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First Lady Michelle Obama delivers remarks during the Bowie State University commencement at the Comcast Center in College Park, Md., May 17, 2013.

First Lady Speaks at BSU Commencement

By PRESS OFFICER
Bowie State University

The moment it was learned the First Lady of the United States Michelle Obama would be giving the commencement address that this year's Bowie State University graduation, everything changed.

Calls and emails began flooding the commencement personnel for additional tickets and access. Under normal conditions, the offices are challenged. Now, they were inundated. Mothers and grandmothers who wanted and expected seats to see their baby walk to the diploma, now shifted their priority just a bit: "The kid did good, but this is Michelle! I need tickets for my girlfriends."

The celebration took on a dual purpose: the acknowledgement of the next generation of leaders and the word of the

first African American woman to call the White House home. Many who attended the commencement were almost as proud of the Obamas as they were their new graduate.

"This is a very special day," noted Bowie State University President Dr. Micky L. Burnim of the ceremony which included honorary degree recognition of legendary R&B artists Nick Ashford and Valerie Simpson and the first recipient of the Presidential Medal of Excellence Dr. Freeman H. Hrabowski III. With all of the University's recent accomplishments under Dr. Burnim's watch, this day had to stand among the very highest. "It is an extraordinary honor for Bowie State University and the Class of 2013 to welcome First Lady Michelle Obama as an honored guest at our Spring Commencement ceremony," said Burnim. "She is an outstanding role

model who will add even greater significance to this celebration of achievement for our graduates and their families."

Mrs. Obama did not disappoint. After recalling the very defiant nature of launching an educational institution for a formerly enslaved community in 1865, Obama walked through the history of the fight and need for African Americans to strive further to gain an education. She did so in part by telling her own story.

"I will never forget how my father got himself out of bed through the [pain of Multiple Sclerosis], got to his job [as a pump operator with the Chicago Water Department] and sacrificed so that my brother and I could get the chance to get the education that could improve our lives," she said.

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Poll Finds Strong Support for Expansion of Medicaid Program in Deep South

Residents of Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina Show Support

By JOINT CENTER FOR POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC STUDIES

WASHINGTON, DC — A new poll by the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies finds solid support across the South from a majority of both African Americans and non-Hispanic whites for the expansion of the Medicaid program as called for in the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

The Deep South and Medicaid Expansion: The View from Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, and South Carolina was conducted in March and April, 2013. The poll found that 62.3 percent of 2,500 respondents living in Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi,

and South Carolina support expanding the Medicaid program to cover more low-income, uninsured adults. There were racial differences on Medicaid expansion but, nonetheless, majorities of both African Americans (85.3 percent) and non-Hispanic whites (53.3 percent) favored it. Self-identified liberals (78.2 percent) and moderates (69.3 percent) solidly favored Medicaid expansion. While a plurality of conservatives opposed expansion (48.9 percent), it should be noted that a substantial 46.9 percent of conservatives supported it. A large majority of Democrats (87.1 percent) and a majority of

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O'Malley Highlights Early College Innovation Fund

By PRESS OFFICER
Sen. Barbara Mikulski's Office

Governor visits Academy of Health Sciences at Prince George's Community College

KETTERING, MD — Governor Martin O'Malley today, joined by students, educators and other officials, visited the Academy of Health Sciences, an innovative early college high school in partnership with Prince George's County Public Schools and Prince George's Community

College, to highlight the Administration's Early College Innovation Fund passed in the 2013 legislative session.

The Administration remains committed to increasing access to postsecondary education and helping students obtain credentials that position them to compete for jobs in growing sectors of Maryland's economy like cybersecurity, biotechnology, and life sciences. The Early College Innovation Fund serves

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Cardin Bill Would End the Practice of Racial Profiling by Law Enforcement

By PRESS OFFICER
Sen. Benjamin Cardin's Office

Valuable resources are wasted when law enforcement fails to follow suspects actually demonstrating criminal behavior

Washington, DC -- U.S. Senator Ben Cardin (D-MD) has introduced his bill to prohibit the use of racial profiling by law enforcement. Cosponsors of the End Racial Profiling Act, include Senators Dick Durbin (D-IL), Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), Chris Coons (D-DE), Tom Harkin (D-IA), Bob Menendez (D-NJ), Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), Carl Levin (D-MI), Barbara Mikulski (D-MD), Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), Barbara Boxer (D-CA) and Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY). It also has been endorsed by the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, National Association for

the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Rights Working Group, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), and 136 other national, state, and local civil and legal rights organizations.

"As a matter of practice, racial profiling just doesn't work. The more resources spent investigating individuals because of their race, religion, national origin, or ethnicity, the fewer resources directed at suspects who are actually demonstrating illegal behavior. Racial profiling is bad policy and given the precarious state of our budgets, it also diverts scarce resources from real law enforcement," said Senator Cardin. "The vast majority of law enforcement officials, who put their lives on the line every day, work with professionalism, diligence, and fidelity to the rule of law. However, Congress and the Justice

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Senator Mikulski, Chairwoman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, joined by others, focus on VA.

Committee Reaches Agreement to Work to End Gridlock of VA Claims Backlog

By PRESS OFFICER
Sen. Barbara Mikulski's Office

WASHINGTON — U.S. Senator Barbara A. Mikulski (D-Md.), Chairwoman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, has been joined by Senator Tim Johnson (D-S.D.), Chairman of the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee, today announced the initial results of a roundtable discussion with senior Administration officials, including Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel, Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki, Social Security Administration Acting Commissioner Carolyn Colvin, and Internal Revenue Service Deputy Commissioner for Operations Support Beth Tucker, to seek to finally put an end to the claims backlog that has troubled the Department of Veterans Affairs for years.

"The solution to this problem has to go right to the top," said Chairwoman Mikulski. "That's why I convened a meeting of Secretary Hagel at DOD, Secretary Shinseki at VA and the appropriate Commissioners from the IRS and Social Security, all of whom are sup-

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For Jobs and Freedom
This year marks the 50th anniversary of the great "March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom". It was there that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his 'I Have a Dream' speech. Thanks to Dr. King's work, and the work of countless others, we've watched people of color break down barriers.
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A New Business Graduate
The Bowie Business Innovation Center (Bowie BIC), the newest and fastest growing business incubation program in Prince George's County celebrated its first year of operation at Bowie State University with ice cream and cake and announced the graduation of its first client company, Magadia Consulting, Inc.
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Movie Review Hangover Part III
Remember how The Hangover Part II was a lukewarm rehash of The Hangover, almost the same story, with little originality? Todd Phillips evidently heard our complaints and has addressed them in The Hangover Part III, which is nothing like the first two and features no hangovers. It is barely a movie.
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Dear EarthTalk:
The three-year anniversary of the 2010 BP oil spill just passed. What do green groups think of the progress since in restoring the region?
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New York, NY
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In and Around Morningside-Skyline

by Mary McHale 301 735 3451

Dr. Francis Chiaramonte dies, founder of So. Md. Hospital

I remember when the only hospital we had around here was the Clinton Community Hospital. Francis Chiaramonte, a urologist with offices on Riviera Street in Marlow Heights, changed that. MedStar Southern Maryland Hospital, Colony South Hotel and the surrounding development of offices and homes are a tribute to his vision of better healthcare for Southern Maryland.

Francis Paul Chiaramonte was born on Nov. 30, 1928, the son of Italian immigrants, Francis and Teresa Chiaramonte of Shelter Island, N.Y. He graduated from Colgate University in 1950, served in the U.S. Air Force, earned a master's in public health from Columbia and, in 1958, a medical degree from Georgetown.

He married Dorothy Ann Scuderi in 1957. They lived in Marlow Heights before moving in 1965 to Camp Springs where they raised their six children.

He completed his residency training, with a specialization in urological surgery at Georgetown in 1963. He was a surgeon and chief of staff at Cafritz (later, Greater Southeast Community Hospital) before joining the faculty at George Washington University Hospital. He established his practice in 1968, as the first full-time urological surgeon in Southern Maryland. In November 1977 he founded Southern Maryland Hospital Center.

He continued his urology practice while serving as the hospital's president and chairman of the board. In 2007 his son Michael took over as president, but Dr. C (as many called him) continued as chairman until last December when the hospital was purchased by MedStar.

Over the years he accumulat-

ed numerous medical and civic awards and recognitions and was a member of many medical organizations and boards.

Dr. C. died at his home in Camp Springs on May 19, at the age of 84. He is survived by his wife Dorothy Chiaramonte; five children, Francis, Claire, Cathie, Michael and Mark; and 14 grandchildren. His daughter Diane predeceased him. Mass of Christian Burial was at St. John's in Clinton. A celebration of his life followed at the Colony South Hotel.

