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Council Member Todd M. Turner Receives Public Service Award

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PG County Council

Prince George's County Council Member Todd M. Turner (D) — District 4, was presented with the Elizabeth and David Scull Metropolitan Public Service Award by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) during the Annual Membership and Awards Luncheon on Wednesday, December 10, 2014.

Council Member Turner received the award for his dedicated efforts over the past sev-

eral years as a member of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) at COG. As a former City of Bowie Council Member, Turner's leadership helped the Regional Transportation Priorities Plan gain approval. He also played a significant role in obtaining additional state transportation funding for the region. As Chairman of the TPB and special task force in 2012, Council Member Turner's leader-

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Prince George's County Library Introduces IndieFlix

By PRESS OFFICER
PG County Memorial Library

HYATTSVILLE, Md.— Prince George's County Memorial Library System now offers customers access to IndieFlix, which provides online streaming of award-winning independent films, shorts and documentaries from around the world.

IndieFlix offers access to thousands of films, including films from major festivals all over the world such as Sundance, Cannes and Tribeca. The service can be accessed on any Internet-enabled computer, smartphone or tablet with a Web browser as well as devices such as Roku, Xbox and Apple TV.

To access IndieFlix, library-card holders must create an RB-

digital Gateway login with their library card and email address. For more information and access to IndieFlix, visit www.pgmls.info.

Prince George's County Memorial Library System provides materials and information for study and personal enrichment, offering strategies for lifelong learning through access to varied media and professional guidance. The library system consists of branches in 19 communities including Accokeek, Baden, Beltsville, Bladensburg, Bowie, Fairmount Heights, Glenarden, Greenbelt, Hillcrest Heights, Hyattsville, Largo-Kettering, Laurel, Mount Rainier, New Carrollton, Oxon Hill, South Bowie, Spaldings, Surratts-Clinton and Upper Marlboro. (www.pgmls.info)



CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE PHOTO BY ANNIKA MCGINNIS

Photo of English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) chair William Melvin, ESOL counselor Meg Evans-Headley and Patricia Chiancone, outreach counselor at the Prince George's County Public Schools' International Student Counseling Office, in the Northwestern High School ESOL office in Hyattsville on Nov. 14, 2014. The counselors were discussing alternative options for one international student who might have to withdraw due to security concerns.

MD School Systems Grapple with Influx of Central American Minors

By ANNIKA MCGINNIS
Capital News Service

ANNAPOLIS — In July, she came on foot and by bus, traversing thousands of miles on a harrowing month-long journey through Mexico to the United States.

She had hoped to come legally — but, threatened by

gangs in El Salvador, 18-year-old Yanci said she was forced to flee.

Now a student at Northwestern High School in Hyattsville, Yanci is one of thousands of Central American “unaccompanied minors” finding a new home in Maryland's Prince George's and Montgomery counties. Since August, most of the minors who came to Maryland over the sum-

mer — often to escape gang violence in Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador — moved into the two jurisdictions.

As alarm over the influx quieted in September when numbers slowed, school systems took up the challenge of educating the non-English-speaking, often-traumatized youth.

CNS is withholding students' last names in this story

due to privacy concerns and school confidentiality codes.

Maryland received 3,301 minors by Sept. 30 — the sixth-most nationwide — and Montgomery and Prince George's counties took in more than 2,000, U.S. Office of Refugee Resettlement statistics show.

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Former Gov. Harry Hughes Reflects on Life in Politics and Beyond

By MELANIE BALAKIT
Capital News Service

DENTON, Maryland — With the Choptank River in his backyard and his dog by his side, former Maryland Gov. Harry R. Hughes enjoys a low-key life after decades of public service.

Hughes, 88, resides alone in his two-story home — referred to as Hazelwood — hidden from passing cars on Pealiquor Road in Denton, Maryland. Next door and across the street, golf balls soar through the air at Caroline Country Club, where Hughes is a member.

His aging rescued yellow Labrador retriever, Miller, greets visitors with friendly barks. Miller and his master are slowing down, but eagerly meet their guests. Miller with inquisitive sniffs and Hughes with firm handshakes.

The house, which he and his late wife, Patricia Hughes (née Donoho) moved into about 15 years ago, was built in 1941 and previously owned by Mrs. Hughes' parents.

The two did some remodeling of the historic house.

Mrs. Hughes died in 2010 at 79 years old.

“She was quite an interesting person,” Hughes said. “She was very smart, much smarter than I.”

He said life without her is different and somewhat lonely.

Hughes credits her with pushing him to attend law school, which led him to public service, at George Washington University.

“She supported me in all the political endeavors I was involved in,” he said.

The pair met around 1948 when his mother, Helen, tutored Patricia Donoho in preparation for prep school.

They married June 30, 1951, at an Episcopal church in Seaford, Delaware. At least, that's what they told everyone.

“She came down to Washington when I was in law school at G.W.,” he said. “We went to Prince George's County and we got married. Never told anybody.”

Hughes said there was no reason why they didn't tell



CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE PHOTO BY MAX BENNETT

Gov. Harry Hughes poses with his official portrait from when he served as Maryland's 57th governor.

anyone about their Feb. 7, 1950, elopement.

“After we were married, we never discussed it,” he said. “We didn't tell anyone until after Pat died.”

Patricia gave birth to their daughters, Ann Fink, now a retired special education teacher, in 1953 and Elizabeth, now a retired lawyer, in 1956.

“We had a very, very close family and just did everyday

normal things that families do,” Fink said.

Fink said the family had a pony named Butterball and that Hughes would be in the stables baling hay and cleaning stalls.

“He wasn't afraid to get his hands dirty. That's what he instilled in me,” she said.

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WSSC Unveils 12 Calendar Contest Winners

By PRESS OFFICER
WSSC

Laurel — Elementary school students from around the WSSC service area of Montgomery and Prince George's counties used their artistry to illustrate ways to be a good environmental steward. The 12 winning entries and their respective artists were recently unveiled during a ceremony at WSSC headquarters.

WSSC's 2015 vibrant calendar features the work of the 12 winning young artists, all whom received \$100 and a copy of the calendar. The calendar can be viewed and purchased online by clicking on the following link.

Winners from Montgomery County elementary schools are: 3rd grader Ava Matheson and 5th grader Jessica Arnold from Bethesda, 4th grader Sarah Bagheri from Cold Spring, 4th grader Natalie Webb from Strawberry Knoll, 4th grader Jessica Ahn from Washington Grove and 4th grader Estefani Cifuentes from Joann Leleck ES at Broad Acres.

Winners from Prince George's County elementary schools are: 4th graders Fidel Rivera-Contreras and Jenny Lar-

rios from William Paca, 4th grader Arianna Conner from Rose Valley, 4th grader Lindelis Andrade from Longfields, 4th grader Guhnee Han from Greenbelt and 5th grader Dustin Aaron Navarrosa from Magnolia.

The calendar contest was open to 2nd through 5th grade students attending schools in Montgomery or Prince George's counties.

Copies of the calendar are available for purchase for \$10 in person at WSSC One Stop Shop inside the RGH Building in Laurel or by mailing a check or money order to:

WSSC
Communications &
Community Relations
C/O Angela Ballard-Landers
14501 Sweitzer Lane
Laurel, MD 20707

All proceeds of the calendar sales go directly to the WSSC Water Fund, which helps residential customers who are experiencing financial hardships pay their water bills.

For more information about the calendar contest, please contact the WSSC Communications and Community Relations Office at 301-206-8100.

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Mikulski, Cardin Lead Team Maryland in Announcing \$15 Million in Federal Funding

Through these Preschool Development Grant awards, more than 33,000 additional children nationwide will be served in high-quality preschool programs that meet high-quality standards in the first year of the program alone.

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Bar Rules Differ Around Baltimore's Tavern-packed Harbor Neighborhoods

But Ferguson represents Baltimore's 46th Legislative District, one of the most densely populated parts of the city -- home to neighborhoods including Federal Hill, Canton and Fells Point -- and more than half of the city's liquor licenses.

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Movie Review: "The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies"

“The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies” brings to an epic conclusion the adventures of Bilbo Baggins, Thorin Oakenshield and the Company of Dwarves. Having reclaimed their homeland from the Dragon Smaug, the Company has unwittingly unleashed a deadly force into the world.

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Dear EarthTalk:

What is the “Dirty Dozen Guide to Food Additives?”

— Meredith LaGarde,
New Orleans, LA

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In and Around Morningside-Skyline

by Mary McHale 301 735 3451

Gingerbread House Contest winners announced

Susan Reidy, director of Darnall's Chance House Museum in Upper Marlboro, emailed the Viewer's Choice Winners for 2014 in the annual Gingerbread House Contest & Show.

Mary Middleton won in the Adult category for her entry, "Over the River." Hailley Guit was winner for "Toy Store at Christmas" in the Child category. The Malenab Family won for "Santa Claus' Candyland," in the Family category.

This was the 15th year for Darnall's Chance's contest. I attended with grandson Conor McHale, his wife Heather and their children Mary and Wesley. The children were later inspired to create their own gingerbread houses, though ate a lot of the candy and frosting in the making.

If you have gingerbread house talent, start planning your entry for the 16th annual contest.

Neighbors

Father Charles McCann, former pastor at St. Philip's Church, will accompany a group of tourists to Ireland in late June 2015. The itinerary will include Dublin, Derry, Galway/Knock, Westport and more. For information, call Father at 410-610-3516 or Sally Callahan at 202-484-5122.

Mary Dean reports her family had a full table for Christmas dinner at daughter Crystal Coffren's home in Brandywine. Among the guests were Mary's grandson Carl and Amy Snowden, who came from Ankeny, Iowa, with their children Ashley and Brandon, and Chance, an 8-week-old bulldog.

Crystal Coffren, by the way, was given tickets to the White House Christmas Tour. She took her family and, among other things, they went bowling in the President's bowling alley.

