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## Soccer Headbands, Mouthguards Don't Prevent Concussion

By ANTONIO BARBERA  
Capital News Service

COLLEGE PARK – Parents of young athletes should be warned that some sports equipment manufacturers are trying to capitalize on concussion fears with claims that their gear can prevent head injuries, the director of the Center for Brain, Biology and Behavior at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln said during a recent interview.

Despite what some manufacturers claim, "there is no

reviewed, known literature that says mouthguards or headbands prevent against concussions," said Dr. Dennis Molfese, director of the brain center and scientific director of the Big 10/CIC-Ivy League Traumatic Brain Injury Research Collaboration.

The Federal Trade Commission has been cracking down on false claims made in mouthguard ads for the past few years. The FTC reached a

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## USDA Provides \$8 Million to Help Boost Declining Honey Bee Population

By PRESS OFFICER  
U.S. Dept. of Agriculture

WASHINGTON, June 20, 2014 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), today announced \$8 million in Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) incentives for Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin farmers and ranchers who establish new habitats for declining honey bee populations. More than half of the commercially managed honey bees are in these five states during the summer. Today's announce-

ment comes in addition to \$3 million USDA designated to the Midwest states to support bee populations earlier this year through the Natural Resources Conservation Service Environmental Quality Incentives Program.

"American agricultural production relies on having a healthy honey bee population," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "In recent years, factors such as diseases, parasites, pesticides or habitat loss have

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New State of Maryland Public Health Laboratory.

## Governor O'Malley Cuts Ribbon for New State of Maryland Public Health Lab

By PRESS OFFICER  
DHMH

Baltimore, MD -- Governor Martin O'Malley and Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, along with federal, State and local officials cut the ceremonial ribbon today for the new State of Maryland Public Health Laboratory (PHL). They were joined by project partners

from the Maryland Economic Development Corporation (MEDCO), Forest City – New East Baltimore Partnership, East Baltimore Development, Inc. (EBDI) and the Maryland Departments of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) and General Services (DGS). Located at the Science + Technology Park at Johns Hopkins in East Baltimore, the new state-of-the-art facility enhances

Maryland's ability to identify and respond to current and emerging public health threats. Its proximity to the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health also offers the opportunity for collaboration and innovation.

"The Public Health Lab is the backbone of Maryland's healthcare system and serves as an early warning system to protect the health and well-being of Maryland families," said

Governor Martin O'Malley. "We're harnessing the power of technology to strengthen our ability to respond more effectively and efficiently to contain a wide range of public health emergencies from disease outbreaks to natural disasters and bioterrorism."

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## First Maryland Historic Horse Trail to be Launched on Lower Eastern Shore

By PRESS OFFICER  
MD Dept. of Agriculture

ANNAPOLIS, MD – The first Maryland Historic Horse Trail, which includes 11 sites steeped in equine as well as Maryland history, was unveiled by the Maryland Horse Industry Board (MHIB) on Sunday, July 13th at 6 p.m. at a special gathering during the evening's race card at the Ocean Downs harness track in Berlin. MHIB is a program within the Maryland Department of Agriculture.

The self-guided "Horses At The Beach" driving tour, which takes place in Worcester and the southern part of Wicomico counties, can be accessed through the new website: [www.MDhistorichorsetrails.com](http://www.MDhistorichorsetrails.com).

An accompanying brochure is available at tourism centers and can be downloaded from the website. Eventually a phone app and historic markers will also help guide visitors along the trail.



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Glen Riddle Farm – a stop on the Historic Horse Trail.

The trail takes visitors from the Assateague National Seashore Park, home of Maryland's famed "Wild Horses," the Assateague Ponies, to Glen Riddle Farm, now a popular eatery that was once the train-

ing grounds of Thoroughbred horse racing legends Man o'War and War Admiral. The horses' iconic status is honored in the stunning restoration of the farm's training barn, in equine oil portraiture

and in a History Hall of Fame. Other stops include Ocean Downs, which is celebrating

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## Maryland Has Successful Sale of \$1.15 Billion in General Obligation Bonds

By PRESS OFFICER  
Office of the State Treasurer

ANNAPOLIS – Maryland State Treasurer Nancy K. Kopp announced that the Board of Public Works (BPW), composed of Governor Martin O'Malley, Comptroller Peter Franchot and Treasurer Kopp, completed the sale of \$1,149,715,000 of General Obligation bonds today in three series, including the direct retail sale of \$50,385,000 of Series A bonds which sold on July 18th and July 21st exclusively to retail investors with a first priority to Maryland residents.

The direct retail bond sale (Series A), conducted through a group of underwriters led by Citigroup Global Markets, Inc., carried a true interest rate of 1.1883%. The net premium was \$6,381,311.

Competitive sales for Series B and Series C occurred at today's BPW meeting. The State received bids for the \$449,615,000 of Tax-Exempt General Obligation Bonds (Series B) and the \$649,715,000 of

Tax-Exempt Refunding Bonds (Series C). The Series C Refunding Bonds will reduce the State's debt service by approximately \$58.3 million.

**In today's competitive sales:**

- \$449,615,000 in tax-exempt bonds in Series B sold at a true interest cost of 2.6535%; the winning bidder was J.P. Morgan Securities, LLC, and the net premium was \$64,221,141; and
- \$649,715,000 in tax-exempt refunding bonds in Series C sold at a true interest cost of 1.8821%; the winning bidder was Morgan Stanley & Co., LLC, and the net premium was \$148,876,381.

There were five bidders on Series B and five bidders on Series C.

Treasurer Kopp commented "Today's results were very satisfying for the taxpayers of Maryland. The State was well-timed to be in the market and benefited from investors' 'flight to quality'."

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By making the better choice to take real action, we now rank in the top ten states for energy efficiency, up from our 47th place showing seven years ago. Baltimore is ranked by Ford Motor Company as one of the top 25 most electric vehicle ready cities America.

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#### Movie Review: "Dawn of the Planet of the Apes"

A growing nation of genetically evolved apes led by Caesar is threatened by human survivors of the devastating virus unleashed a decade earlier. They reach a fragile peace, but it proves short-lived, as both sides are brought to the brink of a war that will determine who will emerge as Earth's dominant species.

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#### Earth Talk

Dear EarthTalk:

Recent news coverage of the disappearance of Malaysian Airlines Flight 370 reminded us all again of how much debris, including plastic, is in our oceans. To what extent is this a real problem that threatens ocean or human health?

—Margaret Ainsworth, Philadelphia, PA  
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# Towns and NEIGHBORS

## Brandywine-Aquasco

by Audrey Johnson 301 888 2153

### BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR

Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS), Prince George's County Board of Education hosts Annual Back-to-School Fair on Saturday, August 9 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Location is Show Place Arena at 14900 Pennsylvania Avenue Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772.

The Fair is an annual community-wide event that provides students and parents with access to the resources they need to make their school year successful. The fair include on-site student registration, school uniform purchasing, school supply, student performances and the highly-anticipated backpack giveaway.

Representatives will be available from various county agencies, PGCPS schools and offices throughout the day. Call 301-952-6001 for more information.

### JOB FAIR AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Come join us September 22, 2014 from 9:00-2:00 PM at Union Bethel Church in Brandywine, Maryland. You will be able to connect with regional

employees that have current job openings. Come prepared to be interviewed. Dress for success and bring your resume. Call Bethel House Inc. at 301-372-1700 for more information.

### CLEARWATER NATURE CENTER

Attractions at Clearwater Nature Center include the Natural Treasures exhibit hall. You will be able to watch fish and turtles swim in the large indoor pool. Natural hiking trails allow visitors to explore the fauna and flora of Prince George's County. Call for more information 301-689-2544.

### OLD MARYLAND FARM

The Educational Farm located at 301 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20774 is open Tuesdays-Fridays, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM; Sundays, 11:30 AM-4:30 PM. Come and view year-round livestock, displays that include ducks, goats, rabbits, and many more. You can walk through the interpretive gardens and stop by the Gift Shop.

### NEW HOPE FELLOWSHIP

Come join us for our Praise Break (Celebrating the Works of God) Vacation Bible School

2014. Reverend Constance Smith is our Pastor. Vacation Bible School will be August 18-August 22, 2014 from 6:30 PM-8:30 PM. Address is New Hope Fellowship 15601 Brooks Church Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland, 20772. Church telephone number is 301-888-2171.

### AQUASCO FARM

Aquasco Farm is located in rural Prince George's County at 16665 Aquasco Farm Road Aquasco, Maryland. Telephone number is 301-627-6074; TTY 301-669-2544. At the farm special areas are set aside for beagle training and specific regulations govern their use. The property is also managed for bow hunting in conjunction with land owned by the Maryland Department of natural Resources.

### CLYDE WATSON BOATING AREA

Clyde Water Boating Area special-use park area provides boating access to the Patuxent River. There is a standard boat ramp with pier and fishing area. A permit is required and use is limited. The address is 17901 Magruder's Ferry Road Baden, Maryland 20613.