Foulois student named Miss Preteen Maryland

Amani Munday, a 6th-grader at Benjamin D. Foulois Academy in Morningside, has been chosen 2013 Miss Preteen Maryland and will represent Maryland in national competition during the July 4 weekend in Crystal City, Va. The sponsoring organization is the Miss United States Pageant.

Amani, 12, lives in Upper Marlboro. She was honored during a May 5 ceremony at the Sphinx Club-Almas Shriners' Temple in Washington.

Neighbors

John H. Thompson, head of a private-sector research group, has been tapped by President Obama to be director of the U. S. Census Bureau, which has its headquarters in Suitland.

Major Tammy Sparkman, will be transferred from assistant commander of County Police District 5, in Clinton, to commander of the new District 7 in Fort Washington. The station is due to open in June 2014.

Sean Boettinger, a Spanish language teacher at Henry A. Wise Jr. High School, has been named the 2013 World Languages Teacher of the Year by the Prince George's County Schools. Most high-schoolers from Morningside and Skyline attend Wise, which is in Upper

Marlboro.

Suzy Giroux, of Morningside, and Alma Walton, of Camp Springs, have been voted in as members of the St. Philip's Parish Pastoral Council.

Reunions

Central High Class of 1983 is holding a 30-year reunion on June 15. Alumni can email Lynda at Central1983falcons@yahoo.com, Pam at pamelase1234@aol.com, or Trudy Swenton Biddle at trudy.biddle@facebook.com.

Suitland High Class of 1963 has a 50th coming up on July 13 at the Sheraton in Calverton. For information: Carolyn Hartsock Fonner at cfonner22@yahoo.com or by cell, 843-855-2768.

May they rest in peace

Adrienne E. Gooding, 72, longtime resident of Skyline Drive, died April 5. If any of you knew her, call me with more about her. I only know she was a lovely lady.

Dolores E. Welch, 74, a graduate of Suitland High School and a La Plata resident, died April 27. She was born in Washington, daughter of Earl and Bessie Dulaney, and was retired as clerical assistant at the Naval Research Lab. Survivors include her daughter Sharon, son Steve, sister Donna and five grandchildren.

Milestones

Happy birthday to Ruth Garner, my granddaughter Sarah McHale and John Tierney, May 31; Benny Nagro and Kathleen Stahl, June 1; Paul Elborne and Jacob Cook, June 2; Fay Norton-Cummings and Malik Reed, June 6.

Happy 19th anniversary to Tom and former Morningside Councilwoman Carol (Kline) DeGraba on June 4, and to Bucky and Debbie Tretler, their 37th on June 5.

Counseling Corner

from the American Counseling Association

Do You Feel That You Matter?

Most of us have never heard the term "mattering" as used by professional counselors, but it's a concept that's important to all of us. It simply means feeling needed by others.

As individuals, we all want to feel that we matter to others. We need others to pay attention to us, take interest in us, consider us important and care about what we think and do. When we perceive that we don't matter, it can have a profoundly negative effect on our self-esteem and how we interact with others.

Mental health professionals usually break "mattering" up into four levels. The first is "Attention," the most basic level of mattering which occurs when we feel we have the interest or notice of another person. The "Importance" level is stronger since it is when we believe we are not just noticed, but actually important to the other person.

When the term "Dependence" is used, it describes the notion that we are part of society not only because of our dependence on others, but also by their dependence on us. And at the "Ego Extension" level we believe others are actively interested in our successes and disappointments.

It's easy to see how these levels of mattering can make us feel good about ourselves, but it's important to note that mattering is a per-

ception. It's what we believe about how much we matter to others. And as a perception, it may not always be in line with how others actually think about us.

A friend forgets your birthday; a dinner date is canceled at the last minute; you don't receive an expected party invitation. It can be shocking and depressing to learn that you really didn't matter as much as you thought you had. However, in most cases, the negative feelings that such awareness brings are quick to pass.

But there may be more serious events... the loss of a job... the end of a romantic relationship... when that sense of not mattering is strong and has a lasting, depressing effect on a person's life. That's the time to contact a professional counselor. Counseling can help correct and strengthen perceptions about mattering, giving someone a better perspective on his or her relationships.

Mattering is a critical human need. Feeling that you fit meaningfully into a bigger picture helps lend meaning to your life. We all need to know that we matter to others.

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Neighborhood Events

Edwards Statement on Republican Student Loan Bill

Washington, DC — Congresswoman Donna F. Edwards (MD-4) released the following statement today on the Republican student loan bill, H.R. 1911. On July 1st, student loan rates will double from 3.4 percent to 6.8 percent if Congress fails to act. However, rather than working with Democrats to prevent this increase, the Republican Majority introduced legislation which, according to the nonpartisan Congressional Research Service, would in fact make college more expensive for students and parents than if Congress did nothing. The bill would set variable interest rates for student loans tied to 10-year Treasury notes +2.5 percent for Stafford and +4.5 percent for PLUS loans. Under the Republican bill, students who borrow the maximum amount of subsidized and unsubsidized Stafford loans over five years would pay nearly \$2,000 more in interest costs than if interest rates doubled. The bill passed the House by a vote of 221-198.



competitiveness in the 21st century. Republicans rejected both these ideas, but I urge them to reconsider as Congress works towards a long-term higher education bill. "My decision to attend Wake Forest University then law school came at a cost of \$100,000, a quarter of that was a result of interest and service fees. I understand personally that we need a short and long-term solution to college affordability, but it is irresponsible to, at a time when a college education is more important and expensive than ever, to place more of a burden on our students and parents."

Van Hollen Opposes GOP Plan to Make College More Expensive

Washington, DC — Today Maryland Congressman Chris Van Hollen issued the following statement in opposition to HR 1911, which would make college more expensive for students in Maryland and across the country:

"HR 1911 is the wrong approach to a very real problem for our nation's students. As we all know, the interest rate on student loans will double in July if Congress does not act. But today's legisla-

tion is not the solution. In fact, it will make student loans more expensive, not less.

"Student loan debt already tops \$1.1 trillion, burdening recent graduates with high monthly payments even as they struggle to find jobs and start their lives. With that much debt at the start of their careers, they may put off purchases like a home or a car. But rather than address that problem, today's bill would add \$3.7 billion in additional loan interest charges over the next ten years. In fact, if we did nothing and allowed the student loan interest rate to double, students would be better off than they would be under HR 1911.

"It also makes it difficult for students to accurately predict their college costs. Under this proposal, the interest rate on loans would be recalculated every year for the life of the loan. According to Congressional Budget Office estimates, interest rates will be higher than current rates for seven of the next ten years. A borrower who takes out a loan next year under the Republican plan would see his interest rate more than double by the time he starts repaying that loan in 2017.

"We need a comprehensive solution to the problem of student debt that includes affordable financial assistance and works with states and colleges to keep costs down. It is time to reauthorize the Higher Education Act — let's take this opportunity to negotiate a sustainable, long-term plan that works better for students."

Brandywine-Aquasco

by Ruth Turner 301 888 2153

FASHION SHOW

The Youth at Grace United Methodist Church will present a Fashion Show on Sunday July 28 at 4:00 PM. The church is located at 11700 Old Fort Road, Fort Washington, Maryland 20744. Robert E. Slade, Pastor. Church office telephone number is 301-292-7828.

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Prince George's County Board of Education honored nearly 300 students, staff and community members for their contributions and achievements to education at Dr. Henry A. Wise, Jr. High School in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. The participants came together for the third Board of Education Awards Night for the 2012-2013 School Year on Tuesday May 21, 2013. Dr. Henry A. Wise, Jr. High School AFJROTC presented the colors. Participants were welcomed by Verjeana M. Jacobs, Esq., Board Chairperson. Dr. Alvin L. Crawley, Interim Superintendent of Schools, shared congratulatory remarks.

1ST DMV CORVETTE SHOW

Come out on July 27, 2013 and enjoy a fun filled day with live local jazz music. There will be a generation of Corvettes and an array of classic cars for all car lovers. There will also be a Corvette judged show for anyone who wants to enter their Corvette. The show will be held at the Lions Club in Brandywine Maryland on July

27 and July 28 at 9:00 AM. The cost is \$20.00 (kids 12 and under are free).

SUMMER DAY CAMP

1,2,3 Go Summer Fun at Day Camp at Camp Aquasco, Maryland for girls entering K through 6th grade who are members of the Girl Scouts. The Camp will be from June 17-21, 2013 9:00 AM-4:00 PM. The fee is \$40 per girl (non-refundable). This fee includes snack, t-shirt and bus transportation. There will be games, songs, crafts and adventures. Financial assistance is available upon request. For more information contact: Association 21 Membership Specialist 301-638-5353 extension 4021 or visit Assn21@gscnc.org. Registration deadline is June 4, 2013.

