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Continued Demand for Farmers Markets

By PRESS OFFICER
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WASHINGTON, Aug. 4, 2014 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) Administrator Anne Alonzo announced over the weekend that USDA's National Farmers Market Directory now lists 8,268 markets, an increase of 76 percent since 2008. The data reflects continued demand and growth of farmers markets in every region of the country. Alonzo also announced that AMS is developing three new local food directories that will expand USDA's support for local and regional foods by providing easy access to the most current information about the local food market.

Alonzo made the announcements at the Dane County Farmers Market in Madison, Wisconsin, the country's largest producer-only market, where she kicked off the 15th annual "National Farmers Market Week", from Aug. 3 through Aug. 9, 2014.

"The National Farmers Market Directory numbers reflect the continued importance of farmers markets to American

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President Barack Obama makes a statement on the situations in Iraq and Ferguson, Missouri, from Edgartown, Massachusetts, August 14, 2014.

The President Gives an Update on Iraq and the Situation in Ferguson, Missouri

By PRESS OFFICER
Office of the White House

August 14, 2014 President Obama updated the nation on two issues that he's been monitoring closely over the past several days -- America's military operations in Iraq, and the situation in Ferguson, Missouri.

Speaking first on Iraq, the President noted the progress the

U.S. has made in carrying out "targeted military operations" in the country:

Last week, I authorized two limited missions: protecting our people and facilities inside of Iraq, and a humanitarian operation to help save thousands of Iraqi civilians stranded on a mountain.

A week ago, we assessed that many thousands of Yezidi

men, women and children had abandoned their possessions to take refuge on Mount Sinjar in a desperate attempt to avoid slaughter. We also knew that ISIL terrorists were killing and enslaving Yezidi civilians in their custody, and laying siege to the mountain. Without food or water, they faced a terrible choice -- starve on the mountain, or be slaughtered on the

ground. That's when America came to help.

Over the last week, the U.S. military conducted humanitarian air drops every night -- delivering more than 114,000 meals and 35,000 gallons of fresh water. We were joined in that effort by the United

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PG County is the Best Location for the FBI

By PRESS OFFICER
Office of Steny Hoyer

WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-5) delivered remarks at a press conference with U.S. Senators Barbara A. Mikulski and Ben Cardin, Congresswoman Donna F. Edwards, Prince George's County Executive Rushern L. Baker, III, and Prince George's County Council Chair Mel Franklin today to applaud the inclusion of two proposed sites, Greenbelt and Landover, in Prince George's County, Maryland, on the General Services Administration's (GSA) short-list of eligible sites to serve as the future home of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Below are his remarks:

"I am pleased to be here. I am pleased to be here with our County Executive Rushern Baker, with the president of our County Council, Mel Franklin, who have done such extraordinary work with my partner [Rep.] Donna Edwards who represents Prince George's County. Both of these sites, of course, are in Prince George's County, where our two Senators said the FBI ought to be.

"The Maryland Congressional Delegation – Team Mary-

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Maryland Neighborhoods with Lowest Incomes Spend the Most on Lottery Tickets

By LEJLA SARCEVIC,
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Capital News Service

BALTIMORE - Boarded-up homes, crumbling store fronts and police cameras with blue lights line the streets of Park Heights. It's in one of Baltimore's poorest ZIP codes, where the median household income is about \$35,000.

Yet people spent \$34 million on lottery tickets here in calendar year 2012 -- more than any other ZIP code in the state, a Capital News Service analysis found.

Evert Chapman, a truck driver from Park Heights, said he's not surprised.

"We play to make some extra money," said Chapman, 34, as he jotted down numbers on the back of a Keno ticket inside Hoffman's Liquors on Park Heights Avenue. "I want some extra money. We all do."

The Maryland Lottery has become the fourth largest source of revenue for the state, contributing \$545 million last fiscal year, according to the lottery agency's comprehensive financial report.

But a Capital News Service analysis found that lower-income ZIP codes contributed a disproportionate share. The analysis also found more than a third of the revenue came from Prince George's County and Baltimore City. Baltimore City led the state in average dollars spent on lottery tickets per adult, followed by Charles County and Prince George's County.

Lottery officials said they do not know the reasons for the disproportionate spending from those communities.

"It's not something we analyze or look at," Jackie Vincent, the director of gaming research and chief of staff at the gaming agency, said.

Agency officials say that their job is to raise revenue for the state, but they don't set policy. "That's sort of where we struggle, too. We're a state agency and a business," Vincent said.

When told about the CNS findings, Gov. Martin O'Malley and Maryland Senate President Thomas V. "Mike" Miller declined to comment through their spokespersons.



CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE PHOTO

Players spend more than \$1.5 billion a year on Maryland lottery tickets and get about \$1 billion back in winnings -- on average, a 50-cent return for every dollar they spend.

House Speaker Michael E. Busch did not respond to interview requests.

However, the findings are not a secret to Maryland officials: A 2011 state-funded study found that low-income residents, African-Americans and people with lower levels of education are more likely to gamble weekly on lottery games and in casinos than other Marylanders.

The study was commissioned by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and was required under the law that allowed casinos to open in Maryland.

The state legalized casino gambling in 2008. Four casinos have opened, generating \$608.7 million

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PG County Council Approves Agreement with MGM

By PRESS OFFICER
PG County Government

The Prince George's County Council, meeting during the Council's final session prior to the August recess on Wednesday, July 23, 2014, voted to approve CR-68-2014, a landmark Community Benefit Agreement (CBA) between Prince George's County and MGM Resorts International.

Council Resolution 68-2014 establishes requirements regarding County-based business participation; County-based minority business participation; employment opportunities for County residents during the construction and operation; and local investment opportunities for County residents at the new billion-dollar MGM National Harbor Resort Casino project.

"This is the first and only Community Benefit Agreement with one of Maryland's six approved casinos. I

would like to thank my colleagues and our Council staff for their hard work and dedication in this endeavor, and applaud the leadership and partnership of County Executive Rushern L. Baker III and his staff," said Prince George's County Council Chairman Mel Franklin (D) – District 9. "We look forward to working with MGM during the construction and operation phases of this new facility to ensure that the components of this historic agreement are fully implemented and that County residents reap the economic benefits of this world-class destination resort scheduled to open in the summer of 2016. We are bringing the world to Prince George's County and MGM National Harbor is a great beginning."

The historic Community Benefit Agreement also includes a host of additional benefits including summer internships, a new culinary program, and local philanthropy contributions.



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Meet the 9 District Council Members.

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FCC Chair Wheeler and Commissioner Clyburn Make Critical Strides towards Wireless Inclusion

Although the wireless industry continues to grow at an accelerated rate, current FCC rules have virtually shut out small businesses from any meaningful participation by setting special rules that place them at a disadvantage to the major players.

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Governor O'Malley Announces CyberMaryland 2014

During National Cybersecurity Awareness Month in October 2014, Maryland will host CyberMaryland 2014, a multi-faceted conference, competition, cyber hiring event, and awards celebration designed to showcase industry innovations.

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Movie Review: "Lucy"

Director Luc Besson has created some of the toughest, most memorable female action heroes in cinematic history. Now, Besson directs Scarlett Johansson in Lucy, an action-thriller that tracks a woman accidentally caught in a dark deal who turns the tables on her captors and transforms into a merciless warrior evolved beyond human logic.

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Earth Talk

Dear EarthTalk:

Is it true that fuel cell cars aren't really any greener than conventional gas-powered internal combustion cars?

—Michelle Adamo, Portland, OR

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Towns and NEIGHBORS

In and Around Morningside-Skyline

by Mary McHale 301 735 3451

She made beds for The Little Sisters of the Poor

Celia "Ceil" Julian, 99, a founding member of St. Philip the Apostle Parish and a longtime resident of Camp Springs, died July 28 in her native Ohio. She was born April 12, 1915, in Neffs, Ohio, to Polish immigrants Walenty and Antonia Fijalkowski.

Following high school graduation she worked for Firestone Rubber Company in Akron, Norfolk Navy Base during WWII, and for the United Mine Workers Retirement Fund in Washington. She married Dominic Julian and they bought a home on Henderson Road.

Ceil was a founding and active member of St. Philip's Parish and a member of the Sodality. Along with her friend Bernice Burdette, of Skyline, she volunteered at The Little Sisters of the Poor Nursing Home in Washington, where they made the beds for residents.

In later years she moved to Annapolis to live with her son and his family. And then she returned to Ohio where she was lovingly cared for by her niece and goddaughter Karen Martinek.

She was predeceased by her husband of 37 years, Dominic; son Timothy; three brothers and a sister. Survivors include her daughter-in-law Leslie, granddaughter Alana, a sister-in-law and a host of nieces and nephews.

Neighbors

Charlie Phillips, of the Morningside Volunteer Fire Department, was recently honored for his 65 years with the department. Currently, he serves as vice-president.

Guinea's President Alpha Condé is just one of many VIPs who landed at Joint Base Andrews for President Obama's African Leaders Summit held last week in Washington.

What about the bat?

Last week I told you I interrupted my column-writing to deal with a bat flying in frenzy inside my house. I got emails and calls asking what I was doing about it, and offering suggestions.

Well, I had the bat in the library with the door shut tight. As several advised me, I called Animal Control. The lady at A.C. said they would come out and remove it—as soon as I located it!

Hey, the bat was in a library with three walls of books floor to ceiling, baskets of toys, piles of papers. A thousand places for a bat to hide. I called son John. He left work, came over and with a ladder, a flashlight and a large towel he began to work the room, moving books, shining a light behind the desk, rifling through toys, moving carefully down the first wall. And then he found it, on a chessboard propped up on the floor by the dictionary. John threw the towel over the bat, hurried out and dumped him on the front lawn. "Oh," he said, "I think he's dead." And John was sad.

But after he left, I checked the lawn, and the bat was gone. For good, I hope. Now, how did it get in?

