, children \$5.00 (12 years and under) and children (free 5 years and under). The Annual Pancake Supper will benefit St. Philip's Church, Baden Parish.

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COMMUNITY

Firefighter/Medics Host Students for Fire Station Visit

By PRESS OFFICER
Office of the Governor

Firefighter/Medics hosted two dozen special need students and staff from a County school today at their station. Visits to local fire stations are the cornerstone of public education in the fire service and a staple of fire safety and injury prevention education that often create a long lasting memory. Prince George's County Firefighter/Medics that were preparing to provide this morning's tour of the apparatus and facility all remembered their own first visit as a young student to a firehouse. The crew was motivated to create similar memories for these young students.

Fire Fighter/Medic Lieutenant Brian F. Dougherty greeted and welcomed the stu-

dents and staff to the Riverdale Heights Fire/EMS Station 813 on Roanoke Avenue. He provided the guests with a brief overview of their visit and introduced his crew that would provide the remainder of the tour. Fire Fighter Latrice B. Byrd-Whitehead provided a tour of the ambulance and engine with the assistance of Fire Fighter/Medic Technician David J. Wilson Sr. Fire Fighter Medic Brian T. Mangino demonstrated the personal protective equipment worn by firefighters including his self contained breathing apparatus to let the students see and hear what a firefighter looks and sounds like. Lt. Dougherty and crew discussed fire safety and injury prevention tips on subjects such as calling 911, how to stay safe during an emergency and sent each stu-



PHOTO COURTESY FIRE/EMS
Fire Fighter/Medic Technician David J. Wilson Sr. Fire Fighter Medic Brian T. Mangino demonstrated the personal protective equipment worn by firefighters.

dent home with materials concerning smoke alarms and developing an home escape plan if it is on fire. Students and staff were also provided an opportunity to ask firefighters

questions. Based on the expression on the face of the students, the fire station visit was educational, entertaining and sure to have created those memories.

Practical Money Skills

By Jason Alderman

With Investments, Diversifying Is Key

Ever wonder why Mom and Pop stores sell wildly unrelated products side by side, like umbrellas and sunglasses, or Halloween candy and screwdrivers? Customers probably would never buy these items on the same shopping trip, right?



That's exactly the point. By diversifying their product offerings, vendors reduce the risk of losing sales on any given day, since people don't usually buy umbrellas on sunny days or sunglasses when it rains.

The same diversification principle also applies in the investment world, where it's referred to as asset allocation. By spreading your assets across different investment classes (stock mutual funds, bonds, money market securities, real estate, cash, etc.), if one category tanks temporarily you may be at least partially protected by others.

You must weigh several factors when determining how best to allocate your assets:

Risk tolerance. This refers to your appetite for risking the loss of some or all of your original investment in exchange for greater potential rewards. Although higher-risk investments (like stocks) are potentially more profitable over the long haul, they're also at greater risk for short-term losses. Ask yourself, would you lose sleep investing in funds that might lose money or fluctuate wildly in value for several years; or will you comfortably risk temporary losses in exchange for potentially greater returns?

Time horizon. This is the expected length of time you'll be investing for a particular financial goal. If you are decades away from retirement, you may be comfortable with riskier, more volatile investments. But if your retirement looms, or you'll soon need to tap college savings, you might not want to risk sudden downturns that could gut your balance in the short term.

Diversification within risk categories is also important. From a diversification standpoint it's not prudent to invest in only a few stocks. That's why mutual funds are so popular: They pool money from many investors and buy a broad spectrum of securities. Thus, if one company in the fund does poorly, the overall impact on your account is lessened.

Many people don't have the expertise – or time – to build a diversified investment portfolio with the proper asset mix. That's why most 401(k) plans and brokerages offer portfolios with varying risk profiles, from extremely conservative (e.g., mostly treasury bills or money market funds) to very aggressive (stock in smaller businesses or in developing countries).

Typically, each portfolio is comprised of various investments that combined reach the appropriate risk level. For example, one moderately conservative portfolio offered by Schwab consists of 50 percent interest-bearing bond funds, 40 percent stocks and 10 percent cash equivalents. Usually, the more aggressive the portfolio, the higher percentage of stocks it contains (i.e., higher risk/higher reward).

Another possibility is the so-called "targeted maturity" or lifecycle funds offered by many 401(k) plans and brokerages. With these, you choose the fund closest to your planned retirement date and the fund manager picks an appropriate investment mixture. As retirement approaches the fund is continually "rebalanced" to become more conservative.

Although convenient, this one-size-fits-all approach may not suit your individual needs; for example, you may want to invest more – or less – aggressively, or may not like some of the funds included.

These may seem like complicated concepts, but the Security and Exchange Commission's publication, "Beginner's Guide to Asset Allocation, Diversification and Rebalancing," does a good job explaining them (www.sec.gov).

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Band from A1

nings of a 2010 band competition in conjunction with the TV show, "Hawaii Five-0." The current uniforms are 15 years old.

"We were hoping to have the uniforms for the beginning of the fall season, but it didn't happen. So we thought it would be nice to debut the uniforms on national television at the inauguration," Sparks said.

The new uniform was inspired by military bands, Sparks said, and will incorporate the four state colors in a cadet-style coat. Unlike the colorful and innovative Under Armour uniforms designed for the football team, Stanbury Uniforms was given the task of designing the new band uni-

forms through the standard university bidding procedure.

"I was just really excited about the new uniforms...and the possibility for relatives who don't live in Maryland to maybe be able to see me if we get on national television," Willson said.

Sparks said he is not concerned about the band's ability to pull together and perform. The group is among the best in his 29 years with the university, he said. It also won't be the band's first time performing for President Barack Obama; they played for him on a 2008 visit to the university.

"I'm not nervous because I know that when we're finished, it'll be exactly what I expect...I know that it'll get together because the band is amazing."

Ban from A1

probably a difficult time on the floor of the Senate," Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller Jr., said Tuesday. "Licensing begins to trample on Second Amendment rights."

The new legislation will expand upon the Maryland State Police's list of weapons which are considered assault rifles, said Stacy Mayer, O'Malley's legislative secretary. While Mayer did not give specifics, she said that for a weapon to be an assault rifle the firearm would "have to be a centerfire rifle, and have to have one or more additional features."

Additional features on firearms often include pistol grips, collapsible stocks and flash suppressors, amongst others.

The federal assault rifles ban that began in 1994 classified an assault rifle as a semi-automatic rifle with two or more additional features, according to the Coalition to Stop Gun Violence.

Under current Maryland law, citizens over the age of 21 can legally purchase assault rifles as long as the weapons are registered with the Maryland State Police.

The new laws would reduce the maximum ammunition capacity for magazines from 20 rounds to 10.

Also, current law says the ammunition limit does not apply to .22-caliber rifles with

magazines that are built into the barrel, rather than detachable. The proposed legislation will also limit those weapons to 10-round capacity magazines, Mayer said.