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Senior and Junior Usher Ministry of Asbury United Methodist Church are celebrating their 64th Usher Anniversary on June 9, 2013 at 3:00 PM. Edna V. Hill Usher President and Rev. Alhassan Macaulay, Pastor invite you to join us for this fellowship. Guest Speaker will be Minister Linda Elsey Roberts of Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, Quantico, Maryland, along with the Elsey Family Choir.

The church is located at 4004 Accokeek Road, Brandywine, Maryland 20613. If you need more information please contact (301)372-8891. E-mail address is asburyumcbrandywine@gmail.com.

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Practical Money Skills

By Jason Alderman

Avoiding Hidden Flight, Hotel Fees

My trusty Volvo wagon served our family well for 13 years, but after 106,000 miles it finally gave up the ghost. My wife just completed graduate school so we weren't ready to commit to a new car payment. I rented a car at first, but at \$500 a month, that soon got old.



Then I came across a concept new me: assuming someone else's car lease. Initially I was skeptical, but after considerable research I took the plunge. It took many emails and phone calls and a month-long wait for the paperwork to clear, but I now have a one-year lease on a quality car whose monthly cost is about a third less than the stripped-down model I was renting.

With the caveat that car lease assumption is not right for everyone, here's how the process works:

People need to get out of their car leases for a variety of reasons but it's notoriously difficult to do so — you usually must pay the outstanding balance plus an early termination fee.

One way around this, if your finance company allows it, is to transfer the lease to another party for the remainder of its term. Many people use online lease assumption services like Swapalease.com and LeaseTrader.com. I went with Swapalease.com.

These companies match people wanting to unload their lease (think of them as "sellers") with so-called "buyers" interested taking over the remainder of someone's lease. Among the potential advantages for buyers:

No down payment.

You can secure a shorter-term lease.

Sellers will generally offer or agree to financial incentives to unload their lease.

Newer cars are usually still under warranty.

However, be aware of the many fees involved on both sides of the transaction:

Sellers are charged a fee to advertise their vehicle on the websites (generally \$50 to \$150), and a transaction fee if a lease transfer is initiated (\$100 to \$150).

Buyers pay a registration fee to obtain contact information for sellers (around \$40 to \$80). Some sites charge buyers a transaction fee as well.

Buyers must file a credit application with the lender which can cost up to several hundred dollars; the fee typically isn't refundable if the credit check deems you aren't creditworthy.

The leasing company itself will typically charge the buyer a lease transfer fee (typically \$50 to \$600).

A few additional suggestions and precautions:

Inspect the car and note any damage. You may also want to have a mechanic inspect it.

Ask whether the lender will remove the seller's name from the lease — some won't.

During negotiations, ask the seller to pay the application and lease transfer fees. It doesn't hurt to ask and you're still saving them a ton of money.

Don't expect a lot of customer service from the swapping website.

Make sure there's enough mileage left on the lease to suit your needs.

You'll have to pay DMV registration fees and sales tax may apply.

Your insurance company will need to provide the leasing company with evidence that you have adequate coverage.

Know that it can take several weeks or more for the transaction to fully close. For me, that meant an extra month's rental.

All in all, if you're flexible about what kind of car you're willing to drive and not in a big hurry, assuming someone else's lease can be a viable option. Just make sure to do your due diligence.

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Statement from Secretary Duncan on Preventing Student Loan Interest Rates from Doubling July 1

By PRESS OFFICER
County Executive's Office

Our priority is to ensure that Congress doesn't allow federal student loan interest rates to double on July 1. President Obama has put forward a comprehensive solution that will help middle-class students and their families afford college by lowering interest rates on July 1, without adding to the deficit, and Senator Harkin and Congressman Miller have also been leaders within Congress to prevent rates from doubling for students and families.

While we welcome action by

the House on student loans, we have concerns about its current approach, which does not guarantee low rates for students on July 1, makes students bear the burden of deficit reduction, and fails to lock in interest rates when students take out a loan — so their rates could escalate in the future.

Now is not the time to double interest rates on student loans, and we remain committed to working with Congress on a bipartisan approach to a long-term, fiscally sustainable solution that will help students and families afford higher education now and in the future.

Given the impending July 1 deadline, an extension that protects students against higher rates while Congress develops an alternative solution is another reasonable option.

Both the President and I firmly believe college should not be reserved only for the wealthy. All of us share responsibility for making college affordable and keeping the middle-class dream alive. There is no excuse if Congress fails to come to an agreement that prevents rates from rising suddenly in July, and we look forward to working with members of both parties to reach a solution.



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U.S. Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan.

Backlog from A1

posed to get information to VA so they can process the claim. Well, we found that the bureaucracy was slacking and dragging. And through the work of our Committee, we have now insisted that they have a sense of urgency, a fire in the belly and that they get the job done. This year, the way we'll commemorate Memorial Day is by putting the right money in place and insisting that the right management is in place."

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), the Department of Defense, the Internal Revenue Service, and the Social Security Administration agreed to work together to break down the barriers between the Departments in order to end the gridlock. Specifically, the participants agreed:

1. Each agency will identify a single high level person whose sole focus is fixing problems, and who reports directly to the Secretary or Administrator.
2. Secretaries Hagel and Shinseki agreed to meet every

60 days as we progress toward ending the claims backlog.

3. A method of accountability to the Chairwoman and to the Committee, including a coordinated progress report to the Committee every 60 days.

Chairwoman Mikulski also announced that the first bill to be marked up by the full Appropriations Committee would be the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs bill. The markup is expected to be held the week of June 17, 2013.

The roundtable was held just five days before Memorial Day, and seeks to address the 839,000 pending claims, including 559,000 pending more than 125 days and 205,000 backlogged more than a year that the VA is currently responsible for processing. This backlog exists despite years of attempts to improve processing times, all of which have so far failed to break the logjam and provide better and more efficient claims processing for America's veterans.

"I believe that VA and all of the supporting agencies are

committed to solving this problem," said Senator Johnson. "And I believe all of them would agree with me that the current situation is unacceptable. My subcommittee has funded every dollar requested for VA claims processing, and has fully supported VA's efforts to develop a paperless claims system to speed claims processing. In return, we expect to see results."

"Today's roundtable offered an opportunity to provide an update on the compensation claims backlog and our ongoing work with the Department of Defense and with other federal agencies," said Secretary Shinseki. "We all agree that Veterans wait too long to receive the benefits they've earned. This is not and has never been acceptable to VA or our VBA employees, 52 percent of whom are Veterans themselves. With the President's leadership and the support of the Congress, we are aggressively executing a plan that will fix this decades-old problem and eliminate the backlog in 2015."

"The Department of Defense will be a full and responsible partner in helping end the Veterans Affairs claims backlog," said Secretary Hagel. "We intend to be successful."

"We understand the very important role we play in helping to serve our Nation's veterans," said Carolyn Colvin, Acting Commissioner, Social Security Administration. "We are proud of the responsive service we provide to the VA when they request medical records from SSA. By continuing to work collaboratively through venues like today's roundtable, we can make further improvements to better serve our wounded warriors and veterans."

"The IRS is proud to partner with the VA and other federal agencies in improving the benefits claims process for our nation's veterans," said Beth Tucker, IRS Deputy Commissioner for Operations Support. "As the VA moves forward in its efforts, we will continue to provide support in any way we can."

College from A1

to encourage the development of early college access programs that provide accelerated pathways for students seeking career and technical education (CTE) or training in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) disciplines.

"Maryland's economy is an Innovation Economy, Prince George's Community College is an Innovation school, and Prince George's County Public Schools are innovation leaders. The Early College Innovation Fund will support accelerated pathways for students seeking CTE or STEM training while increasing access to postsecondary education and allowing our children to obtain the skills they need to be competitive in a 21st century global economy," said Governor O'Malley. "Working together with our educators and academic partners, parents and students, we can make the better choices to invest in our children's future by giving them the tools they need for the jobs of tomorrow."

The Academy of Health Sciences is the state's most successful model for early college high school. Upon graduation, each student earns both a high school diploma and an associ-

ate's degree.

"Governor O'Malley is the nation's leader on college affordability. This year, Maryland became the first state in the nation to guarantee hard-working high school students college credit paid for by local school systems. It's a game changer for middle and low income families. And Prince George's, with the Academy of Health Sciences at the Community College and College Park Academy, where students will earn University of Maryland credits, is the leader in Maryland," said Senator Jim Rosapepe, a member of the Senate Education Subcommittee and former member of the University System of Maryland Board of Regents.