Vendor Fair & Flea Market at the Morningside VFD

The parking lot at the Morningside Fire Department will be turned into a Vendor Fair and Flea Market on Saturday, Sept. 20, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. A 10' x 10' space can be reserved for \$25. Call Kellie at 301-568-6390 for information. The event is sponsored by the Boulevard Heights Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary.

Schools are open—drive carefully in school zones

Here're some details on the schools in Morningside and Skyline. Note that all are well under capacity

Benjamin D, Foulois Creative & Performing Arts Academy has 40 teachers and 556 students (capacity, 796) in grades K-8. Matthew McCrea is acting principal. The falcon is mascot and the students do not wear uniforms.

Imagine Foundations at Morningside is a charter school, once known as Morningside Elementary. Peter Thompson is principal, and there are 15 teachers and an enrollment of 365 (capacity,

500). The children (grades K-5) wear uniforms and have an eagle as mascot.

Mark Dennison has returned as principal of Skyline Elementary School. There are 25 teachers and an enrollment of 214 (capacity, 228). They wear uniforms, and have a tiger as mascot.

Changing landscape

Construction on the new Malcolm Grow Medical Clinics and Surgery Center at Joint Base Andrews is underway. I can see (and hear) it from Allentown Road.

The ill-fated N.Y. Chicken, Fish & Grill that opened in Andrews Manor Shopping Center in 2012, was destroyed by fire Thanksgiving night of the same year and remained a burned-out eyesore for more than a year. It has finally been demolished. The space where it lived its short life has been fenced, along with the landscaping, making it look like a shrine.

Joseph Barr, Jo-Rett veterinarian, dies

Dr. Joseph Barr, proprietor of Jo-Rett Veterinary Clinic in Fairmont Heights for almost 60 years, died July 11. He was a 1950 graduate of Tuskegee Institute School of Veterinary Medicine and the first African American veterinarian in the metro area. He was a charter member of the D.C. Academy of Veterinary Medicine.

An avid boater, he and his wife took many cruises on their yacht, Do-Jo Too, and were members of the Seafarers Yacht Club of Annapolis. Survivors include his wife Doretta, two grandsons and two great-grandchildren.

Milestones

Happy birthday to Wayne Anderson, Barbara Phipps and Gavin Michael Glaubitz, Aug. 22; Joseph R. Maiden, Jr., Aug. 23; my son in Florida, Brian McHale, Aug. 25; Edith Hull, Aug. 26; Shirley Holmes, Chris Busky, William Fowler and twins Anthony and Avery Simmons, Aug. 27.

Happy 66th anniversary to Aubrey and Annetta Pridgen, on Aug. 27.

Neighborhood Events

Edwards on Senator Jack Reed Introducing S.O.S. ACT Companion Legislation



Congresswoman
Donna F. Edwards

Washington, DC — Congresswoman Donna F. Edwards (MD-4) issued the following statement regarding the introduction of the Overdose Prevention Act by Senator Jack Reed (RI-D), the companion legislation to Rep. Edwards' Stop Overdose Stat (S.O.S.) Act, H.R. 4169. Both bills aim to decrease the rate of drug overdose deaths by improving access to naloxone, a drug that counters the effects of an opioid overdose. They would also encourage the implementation of overdose prevention programs, improve surveillance of overdose occurrences, and establish a coordinated federal plan of action to address the epidemic.

"Earlier this year, I reintroduced the Stop Overdose Stat (S.O.S.) Act to help support community-based efforts and increase the availability of naloxone to help prevent fatal drug overdoses. Nationwide, we are seeing an increase in the overdose epidemic, and the traumatic toll it is taking on families, friends, and local communities. I thank Sen. Jack Reed (RI-D) for his introduction of the Overdose Prevention Act in the Senate, making this a bicameral effort. With this legislation, we have an opportunity to make a real difference in treating and preventing overdose, and ultimately saving lives. I hope that we can act on this legislation immediately."

The S.O.S. Act would provide federal support for overdose prevention programs run by community agencies and municipal, state and tribal governments. Overdose prevention programs train people who may witness an overdose, such as a person who knows a family member or loved one who misuses drugs, on how to recognize the signs of an overdose, seek emergency medical help, and administer naloxone and other first aid. Naloxone is a medication that quickly reverses an overdose from heroin and opioid pain medications. The use of naloxone as an overdose reversal medication has recently been profiled in USA Today, The Washington Post, CNN and other media outlets.

Upper Marlboro Resident Earns \$1250 Scholarship

SALISBURY, MD--In 2008, Amir Mohammed immigrated to the United States from Ethiopia alone. His parents had both died from health complications, and he wanted to pursue degree in the health field.

Now Mohammed is a senior in Salisbury University's respiratory therapy program at the Universities at Shady Grove. The Upper Marlboro, MD, resident also was a recipient of a \$1250 scholarship from Karuna Charities Washington, Inc. during the last academic year.

Receiving the award "helped me immensely" and was "tremendous relief for my finances as a college student," he said. "I keep my parents memories in my heart and continue to work towards a better future."

In addition to taking classes, Mohammed also drives for Uber, a mobile app-based taxi/rideshare company, to help pay his expenses. He graduates in May 2015 and plans to work in patient care. A grassroots nonprofit founded in 1998, Karuna's mission is to make a difference in the lives of the needy and disadvantaged in the Washington metropolitan area

is a reflection of her beautiful spirit and love for humanity. This recognition and honor epitomizes Betty's extraordinary drive to go above and beyond the call of duty. Prince George's County takes great pride in calling her one of our residents and we will join her in celebrating this wonderful achievement."

A former Principal in the law firm of Shipley, Horne and Hewlett, P.A., Ms. Hewlett has an extensive legal background in both the public and private sectors, including serving as Associate General Counsel to M-NCPPC, Staff Counsel to the Legal Aid Bureau, an attorney in private practice, and a member of the Prince George's County Attorney's Office and the Prince George's County Council legislative staff. Recognized as one of the Region's "100 Most Powerful Women" by the Washingtonian Magazine and the "Top 100 Women in Maryland" by The Daily Record, she has chaired and continues to serve on the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments' Metropolitan Development Policy Committee, and also served on the regional Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, where she completed a four-year tenure, including a term as Chairman of the Authority.

Ms. Hewlett has been relentless in her efforts to advance many legal and civic causes and has been a generous contributor to several legal organizations and professional associations including the National Bar Association, the Maryland State Bar Association, the Prince George's County Bar Association, the J. Franklyn Bourne Bar Association, Women's Bar Association of Maryland, the National Forum for Black Public Administrators, and the American Planning Association. She is a Life Member of the NAACP, and is a proud member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., a public service sorority.

Ms. Hewlett's exemplary community service, dedication to mentoring young legal professionals, and remarkable professional achievements have been widely recognized throughout the region by numerous legal, civic and professional associations. Most recently, the Maryland Bar Foundation, of which she is a Lifetime Fellow, recognized her with the prestigious 2014 "J. Joseph Curran Award for Public Service."

Ms. Hewlett received her B.A. degree from Tufts University in Massachusetts, and her J.D. degree from Boston College Law School. She also completed the post-graduate program for senior executives in state and local government offered by the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. She is currently admitted to practice law before the United States Supreme Court, United States Courts of Appeals for the Federal and Fourth Circuits, United States District Court for the District of Maryland, Court of Appeals of Maryland, Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts, and the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia.

Brandywine-Aquasco

by Audrey Johnson 301 888 2153

De SOUL CAFÉ

The best kept secret Soul Food Café is no longer a secret. Come out on Friday nights and enjoy Soul Jazz Music performed by Tony Woods from 6:30 PM to 10:00 PM. Hours of operation are Tuesday thru Thursday 4:00 PM-9:00 PM, Friday 4:00 PM-10:00 PM, Saturday 12:00 Noon-10:00 PM and Sunday 12 Noon-8:00 PM. Join us for Sunday Brunch 12:00 Noon- 3:00 PM. De Soul Café is located at 7651 Matapeake Business Drive Brandywine, Maryland 20613.

DeSoul Café have something to satisfy your palate from seafood to soul food. Call ahead 301-782-9752 for carry out orders. We also provide catering services. Come out and enjoy dinner with family or friends.

JOB FAIR AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Come join us September 22, 2014 from 9:00 AM-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. For more information call Bethel House Inc. at 301-372-1700.

SENIOR AQUATIC EXERCISE PROGRAM

The classes take place in the indoor heated pool located inside the Colony South Hotel's Fitness and Sports Club. Class times are Tuesday and Thursday at 10:00 AM. The address is 7401 Surratts Road Clinton, Maryland. Contact number is 301-877-4806.

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 includes ducks, goats, rabbits, and many more. You can walk through the interpretive gardens and stop by the Gift Shop.

SENIOR DAYS

Seniors (Prince George's County residents only) are al-

lowed free use of both the pool and fitness center during these times on Monday's, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:00 AM-12:00 Noon. Ages are 60 and up. The cost is free. The location is Prince George's Sports and Learning Complex 8001 Sheriff Road Landover, Maryland 20785. Contact number is 301-583-2400; TTY 301-583-2483.

CLUB 200 GROUP WALK

Seniors re invited to join Club 300 for the Summer Walking Program. You will be walking through Patuxent River Park, Jug Bay Natural Area together. Walking is an easy way to stay in shape. The Summer Walking Program is free. The Park is located at 16700 Croom Airport Road, Upper Marlboro Maryland. Telephone number is 301-446-3400.

JOHN ISABELLE ACRES FARM, INC

John Isabelle Acres Farm, Inc. in Brandywine, Maryland has Hay for sale. Contact Frank Deville, Manager for reasonable hay for cows, horses and goats at 301-466-8360.