O'Malley's assault rifle ban is a "public policy placebo," said Matthew Daley, vice president of government affairs for the Maryland State Rifle and Pistol Association.

In 2011, handguns, not assault rifles, accounted for nearly two-thirds of every gun homicide nationally, according to a recent FBI report.

"There is no data to show that (assault rifles) are a major part of the firearm violence problem in Maryland," Daley said.

Regardless of how often assault rifles are used in crimes, "weapons of war" are not used for hunting and have no purpose on Maryland's streets, said Baltimore County Chief of Police James W. Johnson.

One of the Baltimore County Police Department's main goals is to "keep excessive firepower out of communities," Johnson said. "The public is demanding action on this vital issue."

Banning assault rifles and high-capacity magazines won't infringe upon the Second Amendment, but it will keep neighborhoods safer, Johnson said.

The proposed laws would also require that gun owners who move to Maryland register

The band hopes that come Monday luck—and the weather, will be on their side. The 2009 inauguration was particularly cold, with gusting winds and temperatures below freezing. This year is looking slightly warmer with highs expected in the upper 30s.

"If we can't feel our fingers and our toes, we can't play very well," said Zara Simpson, 22, a senior cymbalist. "Because it's going to be cold, and some of our cadences are hard to play quickly when our hands are cold, we're learning new cadences that will be incorporated so our hands don't freeze up."

Band members spoke of their various pre-performance rituals and traditions, ranging from hands-in cheers, chants

and dances they perform to warm up and get pumped.

"The fun thing is that there's always something new that we introduce each year...it's a lot of fun," Willson said.

As they march the two-mile parade route through Washington Monday to the fitting tune of composer John Philip Sousa's "The Washington Post," band members will have their minds on more than just hitting the right notes.

"It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," Willson said. "It's just really exciting that we get to be part of this history. I can tell friends and family 20 years from now. It's just something exciting to be able to say I marched at Obama's second inaugural."

their firearm even if those weapons are already registered in the state where the weapon was purchased.

O'Malley's proposals are not without opponents in the Maryland General Assembly.

"Nothing proposed here will stop bad guys with guns," said Delegate Michael Smigiel, R-Upper Shore. He went on to call the gun control measures "solutions in search of a problem," and said his top priority this legislative session will be blocking proposed gun control bills.

Individual members of the state legislature have vowed to introduce their own gun control bills.

Proposals include imposing a 50 percent tax on ammunition, requiring gun owners to purchase insurance and expanding the Maryland State Police's authority to inspect the inventory of gun sellers.

Gun store inspections are currently performed by the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

O'Malley's announcement comes just days after Gov. Anthony Cuomo signed a similar gun control package into law in New York. Cuomo and O'Malley have emerged as possible contenders for the 2016 Democratic presidential nomination.

New York is the first state to pass new gun laws in the wake

of the Sandy Hook Elementary shootings in Newtown, Conn.

President Barack Obama announced a series of proposals and executive orders on Wednesday aimed at tightening federal gun control laws.

The president's plan would reinstate a federal ban on assault weapons that expired in 2004, limit magazine capacity to 10 rounds and close loopholes that allow weapons to be purchased from gun shows and private dealers without a background check.

The orders also aim to increase the legal penalties for "straw purchasers," individuals who purchase guns on behalf of criminals.

O'Malley stressed the importance of investing in Maryland's mental health treatment facilities, as well as an increased emphasis on early detection of potential violent mental disorders.

While O'Malley doesn't "think equipping teachers with Uzis and gun belts is the answer," he called for increased cooperation between local law enforcement agencies and educators to develop policies and procedures to reduce violence in schools.

"There is no way to completely eliminate the threat and the risk of another tragedy like Newtown," O'Malley said. "But there might be actions we can take to prevent that from happening."

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Cong. Steny H. Hoyer
House Democratic Minority Whip



Best Way to Achieve a Better Future

Setting Partisanship Aside is the Best Way to Achieve a Better Future
By Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-Md.)

Four years ago, President Obama took office against a backdrop of severe job losses, an auto industry on the brink of collapse and a housing market shaken by a foreclosure crisis. The very foundations of the American Dream appeared to be faltering. As he stood to address an anxious nation, our new president declared that "the state of our economy calls for action, bold and swift."

As we prepare to watch the president take the oath of office a second time, we look back on four years of action by his administration to strengthen our economy that was indeed bold and swift. The Recovery Act saved millions from losing their jobs. New programs helped families with underwater mortgages to remain in their homes. While some said our auto industry ought to be allowed to fail, Obama and Democrats made a bet on America's workers, and that bet continues to yield dividends to our wider economy.

But as much as the president has been able to achieve these victories, there is still much work to be done, and bold action ought to continue.

However, over the past two years, too much bitter partisanship has gotten in the way of real progress on the most important economic issues: creating jobs, reducing deficits and protecting middle-class opportunities for the next generation.

The American people have once again clearly indicated the direction they want our country to go, and with their votes they sent a message that Democrats and Republicans in Congress must work together to solve our greatest challenges. Bipartisan compromise has long been the forge on which our democracy is strengthened, and we need to tap once again into that tradition to move our country forward.

There are many ways Congress can fail, but rising above the differences of party to embrace that which unites us as Americans is the best guarantee of success. Our challenges will not wait; neither can we delay in meeting those challenges in a spirit of cooperation.

When it comes to creating jobs, Americans are

looking to their leaders in Congress to cultivate an environment where businesses can succeed, expand operations and hire for middle-class jobs that pay well and won't be shipped overseas. We know that, to boost our competitiveness, we need a comprehensive plan to invest in innovation, education, infrastructure and the growth of manufacturing. House Democrats' "Make it in America" plan is focused on those priorities. While a number of Make it in America bills have become law, there is more to be done to revitalize American manufacturing and the jobs that come with it.

In order to have a strong economy, we also need to get our fiscal house in order. Reining in deficits will not be possible unless both parties are willing to reach a reasonable compromise. Neither further revenues nor entitlements can be off the table.

By working together to make the tough choices we know are necessary, we can achieve what has so far proven elusive. Only a big and balanced approach, combining spending cuts with new revenues, is sufficient to meet the challenge we face. That must continue to be our goal, and it is all the more attainable if those in Congress can set party aside and put country first.

At the same time, we must ensure that the policies Congress sets in place do not put at risk the most vulnerable in our society. Instead we ought to be legislating with an eye toward growing our middle class and helping more Americans enter the middle class by ensuring access to opportunities to attend school, find a job, afford homeownership, obtain health insurance and save for retirement. Neither party wants to see the opportunities that encompass the American Dream diminish, and we have a responsibility to work together to preserve and enhance them.