## Neighborhood Events

### Two Engineering Students From Maryland Earn the Counihan/Starks Scholarship

LAUREL, MD – July 16, 2014: In an effort to secure bright young minds for the future of water infrastructure, WSSC has awarded Prince George's County resident Ragime Young and Montgomery County resident Kwynn Johnson the 2014 Counihan/Starks Engineering Scholarship. Young and Johnson were honored at the monthly WSSC Commission meeting today.

A rising sophomore at Morgan State University in Baltimore, Young is pursuing a degree in engineering with a concentration in electrical studies.

Young is working two internships and was represented at the meeting by her mother, who displayed a poster of her daughter. "Thank you to WSSC for this award. Ragime couldn't be here, so I brought the next best thing! She is an extremely hard worker and I'm proud she is pursuing an engineering degree. And I thank my daughter for giving me bragging rights."

Johnson recently graduated from Northwest High school in Germantown and will enter UMBC as a Meyerhoff Scholar this fall to study mechanical engineering.

"I am very thankful for the generosity of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission in awarding me this scholarship," said Young of the award. "Per [WSSC's] their example, I will strive to always do my best and give back to my community."

Both students wrote winning essays that addressed the following: Describe the biggest threat to this region's source water and what you think should be done about it. Young offered green infrastructure as a possible solution to storm water runoff pollution. Johnson discussed population growth, climate change and construction, and the resulting impact on our depleting water supply. He suggests innovative technology to recycle more water coupled with conservation incentives.

Two WSSC summer interns who are past winners (2013 and 2011, respectively) also earned renewable scholarships. Adeolu Babayemi attends Ohio State University and is an intern with the Regulatory Services Group in the FOG Unit. Kiran Fatima attends University of Maryland at College Park and is working with the Systems Inspection Group at the Lyttonsville depot.

The Counihan/Starks Engineering Scholarship aims to assist engineering students in achieving their goals while encouraging them to consider careers at WSSC. As recipients, Young and Johnson are eligible to receive \$1,000 for the next four consecutive years and have the opportunity for a paid WSSC internship in the summer of 2015. Awardees are required to maintain a 2.5 GPA in pursuit of a Bachelor of Science in Engineering or an advanced degree in engineering and hold permanent residency in the WSSC service district.

### International High School Exchange Students Seeking Host Families in Upper Marlboro

Upper Marlboro, Maryland - Visiting students, ages 15-18, from around the

world including Germany, Spain, Switzerland, and Thailand are seeking host families in and around Upper Marlboro for the upcoming 2014-2015 academic school year. Host families are needed for the fall semester and full school year.

Host families (traditional families, singles, empty nesters, etc.) serve as mentors and a home base for their student. Visiting students participate as active members of the family and integrate into their host's daily routines and traditions just like any other family member. Hosting an international student is a great way to explore a new culture and promote a sense of lifelong learning and adventure.

"Every year Maryland plays host to many talented, top-of-their-class students with the lifelong dream of studying in America," reports Emily Rolin, iE-USA's Area Director. Emily adds, "Maryland's spirit of hospitality and focus on academic enrichment makes it an ideal environment to develop cultural exchange and promote international diplomacy on a local level."

iE-USA, the sponsoring program, is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting education and understanding through intercultural and academic exchange. iE-USA is certified by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel and strictly adheres to all U.S. Department of State Student Exchange Program regulations and guidelines.

Exchange student participants undergo an extensive application and orientation process in their home country prior to being accepted into iE-USA's program. Each student is responsible for his/her own spending money and full health insurance coverage.

To learn more about how to make the dream come true for an international high school exchange student, contact iE Maryland representative, Joe Bissell at j.bissell@international-experience.net, 517-388-8948. Host families may review prospective student profiles online at iE-USA.org. Families interested in hosting this year must apply by August 15, 2014.

### Mel Franklin Recognizes Tamyia Matthews as the 2014 PG County Spelling Bee Champion

*Seventh Grader the Winner of the County's Spelling Bee*

Prince George's County Council Chairman Mel Franklin (D) - District 9, is proud to recognize Prince George's County Spelling Bee Champion, 12-year-old Tamyia Matthews, as a participant in the Scripps National Spelling Bee held at National Harbor May 28-29, 2014.

A seventh-grader at Mount Calvary Catholic School in Forestville, Tamyia won the Prince George's County Spelling Bee on March 12. Following the County competition, Tamyia came close to competing in the semifinals, tying for 47th place and just missing out on a spot as one of the top 46 spellers to advance to the semifinals.

Chairman Franklin says it is an amazing achievement. "Tamyia has shown initiative and drive during a period of time when most people will allow technology to do the spelling for them. She is an example for every young person that studying and developing a real command of words can last a lifetime. Tamyia represented Prince George's County well. We are extremely proud of her."

The Scripps National Spelling Bee ended in a tie between Sriram Hathwar, 14, of Painted Post, N.Y., and Ansun Sujoe, 13, of Fort Worth, Texas. This was the first time since 1962 that the national spelling bee ended in a tie.

### Board of Education Approves \$1.79B Budget for FY2015

UPPER MARLBORO, MD – The Prince George's County Board of Education has approved a FY2015 budget of \$1,795,250,300. It represents a \$107.4 million increase over the approved budget for FY2014, which was \$1,687,807,813.

"This year, we have seen a significant increase in revenue," said Dr. Segun C. Eubanks, Board of Education Chair. "This demonstrates a commitment to public education by our elected officials and community, as well as a commitment by our district to find new ways to reduce costs, streamline processes, and fund initiatives and academic programs."

Revenue funds for the FY2015 budget include \$1 billion from the State, \$630 million from the County, \$103 million from the Federal government and \$18 million from Board sources.

"This budget reflects our priorities to expand choice programs, enhance student support, and raise expectations for academic achievement," said Dr. Kevin M. Maxwell, Chief Executive Officer. "We reduced costs in some areas, which enabled us to channel funds to support our goals to expand successful academic programs and attract and retain highly qualified staff."

In addition to funds for negotiated compensation improvements for employees, the budget supports investments in expanding Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM), creative and performing arts, Montessori, International Baccalaureate (IB), language immersion, dual enrollment, and career technology programs. It also funds Secondary School Reform (SSR) initiatives, supports the county's Transforming Neighborhoods Initiative (TNI) through expansion of prekindergarten, establishes two new International School, and provides additional support and outreach to parents through a new Family and Community Resource Office.

Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) uses a Student-Based Budgeting (SBB) system that enables schools to direct resources where they are needed most, based on individual school needs. By providing schools with more direct control over their budgets, SBB also allows school-based decisions to directly influence classroom spending.

## In and Around Morningside-Skyline

by Mary McHale

WILL RETURN NEXT WEEK

## Protecting Maryland's Blue Crabs

By JOE GILL, Secretary MD Dept. Natural Resources

I say, "Maryland."

You say, "Crabs."

Few things dial up an instant connection to our home state like a pile of steamed crabs, hot to the touch and dusted with Old Bay, spread across a table covered with brown paper. Surrounded by friends and family with the Orioles game providing the soundtrack—you could be somewhere else, but why would you want to be?

We often take for granted our next bushel of crabs and the one after that, just as our parents and grandparents did.

We shouldn't. Harsh winter weather, coastal currents and natural predators can threaten the health of the blue crab population. To be sure, conditions can change as quickly as the striped bass bite in early fall. Good crab harvest years, such as 2012, are sometimes followed by poor seasons marked by scarcity and high prices.

The Maryland Natural Resources Police have launched a campaign – Don't Get Pinched – to target crabbers who don't play by the rules. The enforcement effort is being embraced by our partners at the Virginia Marine Resources Commission and the Potomac River Fisheries Commission, as we stand together to protect and manage these resources using the best available science.

NRP's game plan follows the one established last year to protect another Bay keystone



PHOTO COURTESY MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
**Bushel of beautiful Maryland Blue Crabs.**

species – oysters. Surveillance, undercover operations, night vision equipment, saturation patrols and the Maritime Law Enforcement Information Network (MLEIN) are all being employed. Officers will be on the lookout for undersized crabs, overharvesting, recreational crabbers keeping female crabs, and crab pots that are not registered.

Rest assured we are not looking to ruin anyone's outing or dinner plans. We are working to ensure the health of our fishery, the livelihoods of honest, law-abiding watermen and the enjoyment of our citizens.

Despite harvest being within the safe range for the last six years, the 2014 spawning age female crab abundance was just below the minimum safe level and the last two juvenile population surveys were not as robust as we would have liked. With this, awareness and enforcement efforts such as Don't Get Pinched are necessary now more than ever.

The signature species of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries will keep its treasured place in our heritage only if we protect it. So, enjoy Maryland's delicious blue crab and the rest of your summer... but don't get pinched.

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# COMMUNITY

## Practical Money Skills

By Jason Alderman

### The Ins and Outs of 529 College Savings Plans

For many people, their biggest expenses in life are funding retirement, buying a home and paying for their children's college education — or a portion of it, anyway. Setting aside money for these and other financial goals is difficult, especially when you're trying to save for them all simultaneously and from a young age.