COMMUNITY

Practical Money Skills

By Jason Alderman

Here's Credit 101 for Your College Freshman

To parents with a freshman entering college this fall: You're probably expecting to shell out major bucks for tuition, room and board and a million other necessities over the next few years. But before you send your kid off, make sure you share one gift likely to steer him or her along the road to financial security — a sound understanding of how credit works.



You probably learned the hard way yourself that young adults encounter many unfamiliar expenses — and temptations — upon entering college or the workforce. So it's important to help your kids avoid early financial missteps that could damage their credit for years to come.

The first step in managing personal finances is mastering the basic checking account and debit card. A few tips you can pass along:

- ❑ Look for a bank or credit union that charges no monthly usage fee, requires no minimum balance and has conveniently located ATMs so you don't rack up foreign ATM charges.
- ❑ Enter all transactions in a check register or in a budgeting tool like Mint.com and review your account online at least weekly to verify when deposits, checks, purchases and automatic payments have cleared.
- ❑ Avoid writing checks or making debit card transactions unless your current balance will cover them — such transactions often clear instantly.

A good way to build sound credit is to demonstrate responsible credit card use. But people under age 21 must have a parent or other responsible adult cosign credit card accounts unless they can prove sufficient income to repay the debt. So how can parents help their kids begin building a credit history if they can't open their own account? A couple of alternatives:

- ❑ Make them an authorized user on one of your accounts. They'll get their own card and you can usually restrict the amount they're able to charge. Authorized users are not legally responsible to pay balances owed — that's your responsibility, so tread carefully.
- ❑ You can add them as a joint account holder to a new or existing account — preferably, one with a small credit limit. Joint account holders are equally liable to pay off the account.
- ❑ Just remember, any account activity, good or bad, goes on both your credit reports, so careful account monitoring is critical.

If your kids haven't yet demonstrated financial maturity they may not be ready for an unsecured credit card or loan. Other alternatives include:

- ❑ A secured credit card, where users can charge up to the amount deposited to open the account. Purchases are charged against the account's revolving credit limit. As they pay off the balance the available credit rises, just like a regular credit card. After a period of on-time payments, ask the lender to convert it to an unsecured card, or to at least add an unsecured amount to the account.
- ❑ A prepaid debit card, where you load the card with money in advance and they use the card for purchases or ATM withdrawals. You monitor account activity online or by phone.
- ❑ With each, fees and restrictions may apply so shop around for the best terms.

If you need help educating your kids about personal financial management, a good resource is What's My Score (www.whatsmyscore.org), a financial literacy program for young adults run by Visa Inc. It features a comprehensive workbook called Money 101: A Crash Course in Better Money Management, which can be downloaded for free.

Bottom line: Getting your kids off on the right foot, credit-wise, can make all the difference to their future financial health.

Car Jackings by the Victims and By the Numbers in Maryland

By PRESS OFFICER
AAA Mid-Atlantic

WASHINGTON, D. C. — A tragic carjacking in Philadelphia that left three children dead and their mother in critical condition last month, and other highly publicized carjacking events, including one that sent an SUV hurtling into a McDonald's drive-through in Maryland last week, are putting some motorists on edge. Statistically, more carjackings occur in the month of August in Maryland, and motorists face a greater chance of becoming a victim of a carjacker in the suburbs or in cities, namely, Prince George's County and Baltimore City, than in any other places in the state, warns AAA Mid-Atlantic.

Of the 473 vehicle hijackings that occurred across Maryland in 2012, 54 episodes took place in August, compared to 51 in November, and 45 occurrences in June. However, three out of four (75 percent) of those incidents occurred in Prince George's County (183) and in Baltimore City (176), according to the 2012 Uniform Crime Report from the Maryland State Police and the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention (GOCCP).

That's despite the fact that the number of carjackings has fallen nearly 54 percent over a four year period in Prince George's County, from a high of 355 vehicle hijacking incidents in 2008 to only 162 cases back in 2011, before rising slightly - 13 percent - again in 2012. In 2012, only 10 carjackings were reported in Montgomery County, 25 instances in Anne Arundel County, and there was just one case in Charles County. Yearly, 49,000 carjackings occur in the USA, on average.

"Fewer crimes on the highway, or in a parking lot, at ATMs (automated teller machines), or in gas stations, as in the frightful case of the kidnapping and carjacking in Wheaton, leave victims feeling so hapless, defenseless or vulnerable," said John B. Townsend II, AAA Mid-Atlantic's Manager of Public and Government Affairs. "In most carjacking cases nationwide, the intended quarry is alone (92 percent) when the attack occurs. Carjacking is a crime of opportunity - a thief, with bad intentions, searching for the most vulnerable prey."

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Kingdom, and other allies pledged support. Our military was able to successfully strike ISIL targets around the mountain, which improved conditions for civilians to evacuate the mountain safely.

Yesterday, a small team of Americans — military and civilian — completed their review of the conditions on the mountain. They found that food and water have been reaching those in need, and that thousands of people have been evacuating safely each and every night. The civilians who remain continue to leave, aided by Kurdish forces and Yezidis who are helping to facilitate the safe passage of their families.

"The bottom line," President Obama said, "is that the situation on the mountain has greatly improved and Americans should be very proud of our efforts."

Because of the skill and professionalism of our military — and the generosity of our people — we broke the ISIL siege

while 26 percent of the victims were white, and all other races combined equaled four percent of the victims. Younger drivers are disproportionately victimized. The chief age group of nearly half - 47 percent — of the victims ranged from 16 to 25 years of age, the report reveals. Opportunistic to the core and bad to the bone, carjackers target automobiles at highway exit and entry ramps, or anyplace else that drivers slow down or stop. In 2012, 173 carjackings took place in so-called "on street—not at intersection" locations across Maryland. Even so, 55 incidents ensued in intersections, 41 incidents unfolded at gas stations, and 30 carjacking crimes transpired in residential driveways. Parking lots remain a high-risk area for carjackings, at 132 incidents, it is the second-most frequent location for the crime in the state, advises the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention (GOCCP). For example, 60 episodes cropped up in apartment building parking lots, 37 arose in shopping center park-

ing lots, 13 went down in public parking lots, and 21 cases happened in other parking lots, and one case took place in a church parking lot. The most likely point of confrontation for a carjacking is a parked vehicle, with 307 such incidents in 2012. True to form, carjacking is stealing a vehicle by force or by threat of force, advises AAA Mid-Atlantic. Carjackings at gunpoint accounted for 66 percent or 311 offenses. A handgun was used in 299 incidents, or 63 percent of the time. The culprit brandished a shotgun in eight incidents, and the perpetrator wielded a knife in 26 vehicle hijackings. The wrongdoer's weapon was not known in 114 incidents. Though carjackings can occur anytime, an outsized portion appears to take place during the late night hours, police officials warn. So, 54 percent of carjacking crimes in Maryland in 2012 occurred between 6 p.m. and 1 a.m. Twenty-percent of carjacking crimes occurred on Saturday and Sunday. Only 75 arrests were made in carjacking crimes in 2012.

Caught unawares. In addition to itemizing other crimes and misdemeanors, the detailed 2012 Uniform Crime Report "presents data and information on the number and characteristics" of carjackings in Maryland. The number of carjackings, defined as the unlawful seizure of a vehicle by force, dipped one percent in 2012 from the previous year. The statewide tally dropped from 480 reported carjackings in 2011 to 473 carjackings in 2012. Numerically, the overall total of police-reported carjacking crimes soared to 836 incidents in 2008. Such reported crimes dipped to 630 incidents in 2009, and 537 occurrences of carjackings in 2010.

All told, there were 529 victims, including one death, in the reported carjacking cases in the state in 2012. Males comprised 67 of the reported victims, compared to 32 percent female victims, reveals the Crime in Maryland Report. Although you can't blame testosterone, males comprised 95 percent of the perpetrators. Blacks comprised 70 percent of the carjacking victims

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Don't become a victim of circumstance or crime. AAA Mid-Atlantic carjacking safety tips:

- Awareness is your best line of defense. Look around, especially at places where you slow down or stop.
- Avoid poorly lit, isolated areas.
- Approach your car with the key in hand.
- If bumped from behind, motion to the other driver and go to a police station, 24-hour store, hospital, or firehouse.
- Lock your doors and keep your windows rolled up, especially when stopped in traffic.
- When you're coming to a stop, leave enough room to maneuver around other cars.
- Drive in the center lane to make it harder for would-be carjackers to approach the car.
- Avoid driving alone. Go with someone whenever possible, especially at night.
- Keep all doors locked, safety belts buckled, and children safe & secure in properly installed safety seats.
- Stay on main roads and highways — and don't forget to use AAA's acclaimed TripTik® Travel Planner.
- When stopping for breaks, never let children go to the restroom alone.
- Do not stop to help a disabled vehicle. Instead, call for help.
- If stopping during nighttime travel, choose a well-lighted, populated facility. Park where your vehicle can be seen.
- If approached by someone while your vehicle is stopped, keep your doors locked and only roll your window down enough to hear what the person is saying.
- Follow your instincts. If you feel threatened, trust that intuition and get out of harm's way fast.
- Carry a fully-charged mobile phone in case of emergencies.

If it happens to you...Law enforcement officials provide the following tips,

- Never get in the car with the carjacker. If the carjacker threatens you with a gun or other weapon, give up your car. Or throw the keys as far as you can. Don't argue. Your life is worth more than the vehicle.
- If the carjacker has a gun...run. Get away from the area as quickly as possible.
- If the carjacker forces you to drive, buckle up, and consider staging a fender bender at an intersection.
- Try to remember what the carjacker looked like - sex, race, age, hair, eye color, special features, and clothes.
- Report the crime immediately to the police.

of Mount Sinjar; we helped vulnerable people reach safety; and we helped save many innocent lives. Because of these efforts, we do not expect there to be an additional operation to evacuate people off the mountain, and it's unlikely that we're going to need to continue humanitarian air drops on the mountain. The majority of the military personnel who conducted the assessment will be leaving Iraq in the coming days. And I just want to say that as Commander-in-Chief, I could not be prouder of the men and women of our military who carried out this humanitarian operation almost flawlessly. I'm very grateful to them and I know that those who were trapped on that mountain are extraordinarily grateful as well.