"We are dedicated to giving our sons and daughters the freedom to excel," said Delegate Jolene Ivey, a member of the Education Subcommittee of the House Ways and Means Committee and Chair of the House Prince George's Delegation. "Children who get an early start with STEM subjects can shoot for the stars. The Early College Innovation program is the rocket fuel."

"We have had incredible success in creating early college

opportunities for County high school students through an innovative partnership between the Prince George's Community College and the Prince George's County Public School system," said Prince George's County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III. "I want to thank Governor O'Malley for taking the time to come and see this fantastic program firsthand. His commitment to ensuring that our state has a top flight education system is unwavering. I believe our children can achieve anything when they put their minds to it. This program is about expanding opportunity and exposure. I want to see more students in our schools exposed to opportunities like this."

The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) will generate competitive grants to fund partnerships of local school systems and higher education institutions to create early college high schools or other forms of early college access. The support would bridge funding intended to help eligible partnerships bear some of the start-up costs associated with creating new early college programs. Priority would be given to proposals that launch early

college high schools (also known as "middle colleges") focused on CTE or STEM and that provide students with credentials (in the form of degrees, certificates, and certifications, as appropriate) in fields for which there is high-demand in Maryland.

The O'Malley-Brown Administration has set the goal to Increase Student Achievement and College and Career Readiness in Maryland by 25 percent by the End of 2015. The State of Maryland is also working toward the goal to ensure that at least 55 percent of Maryland's adults age 25 to 64 will hold at least an associate's degree by the year 2025. For an unprecedented five years in a row, Maryland's schools have been named #1 in the nation by Education Week Magazine. In 2012, Maryland elementary school students achieved their highest MSA scores ever in both reading and math. Maryland middle school students achieved their highest scores ever in math. According to the College Board, Maryland students have ranked #1 in AP success for seven consecutive years. Maryland students are graduating at a record rate, according to data from the class of 2011.

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COMMENTARY

By Rev. Al Sharpton

President/CEO of the National Action Network and host of PoliticsNation on MSNBC

“We are Dangerously Close to Regressing”

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the great “March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom”. It was there, at one of the largest rallies for human rights, that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his famous ‘I Have a Dream’ speech. On August 28, 1963, Dr. King and all those gathered in Washington, D.C., addressed the notion of greater equality and justice in America in a way which could no longer be ignored. Thanks to Dr. King’s unyielding work, and the work of countless others before and after him, laws like the Voting Rights Act of 1965 were eventually passed, and victories were achieved in the struggle for civil rights.

In the time since, we’ve watched people of color break down barriers across the board – including into the highest office of the land. Progress over the last five decades is undeniable. But now 50 years after the “March on Washington”, we are dangerously close to regressing on some of the most fundamental advancements in our society.

The Supreme Court of the United States is set to rule on several key items this year that are at the core of justice and equality in America. *Shelby v. Holder* challenges Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act itself. A key aspect of the Act, Section 5 requires jurisdictions that have a history of discriminatory voting practices to obtain advanced approval from the federal government before they can alter election laws.

Without Section 5, the basic foundation of the Voting Rights Act would be destroyed. The floodgates of biased and disenfranchising practices like harsh new voter ID laws would open and the protection of our participation in the voting process would be eliminated. Voting rights for all American citizens was a basic principle of Dr. King and all those who sacrificed during the civil rights struggle and in subsequent years. Ironically, half a century after Dr. King’s speech, voter equality is under attack all over again.

In addition to the Voting Rights Act, one of the greatest advancements toward equality we achieved in this nation was the ability of those who were traditionally excluded from higher learning to attend our great colleges and universities. Well, in 2013, affirmative action hangs in the balance. Two cases, *Fisher v. University of Texas* and a Michigan law banning affirmative action in public college admissions, have reached the

Supreme Court.

The outcome of these two cases will have serious ramifications for the admission practices of schools throughout the country. At a time when our educational system is severely leaving minority and poor students behind, some are attempting to eliminate laws designed to create a more even playing field. Our society is growing ever diverse, and our institutions of higher learning need to reflect that diversity. Affirmative action doesn’t mean preferential treatment; it means equalizing an imbalanced scale. The future of so many students remains in limbo as the high court weighs in this year on these crucial cases.

This year marks another milestone in this nation’s history: the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation. In the last 150 years, we’ve witnessed momentous progress that was achieved only because of the selfless acts of many. Folks have marched, rallied, organized, boycotted, withstood beatings, bombings, water hoses, dogs and some even died for the cause of justice.

In a post-civil rights era, laws such as the Voting Rights Act and affirmative action appeared etched in stone permanently. But now the state of justice and equality in America remains to be determined because of these renewed attempts to repeal such laws. We can either continue on a path toward greater freedom for all, or regress back to the wrong side of history.

The generation of Dr. King, and the generation immediately behind him continued fighting until they got voting rights and affirmative action on the books. We must not become the generation that couldn’t sustain and maintain it.

Rev. Al Sharpton is president/CEO of the National Action Network and host of PoliticsNation on MSNBC. This article – the sixteenth of a 20-part series – is written in commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, of which Congressman Lewis is grand marshal. 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.



To Be Equal

Marc Morial, President and CEO

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Raise the Minimum Wage Now

“Despite working a full-time job, many low-wage workers still live in poverty. This isn’t right.”
Rep. George Miller

In recent years, there has been a renewed focus on income inequality in America, most notably with the Occupy Wall Street movement, which has lost much of its momentum. But what might have been lost in that principled attempt to point out the excesses of Wall Street and the growing power of the 1%, is the importance of raising the living standards of the working poor through a long overdue raise in the minimum wage. Now those voices are rising too.

The current minimum wage is \$7.25. The last increase was in 2009. If it had kept up with inflation since 1968, it would be \$10.59 today. As reported in the New York Times, “In the United States, the average income of the richest 10 percent of the population has risen to 14 times that of the poorest 10 percent.” Considering that the majority of jobs created since the recession have been in low wage occupations, it is clear that raising the minimum wage is essential to slowing the trend of growing wage inequality.

During his State of the Union Address, President Obama put a face on the growing chasm between the “haves” and “have nots” with a modest proposal to raise the minimum wage to \$9 an hour by 2015, and index it to inflation thereafter. He said, “Let’s declare that in the wealthiest nation on Earth, no one who works full time should have to live in poverty... This single step would raise the incomes of millions of working families. It could mean the difference between groceries or the food

bank; rent or eviction; scraping by or finally getting ahead. For businesses across the country, it would mean customers with more money in their pockets.”

In March, Iowa Senator Tom Harkin and California Representative, George Miller upped the ante by introducing the Fair Minimum Wage Act of 2013, which would take the Federal minimum wage to \$10.10, index it to inflation, and also gradually elevate the minimum wage for tipped workers—which currently stands at just \$2.13 an hour—for the first time in more than 20 years, to 70% of the regular minimum wage. The National Urban League wholeheartedly supports the Harkin-Miller bill. It would result in 30 million people receiving a raise, nearly half of whom would be people of color.

We are pleased that a growing group of supporters stands with us, including U.S. Women’s Chamber of Commerce CEO Margot Dorfman. As Rep. Miller noted, “Raising the minimum wage is especially critical for working women who make up a disproportionate share of minimum wage workers today.” Margot Dorfman echoed that view, adding, “Raising the minimum wage puts dollars in the pockets of people who are by necessity most likely to spend them immediately at the grocery store, the childcare provider, the auto-repair shop and other local businesses. Raising the minimum wage boosts the economy from the bottom up, which is exactly what we need to repower our economy and create lasting jobs.” We agree. It’s time to put partisan politics aside and do what’s right for the working poor and for our economy. Raise the minimum wage now.



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Child Watch

by Marion Wright Edelman



Numb - Spiritually Dead - Nation

Ka’Nard Allen has been shot twice in his 10-year-old life. On May 12 he went with his mother to the annual Mother’s Day second line parade in New Orleans. When two gunmen shot into the line of participants—men, women and children—Ka’Nard’s cheek was struck by a bullet. Eighteen other people were wounded including a 10-year-old girl. Less than a year ago, at Ka’Nard’s 10th birthday party in his front yard, his five-year-old cousin Brianna Allen was fatally shot by an AK-47, and he was shot in the neck.

Now, with his 11th birthday coming up on May 29, Ka’Nard’s mother doesn’t know where to have the party. He wants to go to a hotel, swim in the pool, and stay overnight, he told a reporter for the Times-Picayune, but his mother said she can’t afford it. She doesn’t know where to let him play that will be safe, and he remains at risk because she can’t afford to move.

I have written this before and I write it again now: The psychological and emotional toll of gun violence on children, whether they are bystanders or victims, can be overwhelming and last for years.