One of the more popular college savings vehicles is the 529 College Savings Plan. Every state and Washington, D.C. offers at least one 529 plan option, although most offer several. Key features include:

- ❑ You make contributions using after-tax dollars; their investment earnings grow tax-free.
- ❑ Withdrawals aren't taxed if they're used to pay for qualified higher-education expenses (e.g., tuition, room and board, fees, books, supplies and equipment).
- ❑ If you withdraw the money for non-qualified expenses, you'll have to pay income tax and a 10 percent penalty tax on the earnings portion of the withdrawal — plus possible state penalties, depending on where you live.
- ❑ Many states that have a state income tax give account holders a full or partial tax deduction for contributions made to their own state's plan. Three states (Indiana, Utah and Vermont) also offer tax credits for contributions.
- ❑ Contributions to other state's plans generally are not tax-deductible in your home state; however, five states do offer tax breaks for investing in any state's plan (Arizona, Kansas, Maine, Missouri and Pennsylvania).
- ❑ Each state's plan offers different investment options, both in investment style (age-based, risk-based, principal protection, managed or indexed funds, etc.) and in actual investment performance.
- ❑ You can choose anyone as beneficiary — your child, other relative or friend.
- ❑ If the original beneficiary decides not to attend college or gets a scholarship, you can reallocate the account to another of his or her family members at any time.
- ❑ You can rollover funds to a different 529 plan or change investment strategies once a year. If you want to do more than one rollover within a 12-month period, you'll need to change the beneficiary in order to avoid taxes and penalties. (You can always change it back later.)
- ❑ Contributions up to \$14,000 a year, per recipient, are exempt from gift taxes (\$28,000 for married couples).
- ❑ You can also make a lump-sum contribution of up to \$70,000 (\$140,000/married couples) per beneficiary and then average the contribution over a five-year period without triggering the gift tax — provided you make no other gifts to that beneficiary for the next five years.
- ❑ These plans are treated as an asset of the account owner (vs. the student) when calculating the expected family contribution toward college costs, so they have a comparatively low impact on financial aid eligibility.

Most financial experts recommend looking first at your own state's plan to see what tax advantages, if any, are offered to residents. They may be significant enough to offset lower fees or better fund performance in other states' plans.

Carefully examine the fee structure. Common fees include those for opening an account, annual maintenance, administration costs, and most importantly, sales commissions if you're buying from a brokerage — which could be up to 5.75 percent of your contribution. Buying directly from the plan eliminates sales fees but puts the onus on you to research the best option for your needs.

And finally, examine the investment performance of the funds, both when you enroll and periodically thereafter. Morningstar ([www.morningstar.com](http://www.morningstar.com)), College Savings Plans Network ([www.collegesavings.org](http://www.collegesavings.org)) and FinAid ([www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)) all have helpful comparison tools.

Bottom line: The sooner you can start saving for college, the less your kids will have to rely on expensive loans.

### Bonds from A1

The demand for Maryland bonds and the resulting favorable interest rates are a reflection of the top quality of Maryland's credit and the security of the investment it provides. The State's taxpayers benefit from saving millions of dollars because of our strong AAA bond ratings and resultant lower interest rates. In addition, today's successful sale of tax-exempt refunding bonds will save Maryland taxpayers more than \$58 million in debt service costs. It is also good news that all Marylanders who wanted to do so were able to buy the State's high-quality bonds during the retail sale period. Their investment in Maryland in turn will allow Maryland to invest in projects



## West Nile Virus Surveillance in MD Officials Urge Marylanders to Take Precautions

By PRESS OFFICER  
Office of the Lt. Governor

BALTIMORE — The Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene has begun tracking West Nile virus (WNV) and other diseases transmitted by mosquitoes for the 2014 season. Maryland residents should take precautions to protect themselves and their families from mosquito bites in order to prevent West Nile Virus. The Department also tracks cases of imported mosquito-borne diseases, such as chikungunya and dengue viruses.

"We expect to see West Nile virus cases each year because it is established in Maryland, but we are also looking for imported mosquito-borne diseases in Maryland residents," said Dr. Katherine Feldman, State Public Health Veterinarian at DHMH. "Maryland residents returning from a visit in the Caribbean who experience fever should seek medical care and make their provider aware of their recent travel."

The symptoms of chikungunya infection resemble those of dengue, another serious mosquito-borne infection that is common throughout the Caribbean islands and can be imported into Maryland. Travelers who experience fever, joint pains, and other symptoms such as headache, muscle pains, or rash should seek medical care. Health care providers should be on the alert for possible cases.

Most individuals infected with WNV will not have any symptoms. People who do develop illness will usually have any combination of fever, headache, body aches, skin rash and swollen lymph glands. These symptoms generally appear three to 15 days following the bite of an infected mosquito. Less than one percent of persons exposed to the virus will develop more severe infections with symptoms such as headache, high fever, neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness and paralysis. In rare instances, WNV can be fatal. Persons over 50 years of age have the highest risk of developing severe disease. People who are immunocompromised

### Concussion from A1

settlement in August 2012 with Brain-Pad Inc., and its president, Joseph Manzo, prohibiting the company from claiming that its mouthguards can reduce risk of concussions. At the time, Brain-Pad's website stated that they could.

Brain-Pad's website now makes no such claim.

That November, the FTC sent warning letters to 18 sports equipment manufacturers whose product lines included mouthguards, ordering them to reword their product descriptions, according to Betsy Lordan of the Office of Public Affairs.

But now, Molfese said, companies are claiming that a "rubber band" that goes around the heads of soccer players prevents concussions. "There is no data for this claim," he said.

Brain-Pad touts the impact-absorbing qualities of its protective headband on its website.

Brain-Pad, for instance, says on its website that its headband "reduces impact energy up to 50 percent" without demonstrating where the information was gathered. While the web-



*Aedes aegypti* biting human.

PHOTO COURTESY THE US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

may also be at higher risk of WNV infection.

In addition, the Asian Tiger Mosquito, an invasive pest from Asia, has become more of a problem in the last few years and behaves differently from native mosquitoes. Tigers are more aggressive, will follow people into their homes and come out during the day. They primarily breed in small, man-made containers, especially those on the ground in shady, damp areas. Native mosquitoes tend to breed in wetlands and marshes. The Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) posted a new Web page this season dedicated to helping residents identify what kind of mosquitoes they have and providing tips for reducing breeding grounds for Tiger Mosquitoes. See: [http://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/Pages/avoid\\_asian\\_tiger\\_mosquitoes.aspx](http://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/Pages/avoid_asian_tiger_mosquitoes.aspx).

**Other measures people can take to protect themselves include:**

- Avoid areas of high mosquito activity.
- Avoid unnecessary outdoor activities at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active.
- Wear long pants, long-sleeved shirts, and hats when concerned about mosquito exposure.
- Use an EPA-registered insect repellent according to package directions.

Residents are urged to monitor their own yards and gardens for standing water that can serve as a breeding ground for mosquitoes. Small amounts of water in a discarded can or container will support dozens of mosquitoes. To eliminate mosquito-breeding areas:

- Replace corrugated drain pipe off of downspouts with smooth PVC piping. Each trough in the corrugated pipe is a potential breeding ground.
- Clean rain gutters to allow water to flow freely.
- Remove old tires or drill drainage holes in tires used as playground equipment.
- Turn over wading pools, wheelbarrows, wagons and carts when not in use. Flush water from bottom of plant holders twice a week.
- Replace water in birdbaths at least twice a week.
- Turn garbage can lids upside down and make sure trash receptacles are empty of water.
- Fix dripping faucets.
- Aerate ornamental pools and water gardens or stock with fish and use a circulating filter system.

#### For additional information on West Nile virus, visit:

- Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene:  
<http://phpa.dhmm.maryland.gov/OIDEOR/CZVBD/SitePages/west-nile.aspx>
- Maryland Department of Agriculture:  
[http://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/Pages/mosquito\\_control.aspx](http://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/Pages/mosquito_control.aspx)
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:  
<http://www.cdc.gov/westnile/index.html>

#### For additional information on chikungunya virus, visit:

- <http://www.cdc.gov/chikungunya/>

#### For additional information on dengue virus, visit:

- <http://www.cdc.gov/Dengue/>



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**Brain-Pad touts the impact-absorbing qualities of its protective headband on its website.**

Molfese recently collaborated on a paper published by the National Academy of Sciences entitled, "Sports-Related Concussions in Youth: Improving the Science, Changing the Culture," which discusses false marketing and deceptive language being used to take advantage of growing concussion awareness. Molfese says

companies are using the growing notoriety of concussions to make a profit on their products that don't actually help.

"We get 10 to 15 calls a week from parents asking about mouthguards and headbands and how they can help with their kid's concussion," says Molfese. "And that's the danger."

# COMMENTARY

## Barbara A. Mikulski

*United States Senator for Maryland*



### Mikulski Expresses Disappointment of Republican Filibuster of Legislation to Protect Women's Health

WASHINGTON — U.S. Senator Barbara A. Mikulski (D-Md.), Dean of the Senate women and a senior member of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee, today expressed her disappointment of a Republican filibuster of the Protect Women's Health from Corporate Interference Act, legislation she cosponsored that would restore the contraceptive coverage and other preventive health care guaranteed by the Affordable Care Act struck down in the Supreme Court decision *Burwell v. Hobby Lobby*. The legislation failed to clear a procedural hurdle by a vote of 56-43.