Jody Nyers emailed news of the Himes family's annual dinner and gift exchange game. Included were a lot of

former Morningsiders: Margie, Mike, Michel and Ronda Himes and their families and Joan Leigh Hicks and her family. The Himes family lived on Pine Grove Drive (Betty and Lee) and the Leighs lived at the other end of Pine Grove Drive (Robert, Nellie, Joanie). Jody's family, the Bowmans, were unable to attend but, with the new technology, were able to "face time" with everyone.

Julia Ann Mudd, daughter of Col. and Mrs. Michael Mudd of Dunkirk, graduated from Florida State University on Dec. 12 with a BS in Environmental Studies and Geography.

Congratulations to Gerald and Arvilla Atkinson, of Temple Hills, who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Dec. 27.

Morningside's Breakfast with Santa was an extra big hit this year. And, in case you're wondering, Vice Mayor Benn Cann was Santa.

In St. Philip's 10th annual Living Nativity, Alexis Vargas was Baby Jesus, Erika Trujillo was Mary and Jelani Lane was Joseph. They headed a cast of dozens. Rebecca Coles and Elizabeth-Rose Eakman were narrators. The Children's Choir and the Folk Group provided the music, directed by John Whipple.

Charrice R. Warren, a third-grade teacher at From the Heart Christian School in Camp Springs, has been voted the elementary school My Most Favorite Teacher in the Prince George's Gazette contest. Other Favorite Teachers were Reuben Burrows, of Hyattsville Middle School in Hyattsville, and Virginia L. Mentz, of DeMatha High School in Hyattsville.

Morningside will hold its monthly town meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 20, 7 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Changing landscape

Wal-Mart representatives, at a Dec. 10 presentation, discussed plans to expand their current Clinton and Landover Hills stores to include full groceries. The company currently has

three stores in Prince George's and hopes to add two more, in Oxon Hill and Bowie.

60 years ago in Morningside

January 1955: New officers for the Morningside Volunteer Fire Department are Gerald Glaubitz, chief; Robert Walker, assistant chief; Dick Holmes, captain; Richard McCormick, fire marshal; Lee Ditmars and C. E. Phillips, lieutenants; Herman Alley, superintendent of machinery; Rev. Joe Carr, chaplain; Louis Gelbman, president; Wilbur Price, vice president; Warren Nash, secretary; Clair Loughmiller, treasurer. Members of the board of directors are Gerald Glaubitz, Leo Abernethy, Richard McCormick and Wilbur Price.

May they rest in peace

Judith Hardesty Repass, 67, a graduate of Surrattsville High and Strayer College, died at home in La Plata on Dec. 8. She worked for the Department of the Interior. Her husband Charles Guy Repass predeceased her. Survivors include her sister Sandra Burch and brother Russell Hardesty.

Marie Elaine Caruso Higgs, 60, of Edgewater and formerly of Oxon Hill, died Dec. 15. She was a 1972 graduate of Potomac High School and worked in various positions with the U. S. House of Representatives. She began her career in the office of Congressman Steve Neal followed by service with the Clerk of the Court. Survivors include a daughter, Erica Katherine Bateman.

Condolences to Dineen Whipple on the death of her mother, Evelyn Franclemont.

Milestones

Happy birthday to Martin Miller, Frank Binsted, Roc Wheeler, Jan. 13; Curtis DeMarco Knowles, my son Mike McHale, Kathleen Giroux and Joanie Mangum, Jan. 14.

Happy anniversary to Diane (Miller) and Steve Zirkle, Jan. 9; David and Lori Williams, Jan. 9; Gary and Melody Barnes, Jan. 14; and Frank and Sharleen Kelly Cappella, their 59th on Jan. 15.

Brandywine-Aquasco

by Audrey Johnson 301 888 2153

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Happy Birthday to Ethel Austin, Stephone Contee, Jessica Farmer, Clara Hawkins, Atherine Jackson, Melvin Jackson, Ethel Smith, Juanita Turley, Tiffany Walls, Katrina Wilkerson, Rosie Wilkerson, and Alice Wright who are members of New Hope Fellowship (Nottingham Myers) celebrating their birthdays during the month of January.

SISTERS in SERENITY (SIS) FELLOWSHIP

Come out and fellowship with the women of Union Bethel AME on Saturday, February 7, 2015 at 8:00 AM. They will be at Union Bethel AME Church 6810 Floral Park Road Brandywine, Maryland 20613. Contact Sis Taryn Lewis at 301-574-8203 for more information.

CREATIVE CALL TO ALL PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY STUDENTS and PARENTS

The second White House Film Festival highlighting the importance of technology in the classroom meeting dates are January 6, 8, 13 from 6:00 PM-8:00 PM at Charles Herbert Flowers HS. Jan-

uary 15 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Charles Herbert Flowers High School will be the night for viewing all the Film Projects, everyone is invited to attend. For complete guidelines, visit <http://www.whitehouse.gov/filmfestival>. Student contact: 301-386-1619 or Dwayne.brown@pgcps.org and 301-817-0092 or maria.sab-bana@pgcps.org. General information: 301-277-1402 or rdallas@pgahc.org.

BADEN FIREHOUSE

There will be a Card Party Friday January 9, 2015 at the Firehouse. Doors open at 6:30 PM. Kickoff is at 7:30 PM. Call 301-579-6443 if you need additional information.

COUPLES RETREAT

The married Couples Retreat entitled "Marriage": A Sacred Dance" will take place at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott Norfolk Virginia from February 13, 2014 thru Sunday, February 15, 2015.

Reserve your room today (757) 627-420 at a discounted rate and pay when you arrive. The retreat cost is \$150 per couple due January 15, 2015. For more information about the Couples Re-

treat contact the Family Ministry at familyministry@westphalia-aum.org.

CLINTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Body Recall sessions will resume on Tuesday, January 13, 2015, and will meet two days per week on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The church is located at 10700 Brandywine Road Clinton, Maryland. If you need more information call the church office at 301-868-1281.

HOSPITAL VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

MedStar Southern Maryland Hospital Center volunteers make a difference every day helping support the health of their community. Call 301-877-4553 for volunteer opportunities.

SPRING HOME SHOW

Mark on your calendar February 6, 2015 for the Suburban Maryland Spring Home Show at Show Place Arena in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. This is a Premier Event in Household Service industry. There will be more information to follow in a later article.

Neighborhood Events

Edwards Statement on Release of Alan Gross and Normalizing Relations with Cuba

Washington, D.C. — Congresswoman Donna F. Edwards (MD-4) released the following statement regarding the release of Alan Gross and President Obama's actions to normalize relations with Cuba.

"This is a long-awaited day filled with happiness and relief for Alan Gross, his wife Judy, and his entire family after a difficult five-year imprisonment. I applaud President Obama and his administration for their work to broker his release, and for taking the critical first steps to bringing our policy with the Cuban people out of the Cold War and into the 21st Century.

"Before coming to Congress, I was deeply involved with US-Cuba policy as executive director of the Arca Foundation. I have long supported normalizing relations between the United States and Cuba, including eliminating travel restrictions, allowing greater economic relations, and furthering engagement and a full diplomatic relationship between our two countries. The changes announced today by President Obama are nothing short of historic, and I look forward to working with my colleagues in Congress to ensure they are implemented fully and a new beginning is realized in our hemisphere."

Recovering Trauma Victim Stops in Fire/EMS Station to Thanks Medics

A mid-November car crash at Kenilworth Avenue and Greenbelt Road in Greenbelt involved three vehicles and multiple injuries. One of the most seriously injured was an adult female who sustained a serious head injury and loss of blood. Paramedic Unit 812, the Pink Paramedic Unit "Hope," assigned to the College Park Fire/EMS Station, responded and arrived quickly. Being as "Hope" is an Advanced Life Support Unit they were assigned to the most seriously injured patient.

The crew of Fire Fighter Medic Brian S. Goldfeder and Fire Fighter/Medic Grant L. Walker found Angela, an adult female with extensive lacerations to her head and loss of blood. They treated per protocol and transported to a nearby trauma center.

Angela, of Fairfax, VA, was recently released from the hospital. She often thought about her experiences that night and wanted to thank the medics that treated her. She recalled being transported in a pink unit. After a quick Google search for a pink medic unit she came up with contact information for the Prince George's County Fire/Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Department. After communicating with the Departments Public Information Officer a meeting was set up with the medics and her.

On Monday, December 8, Angela, her daughter and a friend arrived at the College Park Fire/EMS Station where she met her two heroes. The visitors brought home cooked fudge and other sweet treats for the pair of medics that were greeted by Angela with a big hug. Angela still shows scars of the trauma to her forehead but is glad to be alive and have the ability to smile. Her personality was vibrant and full of life and she thanks the medics for everything they did for her that evening.

Angela and the medics spoke about the events of the evening



Congresswoman
Donna F. Edwards

and she saw the back of the medic unit. Fire Fighter/Medic Walker stated that this was the first time he had ever met a patient he had treated and explained there is no greater award than to be able to meet and talk with a former patient.

Angela, her daughter and friend stayed for about 45 minutes and seemed proud and thrilled to have met the pair of medics and grateful she was able to personally thank them for everything they did on that night. After meeting the medics, Angela stated, "It meant so much to me to be able to meet these two men who made the unimagined so much more bearable. Accidents are frightening enough but they tended to my injuries with professionalism and genuine care. It was nice to bring closure to the experience by meeting them face to face. I am so grateful to have survived the accident and that I could actually be there to thank them in person."

Goldfeder and Walker were happy to have met Angela and help her remember the events of the evening. Goldfeder stated, "The vast majority of time we never see or hear of patients once we deliver them to a hospital and we understand that is just part of the job. Meeting and greeting a patient that did not look so good when we treated them to see them full of life later is the best award a EMS provider could ever receive."

Upper Marlboro Author Releases Second Edition

UPPER MARLBORO, Md. — Author Kathryn S. Carrington announces the nationwide release of the second edition of "Protected: Through an Innocent Child, God Reveals His Grace and Mercy and Change Lives."

Being a member of her church, Carrington writes the book to enlighten readers who have stopped and silenced themselves enough to think about their divine purpose in life. In the past, she always struggled to be loved, adored, and treasured and to find value within herself and others. However, her lack of faith and trust has always been her biggest hindrance in achieving this. Just when her insecurities have already shaped her decisions and choices, she finds out the beauty of God's grace, mercy, and power to change lives for the better.