The President also noted, however, that the situation is still dire for Iraqis that are "subjected to ISIL's terror throughout the country," including minorities like Yezidis and Iraqi Christians, as well as Sunnis, Shia, and Kurds.

We're going to be working with our international partners

to provide humanitarian assistance to those who are suffering in northern Iraq wherever we have capabilities and we can carry out effective missions like the one we carried out on Mount Sinjar without committing combat troops on the ground.

We obviously feel a great urge to provide some humanitarian relief to the situation and I've been very encouraged by the interest of our international partners in helping on these kinds of efforts as well. We will continue air strikes to protect our people and facilities in Iraq. We have increased the delivery of military assistance to Iraqi and Kurdish forces fighting ISIL on the front lines.

And, perhaps most importantly, we are urging Iraqis to come together to turn the tide against ISIL — above all, by seizing the enormous opportunity of forming a new, inclusive government under the leadership of Prime Minister-designate Abadi. I had a chance to speak to Prime Minister-designate Abadi a few

days ago, and he spoke about the need for the kind of inclusive government -- a government that speaks to all the people of Iraq -- that is needed right now. He still has a challenging task in putting a government together, but we are modestly hopeful that the Iraqi government situation is moving in the right direction.

Turning to the situation in Ferguson, the President acknowledged that many Americans this week have been "deeply disturbed" by the images of police clashing with protestors -- adding that we should all "take a step back, and think about how we're going to move forward."

This morning, I received a thorough update on the situation from Attorney General Eric Holder, who has been following it and been in communication with his team. I've already tasked the Department of Justice and the FBI to independently investigate the death of Michael Brown,

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COMMENTARY

Barbara A. Mikulski

United States Senator for Maryland



Mikulski Fighting for Funds to Address Sexual Assault and Violence Against Women

WASHINGTON — U.S. Senator Barbara A. Mikulski (D-Md.), Chairwoman of the Senate Appropriations Committee and the Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies (CJS) Appropriations Subcommittee, today spoke out on the Senate floor in support of the fiscal year (FY) 2015 CJS spending bill, legislation that includes funds to help reduce the backlog of sexual assault kits at law enforcement agencies.

"This bill meets compelling human need addressing the backlog of sexual-assault kits, making sure that we test them no matter where they are," Chairwoman Mikulski said. "We have seen time and time again that after evidence is gathered, it is kept in storage in a lab or a police department without being tested. Rape victims should not be dually assaulted, once by the predator who attacked them and then by a lackluster prosecutorial system. If you gather the evidence, test it and use it to make sure we have the right predator. Prosecute the predator. See if they are a serial predator. And let's not doubly assault the victim by not only what happened to them on the street, but also what happens to them in the criminal justice system."

Senator Mikulski, as Chairwoman of the CJS Appropriations Subcommittee, fought to include \$41 million for a new competitive grant program to support multi-disciplinary community response teams tasked with developing and implementing comprehensive reform regarding sexual assault, including reducing the backlog of sexual assault kits at law enforcement agencies. Once a backlog is acknowledged and kits begin to be tested, communities are still left to grapple with the enormous task of not just finding a way to

test all of their backlogged kits, but also investigating and prosecuting these cases, reengaging victims in the process, and addressing any systemic failures that led to the creation of the backlog in the first place.

The legislation includes \$430 million for the Department of Justice's (DOJ) Office on Violence Against Women (OVW). This is the highest funding level for OVW programs. Within OVW, \$12 million is provided for colleges and universities to address sexual assault on campus from updating school policies to providing improved counseling and crisis services to victims.

The CJS spending bill funds multiple competitive and formula grant programs that support training for police officers and prosecutors, state domestic violence and sexual assault coalitions, rape prevention programs, lethality assessment and homicide reduction initiatives, national domestic violence hotlines, battered women's shelters and transitional housing support services, help for teens and young adults caught in abusive relationships, victims of child abuse, and funding for counselors of rape victims during trials.

Domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking are crimes of epidemic proportions, exacting terrible costs on individual lives and our communities. Twenty-five percent of U.S. women report that they have been physically assaulted by an intimate partner during their lifetimes, one in six have been the victims of rape or attempted rape, and the cost of domestic violence exceeds \$5.8 billion each year.

The legislation is currently being debated by the full Senate, and was previously approved by the full Senate Appropriations Committee.

Marc Morial, President and CEO

National Urban League



FCC Chair Wheeler and Commissioner Clyburn Make Critical Strides towards Wireless Inclusion

"Nothing is more seminal to our existence than how we connect. Today we are on the cusp of what could become the greatest network-driven change in history."

—Tom Wheeler, Chairman of the Federal

Communications Commission

Last week, Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Chair Tom Wheeler and FCC Commissioner Mignon Clyburn took an important step towards ensuring that communities of color, emerging entrepreneurs and urban communities will not be disadvantaged or left behind by the growth of the Internet. Heeding appeals from the civil rights community and others in support of economic inclusion, Chairman Wheeler circulated a proposal to open new opportunities for small and growing businesses in the mobile marketplace. According to Roger Sherman, the FCC's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Chief, the purpose for "updating the Commission's approach to small business participation in wireless auctions is simple: To provide innovative, smaller companies the opportunity to build wireless businesses that can spur additional investment and bring more choices to consumers."

Although the wireless industry continues to grow at an accelerated rate, current FCC rules have virtually shut out small businesses from any meaningful participation by setting special rules that place them at a disadvantage to the major players. Consolidation in the wireless industry has created significant barriers for these entrepreneurs, making the building of their own wireless networks unfeasible, and current FCC rules favor larger companies in bidding on available spectrum. As the FCC's Roger Sherman further suggests, we must level the playing field where "more than 95 percent of existing customers are served by the top four providers."

FCC Chair Wheeler and Commissioner Clyburn are both strong advocates of expanding diversity throughout the telecommunications industry. In appointing Wheeler, a long-time telecommunications entrepreneur and industry

leader as FCC Chairman last year, President Obama called him "the Bo Jackson of Telecom" for being the only person inducted into both the Cable Television Hall of Fame and the Wireless Hall of Fame. (Bo Jackson is the only athlete to be named an all-star in both professional football and professional baseball.) Mignon Clyburn has been an FCC Commissioner since 2009 and briefly served as the first woman head of the FCC when she was appointed Acting Chairwoman in 2013.

Chairman Wheeler and Commissioner Clyburn are addressing a problem that advocates have noted for years: changes to the Designated Entity rules affecting small, minority and women-owned businesses (MWBs) have contributed to their declining participation and sustainability.

The proposal circulated to the Commission last week by Chairman Tom Wheeler is an important first step towards updating the FCC's approach to spectrum auctions to reflect 21st century business realities and enable MWBs a more effective on-ramp to opportunities in the wireless arena.

My statement released last Friday in support of the proposal said in part, "Over the course of fifty-six wireless auctions during the past 20 years, very few small MWBs have been able to participate effectively in the FCC's spectrum auctions and win licenses. To deliver on the promise of innovation, competition and universal deployment of broadband and other advanced wireless services that are changing America as we know it, the inclusion of MWBs as licensees and facilities-based spectrum owners — not just service providers or mobile application developers — must be an integral part of the wireless industry and the policies of the FCC." We applaud the leadership of Chairman Wheeler and Commissioner Clyburn on this and other efforts to expand diversity in the telecommunications industry and urge the other Commissioners to join them. We look forward to contributing to the new proposal and working with the Commission on ways to improve the Designated Entity rules in time for next year's broadcast incentive auction.

College Park Aviation Museum



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The College Park Aviation Museum houses antique and reproduction aircraft associated with the history of College Park Airport. Artifacts and hands-on activities highlight the aviators, aircraft builders and airplanes that operated at the airport. The museum offers changing exhibits, special events, lectures, workshops and programs for the public, schools and groups. There are also an extensive library and archives which hold materials relating to the airport's history, early aviation history, especially relating to Maryland, and general aeronautics. Opened in 1998, the museum is an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution. Open daily from 10 am to 5 pm, except for major holidays. Admission: adults \$4, Senior \$3, Children \$2, & children 1 & under free. 1985 Corporal Frank Scott Drive, College Park, MD 20740 • 301-864-6029

Child Watch

by Marion Wright Edelman



Children in the Desert

Bishop Minerva Carcaño, the Los Angeles Area Resident Bishop of the United Methodist Church, is acting with urgency. Along with more than 100 other religious leaders and activists, she was arrested for civil disobedience at the White House for protesting the deportation of the unaccompanied children crossing our border after fleeing from the brutal violence and poverty of El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras. A few days earlier she visited Port Hueneme Naval Base in Oxnard, California for the second time and met some of the hundreds of migrant children temporarily housed there. Joining her this time were Bishop J. Jon Bruno of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles, Dr. Robert Ross of the California Endowment, and Fred Ali of the Weingart Foundation.

About her first visit to Port Hueneme she said, "The naval base has been turned into a holding site for these children, and it was to capacity with 575 children and young people between the ages of 13 and 17, and they've all been through horrific experiences. Many of the girls have experienced sexual assaults, and some of them have been raped . . . If you ask them what the prayer in their heart is, they'll tell you immediately, with a sense of faith, that indeed it's going to happen—and their prayer is that God will give them life."

Bishop Carcaño spoke to a rapt congregation at the Children's Defense Fund (CDF)'s Samuel DeWitt Proctor Institute for Child Advocacy Ministry at CDF Haley Farm in mid-July about the humanitarian crisis of thousands of desperate children crossing our border. The details are haunting: An unaccompanied toddler being cared for by little girls sitting in a locked cell for 12 days. A grandmother with three little granddaughters who a gang had threatened to take if she didn't pay over \$20,000. These are stories from one point of the border at McAllen, Texas—just a few of the tens of thousands of children who have crossed the desert in this current migration wave, including nearly 60,000 unaccompanied children traveling alone.