"I'm deeply disappointed that Senate Republicans have voted to put the personal opinion of an employer ahead of the medical opinion of a doctor," Senator Mikulski said. "By allowing employers to deny women access to needed health care, the Supreme Court's dangerous decision once again allows for gender discrimination in health care — something I fought to end. I cosponsored this legislation to right this wrong and protect all Americans, men and women — by prohibiting employers from denying access to important health benefits. I will keep fighting to ensure that health decisions are made between an individual and their doctor, not by an employer and an insurance company."

Women's access to free preventive health care was included in the Affordable Care Act by the Mikulski Women's Preventive Health Amendment. Senator Mikulski's amendment required that certain women's preventive health care be covered by health insurance plans and provided to women with no co-payments or deductibles. These preventive health benefits were not defined by Congress or government bureaucrats, but instead by a panel of medical re-

searchers, doctors, nurses and medical professionals serving on a panel convened by the Institute of Medicine. These learned experts recommended essential preventive health care that would save lives based on a body of peer-reviewed research. Their recommendations included covering an annual preventive care check-up (including breast exams, pre-conception and prenatal care, pap testing and pelvic exam); screening for gestational diabetes; HPV testing; HIV and STI screening and support; FDA-approved contraception and contraceptive counseling; breastfeeding support, supplies and counseling; and domestic violence screening and counseling.

The Protect Women's Health from Corporate Interference Act introduced this week would ensure that employers cannot interfere in their employee's decisions about contraception and other health services through discrimination by:

- Banning employers from refusing to cover any health coverage — including contraceptive coverage — guaranteed to their employees and dependents under federal law;

- Stating that all federal laws do not permit employers to refuse to comply with the ACA requirement, including the Religious Freedom Restoration Act;

- Including the exemption from the contraceptive coverage requirement for houses of worship and the accommodation for religious non-profits.

This bill would restore the original legal guarantee that women have access to contraceptive coverage through their employment-based in-

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## Marc Morial, President and CEO

*National Urban League*



### National Urban League Conference to Feature Diverse Points of View

"As I walked out the door toward the gate that would lead to my freedom, I knew if I didn't leave my bitterness and hatred behind, I'd still be in prison."

— Nelson Mandela

Earlier this month, we announced a diverse list of speakers taking the stage at this week's National Urban League Annual Conference in Cincinnati. They include Vice President Joe Biden; Senator Rand Paul; Democratic National Committee Chair, Debbie Wasserman Schultz; Republican National Committee Chair, Reince Priebus; and eight dynamic mayors from across the country. Today, in response to those who question the wisdom of offering a forum to people whose views may depart from ours, I want to share my thoughts on why inclusion is not only the right thing, but the smart thing to do. We cannot preach it without also practicing it.

At the root of recent tragic events unfolding across the globe, as well as the persistent gridlock in our own Congress and even violent confrontations on the streets of our cities, is a lack of respect for other people and for different points of view. From our beginnings 104 years ago, the National Urban League has always believed that the best way to solve problems and get things done is through building bridges of cooperation that cross all boundaries of race, class, culture and ideology. That is how Lincoln succeeded in ending slavery and passing the 13th Amendment. It is how Dr. King, John Lewis and Lyndon Johnson led the fight for the passage of the Civil Rights Act and the Voting Rights Act. It is how Nelson Mandela and the African National Congress finally defeated

apartheid in South Africa. It is also how Congress and the White House were recently able to come to agreement to pass the first real jobs bill in the last 10 years, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. Nonviolent protest, civil discourse and political negotiation may be difficult and slow at times, but they lead to real and lasting success.

The point is, we don't have to agree with someone's views to have a meaningful dialogue with them. In fact, it is only by talking, listening and reasoning together, that we build trust, end stalemates and transform conflicts into solutions. That is why we are convening such a diverse line-up of speakers in Cincinnati. These include young people, women of power, business executives, educators and political leaders who represent progressive, conservative and other points of view. We are also expanding our search for solutions beyond Washington by inviting mayors from seven cities to share their unique perspectives on jobs, education, gun violence, business development and other issues affecting urban America.

No solution or compromise is ever reached in silence. As Dr. King and Nelson Mandela reminded us, those who are motivated by hate and bitterness only imprison themselves in endless cycles of pain and conflict. We hope our Annual Conference will serve as an example of the kind of civil discourse and diversity of ideas that is essential to ending conflict and solving problems in our country and in our world. We don't have to adopt every view that is presented to us, but we should never devolve to a place where we stop listening to — or worse — respecting each other.

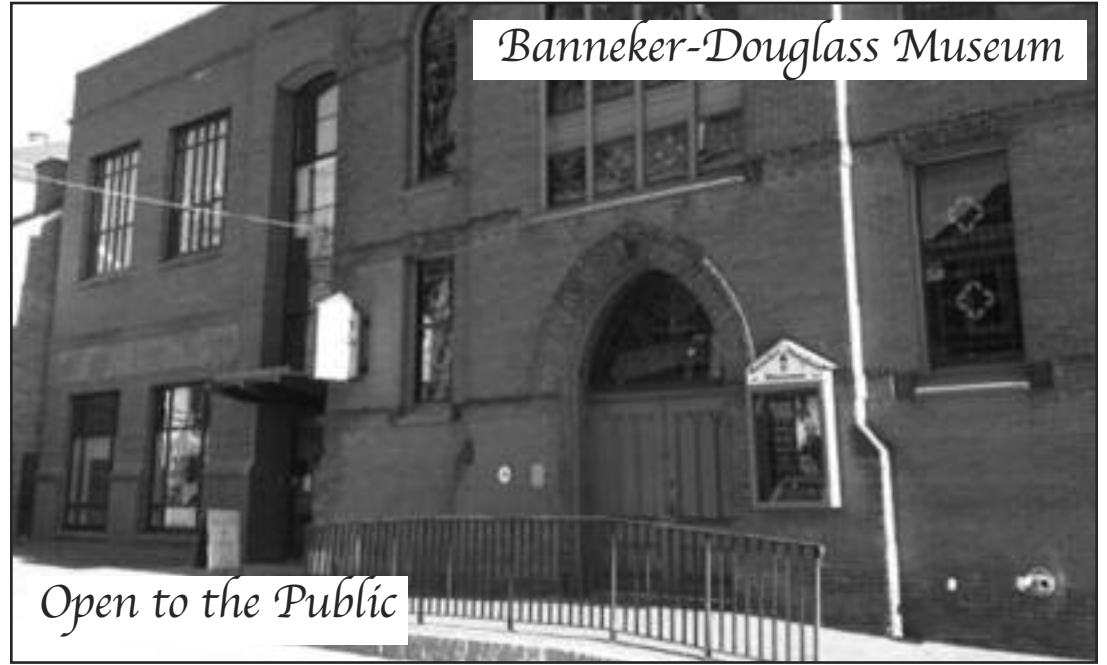


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#### BANNEKER-DOUGLASS MUSEUM

A former AME church in Annapolis, MD - now the Banneker-Douglass museum. The Banneker-Douglass Museum, located in Annapolis, maintains the state's official collection of African-American history and culture. Named for Benjamin Banneker and Frederick Douglass, the museum hosts lectures, workshops and performances. One of the current exhibitions is *Portraits of Courage*, a collection of paintings that features prominent African-Americans in Maryland history.

## Child Watch

by Marion Wright Edelman with Julia Cass



### A Mississippi Freedom Summer Pilgrimage: An Atrocity We Must Never Forget

The site in the photograph below, along a back road near Philadelphia, Mississippi, was the final stop on our step-by-step journey through the final tragic day of Freedom Summer volunteers James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, and Michael Schwerner. Our guide was Leroy Clemons, a longtime local leader and activist whose family was involved in the civil rights movement in Neshoba County and who is prominently featured in the excellent documentary "Neshoba: The Price of Freedom."

We both took this journey on June 25 with a group of about 400 young people, including young women participating in the Children's Defense Fund (CDF)'s summer leadership institute for young Black women from rural Alabama, Georgia, and Mississippi, part of CDF's Southern Rural Black Women's Institute for Economic and Social Justice. Other young people who were in Jackson, Mississippi for the 50th anniversary commemoration of Freedom Summer joined our group too, as did Freedom Summer organizer and leader Dave Dennis; James Chaney's sister, Julia Chaney Moss, now a minister in Willingboro, New Jersey; and Walt MacDonald and Michael Nettles from ETS—the Educational Testing Service.

Our buses were escorted by state troopers. For a split second, that almost seemed like an honor until we quickly wondered why we needed a police escort. The site is just down the road from the families of two of the Ku Klux Klan members involved in the murders, and as the buses stopped to see the murder site, riders on some of them said that pickup trucks rode by, back and forth, in a presumed effort at intimidation.

In a flash it brought back the absolute reign of terror faced by Black people in Mississippi in those days. We're certain all of us gathered at the murder site—we went in small groups—couldn't even begin to imagine the terror the three young men felt that night as Leroy Clemons, from his study

of histories, articles, court records, and his own interviews with still-living Klan members, told us what happened.