If Congress can embrace compromise, it will enable us, as the president said from the inaugural stage four years ago, "to reaffirm our enduring spirit; to choose our better history." When Congress assembles on that same platform to witness his swearing-in a second time, I hope that moment of national unity translates into a renewed effort to tackle our most pressing challenges together. Let us capture that spirit anew and, in doing so, move toward a better future.

State of Equality and Justice in America 'It is the Best of Times and the Worst of Times'

By Charles J. Ogletree, Jr.

With the death of Trayvon Martin nearly a year ago, many wondered whether there could be any justice in America. The indictment of George Zimmerman and the subsequent focus on the shooting death of Trayvon Martin has set the legal process to take its course in the near future.

In looking at the overall state of race and justice in America, clearly a lot of progress has been made. On November 4, 2008, the United States elected its first African-American President Barack Obama, who is just beginning his second term. Clearly, the job of equality and justice is not the job of one man. But, since his election, President Obama has taken a number of steps that make the state of race and justice a positive one.

If we simply look at the Supreme Court, which decides much of our legal issues that impact us greatly, the President has had the opportunity to appoint two people. And on both occasions, he appointed women; including a woman of color. When we look at the United States Circuit Courts, which are one step away from the United States Supreme Court, President Obama has appointed the first African-American for Mississippi to the Fifth Circuit, an African-American with Haitian connections to the Second Circuit, the first woman in Massachusetts to the First Circuit, and an African-American woman to the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. This only begins to show the diversity and quality of his appointments.

More importantly, the President - in his first term - persuaded Congress to support a \$787 billion stimulus package, has had healthcare approved, and prevailed in the Supreme Court on protection of rights of immigrants. These successes reveal the commitment to the state of justice, equality, and progress in our country.

Despite the progress of the past four years, there is still much work to be done. We still have a problem in terms of employment, housing, and

an increasing negative reflection on the African-American presence in the criminal justice system. While many of these issues are influenced by local and state legislation, they are still troubling when you see the African-American unemployment rates in double digits, housing foreclosures increasing, and the state of equality in our criminal justice system leaves all of us at peril.

The good news, of course, is that under the leadership of Attorney General Eric Holder, the first African-American Attorney General, the disparity between powder cocaine and crack cocaine has been reduced from 100 to 1 to 18 to 1. This is a step in the right direction. But leveling the playing field to a 1 to 1 ratio is still necessary. And we hope will be accomplished in the coming years.

President Obama has made clear his views on the kinds of justices he wants for the courts, what kinds of tax cuts he wants, as well as his views on a woman's right to choose, immigration, and now, stricter gun laws. Voters carefully assessed and made their decision for themselves and for their children and grandchildren for generations to come.

In conclusion, it is the best of times and the worst of times. We have made a lot of progress on many issues, but the job is not done.

Charles Ogletree Jr. is the Jesse Climenko Professor of Law at Harvard Law School, and executive director and founder, Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race and Justice. This article - the second of a 20-part series - is written in commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. The Lawyers' Committee is a nonpartisan, non-profit organization, formed in 1963 at the request of President John F. Kennedy to enlist the private bar's leadership and resources in combating racial discrimination and the resulting inequality of opportunity - work that continues to be vital today. For more information, please visit www.lawyerscommittee.org.



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Northampton Plantation

From the 1600's to the mid-1800's, large tobacco plantations dominated the economic and social life of Prince George's County. One of the most prominent plantations in the county was Northampton. Today, all that remains of Northampton are the ruins of the main plantation house, outbuildings, and two slave quarters.

Child Watch

by Marion Wright Edelman



How We Can Truly Honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

In his last Sunday sermon at Washington National Cathedral, Dr. King retold the parable of the rich man Dives who ignored the poor and sick man Lazarus who came every day seeking crumbs from Dives' table. Dives went to hell, Dr. King said, not because he was rich but because he did not realize his wealth was his opportunity to bridge the gulf separating him from his brother and allowed Lazarus to become invisible. He warned this could happen to rich America, "if we don't use her vast resources to end poverty and make it possible for all of God's children to have the basic necessities of life."

At his death in 1968, when he was calling with urgency for an end to poverty in our nation, there were 25.4 million poor Americans including 11 million poor children and our Gross Domestic Product (GDP) was \$4.13 trillion. Today there are 46.2 million poor people including 16.1 million poor children and our GDP is three times larger. Twenty million of our neighbors are living in extreme poverty including 7.3 million children. Disgracefully children are the poorest age group in America and the younger they are the poorer they are and one in four preschool children is poor. More than one in three Black children and the same proportion of Latino children are poor. Children have suffered most since the recession began.

The number of poor children - 16.1 million - exceeds the entire combined populations of Haiti and Liberia, two of the poorest countries on earth.

The number of extremely poor children - 7.3 million - in our nation is greater than the population of Sierra Leone.

The number of poor children under five - 5.0 million - exceeds the entire population of the state of South Carolina or Louisiana or Alabama.

I have no doubt that Dr. King would be mounting a nonviolent poor people campaign to end rampant hunger, homelessness, and poverty today.

Let's honor Dr. King by our committed action to end child poverty and close the morally obscene gulf between rich and poor in our nation where the 400 highest income earners made as much as the combined tax revenues of 22 state governments with 42 million citizens in 2008, and the wealthiest top 1 percent hold more net wealth

than the bottom 90 percent combined. The rich don't need another tax break and they need to give back some of their unfair share of our nation's tax subsidies, loopholes and bailouts to feed and house and educate our children and employ their parents.

Let's honor and follow Dr. King by naming and changing the continuing racial disparities, undergirded by poverty, that place one in three Black and one in six Hispanic boys born in 2001 at risk of prison in their lifetimes. Incarceration is the new American apartheid. Let's reroute our children into a pipeline to college and productive work to compete with children from China and India.

Let's honor and follow Dr. King by speaking truth to power and demanding justice for poor and vulnerable children with urgency and persistence and effective nonviolent direct actions to bring our nation back from the brink of self destruction fueled by the unbridled greed of the few and a military budget that dwarfs our early childhood development budget where the real security of our nation lies.

Let's honor and follow Dr. King by stopping the resurgence of racial and income segregation in our schools, unfair treatment of children of color with zero tolerance school discipline and special education practices that push them out of school and towards prison, and efforts to undermine the hard earned right

to vote. Let's not return to Jim Crow shenanigans that strangled our democracy far too long.

Let's honor and follow Dr. King by building a beloved community in America where all have enough to eat, a place to sleep, enough work at decent wages to support a family, buy a home, raise children, and send them to public schools that empower children with hope, confidence and skills for the future.

Let's truly honor Dr. King by transforming our education system that sentences millions of children to social and economic death by failing to prepare them and our country for the future. That a majority of all children in all income and racial groups and seventy-six percent of Black and Hispanic children cannot read or compute at grade level in fourth and eighth grades is a threat to America's future economic and military strength.