These children are in many ways the latest innocent victims

of the U.S. war on drugs. Even as the U.S. worked with Mexico and Colombia to close down the drug cartels and gangs there, the massive market for illegal drugs here in our nation has remained. To feed our illegal drug habit, the drug lords and vicious gangs have moved operations and created unprecedented levels of violence in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras. Now these essentially lawless countries have become some of the most dangerous places on the planet.

My friend Kent Wong, the director of the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Labor Center, recently returned from Honduras and wrote: "I had a series of meetings with courageous union, community, and women leaders who are organizing in the face of tremendous obstacles. We met in San Pedro Sula, the murder capital of the world. Many of the leaders we met with have had family members and friends who have been killed. The northward migration to flee the violence and extreme poverty is an act of desperation. Deportations are not the answer."

Part of the solution may rest with the faith community here and abroad. I am encouraged to see the coming together of many

faiths in McAllen, Texas to respond to the crisis in their city. But this crisis needs a compassionate response from every city and our entire nation. I shudder when I see the angry outbursts about these helpless children coming from some communities.

The best solution, as always for children, is to reunite them with their families whenever and as soon as possible. Of the nearly 60,000 unaccompanied children who have crossed the border since October, it is reported that nearly 50,000 of them have been released to sponsors or family members, sometimes even to a parent already living in the U.S. The continuing horror is for those children being kept in detention like those Bishop Carcaño keeps visiting.

In her July Haley Farm sermon, Bishop Carcaño said: "If our children see us ignoring the plight of the immigrant child, what do we teach them? Do we not teach them that immigrant children are worthless, not worth our attention or our care? And what do we teach the immigrant children if they never see anyone extend a hand, a caring hand to them? Do we not confirm that

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The American Counseling Association's Counseling Corner

Mid-Life Dating With Less Anxiety

When we think of dating, it's usually teens and twenty-somethings that come to mind. But today, more people than ever over the age of thirty are finding themselves in the dating pool and facing new and different stresses related to dating later in life.

Whether it's career-based decisions to wait on marriage, or a divorce that has left one single, mid-life dating is now much more common. And it can be stressful if only because it may seem that there's a lot more riding on it. At twenty we assume that there's an almost endless world of relationship possibilities and opportunities. At forty we realize that options are usually more limited.

Dating at mid-life can also produce stress because it can easily upset an established life. You have a career, friends, regular routines and activities that bring you comfort and, hopefully, joy. Then, suddenly, a new romantic interest is affecting a lot of those established things.

Maintaining your normal life rather than turning it totally upside down for that someone new and special is one way to limit stress. When you cancel plans and scrap your regular schedule for this new person, you're sending a message about how little you value things already in your life. Instead, rather than stressing over a scheduling conflict, just admit you're not available and suggest another time that works better.

You also want don't want to lose existing friends. A new relationship can carry the temptation to focus only on that person, but eventually that can leave you feeling guilty and anxious over how you've ignored, and possibly lost, old and trusted friends. A better approach is to respect your friendships and look for ways to integrate your new romantic interest into those friendships.

Remind yourself, as you begin dating relationships as a mature person, that you already have a full life. A new romance shouldn't force you to shut down your existing life and make building this new relationship your only focus. That's a sure way to increase anxiety and to set yourself up for an emotional crash if things don't work out.

Instead, view mid-life dating as an enjoyable, interesting adventure that's an addition to your existing life, not replacement for what you already have. Resist seeing dating as an "all or nothing" proposition and it will be much less stressful...and more fun, too.

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Markets from A1

agriculture. Since its inception, the directory has proven to be a valuable tool for accessing up-to-date information about local farmers markets," Alonzo said. "Farmers markets play an extremely important role for both farmers and consumers. They bring urban and rural communities together while creating economic growth and increasing access to fresh, healthy foods."

The USDA National Farmers Market Directory, available at farmersmarkets.usda.gov, provides information about U.S. farmers market locations, directions, operating times, product offerings, and much more. The data is collected via voluntary self-reporting by operating farmers market managers and is searchable by zip code, product mix, and other criteria. The National Farmers Market Directory receives over two million hits annually.

In addition to USDA's National Farmers Market Directory, AMS is adding:

USDA's National Community-Supported Agriculture (CSA) Enterprise Directory - A CSA is a farm or network/association of multiple farms that offer consumers regular deliveries of locally-grown farm products during

one or more harvest season(s) on a subscription or membership basis.

USDA's National Food Hub Directory - A Food Hub is a business or organization that actively manages the aggregation, distribution, and marketing of source-identified food products to multiple buyers from multiple producers, primarily local and regional producers, to strengthen the ability of these producers to satisfy local and regional wholesale, retail, and institutional demand.

USDA's National On-Farm Market Directory - An On-Farm Market is a farm market managed by a single farm operator that sells agricultural and/or horticultural products directly to consumers from a location on their farm property or on property adjacent to that farm.

USDA invites local food business owners who fall within these categories to list their operational details in the new directories www.usdalocalfooddirectories.com. These new directories will be available online early in 2015, giving potential customers, business partners, and community planners easy, one-stop access to the most current information about different sources of local foods.

Governor Martin O'Malley Announces CyberMaryland 2014

By PRESS OFFICER
DB&ED

Governor Martin O'Malley today announced that during National Cybersecurity Awareness Month in October 2014, Maryland will host CyberMaryland 2014, a multi-faceted conference, competition, cyber hiring event, and awards celebration designed to showcase industry innovations, connect military veterans with cybersecurity jobs, recognize cyber pioneers and groom the next generation of cyber experts. Scheduled October 29 and 30 at the Baltimore Convention Center, CyberMaryland 2014 will connect educators, innovators, employers, and students and further demonstrate the state's leadership in cybersecurity and information technology. Maryland's Department of Business and Economic Development (DBED) is the primary sponsor of CyberMaryland 2014.

"Here in Maryland, our investments in our 21st century digital infrastructure have helped strengthen the security of our nation, address emergent cybersecurity challenges, and pave the way to create more jobs," said Governor O'Malley. "CyberMaryland 2014 brings together entrepreneurs and established leaders in cybersecurity and information assurance, colleges and universities, and our partners

in federal, state and local government to showcase Maryland as the nation's epicenter of cybersecurity.

First produced in 2011, the 4th annual CyberMaryland Conference will expand this year to a national forum. In addition to representatives from Maryland's burgeoning cybersecurity sector, the conference will feature nationally-recognized speakers and panelists on cybersecurity and innovation.

Already confirmed as keynote speakers are:

- **Maria Klawe, Ph.D.**, president of Harvey Mudd College in Claremont, Calif., and an advocate for women in STEM education;

- **Daniel Obodovski**, co-author of *The Silent Intelligence: The Internet of Things*, and an expert in bringing connected devices and machine-to-machine technologies to market; and

- **Lt. Jason Redman, USN (Ret.)**, author of *The Trident: The Forging and Reforging of a Navy SEAL* and founder and executive director of Wounded Warrior, a non-profit that provides assistance to and advocates for wounded warriors.

- **Admiral Michael S. Rogers**, Commander of the U.S. Cyber Command, will hold a "fireside chat" during the conference. Executives from top companies such as Microsoft, MITRE and CISCO will serve

as moderators and panelists throughout the conference.

CyberMaryland 2014 will be anchored by the CyberMaryland Conference, the 4th annual Maryland Cyber Challenge (MDC3), the CyberMaryland Industry Showcase, and the ClearedJobs.Net Cyber Job Fair, all being held in the Baltimore Convention Center.

"This year, through the cybersecurity job fair, CyberMaryland 2014 will connect military personnel who have so honorably protected our nation's security at home and abroad, with opportunities to protect our personal data and secure America's virtual borders," Gov. O'Malley said.

Launched in 2011, the Maryland Cyber Challenge & Competition (MDC3) features teams of high school, college and professional "cyber warriors" competing in a "Capture the Flag" competition for prizes, internships and cash awards. Like the inaugural event in 2011, which attracted more than 300 competitors in qualifying rounds, the 2014 Maryland Cyber Challenge will feature a progressing series of online competition with final live rounds, using the fun of the competition to teach participants the skills necessary to secure systems and defend against adversaries on an escalating basis. MDC3 is a partnership between Leidos and the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC).

The ClearedJobs.Net Cyber Job Fair, taking place from 11

a.m. to 3 p.m. on October 29, will feature 22 employers including General Dynamics, HP, Leidos, Northrop Grumman and the National Security Agency. The event will include resumé reviews, security clearance briefings and a special session for military transitioning to the civilian workplace. There is no charge for job seekers to attend the job fair.

Cybersecurity companies, prime contractors, small businesses, financial organizations, and educational institutions will be featured in the CyberMaryland Industry Showcase, running concurrently with the conference sessions. For information on exhibit and sponsorship packages, visit www.CyberMaryland.org or contact Gabriel Wollner, 240-841-2211 or Gabriel@fbcinc.com.

About CyberMaryland

Launched by Governor Martin O'Malley in January 2010, the CyberMaryland initiative brings together federal, state and local government; private businesses; academia; and workforce to address challenges to the security of our nation's digital infrastructure, reinforce Maryland's position as the epicenter of cybersecurity, and help the fulfill Maryland's responsibility to support America's cybersecurity mission while maximizing the benefits to and opportunities for Maryland. For additional information, visit www.ChooseMaryland.org.

FBI from A1

land — has worked tirelessly over the past several months to highlight the benefits of locating this new headquarters in Prince George's County.

"I would call your attention to the map over here. All of these facilities that are approximate to the two sites that have been selected in Prince George's County are extraordinary assets to [the] FBI mission and an FBI location.