Published by Tate Publishing and Enterprises, the book is available through bookstores nationwide, from the publisher at www.tatepublishing.com/bookstore, or by visiting barnesandnoble.com or amazon.com.

Carrington, who started writing at 10, has been writing ever since. She is a published author and a freelance writer. She has earned her studies in business administration from Ashford University and has worked in the communications industry for

over 28 years. Carrington is a member of the First Baptist Church of Glenarden in Upper Marlboro, Maryland, residing under Pastor John Jenkins Sr.

AAF and Points of Light Announce Partnership

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The American Advertising Federation has announced, today, a nationwide partnership with generationOn, the youth and family division of Points of Light, elevating the impact of youth service through a unique mentorship and creative development program at the Advertising Hall of Achievement Induction Ceremonies and Luncheon in New York City. Aligned with youth development research, generationOn meets kids and teens where they are and seeks to engage them across a spectrum of service, service-learning and youth leadership development programming.

Celebrity Youth Ambassador for generationOn, and member of the Advertising Hall of Achievement Class of 2012, Max Page, unveiled that through this partnership, generationOn service clubs with members ages 5-18, will be paired with AAF's vast network of over 200 college chapters to develop an advertising campaign to amplify youth public service programs across the country and make a larger impact in the lives of the people in our communities.

Daniel Horgan, Executive Director, generationOn, said, "We are thrilled to be partnering with AAF to expand the support that we can provide our youth service club network. Kids and teens around the country are actively planning and implementing hundreds of service projects addressing critical social issues. AAF's advertising support will help amplify these projects and maximize both volunteer engagement and community impact."

Rich Stoddart, CEO, Leo Burnett North America; AAF Chairman of the Board and member of the Advertising Hall of Achievement Class of 2002, will be spearheading the first program this Spring in partnership with AAF College Chapter, University of Illinois, and the generationOn Jordan Creek Kids Care Club.

"We are using the power of advertising to create new opportunities for Hall of Achievers to give back, connecting them with our AAF college advertising students, giving them practical experience and in turn helping teams of generationOn kids and teens begin a life of community service and an appreciation for advertising," said AAF President and CEO, James Edmund Datri.

Members of the Advertising Hall of Achievement, a group with exceptional dedication to public service while fostering young talent in the industry, will mentor the partnership -- providing professional advice, oversight, and creative support. This illustrious group includes 153 members with expertise spanning the entire spectrum of the advertising industry including clients, agencies and media. The Hall has long been the gold standard in recognizing the leading young advertising professionals age 40 and under, and is operated by the American Advertising Federation, the same organization that operates the Advertising Hall of Fame.

COMMUNITY

Practical Money Skills

By Jason Alderman

Yours, Mine and Ours: Planning Stepfamily Finances

The Pew Research Center reports (<http://www.pewsocial-trends.org/>) that four in ten American adults have at least one steprelative, defined as a stepparent, a step-or-half sibling or a stepchild, in their family. While the Pew study says that many stepfamilies operate harmoniously, it also notes that adults "feel a stronger sense of obligation to their biological family members than they do to their step kin."



That is one reason why blended family finances can get so messy.

Couples planning to blend families often have to make financial arrangements that respect previous relationships with ex-spouses and their families. Issues range from childcare and eldercare to potentially complex matters involving businesses, investment assets and real estate. That's why involving trained experts in stepfamily financial planning is a must.

Here's a basic checklist of issues and solutions potential spouses and partners should consider:

Start with all cards on the table. Today's first-time marriages or partnerships alone can introduce some staggering financial variables — business and inheritance issues, college debt, consumer debt or even past bankruptcies. Couples planning stepfamilies face even more complications. But all couples need to start with a critical first step — sharing personal information with a potential impact on finances. Start with the following:

▣ **Current credit reports and credit scores.** Extensive loans or bad credit for one or both partners can endanger future purchasing plans for auto, home or tuition. It's also important to share information about personal or cosigned loans to family and friends.

▣ **Assets and liabilities.** Potential spouses or partners should know each other's financial assets and liabilities and any issues connected with them. As mentioned above, debt and credit issues may be a problem, but if one spouse has extensive assets, it's important to clarify whether those assets will be shared legally or promised to others.

▣ **Legal issues.** If divorce, child custody, foreclosure, bankruptcy, or any other civil or criminal legal proceedings are pending against either partner or members of their families, full disclosure is essential.

▣ **Business and estate issues.** If potential spouses or partners have significant estate or business assets assigned to children, former spouses or family members, those commitments need to be factored into the finances of the planned marriage or partnership.

Bring in professional expertise. Beyond disclosure, it's good to have qualified professionals who have specific expertise with blended families and their many unique issues. Both partners should start by bringing any existing advisors into the discussion. But if none exist and friends and family members don't have solid suggestions, the following organizations might provide local experts with specific skills in helping stepfamilies plan:

▣ **Financial planners.** The Association for Financial Counseling, Planning and Education and the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards are two nationwide organizations that can identify advisors in your area.

▣ **Tax advisors.** Your state CPA society can suggest qualified personal, business and estate tax advisors in your area.

▣ **Estate planners and attorneys.** Organizations like the National Association of Estate Planners & Councils and the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel might be able to help.

Address problems before move-in. Most experts tell you it's best to start any new marriage or partnership with a clean slate — or a slate that's as clean as you can make it. That's doubly true with stepfamilies. As many income, asset, debt, child custody, estate and business issues as possible should be identified and solutions put in place before the family is legally joined.

Make a fresh estate plan. Financial experts say it's time to review all money issues whenever you face a major life event, and remarriage or re-partnership certainly qualifies. Even if the individuals have their own separate estate matters in order, stepfamily issues restart the planning clock on everything.

Plan — or re-plan — your retirement. You may have planned a great retirement with a former spouse or on your own, but what if your future spouse hasn't? Whatever steps you've both taken toward retirement, you need to review your strategies so you can retire comfortably together.

Bottom line: Money issues complicate all relationships. But stepfamilies have unique, detailed planning needs that should be discussed and settled before marriage or move-in.

Program Provides Foster Homes for Human Trafficking Victims

By MELANIE KOZAK
Capital News Service

WASHINGTON - When their adopted daughter grew up and moved out, a retired couple from Central Maryland started refilling their nest.

One girl who moved in was given cigarettes and ice-cream sandwiches to help her stay off drugs. Another was given a laptop to complete her GED. All the girls this couple has taken in over the years have been given soft beds, warm meals and love they hadn't felt in years.

The girls had all been previously exploited by others through human trafficking or prostitution and are now trying to start new lives.

The couple is part of the host family program of Maryland's Safe House of Hope, a non-profit organization providing options to people exploited through prostitution or human trafficking.

CNS has chosen to omit the names of the couple, as well as the trafficking victim currently living with them, in order to protect their identities.

"When I retired I thought maybe I can make myself useful. We have four bedrooms, we felt we could share some," the woman from the host family in Central Maryland said.

Although Safe House of Hope provides short-term shelter care, the organization's Executive Director and Founder Denene Yates realized her clients needed more.

"I started the host family program because we opened up our (own) home as a family and the clients just seemed to do better... It's one of the only things that really works because of the underlying support system," Yates said.

Over the years Yates has expanded the program to the community. After security checks and

training, host families meet with potential clients and invite them into their homes, Yates said.

Yates said she always has a need for more families. Currently she is looking for four host families to help victims.

At first, the Central Maryland couple provided short-term emergency housing for days or weeks for Safe House of Hope. Now, they've opened their home for months at a time to help survivors get back on their feet, the Central Maryland woman said.

Currently they're housing a young African woman who was a victim of forced labor in Maryland for almost a decade.

The African woman first came to Maryland to pursue the promise of the American dream. However, when she arrived in the United States, the woman said the family who'd promised her a place to stay and a job while she went to school, took her passport and her freedom.

For a fraction of the salary they'd originally agreed upon, she became the nanny, chef and servant to the family she'd originally come to live with, the African woman said.

In a foreign country far from friends or family, and with little knowledge of the legal system, she felt helpless.

"I was thinking if I want to run away how can I go? I don't have a passport. So that was the main thing that kept me staying there and crying all the time," she said.

With help from Safe House of Hope and the host family program, the African woman began a new start with the Central Maryland couple. She's now working toward her GED to eventually become a nurse.

"They are very nice, very, very nice. They don't want me to do any work. Sometimes I do work when they go somewhere and I try to clean the house and they

are like 'no, no, no, you don't have to do that,'" the African woman said.

The couple has purchased her winter boots and taken her bowling to make her transition easier, the Central Maryland woman said.

Any purchases or living expenses come out of the couple's pockets. The host family is completely volunteering its house, time and resources.

"You have to realize there are going to be things that people have a need for or would like to have and they don't have that ability to provide for themselves," the Central Maryland woman said.

Safety and services without the exchange of money is important for clients who come from situations of exploitation.

For the first time no one is making money off of them, and for the clients this is extremely important, Yates said.

Safe House of Hope does provide counseling for both the host families and survivors, as well as education and other services like clothing donations, Yates said.

Survivors of trafficking also have emotional and mental scars that can present a challenge for host families.

"It's a challenge (to host). People who are exploited have many, many sad stories. It's not just one event that's made them vulnerable, it's many events. They all feel terrible about themselves and totally devalued. They feel like they need to fight for themselves for everything and they have to ask for everything knowing they aren't going to receive hardly anything. That's a challenge to live with," Yates said.

For the Central Maryland host family, the sacrifices have been worth it.

One young woman who was with the couple found a job as an office manager and now has her

own apartment, the Central Maryland woman said.

The couple is hoping for similar success with the African woman.

"Each individual is very different, but the bottom line is every individual wants to be cared for, loved, have a safe place to lay their head at night, be protected and have some food in their stomach," the Central Maryland woman said.

For trafficking survivors in Maryland the host family program is one of their only housing options.

Worldwide, the number of victims of forced labor was estimated to be almost 21 million in 2012, according to the International Labor Organization.