A recent screening of 232 New Orleans middle school students who were part of a teen pregnancy prevention program found that 44 percent had someone close to them murdered, 29 percent had witnessed an assault with a weapon, and 14 percent had witnessed a murder. More than half the children classified concerns about “personal safety” as a source of worry, more than twice the number who worried about “being unloved.” “At least a third of our kids are experiencing symptoms of depression and post-traumatic stress disorder, which on a simple level means it is hard to attend school and do well,” said Dr. Denese Shervington, a psychiatrist who heads the Institute of Women and Ethnic Studies that ran the program and conducted the screening.

John C. Raphael, the pastor of a church in the neighborhood where Ka’Nard lives, told Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Julia Cass on assignment for the Children’s Defense Fund that children who regularly hear gunfire and see dead bodies on the street become acclimated to violence and learn that violence is the way to solve conflicts. “They’re afraid but they can’t escape so they harden themselves to survive. They become numb to what should

be emotionally disturbing and accept it as a norm, as the community does.”

As a nation we seem to be hardened and numb to what should be emotionally disturbing when we cannot legislate the most modest and reasonable measures for national gun safety even after children in as seemingly safe a place as Newtown, Connecticut, far from an inner city, can be shot down in school. We are numb when the same child can be shot one year at his own birthday party and shot again the next year at a Mother’s Day parade and both shootings are just another day on our cities’ streets. Why are we not all calling our legislators and expressing outrage? How can we let the voices of gun dealers and manufacturers drown out the cries of children?

Pastor Raphael pointed out another consequence of rampant gun violence in places like New Orleans, Chicago, and Newark: Young men become locked into a situation where they feel they have to retaliate to protect themselves and to be respected. When a culture teaches its children that violence is a way to resolve conflicts, “if your brother or friend is shot, you think you have to strike back,” he said. “Sometimes, the family members or friends of the shooter assume you will retaliate and go after you preemptively.”

Retaliation is said to be the motive for the Mother’s Day shooting. Police said that the brothers, aged 19 and 24, who are charged with the crime,

were part of a loosely organized neighborhood drug gang and were shooting at a member or members of a rival group. The shooting was related to two previous ones, police said. The childhood experiences of the accused brothers have not been revealed, but it would take numbness to violence to shoot into a crowd with women and children.

In Pastor Raphael’s view, New Orleans “has a spiritual problem. It is beyond criminal. It is a spiritual problem when in a high population area you see children and you shoot into them.”

America has a spiritual problem when it protects guns rather than children. Since 1963, more than 166,000 children and teens have died from guns on American soil—more than triple the number of U.S. soldiers killed in the Vietnam, Afghanistan, and Iraq wars combined. It is beyond criminal that we allow so many children to suffer and die. It is spiritual deadness.

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Business Spotlight

Lt. Governor Anthony Brown Earns Unanimous Endorsement from Maryland Association for Justice Political Action Committee

Citing his record of fighting for all Marylanders, MAJ PAC commits to electing Brown as our next Governor

Baltimore, MD. - Lt. Governor Anthony Brown announced that he has received the unanimous endorsement of the Maryland Association for Justice Political Action Committee (MAJ PAC). The MAJ PAC held individual interviews with Brown and all of the major potential candidates for Governor and came away 100% united in support of Anthony Brown.

"I'm proud to have earned the unanimous endorsement of the Maryland Association for Justice Political Action Committee because we must work together to ensure a better future for our State," said Lt. Governor Anthony Brown. "By building a diverse coalition of organizations and supporters, our campaign's momentum is growing and together we will win this election."

"The Maryland Association for Justice Political Action Committee met at length with the potential candidates for Governor and the PAC Trustees reached a consensus that Anthony Brown was the most qualified to lead Maryland as Governor. The endorsement was unanimous and we are proud to support his campaign for Governor," said Bruce Plaxen, Chairman of the Maryland Association for Justice PAC. "Anthony Brown has a proven and exemplary record as a Delegate and Lt. Governor standing up for all Marylanders and in support of the Civil Justice System. The Maryland Association for Justice is committed to keeping families safe and Anthony Brown shares that vision for Maryland. We urge all our members and the public to support Anthony Brown for Governor."

A graduate of Harvard and Harvard Law School, Anthony Brown has served as Maryland's Lt. Governor for more than six years. Brown also served as a JAG officer and Army lawyer in Iraq.

Mikulski Cosponsors Bill to Require Labeling of Genetically Engineered Foods

More than 90 Percent of Americans Support the Right to Know What Is In The Foods We Feed Our Families

WASHINGTON - U.S. Senator Barbara A. Mikulski (D-Md.) today announced that she has cosponsored the Genetically Engineered Food Right-to-Know Act, bipartisan legislation that would require the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to clearly label genetically engineered (GE) foods so that consumers can make informed choices about what they eat.

"Americans deserve to know where their food comes from," Senator Mikulski said. "This legislation will help families make informed decisions. If GE foods are safe, let them into the market, but give consumers the information they need to avoid these products if they choose to. We need to let Americans - many of whom find this repugnant - speak with their dollars and choose the food they feel confident is safe."

According to surveys, more than 90 percent of Americans support the labeling of genetically engineered foods. In fact, many consumers are surprised to learn that GE foods are not already labeled.

Currently, the FDA requires the labeling of over 3,000 ingredients, additives and processes, but the agency has resisted labels for genetically modified foods. In a 1992 policy statement, the FDA allowed GE foods to be marketed without labeling, claiming that these foods were not "materially" different from other foods because the genetic differences could not be recognized by taste, smell or other senses.

Unfortunately, the FDA's antiquated labeling policy has not kept pace with 21st century food technologies that allow for a wide array of genetic and molecular changes to food that can't be detected by human senses. Common sense would indicate that GE corn that produces its own insecticide - or is engineered to survive being doused by herbicides - is materially different from traditional corn that does not. Even the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has recognized that these foods are materially different and novel for patent purposes.

Consumers - who are used to reading labels to see if foods contain MSG, gluten, trans fats, high fructose corn syrup or aspartame - clearly want more information. More than one and a half million Americans have filed comments with the FDA urging the agency to label GE foods.

The bipartisan legislation would require clear labels for genetically engineered whole foods and processed foods, including fish and seafood. The measure would direct the FDA to write new labeling standards that are consistent with U.S. labeling standards and international standards.

Sixty-four countries around the world already require the labeling of GE foods, including all the member nations of the European Union, Russia, Japan, China, Australia and New Zealand.

The bill was introduced by Senator Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.), and is cosponsored by Senators Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska), Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.), and more.

Fast Growing Bowie Business Innovation Center Celebrates First Anniversary

By PRESS OFFICER
Bowie State University

Graduates First Client Company and Showcases 14 Other Client Companies

BOWIE, MD (May, 2013) -- The Bowie Business Innovation Center (Bowie BIC), the newest and fastest growing business incubation program in Prince George's County celebrated its first year of operation at Bowie State University with ice cream and cake and announced the graduation of its first client company, Magadia Consulting, Inc., a woman-owned information assurance and technology service company. With more than eighty entrepreneurs, plus state and local officials in attendance, the Bowie BIC Anniversary Celebration also showcased 14 other client companies who have joined its business incubation program over the past year. The majority of these young companies are women-owned businesses.

Magadia Consulting, Inc., a woman-owned consulting and technical services firm, recently won a multi-year contract with the Maryland Department of Information Technology. Magadia's CEO, Magdalena Gebrekristos, is an alumna of Bowie State University.

"Today we celebrate two milestones: our first year of operations and our first graduate company," said Carroll James Harris, Esq. Chairman of the Bowie Board of Directors. "The active support of our public and private sector partners has been critical to our success during this first year." The Bowie BIC is an independent, non-profit organization supported by Prince George's County Council Member Ingrid M. Turner-District 4, the City of Bowie, Bowie State University, Maryland Technology



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The Bowie Business Innovation Center (Bowie BIC), the newest and fastest growing business incubation program in Prince George's County celebrated its First Anniversary with ice cream and cake at its offices at Bowie State University and announced the graduation of its first client company, Magadia Consulting, Inc. Cutting the First Anniversary cake were (from left), Bowie BIC Board Chairman, Carroll James Harris, Esq., Bowie BIC Executive Director Lisa S. Smith, Bowie State University Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Weldon Jackson, City of Bowie Mayor G. Frederick Robinson and Bowie State University Dean of the College of Business Anthony C. Nelson

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City of Bowie Mayor G. Frederick Robinson and Bowie State University Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Weldon Jackson also spoke at the Anniversary Celebration. Mayor Robinson noted the important economic impact that the Bowie BIC provides in terms of company activity and entrepreneurial energy. Provost Jackson underscored the importance of connecting Bowie State University students to experiential learning internships with the Bowie BIC and its client companies.