Chaney, Goodman, and Schwerner were stopped and arrested by Klan member and deputy sheriff Cecil Price as they drove away after speaking with members of a Black church that had been torched a few days earlier. The rebuilt church was our first stop in recreating their day. The deputy, Cecil Price, and the Klan knew that civil rights workers had been at the church several times to talk about having a Freedom School there—especially Michael Schwerner, who had been working in the area for some time, and they were looking for him. Chaney, the driver, was charged with "speeding" while Goodman and Schwerner were booked for investigation, and all three were taken to the former jail—a squat non-descript building which was our second stop. After the Klan had time to gather, Chaney, Goodman, and Schwerner were released around 10 p.m. and told to drive back to Meridian where they were staying.

As they were driving Price stopped them, the Klan members drove up, and they took the three young men to the spot pictured above. They selected this place, Clemons said, because Edgar Ray "Preacher" Killen, the ordained Baptist minister and local Ku Klux Klan leader who was eventually accused of directing the murders, lived on this road and wanted to see the place they were killed whenever he came and went. About 20 Klansmen, drunk and full of "blood lust," chained James Chaney to a tree and beat him with chains. When they unchained him, he fell to the ground, and then they castrated him as Goodman and Schwerner watched. Then they shot him. Schwerner came up and cradled Chaney in his arms. A Klansman asked, "Are you that nigger lover?" and he said, "Sir, I understand your concern." And they shot him in the heart. Andrew Goodman ran and they shot him too.

They then took the bodies to a dam a little further down the road (private property so

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## The American Counseling Association's Counseling Corner

### A Dangerous Mix: Kids' Sports And Overly-Enthusiastic Parents

Most kids handle their enthusiasm for sports pretty well. They play hard, get excited over wins, sad about losses, but usually just have a good time, enjoying some exercise and healthy competition.

Now if only all that were true for their parents. We've probably all seen reports of fights during little league games, soccer referees being attacked and coaches facing verbal abuse or worse -- violent reactions not from the kids, but from the parents.

While it's understandable that parents want their children to do well and be treated fairly, some parents have made their child's sports so important that their emotions override their judgment and they end up reacting violently to what happened on the playing field.

The source of such emotions aren't difficult to understand. If a child isn't performing up to parental expectations, the parent may feel frustrated. Such feelings can be complicated by the parent's projecting his or her own athletic dreams and fantasies onto the child. Some parents then accept that a violent confrontation in sports is a means of venting frustration.

When that happens, it's often a sign that sports are playing too important a role in family life.

A good first question to ask is whether the family's life revolves around the children's sports. Are the kids being "pushed" not just to play sports, but to train harder and to excel, maybe at the expense of school work or other activities? Do you find that you have mood swings associated with your kids' success or failures in sports, and that your children are rewarded, or teased, mocked and criticized, depending on how well they performed? Do you blame the coaches if your child's team loses and make fun of children who don't play at your child's level?

If the answer is yes to some or all of these questions, there's a good chance that you're making sports too important a part of your family's life. And if you have had thoughts about having reacting violently to other parents, or coaches, or referees when things have gone poorly, it's a clear indication that help is needed. Try talking to a professional counselor specializing in family counseling. He or she can help you readjust your perspective on your expectations and your children's sports, and can help reestablish a healthy emotional balance between sports and your parenting style.

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insurance plans, and will protect coverage of other health services from employer interference as well.

Unfortunately, the Supreme Court's *Burwell v. Hobby Lobby* decision allows employers to interfere with their women employees' decision to use birth control by singling out this critical preventive health benefit for women. Ninety-nine percent of women use birth control at least once in their lifetimes, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention declared it one of the Ten Great Public Health Achievements of the 20th Century. In fact, the contraceptive coverage requirement has already made a tremendous difference in women's lives. Twenty-four million more prescriptions for oral contraceptives were filled with no co-pay in 2013 than in 2012 and women have saved \$483 million in out-of-pocket costs for oral contraceptives. By allowing employers who otherwise cover preventive services to refuse to cover this critical women's services in this manner, the Court has sanctioned gender discrimination. Employers must not be allowed to discriminate against their employees in this manner.

The Supreme Court's decision allows for-profit businesses like Hobby Lobby to impose their religious beliefs on their employees. The Court's decision ignores the fact that the employees' beliefs about religion are just as important and deserving of protection as the employers. One of the dangers of the Supreme Court's decision is that it may embolden employers to try to refuse to cover other critical health services such as vaccines, blood transfusions and HIV treatment. As Justice Ginsburg stated in her dissent "[t]he Court, I fear, has ventured into a minefield."

In January, Senator Mikulski joined Senator Murray and seventeen other Senate Democrats in filing an amicus brief in support of the government's position in the cases of *Sebelius v. Hobby Lobby Stores, Inc* and *Conestoga Wood Specialties Corp. v. Sebelius*. The brief provided an authoritative account of the legislative history and intent underlying the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993 (RFRA) and the Affordable Care Act. The Senators urged the Supreme Court to reverse the Tenth Circuit's expansion of RFRA's scope and purpose as applied to secular, for-profit corporations and their shareholders seeking to evade the contraceptive-coverage requirement under the ACA.

## Manufacturing a Stronger, More Sustainable Future

By PRESS OFFICER  
Office of the Lt. Governor

In early June, I had the opportunity to address a group of over 200 Maryland manufacturers on the topic of energy efficiency— and the great strides we're making together as a State to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, boost renewable energy, and drive down energy consumption. This group of innovators is at the forefront of an era of breathtaking change; they're leading the way, helping us to accelerate the innovation curve so we can strengthen and grow our green economy.

It's all about how we live, and fuel ourselves, on a planet with finite resources — and our collective moral imperative to take action, embrace market trends, and mold a better, more sustainable future for the next generation.

Climate change is transforming our planet in ways that continue to evolve. This past Monday, we took a critical step toward combating this growing threat when President Obama announced new regulations that go after a principal driver of climate change — carbon emissions. Hailed as one of the boldest policy initiatives on climate change in decades, the President's proposal empowers states to fight carbon dioxide pollution in a way that best suits their regions. I commend the President for his resolute leadership.

### Honey Bee from A1

contributed to a significant decline in the honey bee population. This \$8 million is part of the Administration's ongoing strategy to reverse these trends and establish more plant habitat on Conservation Reserve Program lands to restore the bee population."

The new CRP pollinator initiative is designed to further enhance current CRP land, allowing it to provide better access to nutritious pollinator forage. The program allows for managing or replacing existing vegetation, known as 'covers', with lower cost, high nutrition seed mixes that can support distinct blooming cycles of plants that benefit pollinators. Honey bees, the pollinator workhorse of U.S. fruit and vegetable agriculture, will have more blooms from which to collect nectar and pollen to sustain and promote colony growth and honey production throughout the growing season. By assisting honey bees, the pollinator initiative helps USDA continue to secure the food supply. More than \$15 billion worth of agricultural pro-

### Horse Trail from A1

its 65th anniversary, the Calvin B. Taylor Museum and Holly Ridge Equestrian Center, the area's first certified Equine Experience Center where the public can enjoy and learn about horses firsthand.

The project is the brainchild of Angela Reynolds, prominent in state tourism circles and a member of the MHIB Horse History Committee. She presented the idea a year ago to committee Co-Chairs Karin DeFrancis and Jay Griswold. They encour-



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Governor Martin O'Malley address over 200 Maryland manufacturers on the topic of energy efficiency.

This follows a model that we've used here in Maryland. More than seven years ago we joined 9 other states (currently 8 states after New Jersey exited) in the Northeast to form the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative. Since that time, we've come to realize that this would serve as the blueprint for addressing the monumental effects of climate change.

All of this speaks to our commitment to govern in a fundamentally different way: setting goals, measuring performance, hitting deadlines, and getting results. Many of our 16

duction, including over 130 fruits and vegetables, depend on the health and well-being of honey bees.

Now is a critical time for efforts to support honey bee populations. The honey bee population in the United States has been declining for decades. The number of managed U.S. honey bee colonies dropped from 6 million in 1947, to just 2.5 million today.

This week, President Obama issued a memorandum directing U.S. government agencies to take additional steps to protect and restore domestic populations of pollinators, including honey bees. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Gina McCarthy will co-chair a new Pollinator Health Task Force to focus federal efforts to conduct research and take action to help pollinators recover from population losses. This includes a public education campaign to teach people ways that they can help pollinators in their own homes or businesses.

USDA is already actively pursuing solutions to the multiple problems affecting

aged her and fellow committee members Ellen Moyer and Margaret Worrall to proceed full speed ahead.

"Our hope is that this is the role model for several Historic Horse Trails that will be developed statewide," Ms. DeFrancis said. Next up could be a Preakness Trail in the Baltimore region or one in Southern Maryland where horses are rooted in the state's colonial past.

Reynolds enlisted the help of community and local tourism leaders as well as owners and curators of the various sites. Moyer, a former

strategic goals in Maryland focus on sustainability. Among them are our goals (1) to reduce electricity consumption 15 percent by 2015, (2) to increase Maryland's in-State renewable generation to 20 percent by 2022, and (3) to reduce Maryland's greenhouse gas emissions 25 percent by 2020.