Let's honor Dr. King by ensuring every child's safety and right to live by ending the epidemic gun violence in our nation that has snuffed out more than 1.3 million American lives since he and Robert Kennedy were killed by guns in 1968 - including the lives of approximately 148,000 children and teens. That is 7,400 classrooms of 20 children. Let's honor Dr. King by standing up and doing whatever is required for as long

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Small Business Spotlight

Governor O'Malley Appoints Dominick Murray Secretary of Economic Development

Secretary Christian S. Johansson leaving public service to join private sector education organization

ANNAPOLIS, MD (December, 2012) - Governor Martin O'Malley announced Dominick Murray as Maryland's Secretary of Business & Economic Development (DBED), following the decision by current Secretary Christian S. Johansson to leave public service to join Maryland-based Laureate Education to head a new group focused on university partnerships in the U.S. Succeeding Murray as Deputy Secretary will be Robert Walker, who previously served as the Department's Chief Operating Officer and Assistant Secretary for Business and Enterprise Development, as well as Maryland's Secretary of Agriculture. The changes will be effective mid-January.

"We are fortunate to have someone with Dominick's knowledge and extensive background in economic development take the helm at DBED. Maryland is recovering jobs at the 7th fastest rate in the nation and we have great confidence that Dominick will continue that progress," said Governor O'Malley. "I want to thank Christian for his work in creating an economic development strategy centered on creating jobs not just for today, but creating jobs for generations to come. Under Christian's leadership, we put in place a number of key programs to put Maryland at the forefront of entrepreneurship and innovation, including the largest venture capital program in State history - InvestMaryland. I could not have asked for a more engaged or visionary person to help me move Maryland's economy forward and I wish him well in his new endeavors."

Murray has served as DBED's Deputy Secretary since 2007, and has been an integral part of Governor O'Malley's business development and job growth team for more than 10 years, leading Baltimore City's economic development efforts during the Governor's tenure as Mayor of Baltimore. In that role, Murray streamlined the City's development and permitting processes, facilitated inter-agency communication on development issues and acted as a business community ombudsman for the Mayor's office.

His advocacy for Maryland's businesses continued during his tenure at DBED, where he has led the agency's regional development team and offered critical assistance to Maryland's local economic development offices and businesses. Murray also designed and implemented DBED's participation in the Governor's Delivery Unit, which works with agencies to help them align state and federal resources around 15 strategic and visionary goals the Governor has outlined to improve the quality of life in Maryland. He has served on critical technology and business development boards, including the Greater Baltimore Committee's Technology Council, the Maryland Aviation Administration board, the Marcellus Shale Advisory Commission and the Governor's Workforce Investment board.

A Michigan native who earned a BA from the University of Detroit, Murray also brings to the position significant private sector experience and perspective, after working in sales and marketing and senior management at large corporations like Chrysler, Westinghouse, GE Capital and CBS Radio, as well as in small companies like O/E Mid-Atlantic, G1440 and ARIS Corp. His public service also includes serving on the boards of the Johns Hopkins Diabetes Center and the UMBC Cooperative Education Office.

Johansson, who joined DBED at the height of the economic downturn in 2009, developed a number of successful initiatives to spur the State's innovation economy, connect small businesses with credit and build on core industries like life sciences and cyber security.

Among many accomplishments, Johansson worked with the Governor's office to develop InvestMaryland, which has \$84 million raised through an online tax credit auction to invest in the State's early stage companies. While other states have similar programs, InvestMaryland is unique in that if investments are successful, 100 percent of the principal and 80 percent of the profits are returned to the State's general fund. To date, nearly \$2 million has been deployed through the program since making its first investment in September. Earlier this year, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce cited InvestMaryland and other programs focused on innovation as the key reason they ranked Maryland #1 in Entrepreneurship and Innovation. Johansson was also instrumental in helping to pass the Maryland Innovation Initiative, which is a first-ever partnership between the State and five qualifying universities to advance cutting-edge research to the commercial marketplace and foster collaboration between the universities and federal laboratories.

To address the credit crunch, Johansson worked with the Governor's office and federal partners to craft the State Small Business Credit Initiative, part of the Small Business Jobs Act of 2010. Under the program, Maryland and 33 other states and U.S. territories received federal funds to provide state-backed loan guarantees to small businesses that were unable to access traditional bank financing. To date, the program has helped create 887 jobs and leverage more than \$74 million in private sector loans and investments.

In addition, he also advocated for streamlining regulations for Maryland businesses through the State's Maryland Made Easy program; worked to bring businesses to the table through the creation and revitalization of a number of boards and commissions, including the Maryland Economic Development Commission and the Maryland Advisory Commission on Manufacturing Competitiveness; and he oversaw two successful economic development missions to China, South Korea, Vietnam and India, which netted a total of \$145 million in trade and investment deals for the State.

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Governor O'Malley Announces Re-designation, Expansion of two Maryland Enterprise Zones

By PRESS OFFICER
Office of the Governor

BALTIMORE, MD (January, 2013) - Governor Martin O'Malley announced that the State has approved the expansion of Baltimore City's existing Enterprise Zone and the re-designation and expansion of the Salisbury-Wicomico Enterprise Zone, enabling these jurisdictions to provide businesses with income and property tax credits to help create and retain jobs. Last year, businesses located in the State's 30 Enterprise Zones received \$27.4 million in property tax credits, which have contributed to \$2.38 billion in capital investment in Maryland businesses over the past 10 years.

"Maryland's Enterprise Zones are one of our most powerful tools to help revitalize communities by sustaining existing businesses and attracting new businesses that create and retain jobs," said Governor O'Malley. "The expansion of the Enterprise Zones in Baltimore City and Salisbury-Wicomico County will help spur development so these communities can better compete and win in the new economy."

Baltimore City's Enterprise Zone has been expanded to include Harbor Point and the areas of South Central Avenue and South Eden Street to further encourage the economic development of the Harbor East community. The estimated total investment for projects within the expansion area is \$1.6 billion.

"The Enterprise Zone designation helps to support ongoing business development and growth in many Baltimore

neighborhoods," said Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake. "As we continue our efforts to grow Baltimore by 10,000 families in the next 10 years, the Enterprise Zone will help create great new job opportunities in strong communities for current and new residents."

"The expansion of the Baltimore City Enterprise Zone will support the city's goals of facilitating smart, new development in targeted areas and supporting business and residential projects that will improve our communities," said Baltimore City Council President Bernard C. "Jack" Young. "Future development is crucial to Baltimore's growth in an evolving economy."

The Salisbury-Wicomico County Enterprise Zone was approved for re-designation as well as expansion. The addition of 435 acres will expand this key Eastern Shore Zone to a total of 4,280 acres and serve as a key factor in the revitalization of Salisbury's central business district. The expanded Zone will also make the Wicomico River a focal point for new developments, attract new tenants to existing commercial properties, and encourage commercial and industrial developments within the Zone.