At the state level, these numbers are difficult to estimate, but because of the area's many highways and major airports, the Maryland-Virginia-D.C. area is thought of as a hotbed for trafficking activity.

Maryland doesn't have designated long-term shelters for women or men who are being labor or sex trafficked, said Amanda Rodriguez, manager of domestic violence and human trafficking policy for the Maryland Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention.

Until there's an increase in awareness, services and funding, the human trafficking community relies heavily on volunteers and donations from the community.

There's so few trafficking victims' services in Maryland and they're all in dire need of resources, including workers and volunteers, Rodriguez said.

"It's a community issue," Rodriguez said. "The community should be involved and they should be aware of what's happening. I always say it's the crime next door. You don't realize but it's happening right under your nose. I truly believe in my heart that if the community knew they would be railing against it."

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LIFE AS A YOUNG MAN

Hughes grew up in Denton. "You learn to entertain yourself," Hughes said of small-town life. "I spent many an hour knocking fly balls to a friend of mine and him knocking them out to me."

Hughes played baseball throughout his childhood. A baseball glove was the first birthday gift he remembers receiving.

When Hughes reached the age of 17, baseball went to the wayside when he joined the Navy Air Corps to serve in World War II.

But before he saw action, the war was over and Hughes began his academic career at Mount St. Mary's College in Emmitsburg, then studied at the University of Maryland, College Park.

He pitched for Maryland's baseball team while studying business and public administration.

"The whole idea was to play professional baseball," he said. "I was just taking whatever course I could get to get through college."

Hughes forsook his dream of playing in the majors at about 24 years old when his career faltered and Mrs. Hughes pushed him to enroll in law school.

"My about-to-be wife was just as happy that I didn't stay in baseball. She used to come watch the games and read a book in the stands."

MODERNITY

Hughes wasn't asked to participate in campaigning for Lt. Gov. Anthony Brown in his run for governor, but he made a \$500 contribution to Brown during the primaries, according to state campaign finance reports.

Brown's defeat wasn't a shock to him.

"I wasn't terribly surprised that he lost," he said. "But I was surprised by the size of the victory."

The 4 percentage point margin of victory by Larry J. Hogan Jr. was attributed to many factors, including Brown's apparent lack of accessibility to voters and press, according to some experts.

"That's foolish," Hughes said. "It sounds like a combination of some very bad things and decisions that the Brown campaign did."

Hughes held press conferences weekly and made himself available while he was in office.

"Having a press conference every week makes it so they don't have to call you," he said. "You're available to answer questions."

Hughes still makes himself available — by answering the phone at home.

"He doesn't use email," said Hughes' gubernatorial campaign manager and friend Joe Coale. "I said, 'Harry, if you can use a phone, you can use email! If you can understand the intricacies and are able to articulate the detail of the Maryland state budget, you can use email.'"

WHAT'S IMPORTANT

Hughes is no longer involved in politics, but maintains his presidential position with the eponymous Harry R. Hughes Center for Agro-Ecology, which partners farmers and environmentalists to improve Maryland's environmental health, in Queenstown.

The center conveys Hughes' dedication to protecting the environment in Maryland, something he championed during his administration.

He said saving the Chesapeake Bay is still one of the biggest issues in the state.

"I remember telling people it's not going to happen



CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE PHOTO BY MAX BENNETT
Gov. Harry Hughes and his Labrador retriever, Miller, look out on the Choptank River. Miller loves to play fetch with his sticks.

overnight," Hughes said of restoring the bay.

Despite growing up in Caroline County, the only county on the Eastern Shore without direct access to the Chesapeake Bay, the bay was very important to him.

"I always liked the bay," he said. "You kept hearing all this bad stuff about the crab population, the oyster population."

Hughes said he considers himself a "reasonable environmentalist" and says the bay, crabs, and oysters identify Maryland.

Transportation, Hughes said, is another crucial topic.

"Transportation is a big issue," he said. "There are issues right now today."

POLITICAL CAREER

Hughes practiced law in the 1950s. When Jack Hogan left the House of Delegates, Hughes successfully ran for the open Caroline County seat in 1954. In 1958, he made a bid for state Senate in Caroline, won, and held that seat for 12 years.

When serving on the Senate began affecting his law work, he decided to forgo another term.

"Then Gov. Marvin Mandel named him Secretary of Transportation," said John Frece, co-author of "My Unexpected Journey," Hughes' autobiography. On Jan. 4, 1971, Hughes was officially named to the position.

As the first Maryland Secretary of Transportation, Hughes helped bring agencies, including the Port Authority, the Motor Vehicles Association, and the State Roads Commission, together under one umbrella.

"It was really interesting. I think I enjoyed that job more than any other job I've had," Hughes said.

Unlike being a legislator, Hughes said, his secretarial position allowed him to see the changes his department made.

But he resigned amid a controversial contract bidding process for the first leg of the Baltimore subway.

"There were some shady deals being pushed," Frece said. "He wouldn't go along with it and tried, and tried, and tried to

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COMMENTARY

Cong. Steny H. Hoyer

House Democratic Minority Whip



Hoyer, Mikulski & Cardin Announce Funding for Emergency Generators at the UMD Charles Regional Medical Center

WASHINGTON — Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-5) and U.S. Senators Barbara A. Mikulski and Ben Cardin (both D-MD) announced a \$1,987,432.00 grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) through its Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) program to the University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center in La Plata, Maryland to fund the replacement of three undersized emergency generators and automatic transfer switches at the medical center to ensure critical services are supported during power outages. The grant will allow the installation of three new 1000KVA generators, a computerized emergency power bus, and new automatic transfer switches to assure that hospital-wide power and air condition requirements are met when utility power fails.

"This funding will provide the University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center with the proper equipment and resources needed to be prepared for future natural disasters," stated Congressman Hoyer. "Following Hurricane Sandy, the hospital recognized a

need to have a plan in place to act quickly when there is a power failure. In the event of an emergency, these backup generators will now enable the hospital to remain open and help to keep patients and staff safe."

"These funds in the federal checkbook will ensure that when disaster strikes, the University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center has the power it needs to keep its doors open during disasters, making sure the people of La Plata get medical care when they need it," said Senator Barbara Mikulski, Chairwoman of the Senate Appropriations Committee which funds FEMA.

"Hurricane Sandy showed us the importance of keeping our hospitals operating at their best, even during the worst of emergencies," said Senator Ben Cardin. "This FEMA grant will keep the University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center online during a power outage, and provide confidence for Marylanders in and around Charles County that public health and safety will not be compromised during such a crisis."



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Developer Ben M. Plumb seized that opportunity and developed "Huntington City" around that railroad station. Shops, hotels, and comfortable Victorian houses filled the tree-lined streets of Huntington City, renamed "Bowie" in 1880 to honor Governor Oden Bowie, who was instrumental in bring the railroad here. The station remained a busy stop until 1989, when it closed to make way for a new station at Bowie State University. The City of Bowie, in recognition of the station's important role in its history, restored the buildings in the early 1990's. Open Tuesday through Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.. For more information call 301-809-3089.

Child Watch

by Marion Wright Edelman



Pondering the Deeper Meanings of This Holy Season

After all the shopping and preparation for celebrating Hanukkah, Christmas, and Kwanzaa, I hope we will stop and sit and think more deeply about their meaning in our over commercialized, trivialized, mass selling mania for and to children and deeply stressful time for so many. The poor baby in a manger is lost along with the poor babies crying out all over America for food, shelter, safety, and education in the jingle of cash registers, and the Christian belief that God entered history as a poor child is drowned out in the jungle of commerce and advertising.

Something is deeply awry in our nation with the world's biggest economy that lets its children be the poorest group and the younger they are the poorer they are during their years of greatest brain development. The Prince of Peace is mocked as we let a child be injured or killed by guns every thirty minutes. The growing boy Jesus who pondered and studied His heavenly Father's word would worry about the millions of children around America and the world growing up without an education — unable to read and compute — sentenced to social and economic death in a competitive and globalizing economy, and in America, to a mass incarceration system that will turn back the clock of racial progress unless dismantled.

Who are we and who do we want to be as Americans? What do we value? What values do we want to stand for and transmit to our children in our warring polarized world where the violence of poverty and guns snuff out the lives and dim the eyes and spirits of children and adults? I share here a few prayers for us to ponder as we enjoy our turkey and roast beef and prepare for a new year that I hope is joyful and fulfilling for all including those left behind.

God, please stop injustice, the killing of innocent children by violence at home and in far away lands.

God, please stop injustice, the killing of innocent children

by poverty at home and abroad.

God, please stop injustice, the assault on precious child dreams by neglect and apathy near and far.

God, please stop injustice, so our children may live and love and laugh and play again.

O God, forgive and transform our rich nation where small babies die of cold quite legally.

O God, forgive and transform our rich nation where small children suffer from hunger quite legally.

O God, forgive and transform our rich nation where toddlers and school children die from guns sold quite legally.

O God, forgive and transform our rich nation that lets children be the poorest group of citizens quite legally.

O God, forgive and transform our rich nation that lets the rich continue to get more at the expense of the poor quite legally.

O God, forgive and transform our rich nation which thinks security rests in missiles and in bombs rather than in mothers and in babies.

O God, forgive and transform our rich nation for not giving You sufficient thanks by giving to others their daily bread.

O God, help us never to confuse what is quite legal with what is just and right in Your sight.

God, is America's dream big enough for me?

For the little Black boy born the wrong color in the wrong place

to the wrong parents in some folks' sight?

God, is America's justice fair enough for me?

For the little Brown or White girl labeled from birth as second best?

God, is America's economy open to us?

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Barbara A. Mikulski

United States Senator for Maryland



Mikulski, Cardin Lead Team Maryland in Announcing \$15 Million in Federal Funding

Federal grant dollars will be used to provide high-quality preschool programs 18 Maryland school districts as well as community based programs across the state

WASHINGTON — U.S. Senators Barbara A. Mikulski and Ben Cardin, together with U.S. Representatives Steny H. Hoyer, Elijah Cummings, Chris Van Hollen, Dutch Ruppersberger, John Sarbanes, Donna F. Edwards and John Delaney (all D-Md.) today announced the State of Maryland has been awarded \$15 million through the Department of Education's Preschool Development Grant program to provide high-quality preschool programs in 18 school districts across Maryland.