By making the better choice to take real action, we now rank in the top ten states for energy efficiency, up from our 47th place showing seven years ago. Baltimore is ranked by Ford Motor Company as one of the top 25 most electric vehicle ready

honey bee health. The Agricultural Research Service (ARS) maintains four laboratories across the country conducting research into all aspects of bee genetics, breeding, biology and physiology, with special focus on bee nutrition, control of pathogens and parasites, the effects of pesticide exposure and the interactions between each of these factors. The National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) supports bee research efforts through grants and research to Land Grant Universities. The Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) conducts national honey bee pest and disease surveys and provides border inspections to prevent new invasive bee pests from entering the U.S. The Farm Service Agency (FSA) and NRCS work on improved forage and habitat for bees through programs such as the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and EQIP. Additionally, the Economic Research Service (ERS) is currently examining the direct economic costs of the pollinator problem and the associated

Mayor of Annapolis, and Worrall, one of the state's most noted equine historians, researched the sites and wrote the background stories. All searched for vintage photographs to populate the website and brochure.

"This has been a labor of love for Ellen, Margaret and myself," said Reynolds, who is the daughter of a horseman. One of the sites is the Atlantic Hotel in Berlin, a property owned by local horseman John Fager and managed by Reynolds. The hotel once housed the town's livery stable

cities America. With this work, we're changing our energy grid for the better and we now have the 6th highest concentration of green, family-sustaining jobs along with the fastest rate of green job growth in the nation. These are tangible outcomes that demonstrate the important progress we've made to protect the land we love.

Here in Maryland, we believe in setting goals, measuring progress and delivering results. The time for action is here; the good news is that we finally have the tools we need to really make a difference.

indirect economic impacts, and the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) conducts limited surveys of honey production, number of colonies, price, and value of production which provide some data essential for research by the other agencies.

The CRP pollinator initiative, administered by the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA), takes advantage of the new pollinator seed mixes developed by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. FSA also recently announced the restart of continuous enrollments in CRP, including its Pollinator Habitat Initiative to enroll 100,000 acres of longer lasting meadows of high-quality native wildflowers that support honey bees, pollinators and other wildlife populations.

For more information about new the pollinator initiative in the five Midwestern states, the continuous enrollment in the Conservation Reserve Program, and the pollinator habitat initiative, agricultural producers are encouraged to contact their local FSA office or go online at [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

and offered guests a horse drawn bus to take them to and from Ocean City.

Griswold added, "We are so proud of what Angela, Ellen and Margaret have achieved. With their help, we plan to maintain the integrity and appeal of this trail as we enlist more partners and expand this effort to develop more Historic Horse Trails all over Maryland."

For more information, contact [info@MDhistorichorse-trails.com](mailto:info@MDhistorichorse-trails.com) or MHIB Executive Director Ross Peddicord at [ross.peddicord@maryland.gov](mailto:ross.peddicord@maryland.gov) or 410-841-5798.

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# OUT ON THE TOWN

ERIC D. SNIDER'S  
IN THE DARK

## Movie Review

### “Dawn of the Planet of the Apes”

*Dawn of the Planet of the Apes*  
Grade: B  
Rated PG-13, a fair amount of violence, a little profanity and one F-word.  
2 hr., 10 min

The surprisingly robust prequel “Rise of the Planet of the Apes” ended with a few dozen chimps, gorillas, and such escaping into the forests near San Francisco after being dosed with a drug that made them super intelligent (for apes). Over time, these animals will evolve into the Statue of Liberty-destroying, Heston-bedeviling dominant species we know from the “Planet of the Apes” movies of the '60s and '70s. But as “Dawn of the Planet of the Apes” picks up the story, 10 years after “Rise,” humans are still technically in charge, and the apes are still learning what they themselves are capable of.

Directed with serious intensity by Matt Reeves (“Cloverfield,” “Let Me In”), “DOT-POTA” offers parallel societies, one crumbling and one rising (or dawning). The drug that made the monkeys smart was also a pathogen that wiped out millions of humans, leaving pockets of survivors here and there to rebuild. One such group lives in what’s left of San Francisco, led by the bellicose Dreyfus (Gary Oldman) and the more level-headed Malcolm (Jason Clarke). Out in the forest, meanwhile, under the direction of wise Caesar (Andy Serkis in a motion-capture suit), the apes live peaceably, communicating in sign language and rudimentary speech, using spears to capture prey, teaching their offspring the laws of their society (“Ape not kill ape”).

The two groups clash when the humans need to pass through



A growing nation of genetically evolved apes led by Caesar is threatened by a band of human survivors of the devastating virus unleashed a decade earlier. They reach a fragile peace, but it proves short-lived, as both sides are brought to the brink of a war that will determine who will emerge as Earth's dominant species. (c) Fox

ape-controlled territory to access a hydroelectric dam and restore power to their city. Malcolm, his girlfriend Ellie (Keri Russell), and his teenage son Alexander (Kodi Smit-McPhee), are all cool with the apes, befriend Caesar and Maurice (Karin Konoval), his orangutan consigliere, but bonobo Koba (Toby Oldman) and the more level-headed Malcolm (Jason Clarke). Out in the forest, meanwhile, under the direction of wise Caesar (Andy Serkis in a motion-capture suit), the apes live peaceably, communicating in sign language and rudimentary speech, using spears to capture prey, teaching their offspring the laws of their society (“Ape not kill ape”).

Well, the situation’s a big ol’ powder keg, just waiting for something to spark, and one of the film’s many pleasures is the tension of knowing something is bound to happen while hoping it won’t. As is often the case in these scenarios, all it takes to ignite a skirmish is one trigger-happy idiot with a grudge. Dreyfus assures his people that they can beat the apes through weaponry: “This city may not have the manpower it once did, but it has the firepower.” The apes, of course, do not have guns. Yet.

I wouldn’t go so far as to say that the film (which was written by “Rise” duo Rick Jaffa and Amanda Silver, plus Mark Bomback) is anti-gun, but it does underscore the indisputable historical fact that the body count always

goes up when spears and arrows are replaced by rifles and pistols. As the tragedy of war threatens to take over the story, bittersweet yet entertaining in its blockbuster sensibilities, it’s hard not to think of the European settlers and the Indians. The twist here is that we know the apes are eventually going to win ... except that “winning” in this case means becoming just like humans, which is a mixed bag. (Pro: schools and libraries. Con: wanton murder.) Soulful performances by the actors behind the digital animals help the film overcome the limitations inherent in being a story about super-smart monkeys. You’re liable to forget that very little of what you see on the screen actually exists, so cleverly has Reeves’ team of tech wizards rendered it.

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we couldn’t go there) where a tractor had already been deployed to dig the graves. Evidence suggests Andrew Goodman was buried alive. The bullet hadn’t quite killed him because an autopsy showed red clay dirt in his lungs and also grasped in his fists from trying to dig his way out. The next day, Edgar Ray Killen took all the weapons and bullet casings to the Meridian Police Department, which destroyed them. The department was made up of Klan members.

We listened in horrified silence. James Chaney’s sister, who had never been to this place, stood completely still and stared at the makeshift memorial. Being there made the brutality vividly real and present. The night before, some of the veterans of Freedom Summer—Dave Dennis, Rita Schwerner Bender, Michael’s widow, and a few others—talked to the young people in the audience at a church rally in Jackson about those surreal and horrendous days in the summer of 1964. The young people also watched “Neshoba: The Price of Freedom,” which covers the events of 1964, the town’s racial complexity in the present, and the trial in 2005 of Edgar Ray Killen who was charged with murder but convicted of manslaughter and is now in protective custody at Parchman Penitentiary because when he got there he said, “it’s too many niggers in

here,” according to Clemons. In 1967, in a case brought by the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, seven Klansmen were convicted by a jury of Mississippi citizens in federal court of conspiracy to violate Chaney, Goodman, and Schwerner’s federally protected civil rights. Eight others were acquitted and the jury was undecided on two more. None served more than six years in prison. A half-century later nobody has ever been convicted of murder in their deaths.

The Freedom Summer veterans on our pilgrimage used the courage of the three young men and the other young men and women and local Black citizens who participated in Freedom Summer to urge today’s young people to pick up and carry on the movement in this era of racial profiling, stop and frisk, chokeholds, and mass incarceration—one in three Black boys born in 2001 will grow up to spend time in prison; voter suppression; inferior education for millions of Black children, 80 percent of whom do not read or compute on grade level in the 4th and 8th grades; and epidemic gun violence which is the leading cause of death among Black youths. Although much progress has been made, great danger lurks for so many in our community and the prospects for poor children of color in Mississippi and across our nation are diminishing. It is time for another transforming movement



Neshoba County NAACP President Leroy Clemons describing how the three civil rights workers were killed at the site of the murder on June 21, 1964. The rocks and flowers were placed there by people who came and created a memorial.

to honor the sacrifices of those who went on before us. We must all finish the job Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Septima Clark and Medgar Evers and so many other civil rights warriors struggled and sacrificed for.