The Enterprise Zone encompasses the Northwood Industrial Park, home to nearly 40 manufacturers and 3,000 employees, and the 265-acre Westwood Commerce Park, home to employers like Ferguson Enterprises, Schmidt Banking, Sherwin Williams, and Costal Linen, Inc. In 2011, \$1 million in capital investment was made and 91 new jobs were within the Enterprise Zone.



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Exelon, Constellation Energy, and BGE will infuse over \$1 Billion in Investment in the MD. Economy.

"We are excited to re-dedicate ourselves to making the Enterprise Zone opportunities known to those who hope to develop jobs in our urban core," said Salisbury Mayor Jim Ireton. "As Salisbury grows, this designation will become even more critical to reducing sprawl and revitalizing our downtown and our city's most historic areas. I thank the State of Maryland for all the guidance they have provided in this process."

The Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development approves the State's Enterprise Zones, while local governments are responsible for their administration. Businesses operating within an Enterprise Zone may be eligible for a tax credit towards their state income tax filings based upon the number of new jobs created, and a tax credit on their local real property taxes based

upon their overall capital investment into a property.

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Tree from A1

er held a placard that read "Defund Planned Parenthood" on one side and "Pray to End Abortion" on the other. Throughout the ceremony, he repeatedly yelled "What about the babies?"

Annoyed ticketholders who couldn't hear the program yelled back: "I didn't come

here to listen to you!" among other things.

"It (was) my understanding that the individual was yelling and screaming while in the tree. He was a nuisance to attendees," Antrobus wrote in an email response to questions. "He was arrested when it was appropriate to do so to ensure his safety, as well as the others attending the event."

Donors from A1

campaign events. Now she's hosting an inaugural committee staffer at her home, as she has in the past.

It's hard to get a comprehensive picture of inaugural donations because the 2013 PIC has released only donors' names, a marked change from 2009, when it also released contribution amounts and donors' hometowns. The PIC has 90 days to report contributions of more than \$200 to the Federal Election Commission.

The Center for Responsive Politics is matching the names released weekly by the PIC with past donor lists in an effort to identify repeat contributors.

Beatrice Key, of Silver Spring, president of accounting firm Key & Associates, also comes up as a repeat donor. Key gave \$10,000 in 2009 and \$250

to this year's committee, she said.

"This past year I didn't do nearly as much as I did in 2008," said Key, who will not attend the inauguration. "I figured this was a way to give back."

Asked why she gave so much more last time around, Key said: "I had the finances to do it."

Her involvement with the Obama campaign began at a dinner five years ago. Key was impressed that the campaign had reached out to her, unlike Obama's Democratic primary opponent, then-Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-NY.

Key told her son, Phillip, then 11, who accompanied her to the dinner, that she would take him to the inauguration if her candidate won.

"You mean the man I met might actually become president?" she recalled him saying.

Capitol Police surrounded the tree to keep the public away, blocking views for attendees and forcing them into a small area. Many left the grounds in frustration.

Police put ladders around the tree to get the protester down, but he only climbed higher to a point where the ladder could not reach him.

After the ceremony ended,

the SWAT team convinced the man to climb down, and he was arrested.

Attendees were eager to see the man who ruined their inauguration experience get justice and crowded around the tree after the ceremony. Capitol Police had to barricade the area to ensure that the protester was safely removed from the scene.

Key said the president's policies have benefitted her, as she was able to get an SBA loan to buy a business two years ago.

H. Russell Frisby, Jr., of Columbia, a partner at Stinson, Morrison & Hecker, is another repeat donor. Frisby donated \$1,035 to the 2009 PIC, which also went toward ball tickets.

"I am a supporter of the president and my wife and I have been going to the inaugural balls since 1996," Frisby said in an email, noting that "after awhile the only things that change from ball to ball are the performers."

Frisby declined to say how much he donated to this year's PIC, but added that he "was not a major contributor."

In an editorial in the Los Angeles Times Wednesday, Sheila Krumholz, CRP's executive director, criticized the 2013 PIC for breaking from the tradition of transparency begun by

its predecessor.

"Obama's policy in 2009 bested those of all recent occupants of the Oval Office and went way beyond the law's requirements," she wrote. "That makes the backsliding this year especially disheartening."

Brent Colburn, communications director for the PIC, defended the committee's decision in a recent news conference.

"We believe this is a step above and beyond the transparency regulations placed down by the FEC," Colburn said.

In another change from 2009, the 2013 PIC lifted a ban on corporate giving.

Asked about the committee's goal for donations, Colburn declined to specify a figure but said the PIC is "on track to meet it."

"We feel very comfortable with our numbers," he said.

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OUT ON THE TOWN

ERIC D. SNIDER'S
IN THE DARK

Movie Review

"I Am Not a Hipster"

"I Am Not a Hipster"
Grade: B
Not rated, probably R for
some harsh profanity, some
sexuality
1 hr., 30 min.

and moody. An interview with a radio DJ who wants to promote his music turns sour because of Brook's petulance, then gets worse when the DJ asks about his family. Brook's mother died two years ago. That's when he moved to San Diego. His three sisters and their father are about to visit him, though he's been ignoring their phone calls, evidently hoping that pretending it's not happening will keep it from happening.

That tactic doesn't work, however, and his sisters — appropriately named Joy, Spring, and Merrily — arrive to inject some optimism into his life and to call him on his B.S. Since he's surrounded by admirers in his big-fish-small-pond situation, he doesn't get slapped into reality often enough. Clarke (Alvaro Orlando), his friend and self-proclaimed manager, puts up with all kinds of abuse and gets no support for his own artistic projects in return.

My description of Brook probably makes him sound like a whiny, ungrateful brat with whom you would not want to spend 90 cinematic minutes. But the difference between this film and many of its ilk is that instead of presenting someone who's



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Based in San Diego's indie music & art scene, I AM NOT A HIPSTER features original song performances and explores what it means to be creative in the face of tragedy. (c) Official Site

moody for no relatable reason, it explains him to us. We come to understand how his mother's death affected Brook, and how this has colored his recent behavior. What initially seemed like an unremarkable story about a directionless young person turns out to be a more insightful one about the grieving process.

The credit for this is shared by Cretton, whose screenplay

has enough levity to avoid getting mired in Brook's depression, and Bogart, whose performance gives us enough opportunities to like him despite the character's mood. Nothing about "I Am Not a Hipster" is a game-changer (and I want to go on record as a non-fan of the title), but it has enough warmth and heart to stand out from the crowd.

The Edge of Sports

by DAVE ZIRIN

The NFL: Where Dr. King's "Dream" Goes to Die

As the United States celebrates the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, with the swearing in of this country's first African American President, there will no doubt be commentary on the great gap between ceremony and reality. It's the gap between the public spectacle of President Barack Obama's inaugural oath — sworn on one of Martin Luther King's bibles no less — and a country still ravaged by what Dr. King called "the giant triplets of racism, militarism, and economic injustice."