"All children deserve the opportunity to have a bright future. We know that ensuring children get high-quality, safe, reliable and nurturing care - especially in their earliest years - is an important building block toward achieving that better future," said Senator Mikulski, Chairwoman of the Senate Appropriations Committee which funds the Department of Education. "That's why I'm so proud to announce that Maryland has been awarded this federal grant of \$15 million from the Preschool Development Grant program. These funds in the federal checkbook will ensure that Maryland preschoolers are getting the very best care, to help support their development and prepare them for school. This is a down payment on Maryland's middle class families, on our children's future and on our nation's future."

"We never get do-overs when it comes to our children's early development, which makes this federal grant to strengthen and expand preschool programs in targeted Maryland communities incredibly important," U.S. Senator Ben Cardin said. "Our goal is to ensure that all 4-year-olds have the chance to acquire the learning skills they need to be successful later in life. Together, we can make certain that the window of opportunity doesn't close on Maryland students before it ever opens."

"This funding will provide high-quality preschool services to ensure that our children have a good education and the opportunity to enter the classroom on a more level playing field," said Congressman Steny Hoyer. "The Judy Centers across Maryland have been successful in helping to close the achievement gap that affects too many of our children before they enter kindergarten. I will continue to work with the Maryland Delegation to ensure that our state continues to be a recognized leader in early childhood education services critical to our children's success later in life."

"Investing in early education is one of the most important ways to ensure our children's long-term educational success by giving them a strong foundation," Congressman Elijah Cummings said. "It's

also one of the best ways to build stronger communities, and strengthen the middle class. Our children are the living messages we send to a future we will never see, and I am thrilled to see these federal dollars working in our state to ensure our message is strong and full of hope."

"Our economy depends on a skilled workforce and a strong middle class, which are only possible if children have access to the best possible education," said Congressman Van Hollen. "Early education is the kind of investment that is critical to protect as we prioritize funding in areas that will grow our economy to give every Marylander a chance to get ahead."

"Research suggests that preK can improve a child's chance of success in school and in life - children who attend preK are more likely to graduate from high school and earn more as adults, for example," said Congressman Dutch Ruppersberger. "This grant will enable more Maryland children to reap these benefits. It is an investment in our future."

"Experts agree that early childhood education helps develop young minds and prepares children to succeed in the classroom," said Congressman Sarbanes. "This grant from the Department of Education will help our state continue to lead the nation in providing high-quality education to Maryland students of all ages."

"A high-quality education early in a child's life is critical in determining their long-term success," said Congresswoman Donna F. Edwards. "That is why I am grateful for this federal grant from the Department of Education to help 11 school districts across Maryland expand their preschool programs in some of our most vulnerable communities. We need to ensure that a child's first building block is the strongest, and I thank all of our federal, state, and local partners for working together to help make Maryland's application successful."

"An investment in early education is an investment in our future," said Congressman Delaney. "Federal grants to provide preschool education to Maryland kids is good news for our state, it's good news for the students and their families who will directly benefit and it's good news for our local communities. When you examine the data on early education, it is clear that these kinds of initiatives are absolutely es-

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The American Counseling Association's Counseling Corner

Holiday Depression": Fixable And Something Not To Be Ignored

According to lots of advertising, TV specials, and magazine stories, the winter holidays are a period of endless warm family activities, elaborate gift giving and wonderful parties with friends. For most people, the holiday season is indeed a happy time, but it can also be a period of sadness, anxiety and depression.

One major cause of the holiday blues is the unrealistic holiday expectations many of us have that create fantasy goals impossible to achieve. None of us have "perfect" families and "ideal" holiday experiences such as we see portrayed over and over in the media during this season.

We may also feel left out because we aren't having the holiday experience we believe others are enjoying. There are parties we aren't invited to, gifts we can't afford, or new holiday clothes beyond our budget. We feel depressed because we are comparing ourselves to how things "ought to be" and that leaves us feeling we're being cheated or missing out.

Fortunately, holiday depression is very fixable. The first step is simply recognizing that media-promoted perfect holiday images aren't realistic. Refuse to compare yourself to that "ideal" TV family or those neighbors you imagine are having incredibly wonderful holidays. Instead, focus on all the good, positive and real things in your own life and emphasize those things that you really enjoy during the season.

Another way to fight holiday depression is to focus on your lifestyle. The holidays can bring changes in your daily habits that directly affect your moods. You may be eating differently (holiday cakes, candies and probably more alcohol), exercising less or not at all (you're busier, it's too cold, gets dark earlier), and you may be more tired thanks to a busy holiday schedule.

Making a conscious effort to get back to a healthier diet and to increase your amount of exercise can do a great deal to overcome holiday depression. So can planning your time better and getting a good sleep each night.

Lastly, don't wallow privately in your depression. Go meet with friends, not to discuss your feelings but just to enjoy them socially. Friends and family can do a great deal to lift your mood.

But if you find that your holiday depression is not going away despite your best efforts, try talking with a professional counselor. Serious depression is not a health problem to be ignored.

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ship brought together key stakeholders including fellow elected officials, and citizens on the multi-year Priorities Plan initiative. The Priorities Plan serves as a guide for agencies and surrounding jurisdictions considering new projects for development.

Council Member Turner was honored to receive the Elizabeth and David Scull Metropolitan Public Service Award from his fellow COG members. "It was truly an honor to accept such a prestigious award and I sincerely thank COG Board Chairman Phil Mendelson, COG Executive Director

Chuck Bean and COG President Matthew Letourneau for their recognition of my work with the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board and the Regional Transportation Priorities Plan."

In a statement in the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments press release dated December 10, 2014, D.C. City Council Chairman and COG Board Chairman Phil Mendelson stated "Council Member Turner delivered constructive, consistent and highly effective leadership at a critical time for our region as we worked to comprehensively plan for future growth."

ALERT!

Jury Duty Scam asks Citizens for Money on Greendot Card

Upper Marlboro, MD...Prince George's County Office of the Sheriff's Communications and Public Relations said it has received information about a scam that involves a caller telling a citizen that she has missed jury duty and asking that she go to a 7-Eleven to buy a pre-paid card in the amount of \$500.

Sheriff Melvin C. High is asking the media to let the public know that no sworn or civilian member of the Sheriff's Office makes calls to citizens about jury duty, nor do we ask citizens for money on a prepaid card for missing jury duty or any other reason.

According to the citizen who reported the incident, when he called the phone number 301-310-1985, the message on the answering was: "Yes, you have reached Captain Woods. Sorry I missed your call. Leave a message and I'll get back to you at my earliest convenience."

Of the scam calls Sheriff High said, "We do not make these calls and I urge citizens who get a call like this to please notify us by calling 301-780-8600 but do not give the caller money or put money on a prepaid card for the caller."

For more information, contact:

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Bar Rules Differ Around Baltimore's Tavern-packed Harbor Neighborhoods

By LEJLA SARCEVIC
Capital News Service

BALTIMORE -- Maryland state Sen. Bill Ferguson promised himself one thing when he was elected in 2010: He would not spend countless hours on liquor licensing complaints. He'd listened to politicians talk incessantly about the city's bars and liquor stores. Surely, he thought, he'd be able to spend his time on other issues.

But Ferguson represents Baltimore's 46th Legislative District, one of the most densely populated parts of the city -- home to neighborhoods including Federal Hill, Canton and Fells Point -- and more than half of the city's liquor licenses.

"I found out very, very quickly that ... so much more than I ever could have imagined was spent on liquor issues," Ferguson said.

Since 1968, state law has forbidden the creation of new tavern licenses, in an effort to reduce the social ills created by alcohol consumption. A potential bar owner's best hope is that a tavern license becomes available for purchase.

Liquor licenses are the only type of license that can be passed from one owner to another, or transferred to another location in the city, Ferguson said. This makes them valuable assets but also creates problems as neighbors grapple with sharing their

block with a bar.

Complicating matters is a Maryland Senate tradition that allows the senator to sponsor liquor laws in his or her district, essentially creating a checkerboard of rules across the city.

"Each state senator can basically do what they want in their own district," said Ferguson's predecessor, George W. Della Jr.

In the 46th Legislative District, Della and the legislature created restrictions that make it more expensive to open a restaurant that serves alcohol.

Here's how the rules work:

Around the city, aspiring bar owners who are hoping to get a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor restaurant license must show they can invest \$200,000 in capital investments to receive a license.

But in the 46th District, that price tag spikes to \$500,000 for new restaurants with a seating capacity of no more than 150 people. The state statute also requires that an average of 51 percent of daily receipts come from food sales.

And then things in the 46th get more complicated.

Business people who want to open a restaurant in three parts of the district: the Canton industrial area, downtown and Harbor East must pay even more. In those three areas of the 46th District, restaurateurs can seat more than 150 people and serve alcohol, but they



CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE PHOTO BY JOSH LOGUE
Row of bars and shops on O'Donnell Street in Canton Square, Baltimore.

must fork out \$700,000 in capital investments.

To ensure that operators aren't opening bars masquerading as restaurants, an average of 65 percent of daily receipts must come from food sales.

Then there's another level of confusion in the 46th.

In Canton Square, the Cross Street Market area and Locust Point, restaurateurs will find themselves firmly shut out. No Class B, beer wine and liquor licenses may be issued and no licenses of any type can be transferred into that area.

"The day that passed, every license in that establishment skyrocketed in value," Ferguson said. "It really became a great pension plan for a lot of folks who were running corner bars."

Della said he wrote the bills in an effort to prevent the mushrooming of bars in already crowded precincts.

"You can only cut a pie so many times," Della said.

"When you live in a city like Baltimore, there is a fine balance when trying to retain a balance in quality of life," he said.

However, some of the restrictions imposed on the district have had an unintended negative effect.

Ferguson now has to contend with bar owners who have found a loophole in the system -- rather than build new bars, they make existing ones bigger by increasing capacity or buying up neighboring property.

"We didn't think it out enough," Della said. "Because what they have done is expand."