"Today, our efforts have taken another step forward, as these two sites have been selected as two of the three sites. They have much to commend themselves to the FBI as it carries out its mission of keeping Americans safe from crime and terrorism.

"Not only are they conveniently located near I-95 and public transit routes, but they are also easily accessible to and from

BWI, National, Dulles, Marc, and Amtrak. Not to mention Andrew's Air Force Base, which I will mention in just a second.

"Prince George's County and the surrounding area is home to top-notch institutions of higher learning. Senator Mikulski referred to them, but the University of Maryland, College Park, Bowie State, UMBC, UMUC, Prince George's Community College, and Anne Arundel Community College. An extraordinary asset for our FBI agents in terms of not only continuing education but in terms of criminal expertise, particularly at the University of Maryland, College Park, but also at these other institutions. And defense installations like the Joint Base Andrews. An FBI agent can get to any place in the world in minutes from Andrew's Air Force Base. Hours or however long it is

away, but my point is, in minutes [an agent can get to] Andrew's Air Force Base [and] can get on a plane to get them where they need to be in a moment of crisis. Fort Meade, the NSA, and Cyber Command are all in close proximity to both of these sites.

"Prince George's County continues to have the fewest leased federal office facilities of any county in the greater Washington area. 'Left out,' is what Senator [Mikulski] said. Ignored, overlooked. That should not happen. This jurisdiction is one of the most dynamic jurisdictions in America. Under the leadership of our County Executive Baker, it is a growing, vibrant, wonderful place to live, to work, and to establish an FBI consolidated headquarters.

"Our county has a talented workforce, 40 percent, as Senator Cardin indicated, I think Senator Mikulski mentioned it as

well, [of the] workforce lives in Maryland. So, from a transportation standpoint this makes great sense for the community.

"I and my colleagues will continue to work with the delegation to reach out to stakeholders and provide the GSA and FBI with the information they need to make the correct decision. Is there any doubt what the correct decision is?"

"We will make certain that the GSA and FBI see all of the advantages of Prince George's County.

"I am confident — I really am confident — that their decision will reflect how competitive Prince George's County is, how much more it offers than the alternatives, and how good a deal Prince George's County is. Senator Cardin talked about value, and we have value to give."

Ferguson from A3

along with local officials on the ground.

The Department of Justice is also consulting with local authorities about ways that they can maintain public safety without restricting the right of peaceful protest and while avoiding unnecessary escalation. I made clear to the Attorney General that we should do what is necessary to help determine exactly what happened, and to see that justice is done.

I also just spoke with Governor Jay Nixon of Missouri. I expressed my concern over the violent turn that events have taken on the ground, and underscored that now is the time for all of us to reflect on what's happened, and to find a way to come together going forward. He is going to be traveling to Ferguson. He is a good man and a fine governor, and I'm confident that, working together, he is going to be able to communicate his desire to make sure that justice is done and his



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President Barack Obama talks with Attorney General Eric Holder to discuss the situation in Ferguson, Missouri, in Chilmark, Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, August 14, 2014.

desire to make sure that public safety is maintained in an appropriate way.

Of course, it's important to remember how this started. We lost a young man, Michael Brown, in heartbreaking and

tragic circumstances. He was 18 years old. His family will never hold Michael in their arms again. And when something like this happens, the local authorities — including the police — have a responsibility to be open

and transparent about how they are investigating that death, and how they are protecting the people in their communities.

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OUT ON THE TOWN

ERIC D. SNIDER'S
IN THE DARK
Movie Review
"Lucy"

Lucy
Grade: C
Rated R, a lot of shooting violence, some grisly images
1 hr. 30 min

The familiar adage about how humans only use 10 percent of their brains is an old wives' tale (old scientists' tale?), but that doesn't mean it can't be the basis for a good story. I mean, it's not true that getting bitten by a radioactive spider gives you the powers of a spider, either, but you go with it. So what sorts of things could we do if we unlocked 100 percent of our mental potential? The possibilities are staggering!

Except in *Lucy*, that is, where the possibilities are disappointing. This weightless hunk of Euro-tech-cheese from loopy French writer-director Luc Besson (*The Fifth Element*) asks what we might be capable of if we used all of our brains, then gives this answer: "Anything! Whether it makes sense or not! As long as it fits the needs of the scene! We're just makin' it up as we go."

I'll say this for Besson, when he makes nonsense, at least it's streamlined, fast-paced nonsense. The 90-minute *Lucy* begins with the title character — an American woman (played by Scarlett Johansson) living in Taiwan for unnamed reasons — being roped into some kind of shady deal by a sketchy guy she knows, Richard (Pilou Asbaek), a deal that involves being handcuffed to a briefcase (never a good sign).

Before you know it, a ruthless gangster named Mr. Jang (Choi Min-sik) has her and a few other poor saps smuggling an exotic new drug out of the country. But *Lucy* inadvertently ingests some of it, and you know what that means: now she has the powers of a spider.

No, actually, now the other 90 percent of her brain is starting to wake up, this being the



From *La Femme Nikita* and *The Professional* to *The Fifth Element*, writer/director Luc Besson has created some of the toughest, most memorable female action heroes in cinematic history. Now, Besson directs Scarlett Johansson in *Lucy*, an action-thriller that tracks a woman accidentally caught in a dark deal who turns the tables on her captors and transforms into a merciless warrior evolved beyond human logic. (C) Universal

desired effect of the drug. Like many of us when we are first awakened, *Lucy*'s brain is cranky and focused on revenge.

Meanwhile, in France, Prof. Morgan Freeman is lecturing a college class about brains, and how great brains are, and hoo boy, what if we could unlock that other 90 percent, am I right? He helpfully tells us what would happen at, say, 20 percent, and then *Lucy* (who might as well be in a different movie at this point) manifests those skills. Lest we misunderstand what's happening, "20%" appears on the screen in giant characters.

Besson indulges in lots of hand-holding like that. Early scenes are intercut with snippets of stock footage that serve as metaphors: a cheetah circling a gazelle as Mr. Jang's goons approach *Lucy*, for example. There are also moments when Morgan Freeman, ever the narrator, describes what's

happening for people who are standing there with him and can see it as well as he can.

Johansson is well-cast as a sexy, smart, butt-kicking femme fatale, and to wallow in goofy sci-fi malarkey is certainly not without its pleasures. This one would have been considerably less goofy, though, if Besson had taken the concept of expanding one's brain power to logical conclusions rather than illogical ones.

Thanks to the drug, *Lucy* can speed-read, retain information, and remember minute details of everything that has ever happened to her. That makes sense; it's tapping into mental agility she already had. But then she develops psychic powers, able to call a person on the phone and, just by speaking to him, see the contents of the room he's in, or to know a person's thoughts just by touching him or her. She also has

telekinesis; she can make an invisible forcefield in the air; she can control electronic equipment; she can reshape her body; I think maybe she can even travel through time?

(She can't fly or teleport, though. Don't be ridiculous.)

What's the connection between increased brain activity and superpowers? Beats me. I'm happy to accept the rules of your sci-fi world, but you do have to tell me what those rules are. Give us a few lines explaining, even improbably, how unfettered access to our brains would mean the ability to see a red pen on a man's desk thousands of miles away. What hurts *Lucy* is the Superman conundrum: she's all-powerful, and you can't kill her. Besson had a good premise, but then he only used... well, he used more than 10 percent of it. Let's be fair. Fifty or sixty percent.

Ferguson from A5

"There is never an excuse for violence against police, or for those who would use this tragedy as a cover for vandalism or looting," the President said. He added, however, that "there's also no excuse for police to use excessive force against peaceful protests, or to throw protestors in jail for lawfully exercising their First Amendment rights."

Here, in the United States of America, police should not be bullying or arresting journalists who are just trying to do their jobs and report to the American people on what they see on the ground. Put simply, we all need to hold ourselves to a high standard, particularly those of us in positions of authority.

"I know that emotions are raw right now in Ferguson," he said, "and there are certainly passionate differences about what has happened." He added that even though there will be

differences in both the accounts of how this event occurred, as well as what needs to happen going forward, we should still "remember that we're all part of one American family."

We are united in common values, and that includes belief in equality under the law; a basic respect for public order and the right to peaceful public protest; a reverence for the dignity of every single man, woman and child among us; and the need for accountability when it comes to our government.

"Now is the time for healing," the President said. "Now is the time for peace and calm on the streets of Ferguson. Now is the time for an open and transparent process to see that justice is done."

The President has directed the Attorney General and the U.S. Attorney on the scene in Ferguson to continue working with local officials to "move that process forward." They will be reporting back to the President over the next few

days about what's being done to make sure that happens.

Attorney General Eric Holder also released a statement on his meeting with the President today:

At a time when we must seek to rebuild trust between law enforcement and the local community, I am deeply concerned that the deployment of military equipment and vehicles sends a conflicting message. At my direction, Department officials have conveyed these concerns to local authorities. Also at my direction, the Department is offering — through our COPS office and Office of Justice Programs — technical assistance to local authorities in order to help conduct crowd control and maintain public safety without relying on unnecessarily extreme displays of force. The local authorities in Missouri have accepted this offer of assistance as of this afternoon.