Harris also announced that another Bowie BIC client, Vertical Wind Ventures, LLC has been named a finalist for the Maryland Incubator Company of the Year Award (ICOY). The winners for this award will be announced June 13 at the ICOY awards event in Baltimore, MD. Vertical Wind Ventures is in the business of building and maintaining wind

parks using their patent-pending, utility grade vertical-axis wind turbines.

"Bowie BIC has built real momentum this year," said Lisa S. Smith, Executive Director of Bowie BIC. "More and more young companies in the Greater Bowie area are discovering how Bowie BIC can effectively help them grow their businesses."

The Bowie BIC is a mixed-use business incubation program which is assisting a growing number of innovative, growth-oriented professional service firms. The Bowie BIC program helps accelerate the growth of its early-stage client companies and their ability to create jobs through an integrated program of business mentoring, affordable office space, ongoing business education and training, and networking opportunities.

Bowie BIC also works with numerous strategic partners, including the Small Business Technology Development Center - Capital Region, the Procurement Technical Assistance Program, the Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce,

the U.S. Small Business Administration, the Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation and the Prince George's County Minority Business Development Division.

Bowie BIC is the first business incubation program in Maryland to be located at a historically black educational institution. It also is one of only two of the more than 20 business incubation programs in Maryland with a focus on assisting professional service firms.

Bowie BIC announced that it has attracted 15 companies to its program over the past year and has graduated its first company, Magadia Consulting, Inc., a woman-owned information assurance and technology consulting firm. The firm's CEO, Magdalena Gebrekristos is a Bowie State alumna.

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independents (56.6 percent) supported expansion, while Republican identifiers (37.9 percent) were the subgroup most opposed.

In addition to support for the Medicaid expansion, residents of the polled states showed strong support for the law's health coverage tax credit subsidies (68.8 percent in favor) and the creation of statewide insurance marketplaces (75 percent in favor).

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled last year that states cannot be required to expand their Medicaid program, which is a state-federal public health insurance program providing coverage to low-income adults. Most Southern states have highly restrictive Medicaid programs in which only very low-income adults with children or disabilities are eligible. The ACA authorizes the expansion of Medicaid to include low income uninsured adults, including adults with no chil-

dren and whose incomes are below 138% of the Federal Poverty Level. The federal government will pay the entire cost of the expansion for the first three years and, after that, states will gradually pay no more than 10 percent and the federal government 90 percent. In National Federation of Independent Business v. Sebelius, the Supreme Court ruled that states may choose whether or not to participate in the expansion.

In the Deep South states of Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, and South Carolina, political opposition to the expansion is strong. The Republican governors of these states—Robert Bentley (AL), Phil Bryant (MS), Nathan Deal (GA), Nikki Haley (SC), and Bobby Jindal (LA)—each opposes the expansion, as do the Republican majorities in the states' legislatures.

"These findings indicate that residents of these Southern states understand the benefits of the ACA's Medicaid expansion for their communities, and want

their elected officials to carefully study the merits of the law before expressing opposition," said Ralph B. Everett, President and CEO of the Joint Center. "I hope leaders in these states will hear the will of the people when considering this historic opportunity to ensure that more people gain health insurance coverage."

"There is majority support for Medicaid expansion across all five states," noted David Bosisis, Ph.D., Senior Research Associate at the Joint Center, who conducted the survey. "These southern states are some of the most conservative states in the country, yet both African Americans and whites support Medicaid expansion, and there is pretty solid support for some other elements of the ACA, as well." "Medicaid has been an important lifeline to many low-income and disabled adults and children who need access to health care," said Brian D. Smedley, Ph.D., Vice President and Director of the Joint Center Health Policy Institute.

"Medicaid expansions are associated with a significant reduction in mortality, decreased rates of delayed care because of costs, and improved health. In addition, economic models suggest that states with highly restrictive Medicaid eligibility will enjoy a significant economic stimulus because of the jobs and economic activity associated with Medicaid dollars. Expanding Medicaid will not only save lives and improve health; it will stimulate the economies of states that choose to accept it."

The Deep South and Medicaid Expansion was supported by a generous grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

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Movie Review

"The Hangover Part III"

Hangover Part III

Comedy
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Remember how The Hangover Part II was a luke-warm rehash of The Hangover, almost beat-for-beat the same story, with little originality? Todd Phillips evidently heard our complaints and has addressed them in The Hangover Part III, which is nothing like the first two and features no hangovers. It is barely a comedy. Heck, it's barely a movie.

Our focus this time is Alan (Zach Galifianakis), the Kramer of the series, a man-child who is mentally unwell and perhaps mentally handicapped. His behavior has gotten more erratic lately, so his family and friends -- including the Wolf Pack, Phil (Bradley Cooper), Stu (Ed Helms), and Doug (Justin Bartha) -- gather to stage an intervention and send him to a rehab facility. What it is they are "intervening" in, and what addiction they hope rehab will cure him of, I don't know. Perhaps Alan's greatest problem is that his loved ones have a fundamental misunderstanding of what his problems are.

In any event, while road-tripping to the rehab clinic, the four guys are waylaid by Marshall (John Goodman), a ruthless crime lord demanding their assistance in tracking down the evil and insane Mr. Chow (Ken Jeong), who stole from him. Marshall holds Doug as collateral and sends the other three out to find Chow. Mayhem ensues.

Aside from Justin Bartha being immediately written out of



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"The Hangover Part III" is the third and final film in director Todd Phillips' record-shattering comedy franchise. This time, there's no wedding. No bachelor party. What could go wrong, right? But when the Wolfpack hits the road, all bets are off. (c) WB

the story (a Hangover tradition), this scenario is a radical departure from the simple-yet-brilliant setup of the first movie, which had the hungover men retracing their steps after a night of dimly recalled debauchery. The sequel followed the same formula, which was fine, but did it lazily, which wasn't. Do it the same or do it different, we don't care. Just do it well.

Part 3, co-written by Phillips and Craig Mazin, goes in a different direction, and in the process loses the thread altogether. The "hook" is gone. Instead of suffering the hilarious consequences of deeds they don't remember committing, and continuing to stumble into outrageous and filthy situations, the Wolf Pack has a mission to accomplish. The mission itself isn't funny or depraved, and nobody's hungover or otherwise operating at less than full capacity. Stu and Phil are normal

guys, not amusing characters. (I've seen three of these things now and I still couldn't tell you anything about Phil's personality.) That leaves Alan as the primary source of comedy, with assistance from Chow. It isn't enough.

That being said, Galifianakis' performance as Alan is almost sublime in its weird, Galifianakis sort of way. Except for being saddled with some wrongheaded "dramatic" character moments that don't work on any level, Galifianakis is a peculiar ball of energetic eccentricity. The relatively few laughs the movie does have are mostly his doing. They're mostly in the first half-hour, too, before the theme of Alan Being Weird in Various Ways wears thin. (Another crutch that the film leans on far too often: animal deaths.)

For a Hangover film, this one is shockingly tame, with an equally shocking emphasis on plot and action over gags. There are stretches where the film isn't even trying to be funny, let alone succeeding -- but it isn't good as an action-oriented comedy, either. Busy and frantic, yes. Just not in a way that makes you laugh. This represents a grave misapprehension of our feelings toward the Wolf Pack. I can't speak for everyone, but for myself, I have no interest in joining these guys on a journey that ultimately leads to their redemption. They aren't the sort of characters whom viewers empathize with or relate to. They're the sort of characters who make us laugh when crazy things happen to them. That's what we're here for, not this baloney about Alan finding his place in the world. Where's a Thai ladyboy when you need one?

The Edge of Sports

by DAVE ZIRIN

Hardball: Giants Concession Workers Fight for the Soul of San Francisco

Picture AT&T Park, home of the World Series champion San Francisco Giants. Picture about as breathtaking a baseball stadium as exists in the United States with the San Francisco Bay, otherwise known as McCovey Cove, framing the outfield like a Norman Rockwell postcard as conceived by Leroy Neiman. Picture seats packed with people clad in their iconic orange and black reveling in the once hard-luck team that now defines the city and stands atop the game. What we don't picture when we conjure images of this or any ballpark are the people actually doing the work to keep it all running.



As idyllic as the aesthetics of the park remain, those prepping the food and cleaning the toilets make \$11,000 a year in a city where, due to yet another round of tech-bubble gentrification, they cannot afford to live. Concession workers at the park earn their \$11,000 in a city where a one bedroom apartment runs \$3,000 a month and people are spending near that much to live in laundry rooms and unventilated basements. These same workers, who commute as much as two hours each way to get to the park, have now gone three years without a pay increase. This despite the fact that the value of the team, according to Forbes, has increased 40 percent, ticket prices have spiked and the cost of a cup of beer has climbed to \$10.25. This also despite the fact that, as packed sellouts become the norm, the stress and toil of the job has never been greater. Now, the 800 concession workers, represented by UNITE HERE Local 2, have voted 97 percent to strike.