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Most moved in with friends or family in longstanding Central American immigrant enclaves that are battling poverty, low education rates and gangs.

School enrollment is required to maintain immigration status. In Prince George's County schools, more "unaccompanied or homeless youth" registered through November of this school year than all of the last school year. In one year, Montgomery County saw a two- to three-fold increase in the number of Central American students.

The dramatic spike has strained school resources, causing program waitlists, bigger classes and longer hours -- and schools say they need more staff, mental health services and parent outreach to tackle the group's challenges.

"When you're in a new language, new cultural environment, everything is new... a lot of newcomers can walk around just being shell-shocked," said Karen Woodson, director of Montgomery County's ESOL/Bilingual Programs. "The children are fleeing violence in their home countries... many of them may have had traumatic journeys crossing the border -- you're dealing with a student that has tremendous need."

"TOO MUCH WORK"

In a large, chattering classroom in Prince George's County's Northwestern High School in mid-November, one ESOL teacher called her class to order. "Guys, lápiz down, she said. "Ojos on me."

Colorful sticky notes on a wall map labeled each student's origins: those from El Salvador spilled off the sheet.

It was a "newcomer" class in the English for Speakers of Other Languages, or ESOL, program, which teaches international students language along with academics.

Across the hall, ESOL teacher Sue Donegan said her class had grown from 12 to 23, reflecting Prince George's 4,852

new international students and English language learners who enrolled between April and October. About 40,000 international students were enrolled in the county by the end of October. The county enrolled 5,550 new students over the entire 2011-2012 school year, and 7,628 in 2013-2014.

At Northwestern, with 550 ESOL students, some gym and art classes were cut because so many students couldn't understand their teachers, school ESOL chair William Melvin said.

Both counties' ESOL programs received more federal funds this fiscal year than last -- Prince George's received \$337,029 more, a 14 percent gain -- but since funds were based on last year's enrollment, officials said resources were "tight."

Prince George's new "school-based budgeting," which frees principals to use ESOL funds elsewhere, also creates uncertainties.

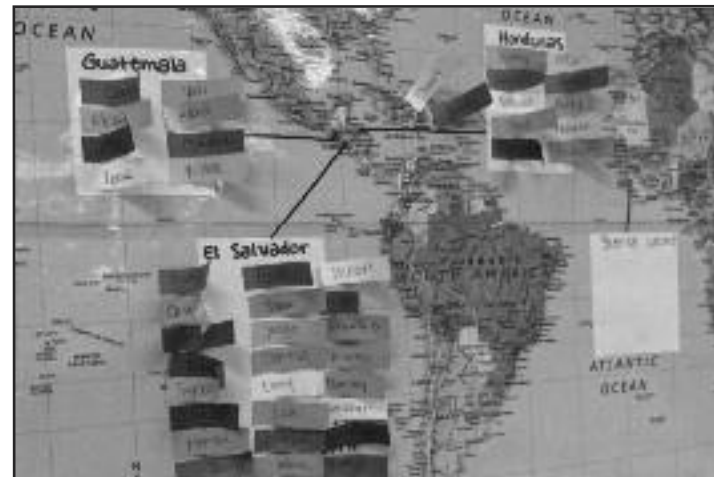
Over the summer, Prince George's International Student Counseling Office increased hours and staff to register students, but now, "you've got equal or (fewer) counselors doing intake for more families, and it's too much work," said outreach counselor Patricia Chiancone.

She added that made it difficult to plan or implement programs necessary to help the unique group of students.

Still, schools have responded as best they could, enhancing staff professional development programs centered on Spanish skills and training on the kids' unique challenges.

Prince George's County counselors and principals received training on Hispanic immigrants, and the county is expanding its 15-week "Spanish for Staff" language program from one school last year to five or six schools this year, Chiancone said.

Montgomery County is crafting an "unaccompanied minors toolkit" to include lesson plans representing immigrant children's cultures and teacher strategies to encourage the new students.



CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE PHOTO BY ANNIKA MCGINNIS
Photo of a map on the wall of an English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) class in Northwestern High School in Hyattsville on Nov. 14, 2014. The map shows the number of students in the class who recently immigrated from Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras, depicting the influx of Central American unaccompanied minors who came to the U.S. in summer 2014.

"THIS NEW PERSON CALLED 'MOM'"

But three months into the school year, educators said schools need more staff training on issues of family reunification and dealing with students battling trauma.

Many children were reunited with parents they hadn't seen in 10 to 15 years, so most crises stem back to "leaving their grandparents in their country and not feeling comfortable with this new person called 'mom,'" Northwestern High School ESOL counselor Meg Evans-Headley said.

"A lot of times, schools say, 'oh, we're going to call you into a meeting about your kid,' and you're sitting there, and the kid's sitting there, and there is clearly a problem between you," Chiancone said. "You feel like you're an incompetent parent, and the kid feels like oh, you don't love them, because in the first place you abandoned them."

Chiancone often learns of family problems when leading emotional development activities with newcomer groups.

"At first, I felt happy because I came to know my mom and dad, and I had 15 years of not knowing them," she read from one child's response paper. "But

I felt bad, because I left my grandma in my country, and it was with her that I was brought up. And when I got here, I had serious problems with my dad -- and it was horrible; he treated me very badly."

Prince George's County is holding a new program for parents on how the school system works and will implement another focused on family reunification, Chiancone said.

Lack of strong parent-child relationships made the teacher-student one even more important: "A lot of the times they really depend on the teacher," Chiancone said.

BATTLING TRAUMA, SCHOOLING GAPS

Educators said students needed more mental health services to help newcomers battling emotional issues or post-traumatic stress disorder.

Some students expressed suicidal thoughts, Chiancone said. She knew an 11-year-old who witnessed his father's murder in Central America after he refused to pay gangs. She'd heard of another kidnapped at home and then tortured on his journey.

OUT ON THE TOWN

ERIC D. SNIDER'S
IN THE DARK

Movie Review

“The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies”

The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies
Grade: C-
Rated PG-13, a ton of fantasy violence, decapitations, and so forth
2 hr., 24 min

Peter Jackson's ill-advised and transparently greedy three-part adaptation of J.R.R. Tolkien's one-part *The Hobbit* sputters to a conclusion in *The Battle of the Five Armies*. This cacophonous and half-hearted sequel bears the distinction of being the shortest of the lot (only 144 minutes!) and contains the least amount of plot by volume. The meat of the story has already been told; all that's left now is the third-act battle and the tying up of threads whose beginnings we may well have forgotten.

The Battle of the Five Armies (bet you can't name them) begins right where *The Desolation of Smaug* ended, with Smaug the dragon (voiced by Benedict Cumberbatch) about to unleash hell on the lakeside town where Bard the Bowman (Luke Evans) lives. That cliffhanger is resolved and the dragon is defeated before this chapter's title even appears on the screen. Someone interested in telling a good story would have put the conclusion to Smaug's story where it belongs, at the end of Smaug's movie. But someone interested in telling a good story in the first place wouldn't have stretched one book... Never mind. I'm tired of saying it and you're tired of hearing it.

With Smaug out of the way, attention turns to his mountain full of gold. The noble Thorin Oakenshield (Richard Armitage) and his crew of interchangeable dwarves are in there now, looking for a special jewel called the Heart of the Mountain, which does something important that I don't remember and which Bilbo (Martin Freeman) has secretly already found. In the process of searching, Thorin is overcome by the feelings of greed that the treasure inspires,



“The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies” brings to an epic conclusion the adventures of Bilbo Baggins, Thorin Oakenshield and the Company of Dwarves. Having reclaimed their homeland from the Dragon Smaug, the Company has unwittingly unleashed a deadly force into the world. Enraged, Smaug rains his fiery wrath down upon the defenseless men, women and children of Lake-town. Obsessed above all else with his reclaimed treasure, Thorin sacrifices friendship and honor to hoard it as Bilbo's frantic attempts to make him see reason drive the Hobbit towards a desperate and dangerous choice. But there are even greater dangers ahead. Unseen by any but the Wizard Gandalf, the great enemy Sauron has sent forth legions of Orcs in a stealth attack upon the Lonely Mountain. As darkness converges on their escalating conflict, the races of Dwarves, Elves and Men must decide—unite or be destroyed. Bilbo finds himself fighting for his life and the lives of his friends in the epic Battle of the Five Armies, as the future of Middle-earth hangs in the balance. (c) Warner Bros

claims it for himself, and takes his reluctant dwarves to the brink of war to protect it. The elves, under the direction of Lee Pace riding a majestic moose, are heading for the mountain with an army. There are also a couple armies' worth of Orcs coming this way.

Meanwhile, Gandalf (Ian McKellen) is locked in a birdcage suspended over a cliff, useless as ever.

In other news, the forbidden romance between dwarf Kili (Aidan Turner) and non-canonical elf Tauriel (Evangeline Lilly) remains forbidden. Cate Blanchett, typically radiant as Galadriel, gets to say “You have no power here, servant of Mordor!” to somebody. And there's an irritating, unfunny comic relief character named Alfrid (Ryan Gage), a cowardly, uni-

browed stooge who's dressed in drag most of the time. Jackson and his writers (Fran Walsh, Philippa Boyens, and Guillermo del Toro) created Alfrid, so they alone shall be judged when the time of reckoning comes.

Yes, yes, Legolas (Orlando Bloom) is here, too, being pouty. I also jotted down the words “goblin mercenaries,” so I guess there are goblin mercenaries?

What plagued the first two films—having a surplus of characters but a dearth of characterization—is an even more glaring problem now that we're watching them duke it out without any context. “Who are these people and why are they fighting?” is the sort of thing you might find yourself wondering. The spectacular battles that thrilled us in *Lord of the Rings* did so at

least in part because of our connection to the characters. Without that element, it's just a lot of pointless mayhem.

It would be easy to forget that this whole thing began with Bilbo accompanying the dwarves on an adventure, given how little attention is paid to his relationship with them. In the end he bids them farewell as a group, not individually, which makes me suspect he doesn't know their names, either.