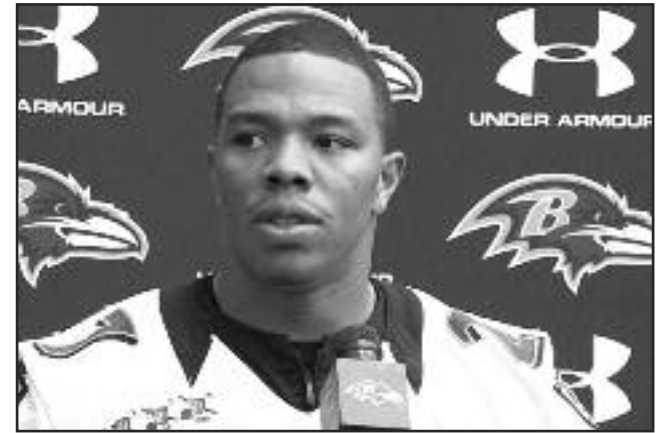
Department officials from the Community Relations Service are also on the ground in Missouri to help convene law enforcement officials and civic and faith leaders to plot out steps to reduce tensions in the community. The latest such meeting was convened in Ferguson as recently as this morning. Over time, these conversations should consider the role that increased diversity in law enforcement can play in helping to build trust within communities

All the while, the federal civil rights investigation into the shooting incident itself continues, in parallel with the local investigation into state law violations. Our investigators from the Civil Rights Division and U.S. attorney's office in Missouri have already conducted interviews with eyewitnesses on the scene at the time of the shooting incident on Saturday. Our review will take time to conduct, but it will be thorough and fair.

The Edge of Sports

by DAVE ZIRIN

Here's What Happens When an NFL Player Beats His Fiancée Unconscious



Two games. Baltimore Ravens running back Ray Rice was caught on a security camera dragging his unconscious wife-to-be Janay Palmer by the hair, after knocking her unconscious, and the National Football League has chosen to suspend him for two games. Rice in fact will return to the field just in time to wear the NFL's pink-festooned uniforms to celebrate their deep commitment to breast cancer awareness—and their even deeper commitment to selling sixty-dollar jerseys marketed aggressively to their female fan base. In fact, the Ray Rice all-pink number is available for purchase right now. The NFL actually needs a Violence Against Women Month instead, to raise awareness about a killer that malignantly throbs in every locker room. But that is not going to happen, and it is worth understanding why.

The NFL, as many have been writing for too many years, has a violence-against-women problem. The incidents are too many to catalogue. But by suspending Ray Rice for two games, a lighter suspension than the league's marijuana smokers receive, Roger Goodell and his coterie of owners are sending a message that it just doesn't matter. I don't know why anyone would expect more from a league notorious for racist nicknames, out-of-control owners and a locker-room culture that would shame some high schools. But still. Two games. I did not think the NFL had the capacity to stun me with its blockheadedness, but I was wrong.

There is without question an important discussion to have—an unheated discussion not made for sports radio—about why violence against women and football seem to walk arm-in-arm. We could discuss the inability for football players to compartmentalize violence, taking the hyper-aggression of their sport home with them—something that affects families in the armed forces as well. There is a discussion we need to have about its connection to traumatic brain injury, and the ways that some of the side effects according to the NFL's own neurologists, are mood swings, fits of temper and the inability to connect emotionally with the people in their lives. There especially is a discussion we need to have about a culture of entitlement that starts in high school and runs even more profoundly in college football, where young men produce billions in revenue and are often "rewarded", since they can't be paid, with a warped value system that says women are there to be taken.

If we can confront how players deal with violence and with the women in their lives, then we can prevent tragedies before they take place. Unfortunately, the NFL has shown absolutely zero interest in taking this issue seriously. The league didn't do anything after Kansas City Chiefs player Jovan Belcher killed the mother of his child, Kasandra Perkins, before taking his own life in front of his coach and general manager. If they did not do anything then, they are not about to take it seriously now. It is very difficult to not be cynical about why it is so casually indifferent to this issue. To discuss violence against women means by necessity to talk about everything endemic in the NFL that creates this culture. The NFL has been aggressively marketing its sport to parents, telling them that, despite what they may have heard, football is as healthy for their children as a Flintstones vitamin. To discuss the causes of violence against women means to put its golden goose under the harshest possible light. It means producing negative publicity, and it means blowing wind on the brushfire movement of young parents who do not want their children playing this sport. To not discuss it, however, means not only ignoring a problem that won't go away. It means sending a message to every general manager, coach, player and fan that the worth and humanity of women is at best negligible.

That is why when Rice's coach John Harbaugh said, upon learning of Rice's suspension, "It's not a big deal, it's just part of the process," he is just taking his cues from the league that provides him with employment. Harbaugh also said, "He makes a mistake, all right? He's going to have to pay a consequence. I think that's good for kids to understand it works that way." Unfortunately, the only lessons that kids are going to learn from this episode is that the vaunted "shield" of the NFL protects perpetrators of violence against women, for the sake of what it sees as the greater good. When its "breast cancer awareness month" begins, people should take these jerseys and light a big old bonfire outside of NFL stadiums. They are symbols of a monstrous joke that sees women as either revenue streams, cheerleaders or collateral damage to what takes place on the field.

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Calendar of Events

August 21 — August 27, 2014

John Bull Roast

Date and Time: Friday, August 22, 2014 6:30 pm
 Description: Did you know "John Bull" was a common caricature of Great Britain during the War of 1812? Spend the evening meeting the troops on their way to Bladensburg and enjoy barbeque, live music, and dancing.
 Cost: Resident \$20; Non-Resident \$24
 Ages: All ages welcome
 Location: Riversdale House Museum
 4811 Riverdale Road, Riverdale Park 20737
 Contact: 301-864-0420; TTY 301-699-2544

Xtreme Teens: Ice Cream Social & Long Ball Contest

Date and Time: Friday, August 22, 2014 7-10 pm
 Description: Come enjoy your favorite ice cream treats with all your favorite toppings. Once you're done, go to the gym to test your basketball shot skills. Who will make the longest shot of the night? Will it be you?
 Cost: Free with M-NCPPC Youth ID
 Ages: 10-17
 Location: Good Luck Community Center
 8601 Good Luck Road, Lanham 20706
 Contact: 301-522-1093; TTY 301-445-4512

Xtreme Teens: Summer Cookout

Date and Time: Friday, August 22, 2014 7-10 pm
 Description: Come join us for a fun-filled evening of food & refreshments at the Summer Cookout! Make sure you grab a friend and get ready to feast on the best hamburgers and hot dogs.
 Cost: Free
 Ages: 13-17
 Location: Huntington Community Center
 13022 8th Street, Bowie 20720
 Contact: 301-464-3725; TTY 301-218-6768

Battle of Bladensburg Commemoration

Date and Time: Saturday, August 23, 2014 11 am-9 pm
 Description: Join forces with those commemorating the War of 1812 in Prince George's County!
 Start with a dedication of the new monument, followed by a Grand Procession into Bladensburg Waterfront Park. Then conclude the day with a thrilling battle re-enactment!
 Throughout the day enjoy the festival activities from trade demonstrations to boat rides and live entertainment; even the kids will have fun!
 This is just a teaser; the day will be filled with even more exciting explorations!
 Cost: FREE
 Ages: All ages welcome
 Location: Bladensburg Waterfront Park
 4601 Annapolis Road, Bladensburg 20710
 Contact: 301-927-8819; TTY 301-699-2544

Xtreme Teens: Back to School Party

Date and Time: Saturday, August 23, 2014 7-10 pm
 Description: School is almost back in session, so kick it off with a hooray! Enjoy food, fun and prizes at this fun back to school party.
 Cost: Free with M-NCPPC Youth ID
 Ages: 10-17
 Location: Beltsville Community Center
 3900 Sellman Rd, Beltsville 20705
 Contact: 301-937-6613; TTY 301-445-4512

Tucker Road - Your Health and Wellness Destination! Health & Wellness Zone

Date and Time: Sunday, August 24, 2014 1 pm-4 pm
 Description: Join us for activities that emphasize healthy living at the Your Health and Wellness Destination! Participate in activities such as a hockey clinic, broomball, a golf clinic or yoga.
 Activities are free unless otherwise noted and will take place rain or shine.
 Cost: Free
 Ages: 5 & up
 Location: Tucker Road Athletic Complex
 1770 Tucker Road, Fort Washington 20744
 Contact: 301-203-6000; TTY 301-203-6030

Speaker Series—August 27, 2014

Event date: Wednesday, August 27, 2014, from 10:30 PM to 12:00 PM
 Location: 4th Floor Board Room, County Administration Building (CAB), 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

DVD: The Story of Sprawl—Part Two

This two-disc set is an unprecedented visual document of how sprawl happened, told through a series of historic films. Disc 2 includes specially-recorded films with commentary from notables such as Professor Robert Cervero, Neal Peirce, Andrés Duany, Elizabeth Plater-Zyberk and many more. In planning circles, it is fashionable to debate the merits or drawbacks of the spread of suburban living that happened in the 20th century. What is not up for debate is that it happened—that from the early '40s until the beginning of the 21st century, the American pattern of development changed radically.

We will be viewing and discussing a collection of historic films in Disc 2 out of a two-disc set that discusses sprawl development patterns in America.

Give Yourself the Green Light—Commentary by Professor Robert Cervero of UC Berkeley's College of Environmental Design

The Changing City—Commentary by Neal Peirce of Citistates Group

No Time for Ugliness—Commentary by Andrés Duany and Elizabeth Plater-Zyberk of DPZ Associates

Community Growth: Crisis and Challenge—Commentary by John Norquist of Congress for the New Urbanism and Jacky Grimshaw of Center for Neighborhood Technology

Date/Time: Wednesday, August 27, 2014, at 10:30 a.m.—12:00 Noon

Location: Board Room, 4th Floor, County Administration Building (CAB), 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

EARTH TALK ... Are Hydrogen Fuel Cell Cars Still a Viable Green Option?

Dear EarthTalk:

Is it true that fuel cell cars aren't really any greener than conventional gas-powered internal combustion cars?

—Michelle Adamo,
Portland, OR

A decade ago cars powered by fuel cells seemed like the future of green automotive travel, but many analysts now think otherwise.

These futuristic cars run on hydrogen fuel and emit only heat and water vapor. Their engines mix hydrogen, stored on-board in fuel tanks much like gas tanks, with oxygen in the air to produce electricity that powers the drive train. Environmentalists love the idea of fuel cell cars given their lack of greenhouse gas emissions and reliance on a renewable fuel that can be produced domestically.