In addition to the inaugural festivities, this weekend was also marked by a spectacle that will rival or exceed the inauguration in passion and interest: the National Football League playoffs. NFL football, by a country mile, is the most popular sport in the United States. It also stands as a living monument of the distance we still must travel to slay Dr. King's "giant triplets." I write this, in full disclosure, as someone who follows the sport religiously, but struggles to not be blind to the politics the NFL pumps through its play.

First and foremost, this weekend's football games presented an orgy of militarism. From the armed forces ads, to the live shots of the 101st Airborne watching overseas, to the warplanes flying overhead, the unspoken slogan was, "If you like the NFL, you'll just love the US military." Amidst the militarism, there was no mention that the greatest commonality between the violent, high adrenaline, excitement on the field and the drudgerous when not dangerous, poverty-wage work in the US military is traumatic brain injury. The league has even engaged in a joint partnership with the US Army to share research because of the stark similarities between being hit with a concussive grenade or an IED and being hit repeatedly by a middle linebacker. It shouldn't surprise anyone that the tributes to Dr. King by the NFL don't include the time when he said, "A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual doom."

The issue of economic injustice that Dr. King was tackling at the end of his life, pulses throughout the NFL as well. As Dr. King said, "The profit motive, when it is the sole basis of an economic system, encourages a cutthroat competition and selfish ambition that inspires men to be more concerned about making a living than making a life." The fact that athletically gifted children see the NFL, with all its attendant dangers, as being their ticket out of poverty says so much. The need of their friends and family to attach themselves onto these players as if they are substitutes for the anti-poverty programs that no longer exist, also speaks volumes. The fact that for many of the nation's poor, they can't even enter the stadium unless they are there to sell pretzels or beer, even though they paid for the stadium with their tax dollars, says even more. The fact that NFL owners are never held accountable for the injuries on the field, the exploitation of players, or the robbing of the public treasury to pay for their domed palaces, only proves another maxim of Dr. King: "Many white Americans of good will have never connected bigotry with economic exploitation. They have deplored prejudice but tolerated or ignored economic injustice."

Finally, there is the issue most closely tied to Dr. King's legacy: the "dream" of living in a colorblind world where people are judged by the content of their character. To say that the NFL's deeply conservative all-white ownership doesn't exercise racial prejudice is like saying Florida doesn't suffer from sunshine. This past off-season, the league had eight head coaching positions to fill. All eight were filled by white hires. Despite the NFL's much-celebrated Rooney Rule, which requires the interviewing of "minority head coaching candidates", the league is down to four head coaches of color including Latino Ron Rivera. That means only 9% of coaches are African American in a league where 70% of players are African American: the greatest disparity in a decade.

Yahoo Sports football writer Mike Silver wrote, "I know some of you don't want to be bothered with such inconvenient truths and would rather believe that every NFL owner (and/or individual with hiring power) is a color-blind, ultra-competitive beacon of nobility who is simply trying to find the best man for the job. If so, feel free not to read columns such as these — and to ignore the facts that suggest otherwise. Just know that in my world, the evidence isn't so easily dismissed, and a lot of very qualified and proficient men are baffled at the way the NFL seems to be regressing as we enter the early stages of the 21st century."

I spoke to N. Jeremi Duru, author of *Advancing the Ball: Race, Reformation, and the Quest for Equal Coaching Opportunity in the NFL* about the all-white hiring wave. He said to me, "It seems the most sought after head coaching candidates during the last couple head coach hiring cycles have been offensive coaches, and for various reasons the NFL's African American coaches who've attained head coaching positions have for the most part been defensive coaches... This year only one of 32 NFL offensive play callers is African American, the Baltimore Ravens' Jim Caldwell. If the league's clubs remain infatuated with offense, I don't see the numbers of head coaches of color appreciably increasing until head coaches of color are given

Local Businesses Cheer Return of Capitals Hockey After Lockout

By ERIC MORROW
Capital News Service

COLLEGE PARK — When the Washington Capitals take the ice for the first time this season on Saturday, the only people cheering louder than the fans will be business owners whose profits were frozen by the NHL lockout.

Bars, sports apparel stores and other local business that depend on Capitals fans to boost sales during the winter faced significant challenges when the NHL cancelled the first half of the season.

"There was definitely a noticeable drop-off in business when the Capitals were not playing," said Markus Smith, general manager of Rocket Bar located across the street from the Verizon Center, home of the Capitals. "The lockout was horrible."

Smith also said the he expects his bar to be busy for every game of the season, because of the shortened 48-game schedule.

The effects of the hockey lockout were felt far from the Verizon Center, in Baltimore.

"We were sad when they had the lockout because we lost some business for that time period," said Randy Sherman, the general manager of Slainte Irish Pub in Baltimore. "It's not uncommon for us to have four or five different games on at the same time, so we're very excited to have hockey back."

Before the lockout was resolved, businesses were forced to find new ways to make up for lost revenue without hockey. Slainte showed U.S. National Team hockey games to attract customers. Rocket Bar held an event on Oct. 12, the day the Capitals season was supposed to begin; customers who showed up in



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Caps Training Camp at Kettler Capitals Iceplex.

Capitals gear received special deals.

Fans are gearing up to watch the Capitals again — and spend money at local businesses during games.

"A lot of my friends have already gotten their tickets to go to games and a few of my friends have gone and watched their training," said Capitals fan Ashley David from Pasadena. "I can definitely say that I'll probably end up going to some of the bars to watch them."

Also serving as a potential boon for business owners is the expected success for the Capitals this season. Sports Illustrated predicted the Caps to win the Southeast Division and ESPN predicted the team to make the playoffs.

"When any sports team does well in this town it can't hurt business," said Glynn Colwell, manager of The Barking Dog in Bethesda. "If the Caps do well I think just about every bar or restaurant will do better."

Bars and restaurants were not the only businesses that saw sales slow down during the lockout.

"We've kinda not been seeing that many sales this year [of Capitals apparel] because people were waiting on the lockout," said David Cain, the assistant manager of Modell's in Greenbelt. "Now, with the lockout ending and an excitement lingering from last year with the Capitals success at end

of the season last year, we're starting to see more customers come in, they're starting to buy goods."

He said he expects jersey sales to increase should the Capitals start winning.