Team management, which subcontracted food services to a South Carolina outfit called Centerplate, claims no responsibility for the labor troubles, even though they receive 55 percent of every dollar spent by the Giants fans. I spoke with Billie Feliciano, who has been working at the park for over three decades. She said to me, "This is the first time in thirty-five years we've had to go to these extremes. Centerplate says talk to the Giants. The Giants say talk to Centerplate. If we stepped back for five minutes they'd figure it out after they started to lose all that money. All we are saying is we want a fair share."

Getting their "fair share" from Giants owner 80-year-old multibillionaire Charles Johnson will not be easy. A child of Wall Street wealth whose fortune has grown exponentially with the expansion of the financial markets, he now heads the mutual fund Franklin Templeton started by his father. As he said to The San Francisco Chronicle, quoting the company's namesake Ben Franklin, "A penny saved is a penny earned." (It would be far more fitting if he quoted the Ben Franklin who said of money, "The more one has, the more one wants.")

In a startling bit of symmetry, Johnson lives in the city's Carolands Chateau, a 100 room, 65,000 square foot palace originally built a century ago for the daughter of railroad magnate George Pullman. That would be George Pullman, namesake of the bloody 1894 Pullman Railway Strike where the United States Army intervened to crush the nascent industrial workers organization known as the American Railway Union. Then, destroying the mere idea of an industrial union like the ARU was seen as a high priority. Today we are seeing service industry workers starting to organize, walk out and be heard, and a twenty-first-century Pullman is looking to halt the mere idea that the expansion of service unions will happen on his watch. This is why the struggle at AT&T Park is bigger than 800 concession workers and why everyone has a stake in offering solidarity and support. As legendary Bay Area KPFA Hardknock Radio host Davey D said, "There is a lot of talk about having a citywide fast food union in San Francisco. So if you can topple the union at AT&T Park, then you can topple that idea. And if you can topple [service] unions there, you can topple them anywhere and can stop that tide around the country."

The workers are ready. Feliciano said to me, "We come there rain or shine. Are we striking? Not yet. But these workers are ready to strike." The community, the Major League Baseball Players Association and the players on the Giants, should Buster Posey to Tim Lincecum to Sergio Romo, should support them as well.

As for the negotiations, they display all the arrogance of both Centerplate and Charles Johnson. During one session, while management scolded the union for thinking they were worth more than \$11,000 a year, hedge fund honcho Mike Wilkins, a partner at \$400 million Kingsford Capital Management, was on the field running the bases with 100 of his buddies, at a one-day rental cost of \$500,000. This was described to the website Buzzfeed as an exercise in "grown up boys fantasy time." Will San Francisco ever again be anything but a playground for the overgrown millionaire children of the tech sector? That's the question.

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June 6 — June 12, 2013

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Date & Time: Sunday, July 21
Description: The Merrell National Mud Run Obstacle Course series has finally come to the Washington, DC area! Registration is open now for the July 21 event to be held at Prince George's Stadium.
 Compete in the pull up contest, test your skills on the 5K or 10K courses, challenge yourself in tunnels, the monkey cross and slippery mountain! Let your child have a ball on the children's course.
Location: Prince George's Stadium
 4101 Crain Highway, Bowie, MD 20716
Contact: For more information about registration, pricing, schedules visit www.downanddirtyudrun.com

Senior Days

Date and Time: Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, 8 am-12
Description: Seniors (Prince George's County residents only) are allowed FREE use of both the fitness center and pool during these times.
Cost: FREE **Ages:** 60 & up
Location: Prince George's Sports & Learning Complex
 8001 Sheriff Road
 Landover, MD 20785
Contact: 301-583-2400; TTY 301-583-2483

Fine Wine Fridays

Date & Time: Fridays, June 7 & July 5, 6:30-8 pm
Description: Mingle as you enjoy the scenic location of historic Snow Hill Manor while tasting wines provided by some of the best vineyards and wineries in Maryland. Live music and an informative reception will make these summer evenings memorable.
May 3: Basignani Wineries
June 7: Boordy Wineries
July 5: Linganore Winecellars
 These events are held in conjunction with the Laurel Historic Society.
Cost: \$25/person **Ages:** 21 & up
Location: Snow Hill Manor
 13301 Laurel Bowie Road, Laurel 20708
Contact: 301-249-2004; TTY 301-446-6802

Adelphi Day

Date & Time: Wednesday, June 5, 2:30-6:30 pm
Description: Bring the whole family and enjoy a fun day of activities including skating, games, face painting and more.
Cost: FREE admission
Ages: All ages
Location: Adelphi Elementary School
 8820 Riggs Road, Adelphi 20783

Afterschool Bike Rodeo with the Park Rangers

Date & Time: Wednesday, June 5, 3:30-6 pm
Description: Bring your own bike or use one of theirs (10 available). Register by May 29.
Cost: FREE
Ages: All ages
Location: Baden Community Center
 13601 Baden-Westwood Road, Brandywine
Contact: 301-888-1500; TTY 301-203-6030

Basketball: 50 & Older League

Date & Time: Saturday, May 5, 12 noon-4 pm
Description: Adults ages 50 and over enjoy a league just for them. Limited to 8 teams.
Cost: Residents \$400/team; Non-Residents \$480/team
Ages: 50 & up
Location: Potomac Landing Community Center
Contact: 301-292-9191; TTY 301-203-6030

Jazz on the Lawn: "Bay Jazz Project"

Date & Time: Wednesday, June 12, 6:30 pm
Description: Enjoy summer concerts on Wednesdays. Pack a picnic or purchase dinner before the show courtesy of the Calvert House Inn. Bring a blanket or lawn chair to enjoy some of the area's top jazz musicians. In the event of rain, concerts will be moved inside the mansion. These concerts are supported by grants from the Maryland State Arts Council, Town of Riverdale Park, and ATHA, Inc. Tonight's performance features: swing dance lessons by Tom Koerner & Debra Sternberg of www.Gottaswing.com
Cost: FREE **Ages:** All ages
Location: Riversdale House Museum
 4811 Riverdale Road, Riverdale Park 20737
Contact: 301-864-0420; TTY 301-699-2544

EARTH TALK .. The Gulf of Mexico three years after BP

Dear EarthTalk:

The three-year anniversary of the 2010 BP oil spill just passed. What do green groups think of the progress since in restoring the region?

-- Mary Johansson,
 New York, NY

When an undersea oil well blew out 50 miles off the Louisiana coast on April 20, 2010 and caused an explosion on the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig above it (killing 11 workers), no one knew that an even bigger disaster was yet to come. Over the next three months, 4.9 million gallons of crude poured into the water before BP could get the well-head capped to stop the flow of oil into the Gulf of Mexico.

According to BP, which has already spent \$14 billion on clean-up and restoration, the Gulf is returning to baseline conditions prior to the disaster. "No company has done more, faster to respond to an industrial accident than BP did in response to the Deepwater Horizon accident in 2010," reports the company.

But not everybody sees the situation that way. Many environmentalists are concerned that, while BP has done a thorough job removing visible oil from the water column and surface, little has been done to repair damage to marine life and ecosystems.

"Three years after the initial explosion, the impacts of the disaster continue to unfold," says Doug Inkley, senior scientist at the National Wildlife Federation (NWF). A recent report by the group found that the three-year-old spill is still having a serious negative effect on wildlife populations



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A recent report by the National Wildlife Federation found that the three-year-old BP spill is still having a serious negative effect on the ecology of the Gulf of Mexico and its wildlife populations. Pictured: Smoke billows over a controlled oil fire off the coast of Venice, Louisiana on May 5, 2010.

in the Gulf. For one, dolphin deaths in the region have remained above average every single month since the disaster. In the first two months of 2013, infant dolphins were found dead at six times pre-spill average rates. Says Inkley: "These ongoing deaths—particularly in an apex predator like the dolphin—are a strong indication that there is something amiss with the Gulf ecosystem."

Gulf dolphins aren't the only ones suffering. NWF found that more than 1,700 sea turtles were stranded in coastal areas of the Gulf between May 2010 and November 2012—almost three times the pre-spill rate for the animals. Researchers have also detected changes in the cellular function of Gulf killifish, a common bait fish at the base of the food chain. And a coral colony seven miles from the

offending wellhead struggles due to oil and dispersants compromising its ability to rebuild itself.

"The oil disaster highlighted the gaps in our understanding of the Gulf of Mexico," says Florida State University oceanographer Ian MacDonald. "What frustrates me is how little has changed over the past three years. In many cases, funding for critical research has even been even been cut, limiting our understanding of the disaster's impacts."

