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COURTESY: Washington Business Journal

The Battle for the FBI Headquarters

By Girls, Buzz Reporter

There has been a fierce and brutal battle between Fairfax County, Virginia and Prince George's County, Maryland over the location of where the FBI headquarters should be built. Prince George's County has refused to go out without a fight; they have stated they are willing to pay millions of dollars for the headquarters to be built in Prince George's.

County Executive, Rushern L. Baker III (D) has put together a subsidy package that could be worth as much as \$190 million to support the Greenbelt proposal. Maryland Democrats and Republicans have even teamed up to work together to show how badly they want this victory for the state of Maryland. If the FBI headquarters is built in Prince George's County, it will bring 11,000 jobs to the area. The potential Prince George's locations being considered for FBI headquarters are Landover Mall and the Greenbelt Metro Station. Prince George's has already made an economic assessment and determined that the headquarters could produce \$1.1 billion in economic input for the state.

"Greenbelt Metro Station would provide the FBI with a large, isolated space as well as a close proximity to the Capital Beltway, which would provide easy access for all employees," said engineer Robert Stewart. He worked on a design proposal for the headquarters as an engineering student.

Local politicians aren't the only ones lobbying for the headquarters; county residents have a lot to say as well. Robert Austin of Prince George's thinks the headquarters are a good idea.

"I think it will promote people to careers that they could use to get jobs at the FBI and that would great." County resident Alex Cruz agrees.

"it sounds like Prince George's would be the smart move." Although many locations in Prince George's County meet the specifications for the FBI headquarters, politics are involved in the decision as well. Sen. Benjamin L. Cardin (D-Md.) said "the politics always cuts multiple ways," but he is confident Prince George's will prevail thanks to "the best location." ###



COURTESY: Philly.com

Mo'ne Davis Forgives College Baseball Player for Mean Tweet

By Erin, Buzz Reporter

Mo'ne can throw a 70mph ball. She has inspired many young girls to play sports. On Aug. 15, 2014 she was the first girl to pitch a winning game. Disney is making a movie about her, called "Throw Like Mo."

Davis is considered the heroine of the little league baseball team. But recently, Bloomsbury University baseball player Joey Casselberry posted an offensive tweet about her.



Disney is making a movie about Mo'ne Davis ? WHAT A JOKE. That slut got rocked by Nevada

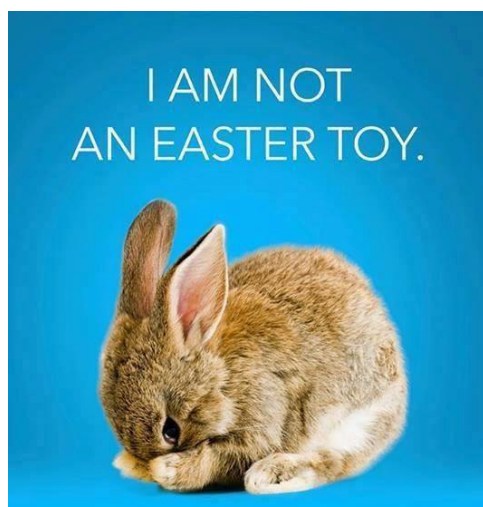


COURTESY: NY Post

Casselberry was kicked off the team, but Davis says he should have a second chance.

"Everyone makes mistakes," said Mo'ne. "Everyone deserves a second chance. I know he didn't mean it in that type of way. I know people get tired of seeing me on TV. But sometimes you got to think about what you're doing before you do it."

"It hurt on my part, but he hurt even more. If it was me, I would want to take that back. I know how hard he's worked. Why not give him a second chance?" Mo'ne added. ###



Maryland Day 2015

By Bena, Buzz Reporter

Maryland Day, a legal U.S. holiday, takes place every year on March 25th. On that day in 1634, the first European settlers arrived in the Province of Maryland. However, Maryland Day did not begin to be celebrated until 1903 and it wasn't until 1916 that it became a legal holiday.

Maryland Day is meant to honor and celebrate our state's history, and we have a pretty fun time doing that. The University of Maryland has a party every year with food, crafts, dance, music, and sports all day. Luckily, you haven't missed it yet. This year, Maryland Day at the University is Saturday, April 25 from 10:00 - 4:00. So if you didn't know Maryland Day was on the 25th, you still have a chance to celebrate.

A new tradition also began this year, and it's #MDselfie. Hundreds of people took Maryland-esque selfies and posted it to Twitter or Instagram using the MDselfie hashtag. Scrolling through all the pictures is very fun, and I even spotted our very own Ms. Mayo joining in on the Maryland Day celebration.



Some people were not even aware that it was Maryland Day, like Vanessa Daelemans. Some did know it was Maryland Day, but did not do anything to celebrate, like Rebekah Rowe and David Cole. Both Daelemans and Rowe have lived here their whole lives (12 and 13 years), and Cole has lived here since 1960.

"[My favorite part about living in Maryland is] the plant-life and the ethnical diversity," says Daelemans. "[My favorite part about living in Maryland is] how close we are to D.C.," says Rowe.

It's never too late to celebrate this great state. Plan to go to UMD on April 25, or go to one of our many seafood restaurants to eat some crab. ###



Every Bunny Needs Somebody

By Sydney, Buzz Reporter

Rabbits have lots of kids very quickly, and there are many young bunnies that need a home. According to Sciencekids.com, rabbits live for a short time, about 10 years long.

Pet rabbits are called house rabbits. They live inside. But not all bunnies have somebody to take care of them, some live outside, and some live in shelters.

The Baltimore Humane Society currently has five rabbits that are waiting to be adopted. And there's a new one that's coming to the shelter soon. In order to adopt the owner will need to have a house check to make sure they have proper cages. They want to make sure that the new home is a good fit, especially if you have other pets or children. And also because some rabbits are excitable rockstars and others are kind of shy.

You also have to be trained on how to care and feed it. Rabbits have a special diet. They are herbivores, which means they are plant eaters.

Bunnies come to the shelter for various reasons, says a worker at Baltimore Humane society. She states that some people may no longer be able to afford to care for their pet. Or they may have gifted the rabbit to their child who no longer has an interest in caring for a pet

The shelter works hard to help families keep their pets. They offer support like food banks, to help the pet owner with food supply.

You might think that there are a lot of bunnies being adopted as gifts, around this time of year. Even though spring is here and Easter is near, "the amount of bunnies adopted this time of year is no different."

The cost of care for a bunny is higher than for a traditional pet, like a cat or dog. This is because rabbits are exotic animals. They will need a veterinarian who specializes in exotic pets. But don't let this discourage you from hopping down to your local shelter and adopting a fuzzy, cozy, cute bunny. ###

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