It's highly unlikely that another lockout will delay the start of the next NHL season, something local business owners can take solace in. The new collective bargaining agreement is set to last for 10 years

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Black History Month Exhibit

Date and Time: Wednesday, January 16-Tuesday, February 26
 Exhibit hours: Daily, 10 am-5 pm
 Opening reception: Sunday, February 3, 2-4 pm (reservations required)
 Description: View this year's exhibition, *Fighting on Two Fronts: Black Military Service in the United States*, which highlights African American service and support of the U.S. Military from the Revolutionary War to the Vietnam War. During this 200-year period, African Americans have fought, worked and sacrificed in support of their country. *Fighting on Two Fronts* explores their efforts in the changing face of discrimination at home and abroad. At the opening reception, see the unveiling of the 2013 Black History Month Poster designed by art students from Forestville Military Academy, with assistance from teachers Carlton and Joshua Smith and resident artist Curtis Woody.
 Cost: FREE
 Ages: All ages
 Location: *Montpelier Arts Center*
 9652 Muirkirk Road, Laurel 20708
 Contact: 301-627-2270; 240-264-3415
 To RSVP for the Opening Reception on February 3, please click > RSVP online

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 Contact: Have questions or need more information? Contact staff at the Sportsplex's Fitness Center 301-583-2525 or go to www.pgssportsandlearn.com

Black History Month: Biannual Fine Arts Exhibit: Winston Harris

Date and Time: Monday, January 21-Saturday, March 16
 Public reception: Saturday January 26, 3-5 pm
 Description: Mr. Harris work combines traditional and non-traditional abstract printmaking techniques that produce compelling two-dimensional and three-dimensional mono prints. Through experimentation and working with established painters, sculptors and printmakers, Mr. Harris has been able to expand his printmaking into the third dimension.
 Cost: FREE
 Ages: All ages
 Location: *Harmony Hall Regional Center*
 10701 Livingston Road, Fort Washington 20744
 Contact: 301-203-6070

Black History Film Festival

Date and Time: Fridays, February 1 & 15, 7-10 pm; Wednesdays, February 6 & 20, 11 am-2 pm
 Description: Join us for four military films during Black History Month. Featured films include *Red Tails* (Feb. 1), *A Soldier's Story* (Feb. 6), *Buffalo Soldiers* (Feb. 15) and *Glory* (Feb. 20).
 Cost: Feb. 1 & 15: Ages 13-17; FREE
 Feb. 6 & 20: Ages 60 & up; FREE
 Location: Huntington Community Center
 13022 8th Street, Bowie 20720
 Contact: 301-464-3725

Black History Month Concert: The Campbell Brothers - "Sacred Steel"

Date and Time: Saturday, February 2, 8 pm
 Description: Dubbed "Best U.S. Gospel Instrumentalists of the Year" at the 4th Annual Real Blues Awards, the Campbell Brothers present *Sacred Steel: African American gospel music with electric steel guitar and vocal*. The Campbell Brothers offer a compelling, rich mix of material from the African American Holiness-Pentecostal repertoire with a new twist: the growling, wailing, shouting, singing and swinging voice of the steel guitar. This tour engagement of The Campbell Brothers is funded through the American Masterpieces program of the Mid-Atlantic Arts Foundation with support from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Maryland State Arts Council.
 Cost: \$30/general admission; \$25/students & senior citizens
 Ages: All ages
 Location: *Harmony Hall Regional Center*
 10701 Livingston Road, Fort Washington 20744
 Contact: 301-203-6070

EARTH TALK ... Airplane exhaust

Dear EarthTalk:

Why is it that airplane exhaust is so much worse for the environment than engine emissions on the ground?

— Winona Sharpe,
 New York, NY

While air travel today accounts for just three percent of worldwide greenhouse gas emissions, the carbon dioxide (CO₂) and other pollutants that come out of jet exhaust contribute disproportionately to increasing surface temperatures below because the warming effect is amplified in the upper atmosphere.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), a scientific intergovernmental body set up by the United Nations (UN) to provide comprehensive scientific assessments of the risk of human-induced climate change, reports that CO₂ emitted by jets can survive in the atmosphere for upwards of 100 years, and that its combination with other gas and particulate emissions could have double or four times the warming effect as CO₂ emissions alone.

Modern jet engines are not that different from automobile engines—both involve internal combustion and burn fossil fuels. But instead of gasoline or diesel, jet fuel is primarily kerosene, a common home heating fuel used around the world. Just like car engines, jets emit CO₂, nitrogen oxides, sul-

fur oxides and soot.

Beyond their contributions to global warming, airplane emissions can also lead to the formation of acid rain and smog, as well as visibility impairment and crop damage down on the ground. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) reports that aircraft engines contribute about one percent of total U.S. mobile source nitrogen oxide emissions and up to four percent around airports in some areas.

What worries environmentalists is the fact that the number of airline flights is on the rise and is expected to skyrocket by mid-century, meaning that if we don't get a handle on airplane emissions, our other carbon footprint reduction efforts could be for naught. The U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) reports that commercial flights grew nine percent from 2002 to 2010 and will rise another 34 percent by 2020.

Jet emissions standards are based on guidelines established under the U.S. Clean Air Act and are set by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). Current standards were created in 1996 and updated in 2006, but environmental leaders want even stricter limits on greenhouse gas and other emissions.

The IPCC recommends funding more research into aviation's effects on climate to guide the development of aircraft and engine technology, promoting more efficient air



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traffic operations and expanding the use of regulatory and economic measures to encourage emissions reductions.

In regard to economic measures, the European Union (EU) is leading the way with new rules that assess fees on foreign airlines based on their CO₂ emissions. The new system, which would require airlines using an airport in Europe to trade for or purchase permits corresponding to the amount of greenhouse gases they emit, was supposed to go into effect in 2013 but has been postponed due to intense opposition from foreign governments which consider it a barrier to trade. EU officials have threatened to put the plan into effect nonetheless

if airlines or their governments can't agree on new stricter emissions limitations.

CONTACTS: IPCC, www.ipcc.ch; FAA, www.faa.gov; ICAO, www.icao.int.

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Friday, O'Malley proposed a similar ban on assault weapons in Maryland and limits on the size of magazines.

The increase in gun sales in Maryland predates the proposals in Annapolis and Washington, according to gun shop owners and FBI background check statistics. Gun shop owners said the increase started in October, in response to discussions of new gun control regulations during the presidential debates and intensified following the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting in Connecticut in December.

In November and December 2012, the FBI National Instant Criminal Background Check System processed 36,220 background checks for gun purchases in Maryland. During the same two months in 2011, the agency processed 24,376 background checks for gun purchases in Maryland. That represents a 49 percent increase from 2011 to 2012.

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is sure to please environmental advocates, many of whom criticized the president for failing to address it during the campaign debates.

"I'm hopeful that he has a broad environmental agenda," said U.S. Rep. John Delaney, D-Potomac, on Thursday, adding that he's optimistic about Obama's chances of success.

"A second term gives any president more flexibility because there are no re-election constraints," Delaney said.

Gay rights advocates, too, won reference in Obama's speech.

"Our journey is not complete until our gay brothers and sisters are treated like anyone else," he said, eight months after publicly supporting same-sex marriage.

And, while Obama didn't offer details, he called for immigration reform, an issue he is expected to prioritize in his second term.

"Our journey is not complete until we find a better way to welcome the striving, hopeful immigrants who still see America as a land of opportunity," he said.