We must make sure that our children and all of us know our history and that the atrocities that wiped out the lives of Chaney, Goodman, and Schwerner and countless others who died for freedom and justice during the Civil Rights Movement—including eight other Black men whose bodies were only found as the FBI dredged Mississippi rivers and swamps searching for these three young men—do not ever happen again. We must all do our

part to create a safe and hopeful nation for every child.

It is way past time for all adults to step up to the plate and make sure that the backwards slide for poor children is stopped and light a fire under ourselves to combat with all our might the continuing discrimination, dehumanization, and lack of public support and concern for children and youths of color and poor children in America.

The need for the Children’s Defense Fund was first evident in Mississippi when the state turned down Head Start money in the new anti-poverty pro-

## The Edge of Sports

by DAVE ZIRIN

### ‘Exporting Gaza’: The Arming of Brazil’s World Cup Security

When I was in Brazil for those first days of the World Cup, I was—with many other journalists—tear gassed by military police. I saw sleek, urban-outfitted tanks in the streets and I felt concussion grenades send subsonic shrapnel crashing into my eardrums. I didn’t see the drones flying overhead, but then again, no one without a Hubble telescope is supposed to see the drones.

I also saw militarism that was less high-tech, and more of the traditional boots-on-the-ground variety. Several of the favelas—precarious communities of the poor that were once sanctuaries for both outlaws and revolutionaries—are under full-scale occupation. This has sparked protests by favela residents against the violence of living under constant police subjugation.

The level of high-tech hardware on display is hardly different from what we have seen at previous World Cups and Olympic games. Gunships and missile launchers have over the last dozen years become as much a part of the scenery as the FIFA Fan Park and Olympic Village. The problem, though, is not really how the media has yawned past these kinds of post 9/11 security imperatives (although this is a problem). It’s the way that in too many host countries the militarization does not go away when the mega-events end. Instead, it becomes the new reality. If you buy a drone you are not, as a security official in London told me in 2012, “going to just put it back in the box.” Surveillance culture becomes normalized, and through the Trojan horse of sports, a fresh Orwellian reality is born.

Brazil’s leaders are unashamed of this overwhelming show of force. The state has expressed grave concern, at different times, about protesters, crime and terrorism. Tragically, if not predictably, they have also chosen to see protest as an act of crime and even an act of terrorism unto itself. I witnessed this repeatedly, with the effect of turning the World Cup host into, as one activist said to me, “a facsimile of the old dictatorship.”

Concern about protesters, crime and terrorism have all undoubtedly played a role in the security buildup, but Brazil has also built up its armed forces dramatically in recent years as a way to show the world that its new global economic might would be matched militarily. Yet the presence of such overpowering—not to mention high tech—weaponry raises a critical question: Who is arming Brazil? Who supplies—and profits—from their new normal?

The answer is found in Haifa, Israel, at two different multibillion-dollar weapons and electronics manufacturers: Rafael Advanced Defense Systems and Elbit Systems. Rafael is a for-profit company owned by the Israeli state, while Elbit is a private corporation. Elbit’s earnings are up dramatically, with its drone airplanes providing crowd surveillance during the World Cup. As Chief Executive Officer Bezhael Machlis said in an interview with Bloomberg, “The intelligence-gathering electronic and optics technologies of Elbit and our Brazilian partners are perfectly suited for the homeland security challenges at these events.” The providing of high-tech militarism caused their second-quarter net income to “rise 30 percent to \$50 million.” Bloomberg News wrote antiseptically that Brazil’s desire to increase purchases of Elbit’s weaponry was “given fresh impetus after the Confederations Cup soccer tournament in June [2013] prompted record numbers of people to take to the streets in protest at a range of issues including spending on state-of-the-art stadiums.”

As for Rafael, it was founded in 1948 by the newly established state of Israel to arm the country against those who once resided in its territory. Rafael has an even stronger foothold in Brazil than Elbit. As Flavie Halais, writing for Open Democracy reported last year, “Rafael Advanced Defense Systems has bought a 40 percent stake in Brazilian GESPI Aeronautics. Back in 2010, Brazil and Israel signed a security cooperation agreement, with news reports stating the agreement dealt specifically with the World Cup and Olympics. Since then, officials from both countries have met to develop partnerships for mega-events and Israeli security experts have given several conferences and workshops for Brazilian officials and members of the Municipal Guard.”

This flow of arms from Israel to Brazil has sparked a movement in Brazil led by the Frente em Defesa do Povo Palestino-SP (Front in Defense of the Palestinian People—São Paulo), which is composed of dozens of Brazil’s civil society organizations and unions, and is a part of the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement. Last year they protested at the Latin American Aerospace and Defense fair in Rio attended by arms manufacturers from around the world all competing—with the help of scantily clad models—to arm Brazil for the World Cup and the Olympics. The event was seen as a triumph for the thirty Israeli arms manufacturers who were, according to an insider, given special access to Brazilian Vice President Michel Temer and Secretary of Defense Celso Amorim.

“What Rafael, Elbit and Global Shield are doing is exporting the very tactics used on the Gaza Strip,” said one activist to me in Rio. “They are taking neighborhoods of poverty and anger and creating Gaza in the favelas of Brazil. The goal of anyone who sees themselves as a part of civil society should not be more Gazas.” From even the most basic humanitarian perspective, this is unassailable, particularly given the events of this week, as collective punishment, bombings and demolitions, have been the state response to the discovery of three dead Israeli teenagers in the West Bank. We should be figuring out how to demilitarize Gaza so the 1.8 million people who call that strip of land home have freedom of movement and opportunity without the constant specter of military incursion. Exporting the “Gaza security model” to the cities of the future is a recipe for dystopia. Using the World Cup—and our collective love of soccer—to create that new normal is both frightening and enraging. This sport, created and nurtured by the poor across the world, is now being played in exclusion zones under the watchful eyes of drones in the skies and boots on the ground. We may be rejoicing in the beautiful game right now, but we also need to fight to reclaim it.

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# Calendar of Events

August 7 — August 13, 2014

## 36th Annual Montpelier Summer Concert Series: Summer Knights Hotrod Band

Date & Time: Friday, August 8, 2014, 7:30-9:30 pm  
Description: Popular, Rock 'n Roll, Country  
M-NCPPC and The South Laurel Recreation Council invite you to bring a friend, picnic, blanket and/or chair to enjoy a variety of FREE performances on the west lawn of the mansion grounds.  
Cost: FREE  
Ages: All ages  
Location: Montpelier Mansion Grounds  
9652 Muirkirk Road, Laurel 20708  
Contact: 301-776-2805; 301-953-7882

## Senior Movie at the Heights

Date and Time: Friday, August 8, 2014 11 am - 1:30 pm  
Description: Come enjoy popcorn and socialize while watching the award winning movie "Fruitvale Station". Oscar Grant, a 22-year-old Bay Area resident, wakes up on the morning of December 31, 2008 and feels something in the air. Not sure what it is, he takes it as a sign to get a head start on his resolutions.  
Cost: Free for Residents/\$3 Non-Residents  
Ages: 55 & up  
Location: Marlow Heights Community Center,  
2800 St. Clair Drive, Marlow Heights MD 20748  
Contact: 301-423-0505; TTY 301-203-6030

## Sister Soldiers of the Civil War

Date & Time: Saturday, August 9, 2014 4-5 pm  
Description: Let us explore this courageous group of soldiers seldom discussed in the annals of Civil War history! Women: once forbidden by social norms and army regulations to enter military service, a surprising number of them disguised themselves as young men and "went for a soldier." Join Audrey Scanlan-Teller as she enlightens us on these sister soldiers who were avant-garde—ahead of their time!  
Cost: Free  
Ages: All ages welcome  
Location: Surratt House Museum  
9118 Brandywine Road, Clinton 20735  
Contact: 301-868-1121; TTY 301-699-2544

## Washington Nationals & M-NCPPC Baseball Clinic

Date & Time: Saturday, August 9, 2014 9-11 am  
Description: Co-ed youth are invited to attend FREE baseball clinics. Clinics will be conducted by local high school coaches. Bring your baseball equipment (glove, bat, shoes, hat and water) for active participation!  
Cost: Free  
Ages: 7-15  
Location: Baysox Stadium  
4101 NE Crain Highway, Bowie 20716  
Contact: 301-446-6800; TTY 301-446-6802

## XtremeTeens (Safe Summer): Safe Summer Closing Party

Date and Time: Saturday, August 9, 2014 10 pm-12 am  
Description: Party and celebrate the end of Safe Summer at the Safe Summer Closing Party! It will be held at Rolling Crest-Chillum Community Center. What are you waiting for, don't miss out on the fun!  
Cost: Free with M-NCPPC Youth ID  
Ages: 10-18  
Location: North Brentwood Community Center  
4012 Webster Street, North Brentwood 20722  
Contact: 301-864-0756; TTY 301-455-4512

## Antique and Vintage Doll Show and Sale

Date and Time: Saturday & Sunday, August 9-10, 2014, 10 am-4 pm  
Description: Come out for this show for doll collectors! View antique and vintage dolls owned by local residents, including African-American dolls.  
Cost: \$2/person  
Ages: All ages welcome  
Location: Marietta House Museum  
5626 Bell Station Road, Glenn Dale 20769  
Contact: 301-464-5291; TTY 301-699-2544 (Mary Amen)