It seems likely that a single three-hour film could be culled from all of this material, and that it could be wonderfully exciting, if still rather thin on character. We'll leave that to the people who make fan cuts. The rest of us should treat ourselves to a *Lord of the Rings* marathon and try to forget the disappointment of this misbegotten prequel.

The Edge of Sports

by DAVE ZIRIN

The Enduring Importance of the Activist Athlete

“Do we really need a Muhammad Ali if we have a Barack Obama?” This question was posed to me several years ago on ESPN's *Outside the Lines*. I was debating a prominent African-American sports columnist who was arguing that we were past the time when there was a crying need to have athletes, particularly black athletes, take political stands. He said that since we now have, as a result of the struggles of the past, a black president, we had to stop pinning for activist athletes to pick up the torch from Muhammad Ali, Bill Russell, John Carlos, Tommie Smith and many others who used the platform of sports to speak out for social justice.

Now as thousands across the country stand with the families of Eric Garner, Michael Brown, Tamir Rice and other unarmed black men killed by police, we are seeing this movement reflect powerfully on the field of play. Pro athletes in the NFL and NBA, from Cleveland's LeBron James and Kyrie Irving to Detroit Lions running back Reggie Bush to members of the St. Louis Rams, who play just a short drive from Ferguson, Missouri, are taking the field with the slogans and gestures of the movement. They are wearing shirts that show Eric Garner's last words as he was being choked by a Staten Island police officer, “I can't breathe.” They have “My Kids' Lives Matter” written on their uniforms. They are putting their hands up into the air. They are puncturing the bubble that surrounds sports and forcing fans to acknowledge this cry for change.

The events of the last several weeks demonstrate exactly why we need activist athletes. They have the power to then influence the “silent majority” of the American public and reach people who are completely alienated from politics.

But that's not all. One of the fruits of the civil rights movement was that the ceiling rose dramatically for black Americans. Avenues to the middle class and greater wealth were cracked open as a result of persistent struggle. Yet while the ceiling rose, the floor lowered. We can debate the causes. Blame it on a holdover of systemic institutionalized racism. Blame it on the drug war. Blame it on the expansion of the for-profit prison system. Blame it on the growth of a neoliberal economic consensus that lowered living standards for all American workers. However the floor lowered, the results have been the same: the immiseration of poor black communities who live a distinctly different reality than the rest of country. Entire neighborhoods, in the words of sportswriter Howard Bryant, are “under a state of occupation,” with highly militarized police forces on constant patrol. These are not just the neighborhoods rising up against police brutality. They are also more often than not the neighborhoods that have produced the heroes of sports. Poverty has always been the soil that grows pro athletes and it is this world these jocks for justice are trying to get fans to acknowledge. As former NBA MVP Derrick Rose, a product of Chicago's West Side, said after wearing his “I Can't Breathe” T-shirt:

My biggest concern is the kids. I know what they're thinking right now. I was one of those kids. When you live in an area like that and you've got no hope, and police aren't treating you any way... I'm not saying all police are treating kids bad, but when you live in an area like that, it gives you another reason to be bad.

They have to get involved socially. They have to because it affects them, too. And it affects their families. They grew up in these situations; they must not forget that. They [were] once poor, they went to inner-city schools that didn't have technology or computers, they didn't have good books. See, I went through that whole situation. They went through that as well. A lot of their cousins are still going through that, so they must not forget that. I hope that they would do [even] more.

This sentiment was also articulated, somewhat surprisingly, by NBA legend Magic Johnson. Magic, not exactly outspoken in his day, praised these new activist athletes:

These athletes, as sure as the viral video of the police killing Eric Garner, are now acting as a transmission belt from the communities of their birth to a white majority that often does not acknowledge the existence of this other America. In fact, one could argue they are the most effective transmission belt in pushing people to see a truth in how communities of color are forced to live. The next step would be for white athletes to now take the ball and wear a shirt of their own, maybe reading “My Teammates' Lives Matter” to further impress upon fans that this is not a “black issue” but a national call for all of us to claim some semblance of humanity. (The first non-black athlete did wear an “I Can't Breathe” shirt Tuesday night, Taiwanese-American Lakers guard Jeremy Lin.) Given how multi-racial the demonstrations have been around the country, it is past time to see them act in the tradition of 1968 Olympian Peter Norman, who stood at attention wearing a solidarity button while Tommie Smith and John Carlos raised their fists in Mexico City, and show a solidarity that would not only be welcome but needed.

The times in which we live, as protests ricochet from outside the arena to inside, have answered the question: “Do we need a Muhammad Ali if we have Barack Obama?” Hell yes we do. In fact, maybe because there is a Barack Obama, we need athlete activists now more than ever. We need them to keep saying, “If I matter to you with a ball in my hand, then respect me enough to think about where I'm coming from.”

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Minors from A5

Most of the kids have suffered trauma, even once they arrive, Melvin said.

“You see a mark in an arm and they say – ‘oh, I fell,’ and then you push them a little harder -- ‘oh, my mom grabbed me, and then, well, she tried to kill me; she threw a knife and missed me,’” he said. “Then we hold them and call the police and try to deal with it.”

Schools send students identified with such issues to talk with social service workers and counselors. Four county high schools have “wellness centers,” which provide physical health treatment and mental health counseling.

But an intensive Montgomery County program for newcomers that includes mental health counseling, the Multidisciplinary Educational Training and Support program, was overwhelmed with a 37-student waitlist this fall before the county eventually hired two new teachers.

Challenges deepen with students' varying education levels: Many have missed years of

school, especially in areas where gangs block safe access, Chiancone said.

Last class period on a November Friday afternoon, Northwestern ESOL teacher Barbara Cook surveyed her loud class working on an exercise to learn American textbook layout: glossaries, indexes, chapter titles.

It was hard to catch up new students to the rest of the class. “They may have gone up to ninth grade, but the schools are in rural areas and the education level is not the same,” Cook said.

Other students struggle balancing school with work. Northwestern student Alan J. immigrated last year to send money back to his ill mother in Guatemala, so he hadn't started school until this fall.

Another student, 18-year-old Junior, said he fled Honduras because he'd been in a motorcycle accident and the other driver wanted to kill him.

But now, his favorite part of the United States is “la escuela”: school. He hopes to stay in the U.S. and go to college.



CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE PHOTO BY ANNIE MCGINNIS

Photo of Karen Woodson, director of Montgomery County's ESOL/Bilingual Programs, on Nov. 6, 2014, in the Montgomery County Public Schools' International Student Admissions Office at Rocking House Road Center in Rockville. Woodson was talking about how the school system was affected by the influx of unaccompanied minors from Central American countries during summer 2014.

“I'm learning a whole lot, and it's going to help me,” he said through a translator.

Despite the challenges, Woodson said educators shared a “collective responsibility” to give each child a “fair shot.”

“Many students are with Grandma out in the countryside one day, and then the

next day on a 1,300-mile journey to the U.S.,” she said. “A couple weeks later, you're in a 21st century bustling high school. The change is just so great it takes their breath away. They need someone to help process that and get them acculturated to this new environment.”

Calendar of Events

January 8 — January 14, 2015

Senior Days

Date and Time: Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, 8 am-12 noon
Description: Let's move and get fit. Seniors (Prince George's County residents only) are allowed use of both the fitness center and pool during the above times.

Cost: FREE
Ages: 60 & up
Location: Prince George's Sports & Learning Complex
8001 Sheriff Road
Landover, MD 20785
Contact: 301-583-2400; TTY 301-583-2483

GoGo Fitness

Date and Time: Saturdays 9-10 am
Description: This year resolve to try a new workout! This 60 minute, high-intensity dance fitness workout incorporates various dance styles--and the classic call-and-response of a live GoGo.

Cost: \$25 for a 6 week session or \$5 for a drop-in class
Ages: 18 & up
Location: Glenarden Community Center
8615 McLain Avenue, Glenarden 20706
Contact: 301-772-3151; TTY 301-218-6768

CMIT Annual Student Art Exhibit

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 6-Friday, February 20, 2015 11 am-4 pm
(Closed Wednesdays)

Description: Each year, different venues host the annual CMIT art exhibit. This year, Montpelier is honored to display the work of these talented young artists from this Laurel charter school. The theme for this year's exhibit is Autumn Landscapes & Scenes; students have interpreted this theme and will display a major art piece from the school year. Exhibit is free with cost of admission.

Cost: \$3/Adults
\$2/Seniors (60 & better)
\$1/Children 6-18
FREE for children 5 & under

Ages: All ages welcome
Location: Montpelier Mansion/Historic Site
9650 Muirkirk Road, Laurel, MD 20708
Contact: 301-377-7817; TTY 301-699-2455
montpeliermansion@pgparks.com

Xtreme Teens: International Night

Date and Time: Friday January 9, 2015 7-10 pm
Description: Join Xtreme Teens as we celebrate diversity through food. Participants will sample cuisine from different cultures from around the world.

Cost: Free with M-NCPPC Youth ID
Ages: 10-17
Location: Berwyn Heights Community Center
6200 Pontiac Street, Berwyn Heights 20740
Contact: 301-345-2808; TTY 301-445-4512

Three Kings Day Celebration

Date and Time: Saturday, January 10, 2015 10 am-1 pm
Description: Celebrate the Hispanic tradition of Three Kings Day! Enjoy music, refreshments and more. Children ages 10 & under will receive a gift from the Three Kings. Note: In order for your child to receive a gift, please call and reserve a space by January 2.

Cost: FREE - Prince George's County residents only
Ages: 10 & under
Location: Rollingcrest Community Center
6120 Sargent Road, Chillum 20782
Contact: 301-853-2006; TTY 301-445-4512

Vendor's Row

Date and Time: Saturday, January 10, 17, 24 & 31, 2015 9:30 am- 3:30 pm
Description: The Youth & Community Programs Division is excited to present to you the Fall/Winter "Vendor's Row" dates. Vendor's Row will be the only vending opportunities offered during the events season.

A limited number of spaces are available and exhibitors will be received on a first-come, first-serve basis. Registration is required. Vending Fee includes one (1) 6'x30" linen covered & skirted banquet table and two (2) chairs. Electricity is available upon request.