Despite these benefits, fuel cell cars have not caught on and skeptics wonder if they ever will. One big hurdle is that creating hydrogen fuel turns out to be highly inefficient compared to other readily available fuels. According to Richard Gilbert, co-author of *Transport Revolutions: Moving People and Freight Without Oil*, the creation of hydrogen gas uses about half the energy it creates.

Half of this resulting energy then goes to the conversion of hydrogen back into electricity within fuel cells. The result is that "only a quarter of the initially available energy reaches the electric motor." In fact, hydrogen fuel cell vehicles' efficiency varies between 18 and 20 percent, while battery electric vehicles have 77-80 percent efficiency.

Not only are fuel cells less efficient than internal combustion engines, their implementation on a wide scale would create enormous infrastructure costs. New infrastructure would be required from "wells to wheels." Also, fuel cell motors wear out five times faster than internal combustion engines, thereby resulting in a shorter car life and more maintenance. Hydrogen's small size and extreme reactivity results in brittle metal and engines prone to leaking, which reduces both environmental and practical benefits.

But many still consider fuel cell cars a viable option. "Hydrogen is the key to sustainable transportation because it can be produced in virtually unlimited quantities from renewable resources and because its use is nearly pollution-free," says the non-profit INFORM. A significant financial commitment to hydrogen research, says the group, could result in a variety of vehicles fueled by hydrogen that perform as well or better than



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Fuel Cell cars have not caught on because creating hydrogen has turned out to be highly inefficient compared to other readily available fuels and would also require an enormous and costly infrastructure. Pictured: A demonstration Honda FCX Clarity produced in 2008.

gasoline vehicles, with a fraction of the environmental impact.

INFORM adds that transitioning to hydrogen could be achieved without new federal dollars if we reallocate funds within the national energy program from nuclear and fossil fuels. "The opportunities for innovation and economic growth in hydrogen energy are largely untapped, and many nations are working to establish an early position in this fledgling field." According to INFORM, Germany and Japan are far ahead of the U.S. in hydrogen development. The group would like to see U.S. policymakers encourage more development of fuel cells so we have options open in a fast-transitioning energy future.

Meanwhile, sales of battery electric and hybrid vehicles continue to soar—rising 228 percent in 2013 alone. There are currently no new fuel cell vehicles for sale at American auto dealers, although Honda has hinted that it could have its FCX fuel cell engine ready for the mass market by 2018.

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Lottery from A1

in state revenue in fiscal 2013, with two more scheduled to open in Baltimore and Prince George's County. Combined with lottery sales, gambling now contributes more than \$1 billion annually to the state.

Vincent said that an agency program -- though not directed specifically at low-income residents -- allows problem gamblers to sign up for a two-year or lifetime ban on playing the lottery. They are blocked from cashing winning tickets when they enter their Social Security numbers to collect.

As of March, she said, 41 people had signed up.

State Sen. Lisa Gladden, D-Baltimore, who represents Park Heights, said that she is a lottery player and, while she might like people to spend their money differently, it's not up to the legislature to decide for them.

She added the state wouldn't need the lottery if lawmakers would raise taxes enough to pay for state services.

"It's a poor trade and we shouldn't do it that way, but we do," she said.

The state sends about \$20 million a year from lottery revenue back to Baltimore to pay off bonds on the Orioles' \$205 million ballpark and the Ravens' \$229 million football stadium, both built in the 1990s. Beginning this year, \$20 million a year in lottery money also will help pay for a Baltimore public school construction program.

The legislature ought to consider creating a local impact fund that gives neighborhoods like Park Heights a share of the money, similar to the local impact grants that come from casino revenues, said Will Hanna II, CEO of the New Park Heights Community Development Corporation, who unsuccessfully challenged Gladden for her Senate seat in June's primary.

Gladden also said that lottery money should benefit the communities that contribute the most revenue.

"If we have to pay for it, we ought to get something back," she said.

"Pleasant way" to pay taxes

The state entered the lottery business in 1973, after voters approved a constitutional amendment. In the debate over gambling that preceded the vote, Del. Joseph W. Sachs, an Anne Arundel County Democrat, called it a "pleasant way for people to pay taxes."

But Sen. Margaret C. Schweinhaut, a Montgomery County Democrat, warned that

"it's the poor person who will be supporting the lottery."

Four decades after her prediction, CNS examined lottery sales data to see if she was right.

The news service filed a public records request to obtain sales data for calendar year 2012, the most recent full year available at the time.

Players spent \$1.69 billion on lottery tickets in 2012, the data show. The state paid about \$943 million of that in claims.

CNS broke down the gross sales revenue by county and by ZIP code. Using census data, the ZIP codes were ranked by median household income and then evenly divided by population into five income groups, or quintiles. Each quintile represented 20 percent of the population.

A clear trend emerged: The lower the income group, the higher the lottery sales.

The largest share came from ZIP codes in the lowest fifth, such as 21215 which includes Park Heights. They represented 20 percent of the population but contributed 27 percent of the total lottery ticket sales revenue.

The second fifth -- ZIP codes still below the state's median household income of \$70,000 -- accounted for 25 percent of sales.

ZIP codes in the third and fourth quintiles generated 19 and 17 percent, respectively. The smallest share of sales, 12 percent, came from the top fifth of ZIP codes, with median household incomes of over \$100,000.

The analysis reflects where tickets are sold, because information on where players live is not available.

The 2011 state-funded study surveyed nearly 6,000 residents on their gambling habits. The study found that the very poor gamble more frequently than others. Those with incomes less than \$15,000 are nearly 50 percent more likely to gamble on a weekly basis than those with incomes greater than \$35,000, on average.

A study of fiscal year 2005 Maryland lottery sales data by researchers at the University of Maryland Baltimore County also found a disproportionate share came from socio-economically disadvantaged groups.

"Our results show that the voluntary tax collected by the Maryland lottery comes disproportionately from census tracts populated by African Americans and low-income residents," the study said.

Researchers cited previous studies that showed evidence that lotteries are regressive and suggested that "for the current public

policy debate to be fully informed it is important to have information about who pays the 'voluntary tax.'" The researchers urged state officials to consider whether the lottery was "consistent with their broader social policies."

Per-capita spending was highest in Baltimore in calendar 2012, an average of \$579 a year for every adult 18 and older, while the state average is \$382 -- although that may be due in part to commuters and tourists who play while in the city.

Prince George's County was third highest with an average of \$529 per adult, just behind its neighbor to the south, Charles County, which averaged \$547 per adult per year.

The smallest per capita spending came from counties in Western Maryland, where there is competition from county-regulated games of chance -- such as tip jars, commonly found in bars and fraternal halls, in which players pay a dollar for a chance to draw a winning number from a container.

Prince George's County contributed the most overall, \$348 million, followed by the City of Baltimore with \$281 million.

10 games to choose from

Chapman, the truck driver from Park Heights, said he has been playing the lottery for more than 13 years and plays every day -- in the morning before work and in the afternoon after his shift ends.

"That's the only way you can win: Got to play hard," he said.

His biggest win came a few years ago when he hit \$15,000 playing Pick 4, he said.

"I invested it," he said. "Put it in my savings like a retirement fund. It helped to pay the bills, too."

Players can choose from 10 different games in Maryland, ranging from traditional lotteries like Pick 3 and Pick 4 to multi-state drawings like Powerball, from instant scratch-offs to video terminal games like Keno and Racetrax, an animated horse race.

The most popular games are scratch-offs, Keno, Pick 4 and Pick 3, in that order. Scratch-offs provide instant prizes. With Pick 3 and Pick 4, players choose numbers for twice-daily drawings. With Keno, players pick up to 10 numbers for drawings that are broadcast every four minutes to computer monitors in stores around the state.

The odds of coming out ahead in the long-term are low. Players can expect to win back about 60 cents for every dollar spent on Keno, and about 50 cents for Pick 3 and Pick 4.

The CNS analysis could not calculate the expected return for scratch-offs, the top most played lottery game in the state, due to the complexity of the game. Maryland's lottery currently offers 84 different scratch off games, ranging in price from \$1 to \$20 with the most expensive games carrying top prizes of \$1 million.

"I can tell anybody that the odds are against you," said Carl Nickens, a retired government worker in Temple Hills. "That's why they call it gambling and luck."

He was playing at Marlow Winghouse, a local restaurant that was recently renovated to feature televisions displaying electronic lottery games, a large seating area and fluorescent light covers with the Maryland Lottery logo.

With more than \$5.66 million in lottery sales last calendar year, Marlow Winghouse was the top lottery retailer in Prince George's County and number two in the state. (Sodapop Shop, a convenience store just outside of Baltimore City, was number one with just over \$5.72 million in sales.)

"I originally started for fun, but then I hit it big years ago, and then I got hooked on it," said Nickens, who described himself as a retired government worker and regular player.

"I think everybody's hooked. I hit \$20,000 years ago from Pick 4, but they've got that back by now," he said as he sat near the serving area playing Bonus Match 5.

The zip code that includes Temple Hills has a median household income of about \$64,000, placing it in the second lowest income group in the CNS analysis.

Market demand and saturation are the main considerations when the agency approves applications from retailers, Vincent said. The agency also doesn't target particular areas in its advertising.

"Our marketing dollars get spread evenly across the state," Vincent said. She added the agency's marketing is focused on trying to get new players in the 18-to-35 age range.

Lottery retailers follow the money, said Donald F. Norris, director of the Maryland Institute for Policy Analysis and Research, who co-authored the 2010 and 2011 studies.

"Lottery retailers know where to go," he said. "They don't locate in places where people are less likely to play the lottery. So there's a much higher incidence of lottery where there are high proportions of poor people and African-Americans."

Hyon-Young Kim and Amirah Al Idrus contributed to this article.