MacDonald and others are optimistic that a federal court will find BP accountable for further damages in a civil trial now underway. NWF says that substantially more money is needed to carry out restoration efforts vital to the biological and economic stability of the Gulf region. "Despite the public relations blitz by BP, this spill is

not over," says NWF's David Muth. "Justice will only be served when BP and its co-defendants pay to restore the wildlife and habitats of the Mississippi River Delta and the Gulf of Mexico."

CONTACTS: BP Gulf of Mexico Restoration, www.bp.com/sectionbody-copy.do?categoryId=47&contentId=7081352; NWF, www.nwf.org.

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Obama from A1

Herself a graduate of Harvard Law School, the First Lady did not shy away from talking about the need to push

away from the stereotypes that keep minority children away from learning.

"It's time to drop the slander that a black child with a book is trying to be white," she said.

"Take a stand," she insisted. "If you don't like what your kids are watching on T.V., turn it off. You can take away the video games. It's okay to do it."

Mrs. Obama told the gradu-

ating class that a great legacy rests on their shoulders and that they inherited a great responsibility along with it.

"I expect you to meet that responsibility," Obama stressed.

Profiling from A1

Department can and should still take steps to prohibit racial profiling and finally root out its use. Racial profiling has no place in modern law enforcement."

"Racial profiling undermines the rule of law and strikes at the core of our nation's commitment to equal protection for all," said Senator Durbin, Chairman of the Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights. "I am proud to join Senator Cardin in introducing legislation that will help put an end to this ineffective and discriminatory practice."

"Racial profiling is not and never will be an effective form of law enforcement. When law enforcement relies on bias over evidence to protect us against crime and terror, it turns American justice on its head, subverts our Constitution, and ultimately makes us all less safe. We commend Senator Cardin for his leadership on this issue and will stand with him to advance equality under the law for all individuals living in the United States," Wade Henderson, President and CEO of The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights said.

Racial profiling is defined in a standard, consistent definition as the practice of a law enforcement agent relying on race, ethnicity, religion, or national origin as a factor in their investigations and activities. The legislation creates an exception for the use of these factors where there is trustworthy information, relevant to the locality and time frame, which links persons of a particular race, ethnicity, or national origin to an identified incident or scheme.

The Senate Judiciary Committee held a hearing on

"Ending Racial Profiling in America" in April 2012, in which Senator Cardin testified about his legislation.

THE END RACIAL PROFILING ACT OF 2013

Legislative Sections
 The End Racial Profiling Act is designed to enforce the constitutional right to equal protection of the laws by eliminating racial profiling through changing the policies and procedures underlying the practice.

The bill provides a prohibition on racial profiling, enforceable by declaratory or injunctive relief.

The bill mandates training on racial profiling issues as part of Federal law enforcement training, the collection of data on all routine or spontaneous investigatory activities that is to be submitted through a standardized form to the Department of Justice.

The receipt of federal law enforcement and other funds that go to state and local governments is conditioned on their adoption of effective policies that prohibit racial profiling.

The Justice Department is authorized to provide grants for the development and implementation of best policing practices, such as early warning systems, technology integration, and other management protocols that discourage profiling.

The Attorney General is required to provide periodic reports to assess the nature of any ongoing discriminatory profiling practices.

Definitions and Title I: Prohibition of Racial Profiling

This Title would ban racial profiling, defined as the practice of a law enforcement agent or agency relying, to any degree, on race, ethnicity, religion, or national origin in selecting

which individuals to subject to routine or spontaneous investigatory activities, or in deciding upon the scope and substance of law enforcement activity following the initial investigatory procedure, except when there is trustworthy information, relevant to the locality and time frame, that links persons of a particular race, ethnicity, religion, or national origin to an identified criminal incident or scheme.

"Routine or spontaneous investigatory activities" are activities by law enforcement that include: interviews; traffic and pedestrian stops; frisks and other types of body searches; consensual or nonconsensual searches of the persons or possessions (including vehicles) of individuals using any form of public or private transportation, including motorists and pedestrians; data collection and analysis, assessments, and predicated investigations; inspections and interviews of individuals entering the United States; and immigration-related workplace investigations.

"Law enforcement agency" means any Federal, State, local, or Indian tribal public agency engaged in the prevention, detection, or investigation of violations of criminal, immigration, or customs laws.

The Department of Justice or individuals would be able to enforce this prohibition by filing a suit for declaratory or injunctive relief in state court or in a federal district court.

Title II: Programs to Eliminate Racial Profiling by Federal Law Enforcement Agencies

This Title would require federal law enforcement agencies to cease practices that permit racial profiling and to maintain ade-

quate policies and procedures to eliminate racial profiling, including the following:

- o A prohibition on racial profiling;
- o Training on racial profiling issues as part of federal law enforcement training;
- o The collection of data on routine investigatory activities, in accordance with Title IV;
- o Procedures for receiving, investigating, and responding meaningfully to complaints alleging racial profiling by law enforcement agencies; and
- o Any other policies and procedures the Attorney General determines to be necessary to eliminate racial profiling by Federal law enforcement agencies.

Title III: Programs to Eliminate Racial Profiling by State, Local, and Indian Tribal Law Enforcement Agencies.

This Title would require as a condition of funding for State, local, or Indian tribal law enforcement agencies to cease practices that encourage racial profiling and adopt policies and procedures to eliminate racial profiling, including the following:

- A prohibition on racial profiling;
- Training on racial profiling issues as part of law enforcement training;
- The collection of data on routine investigatory activities, in accordance with Title IV;
- Participation in an administrative complaint procedure or independent audit program that meets the requirements of Title III.

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The Attorney General may administer a two-year, demonstration project for up to 5 grants or contracts for the purpose of developing and implementing data collection on hit rates for stops and searches. The data collected shall be disaggregated by race, ethnicity, national origin, and religion.

Competitive grant activities shall include:

- o Developing a data collection tool and reporting the compiled data to the Attorney General;
- o Training law enforcement personnel on data collection.
- o This Title would also authorize the Attorney General to provide grants for the development and implementation of best practices to eliminate racial profiling, such as the following activities:
 - o Training to prevent racial profiling and to encourage more respectful interaction with the public;
 - o Acquisition and use of technology to facilitate the accurate collection and analysis of data;
 - o Development of feedback systems and technologies that identify officers or units of officers engaged in, or at risk of engaging in, racial profiling or other misconduct;
 - o Establishment and maintenance of an administrative complaint procedure or independent auditor program.

Title IV: Data Collection

Not later than six months after enactment of this Act, the Attorney General shall issue regulations for the collection and compilation of data pursuant to Titles II and III. The regulations issued shall:

Provide for the collection of data on all routine or spontaneous investigatory activities;

Provide that the data collected shall—

- o be collected by race, ethnicity, national origin, gender, and religion, as perceived by the law enforcement officer;
 - o include the date, time, and location of such investigatory activities;
 - o include detail sufficient to permit an analysis of whether a law enforcement agency is engaging in racial profiling; and
 - o not include personally identifiable information.
- Include guidelines for setting comparative benchmarks, consistent with best practices, against which data shall be measured.

Not later than three years after enactment of this Act and annually thereafter, the Bureau of Justice Statistics must issue a report to Congress analyzing the data for any statistically significant disparities. The annual report and data must be made available to the public, including on a website of the Department of Justice.

The regulations shall protect the privacy of individuals whose data is collected by: limiting the use of the data collected under the Act to the purposes set forth in the Act; limiting access to the data collected to agents who require access; requiring contractors who are permitted access to the data collected to sign use agreements and disclosure restrictions; requiring the

maintenance of adequate security measures to prevent unauthorized access to the data collected under the Act.

Identifying information of the law enforcement officer, complainant, or any other individual involved in any activity shall not be

- o Released to the public; or
- o Disclosed to any person, except as necessary to comply with this Act;
- o Subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.

Title V: Department of Justice Regulations and Reports on Racial Profiling in the United States

The Attorney General is authorized to promulgate other regulations deemed necessary to implement this Act. Not later than two years after enactment of this Act and each year thereafter, the Attorney General must submit to Congress a report on racial profiling by law enforcement agencies. This report shall include a summary of the data collected pursuant to Titles II and III.

Title VI: Miscellaneous Provisions

If any provision of this Act is held unconstitutional, the remainder of the Act shall not be affected. Additionally, nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit legal or administrative remedies under specified statutes. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit legal or administrative remedies under specified statutes, or affects any Federal, State, or tribal law that applies to an Indian tribe because of the political status of the tribe or waives the sovereign immunity of an Indian tribe without consent of the tribe.