A special incentive has been added this year-- Pre-purchase three (3) scheduled dates and receive an additional day of your choice for FREE.

Application and payment must be received in advance to qualify for this special offer.

Cost: \$100/per table
Ages: 18 and up
Location: Prince George's Sports & Learning Complex
8001 Sheriff Road, Landover, MD 20785
Contact: 301-5832582; TTY 301-583-2483

Level 1 Coaches Education

Date & Time: Sunday, January 11, 2015 9 am-4 pm
Description: Receive a full day of personalized, practical instruction from US Lacrosse-certified trainers that will enhance your coaching abilities for years to come. Combining classroom lessons with on-field practice, these clinics will focus on coaching theory and development, as well as individual skills and team tactics.

Whether you're a first-timer, a coach of beginner players or a coach who's looking to take the next step in your career, our instructional clinics will help you achieve your goals.

Women's Clinic
Men's Clinic
Cost: Resident: \$75; Non-Resident: \$75
Ages: 18 & up
Location: Showplace Arena at PG's Equestrian Center
14900 Pennsylvania Avenue, Upper Marlboro 20772
Contact: 301-446-6800; TTY 301-446-6802

EARTH TALK ... Avoiding Harmful Food Additives

Dear EarthTalk:

What is the "Dirty Dozen Guide to Food Additives?"

— Meredith LaGarde,
New Orleans, LA

The Environmental Working Group (EWG), a non-profit dedicated to protecting human health and the environment through research, education and advocacy, launched its "Dirty Dozen Guide to Food Additives" in November 2014 to educate consumers about which food additives are associated with health concerns, which are restricted in other countries, and/or which just shouldn't be in our foods to begin with. EWG hopes the new guide will help consumers avoid unhealthy foods and also influence policymakers to develop more stringent rules for food producers moving forward.

According to EWG, more than 10,000 food additives are approved for use in the U.S., despite potential health implications. Some are "direct additives" deliberately formulated into processed food; others are "indirect," that is, finding their way into food during processing, storage or packaging. Either way, some have been linked to endocrine disruption, heart disease, cancer and a wide range of other health issues.

Topping EWG's list are nitrates and nitrites, both typically added to cured meats (like bacon, salami, sausages and hot dogs) to prolong

shelf-life and prevent discoloration. "Nitrites, which can form from nitrates, react with naturally occurring components of protein called amines," reports EWG. "This reaction can form nitrosamines, which are known cancer-causing compounds." The group reports links between nitrite and nitrate consumption and cancers of the stomach, esophagus, brain and thyroid.

The World Health Organization considers nitrites and nitrates to be probable human carcinogens; California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment is now considering a similar designation. Interestingly, some nutritious foods like spinach and other leafy vegetables contain nitrates naturally, but EWG says that "human studies on nitrate intake from vegetables have found either no association with stomach cancer or a decreased risk."

Another troubling but nevertheless common food additive is potassium bromate, used to strengthen bread and cracker dough and help such items rise during baking. But potassium bromate is listed as a known human carcinogen by the state of California and a possible human carcinogen by the International Agency for Research on Cancer. Animal studies have shown that regular exposure to potassium bromate can cause a variety of tumors, is toxic to the kidneys and can even cause permanent DNA damage.



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That salami on your plate might look scrumptious but Environmental Working Group warns it may contain nitrates linked to cancers of the stomach, esophagus, brain and thyroid.

Most of the potassium bromate added to foods converts to non-carcinogenic potassium bromide during the process of baking, but small but still significant unconverted amounts can remain, putting eaters everywhere at risk. EWG would like to see the U.S. government follow Canada's and the European Union's lead in banning the use of potassium bromate in foods altogether.

Other additives on the Dirty Dozen list include propyl parabens, butylated hydroxyanisole (BHA), butylated hydroxytoluene (BHT), propyl gallate, theobromine, diacetyl, phosphates and aluminum. Many artificial colors can also cause health issues, reports EWG, as can thousands of "secret flavor ingre-

dients" that food makers add to foods without oversight in the name of protecting trade secrets. For more information on these foods and how to avoid them, check out EWG's free "Dirty Dozen Guide" online.

CONTACT: EWG,
www.ewg.org/research/ewg-s-dirty-dozen-guide-food-additives/food-additives-linked-health-risks.

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HUGHES from A3

straighten it out and decided to resign rather than go along with it."

In May 1977, Hughes quit.

"That night, my wife and a couple our friends were meeting for dinner and I said, 'Pat I'm going to resign tomorrow.' Just like that. And I did."

Frece said Hughes' resignation catapulted him to the 1978 election.

"My wife and I talked about (running for governor) a lot, I talked to several people about it. I figured if I didn't do it I'd probably regret it for the rest of my life," Hughes said.

During his gubernatorial primary campaign, Hughes lagged with only about 7 percent of voters saying they would cast their ballot for him.

But a week before the primary election, the Baltimore Sun featured a front-page Hughes endorsement.

"When a paper like the Sun gave an endorsement, it was generally influential," said Frece, a former Sun reporter. "For them to say that Harry Hughes is their choice legitimized his candidacy."

Coale recalled sitting in the Lord Baltimore Hotel with Hughes on election night, wondering what the outcome would be.

Coale began receiving phone calls from thought-to-be-lost precincts, saying Hughes was winning overwhelmingly.

"I said, 'Harry, break out the champagne, you're going to be the next governor,'" Coale said.

Hughes defeated acting governor Blair Lee III in what Lee's son, Blair Lee IV, called a "shocking" upset.

"It was as much as a surprise as Larry Hogan winning," said Lee.

Lee said his late father was somewhat relieved Hughes won because his father didn't really want to be governor.

"I think he was happy Harry won," he said. "He knew Harry. He trusted Harry."

The general election went smoothly and Hughes emerged victorious over Republican John Glenn Beall Jr.

IN OFFICE

Starting out with a surplus, the state was doing well early in Hughes' first term. But the recession hit the state hard.

Hughes managed to push legislation curbing state spending as well as established a joint Maryland-Virginia veterinary school, which opened federal funds for both states.

Hughes made prison changes, established the Task Force on Violence and Extremism, and created the National Institute Against Prejudice and Violence.

Task force chair Connie Beims said the group was "too far ahead" of the times in terms of protecting minority populations and the institute fizzled out after Hughes left office.

Hughes made waves in environmental policy by establishing the Critical Areas Act — which protects land within 1,000 feet of tidal waters or tidal wetlands from development for the first time. He also banned catching rockfish until the population was stable; and appropriated \$37 million in funding for bay-restoration projects.

"He was a shining example to me in terms of environmental policy," former Gov. Parris Glendening said.

Hughes faced criticism for his handling of the 1985 Savings and Loan Crisis, where unstable savings and loan associations failed due to risky investments with depositors' money.

He was scheduled to visit Israel and Egypt on an economic development trip at the same time the situation was becoming worse. Hughes was concerned that either going or cancelling would hurt the tense atmosphere. In the end, he went on the trip but cut it short to address the crisis.

Hughes said when the issue came up in the 1985 general assembly, "the damage was already done."

"It was incredible," he said. "I had some special sessions at the General Assembly and got some legislation passed, put up a lot of money to protect depositors."

Hughes eventually got his constituents' money back. The only missing money was potentially accrued interest.

But Marylanders were not happy with the way he handled a memo explaining the delicate situation regarding the banks and the depositors.

The implication was that the governor should have known that some of these S&Ls were being run by "crooks," according to Hughes' autobiography.

"It was a tough time for me because I was getting a lot of the blame," he said. However, some people since then have thanked him for saving their money.

Frece said Hughes saw a moral responsibility to protect depositors who were about to lose their life savings.



CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE PHOTO BY MAX BENNETT

Gov. Harry Hughes and his Labrador retriever, Miller, look out on the Choptank River. Miller loves to play fetch with his sticks.

"In a way it was his worst moment and his best moment," Frece said.

LEGACY

"In my assessment as a Marylander, a former governor, and political science professor, Harry Hughes is one of the best governors the state has ever had," Glendening said. "Also, unfortunately, one of the least appreciated."

He said the Savings and Loan Crisis clouded two great gubernatorial terms.

"Despite all that, Hughes' legacy is as a reform governor who was as honest as the day was long," he said. "It was eight years of honest government."

While Maryland faced ethical and moral challenges from some individuals, Hughes was a model of integrity, Glendening said.

Frece said Hughes is a decent man who is "clear eyed."

"Politics never drove him, he was one of those rare elected officials that had the best interest of the state and best interest of citizens at heart," he said. "He steadily achieved good things for the state over those two terms."

Beim said Hughes was a man of conviction before he took office.

"I'm always proud to say I was a member of the Harry Hughes team," she said.

Fink said her father's time in office was nothing short of hard work.

"He's had to make some tough decisions, I think. But he got the job done," she said.

THE LATTER DAYS

Hughes ran for a United States Senate seat. He was up against Sen. Barbara Mikulski

and Rep. Michael Barnes in the primary.

"I remember meeting with Barnes and saying to him, 'If we both stay in this, we're going to split the vote and Barb's going to win,'" he said. "But I couldn't get him to get out so that's what happened."

However, Hughes said that was for the better: Patricia was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease around that time.

He decided to stay home with Patricia.

He still is active with the Agro-Ecology Center and holds season tickets, right off first base, for his beloved Baltimore Orioles.

"Now I put him first," Fink said. "I take care of him because he took care of us."

Fink said Hughes always put others before himself.

"He's family and that's what we do: We take care of family," said Fink's husband, Mike Fink. "I couldn't ask for a better father-in-law."

"I think he gets lonely sometimes, but we try to include him as much as we can," Ann Fink said. "He's getting frailer, we worry about him more."

But Hughes has old Miller and personal assistant Cindy Sharer, who visits during the day, to keep him company. He sees Ann and Mike Fink as well as his three great-grandchildren and their father often.

Out in his backyard exists a small fenced-in area with a fussy latch and a backdrop of the marshy Choptank River.

Inside the fence are two headstones. One for Mrs. Hughes, and one for the governor. The pair will spend eternity in Denton, looking out on the Choptank.