Obama issued an executive order in June 2012 intended to stop the deportation of children

The National Instant Criminal Background Check System allows Federal Firearms Licensed gun dealers to quickly learn if prospective customers are eligible to buy a firearm.

Background check data for January is not yet available. But gun shop owners said the strong sales have continued into January, and they expect them to increase as state and national lawmakers debate new gun control measures more intensely.

Andrew Raymond, co-owner of Engage Armament in Rockville, saw exponential sales growth in December. In the four days following the Sandy Hook shooting on Dec. 14, his store did 10 times more business that he had anticipated. He expected to sell \$25,000 worth of merchandise and ended up selling \$260,000.

The increase in profits came in part because he raised his prices in response to strong market demand. He noticed that competitors were selling weapons he stocked for signifi-

cantly more money than he was. For one particular assault rifle, he raised the price from \$1,200 to \$2,000.

"Basically, we ended up raising our prices to meet the demand," Raymond said. "I don't like that personally. It doesn't feel good."

While business is strong now, Raymond said he is concerned about the future.

"What we specialize in as a business is assault rifles," he said.

Assault rifles account for 60 to 70 percent of Engage Armament's business, while handguns account for the rest. A federal or state ban on assault rifles could force him out of business, he said.

Michael Faith, the marketing director at Hendershot's Sporting Goods in Hagerstown, said that sales have been brisk for the past few months. The uptick started the day after the second presidential debate on Oct. 16, when Obama mentioned renewing the assault weapons ban.

"The sales are fear driven right now," Faith said. Although Faith was not in the gun business when the 1994 Federal Assault Weapons Ban passed, he deals with suppliers who have been in the industry for more than 20 years. His suppliers told him that they are seeing demand today that they have never seen before.

"From a business standpoint, sales have been good," Faith said. "I can sell every handgun and AR-15 I can get, but the problem is supply. I think that's the difference this time."

Faith also has concerns about any new proposed gun control legislation.

"New York passed legislation that bans anything over seven rounds. If Maryland passes legislation like New York, that affects more than 95 percent of our pistol inventory," he said. Hendershot's Sporting Goods hired eight new employees to handle increased demand after the second debate. Legislative changes could cost these employees their jobs, Faith said.

Silver Spring, was Miss Maryland Pre-teen 2012.

Griffin said she attended to show Obama that she is there for him: "No matter all the struggles that he faced as the U.S. president, we'll always be behind his back."

Gray Johnson, a case manager from Baltimore watching the speech on a Jumbotron on the Mall, said he liked Obama's second inaugural speech more than his first, but the poor audio diminished his experience.

"It was skipping almost like a bad tape" he said. "People actually started walking out. It never fixed itself. The whole speech was like that."

Johnson said Obama's speech had a lot of substance, particularly on the economy.

Democrats have widely praised the president for turning the economy around. The unemployment rate stands at 7.8 percent, down from 10 percent in October 2009, and other economic indicators show growth.

Still, disagreements about the best way to reduce the country's soaring deficit led recently to the "fiscal cliff" which was averted by a last-minute compromise that allowed taxes to rise on incomes of more than \$400,000.

While the measure avoided

an across-the-board tax increase, it is only temporary, and debate over a long-term answer to the country's budgetary problems will continue this spring.

Obama did not directly discuss gun control — though he mentioned Newtown, Conn., the site of a Dec. 14 elementary school shooting and the need to keep children safe.

The shooting in Newtown, which left 28 people dead, including 20 school children, has renewed a national debate about gun control. On Jan. 16, Obama outlined 23 executive actions he plans to take to help stem the tide of gun violence.

Though his speech was not overtly partisan, Obama alluded to the current gridlock in Washington.

"We cannot mistake absolutism for principle, or substitute spectacle for politics, or treat name-calling as reasoned debate," he said.

During his first term, Obama faced strong Republican opposition in Congress.

"They were obsessed with destroying him, not helping the country," said the Rev. Jesse Jackson, who in 1983 became

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as needed to break the political grip of the National Rifle Association (NRA) and their allies who seek to add more guns to the approximately 300 million in circulation and continuing production and sales of assault weapons and high volume ammunition magazines that should not be in the hands of civilians.

The day after Dr. King was shot, I went into riot torn Washington, D.C. neighbor-

Zirin from A6

greater opportunities at the top of clubs' offensive coaching hierarchies. The NFL said late last week that it is looking into altering the Rooney Rule. Hopefully any such alterations will impact the coaching pipeline on the offensive side of the ball."

The Rooney Rule, as Duru details, only came into being because of threats of a massive lawsuit. That tactic may need

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the second African-American candidate for president, paving the way for Obama's historic election in 2008.

"I hope this time they will change their disposition and put America first," Jackson said.

Republicans have frequently criticized Obama for what they see as his unwillingness to engage them legislatively, in contrast to the bi-partisan approach he embraced as a candidate.

"I hope President Obama decides to change course and work with Congress in his second term," said U.S. Rep. Andy Harris, R-Cockeysville, in an

hoods and schools urging children not to loot, get arrested and ruin their futures. A young Black boy about 12 looked me squarely in the eyes and said, "Lady, what future? I ain't got no future. I ain't got nothing to lose." Let us follow Dr. King by proving that boy's truth wrong in our militarily powerful, materially rich, but too spiritually poor nation.

Dr. King is not coming back. It's up to us to redeem the soul of America. He told us what to do. Let's do it.

to be revived. As Tony Dungy, the first African American head coach to lead a team to a Super Bowl victory said, "I don't know what the answer is. I just know the system is broken."

The popularity of the NFL, the popularity of a league that promotes, reflects, and exemplifies Dr. King's "giant triplets", might signify nothing. Maybe it's just an incredibly entertaining product, a magnetic mix of violence, suspense, and fellowship. Maybe, as

email. "Our challenges are too great for the continued partisanship."

Officials estimated the crowd Monday at about 1 million, down from the 1.8 million who attended Obama's 2009 inaugural.

This year's inaugural had no shortage of star power. Singer-songwriter James Taylor performed "America the Beautiful" shortly after Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor, an Obama appointee, administered the oath of office to Vice President Joe Biden.

And after the president's speech, pop star Kelly Clarkson performed "America." To close the ceremony, which lasted just

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nature abhors a vacuum, it's a force for community cohesion in our isolated, atomized world. Maybe it's all of these things but maybe it also symbolizes something far more rotten beneath the massive 100 yard American flag they unfurl before every playoff game. To quote Dr. King one last time, "I have come to see that America is in danger of losing her soul. Something must happen to awaken the dozing soul of America before it is too late."

over an hour, Beyonce wowed the crowd with her rendition of the national anthem.

The biggest star of the day, Barack Obama, made it clear that, as president for four more years, he will not be acting alone.

"You and I, as citizens, have the power to set this country's course," he said. "With a common effort and common purpose, with passion and dedication, let us answer the call of history and carry into an uncertain future that precious light of freedom."

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