## Summer Concert: Gospel Concert

Date & Time: Sunday, August 10, 4-6 pm  
Description: Enjoy the music of local gospel entertainers.  
Cost: FREE  
Ages: All ages  
Location: Upper Marlboro Community Center  
5400 Marlboro Race Track Road, Upper Marlboro  
Contact: 301-203-6000; TTY 301-203-6030

## Club 300 Group Walk (Watkins Park)

Date & Time: Monday, August 11, 2014 9:30-11 am  
Description: Hey seniors, join Club 300 for our Summer Walking Program! Walking is an easy way to stay in shape. And, we'll do so walking through Watkins Regional Park together.  
Cost: FREE  
Ages: 50 & better  
Location: Watkins Regional Park  
301 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro 20772  
Contact: 301-446-3400; TTY 301-446-3402

## Airmail Day

Date and Time: Tuesday, August 12, 2014 1-3 pm  
Description: Celebrate the anniversary of the first airmail flight out of College Park Airport with airmail themed activities throughout the museum.  
Cost: FREE with museum admission  
Ages: All Ages  
Location: College Park Aviation Museum  
1985 Cpl. Frank Scott Drive, College Park, 20740  
Contact: 301-864-6029; TTY 301-699-2544

## Jazz on the Lawn: The Susan Jones Jazz Quartet

Date and Time: Wednesday, August 13, 2014 7 pm  
Description: It's time for our free outdoor summer concert series: Jazz on the Lawn! Pack a picnic basket and bring a blanket to the enjoy jazz sounds of The Susan Jones Jazz Quartet!  
Cost: FREE  
Ages: All ages welcome  
Location: Riversdale House Museum  
4811 Riverdale Road, Riverdale Park 20737  
Contact: 301-864-0420; TTY 301-699-2544

# EARTH TALK ... Ocean Debris

Dear EarthTalk:

Recent news coverage of the disappearance of Malaysian Airlines Flight 370 reminded us all again of how much debris, including plastic, is in our oceans. To what extent is this a real problem that threatens ocean or human health?

—Margaret Ainsworth,  
Philadelphia, PA

The so-far in-vain search for Flight 370 has indeed stirred up interest in the growing problem of ocean debris as objects thought to possibly be plane parts have repeatedly turned out to be just floating trash.

"The ocean is like a plastic soup, bulked up with the croustons of these larger items," Charles Moore, the captain who discovered an ocean trash gyre roughly the size of Texas swirling around in the deep ocean currents between Hawaii and California, told the Associated Press. "It's like a toilet bowl that swirls but doesn't flush," he added. Moore's "Great Pacific Garbage Patch" is one of five such debris vortices in the world's oceans. Last April, searchers for MH370 stumbled onto the eastern edge of one of them in the Indian Ocean, at first mistaking some of the larger bobbing objects for airplane wreckage.

While this floating flotsam may be a time-wasting distraction for MH370 searchers, green leaders are worried about

it for other reasons. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), trash and other ocean debris can cause direct harm to wildlife that ingests or gets caught in it and can break or suffocate coral reefs that are key habitat for many of the world's marine species. Marine debris can also contribute to the movement of harmful invasive species that hitch rides from one body of water to another.

Another issue is that so much marine debris is comprised of plastic, much of which takes hundreds of years to break down and ends up in the digestive systems of everything from whales to plankton, including much of the seafood that ends up on our dinner plates.

The 2011 report, "Plastic Debris in the California Marine Ecosystem," by the California Ocean Science Trust, California Ocean Protection Council and Sea Grant found that plastic debris in the ocean not only leaches some chemical pollutants that were added during manufacture but also absorbs and accumulates others. This includes many persistent organic pollutants (so-called POPs that have been used extensively for things like pest control, crop production and industrial manufacturing) from surrounding seawater and marine sediments. These POPs have been linked to population declines, diseases and behavioral or physical abnormalities in many wildlife species. Re-



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**Charles Moore, the captain who discovered an ocean trash gyre roughly the size of Texas swirling around in the ocean between Hawaii and California, told the Associated Press: "It's like a toilet bowl that swirls but doesn't flush." Pictured: Some trash that made it back to shore, from where it should have never left.**

searchers are still not sure how these chemicals, as well as others (Bisphenol A, phthalates, phenanthrene, etc.) may affect marine ecosystems in the long run.

In the meantime, we can all play a role in reducing the amount of plastic and other debris that end up in our oceans. "The most effective way to stop plastic pollution in our oceans is to make sure it never reaches

the water in the first place," says the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), a leading environmental non-profit. According to the group, individuals need to take care to recycle and never litter, while manufacturers should reduce packaging and design more of it to be fully recyclable. NRDC and others are also working on the legislative front to try to institutionalize such measures.

CONTACTS: U.S. EPA Marine Debris Impacts, [water.epa.gov/type/oceb/marinedebris/md\\_impacts.cfm](http://water.epa.gov/type/oceb/marinedebris/md_impacts.cfm); "Plastic Debris in the California Marine Ecosystem," [calost.org/pdf/science-initiatives/marine%20debris/Plastic%20Report\\_10-4-11.pdf](http://calost.org/pdf/science-initiatives/marine%20debris/Plastic%20Report_10-4-11.pdf); NRDC, [www.nrdc.org](http://www.nrdc.org).

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## Lab from A1

The new 234,000 square foot DHMH Public Health Lab replaces the 40-year old, outdated facility at State Center in Baltimore. It has six levels and will contain five scientific lab divisions: Environmental Chemistry, Microbiology, Molecular Biology, Newborn and Childhood Screening, and Virology/Immunology. The PHL protects public health through surveillance and tracking of diseases, toxic contamination of food and water, as well as environmental hazards in water, soil and air. More than 10 million tests are conducted annually by the PHL.

"Today we cement our commitment to public health — and our commitment to a more vibrant East Baltimore," said Congressman Elijah E. Cummings. "I'm proud of the progress that's been made with the outstanding partnership between EBDI, the State of Maryland, and the broader community — and I look forward to what's next for this part of our city."

## Watch from A6

gram after the summer of 1964 because they were trying to push poor Black people out of the state and make sure poor children would not get the skills they need to survive in the economy and to become informed citizens. But civil rights and church groups were able to apply and give children hope and skills and history not provided by the public schools. The Child Development Group of Mississippi—the largest Head Start program in the nation that year—created hundreds of new jobs for parents and other adults free of the plantation and state Jim Crow structure and seeded new effective leaders. We do not want to go back to those days again. We do not want to return to the old days when powerful segregationist members of Congress could eviscerate food programs for poor sharecroppers who attempted to vote, and when child hunger to the point of starvation was evident in Mississippi in 1965 and 1966 and 1967. This hunger became a national issue when

"This state of the art facility will improve public health throughout Maryland and keep us at the economic and scientific forefront of health technology," said Congressman John Sarbanes. "I commend all those involved for making this ambitious vision into a reality."

The \$170 million project was financed through MEDCO, a company created by the General Assembly to assist State and local jurisdictions in fostering and supporting economic development projects. The development of the Public Health Lab in East Baltimore will help anchor the Science + Technology Park at Johns Hopkins and will spur the growth of jobs and education in the health care and technology sector.

"Equipped with cutting edge technology and flexible space, the new lab allows us to expand our commitment to public health and gives us the capability to incorporate new technology to meet Maryland's future needs," said DHMH Secretary Dr. Joshua M. Sharfstein.

Senator Robert F. Kennedy went up into the Mississippi Delta followed by Dr King who later called for a Poor People's Campaign.

We must move forwards and not backwards to the not so good old days during that extraordinary summer of sacrifice that transformed America in positive and fundamental ways. It is time for a new transforming movement to end child and family poverty, hunger, homelessness and illiteracy in America.

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

"We'll also have the opportunity to further strengthen our core capabilities and enhance our overall preparedness by collaborating with our neighbors at Johns Hopkins."

DGS procured the services of MEDCO to finance, develop and own the facility as part of an effort to reduce dependence on the State's capital program to acquire major assets like the Lab. Under the leadership of DGS, along with DHMH, EBDI, MEDCO and Forest City-New East Baltimore Partnership, an economic inclusion plan was created in partnership with the community. The inclusion plan set goals for utilization of minority-owned firms and local community hiring. The project has exceeded those goals, with more than 32 percent minority business participation (27% goal) and 30 percent locally-owned business participation (20% goal). The project has generated nearly 1,200 (1,183 actual) construction jobs of

which about 11 percent were local community hires.

"This project delivers on so many fronts, from helping drive the economic transformation and community revitalization of East Baltimore to ensuring Maryland has a state-of-the-art public health lab," said DGS Secretary Alvin C. Collins.

The redevelopment of East Baltimore was named a Smart, Green and Growing (SGG) Initiative by Governor O'Malley who launched the SGG initiative in 2009. The PHL meets Silver Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) certification requirements, including direct natural light in all interior laboratories. Employees have easy access to transit, retail, restaurants and residential housing.

The State made an initial investment of \$6.45 million to launch the project in 2010. Approximately 212 laboratory employees will relocate from the existing PHL to the new facility later this year when it's expected to be fully operational.

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