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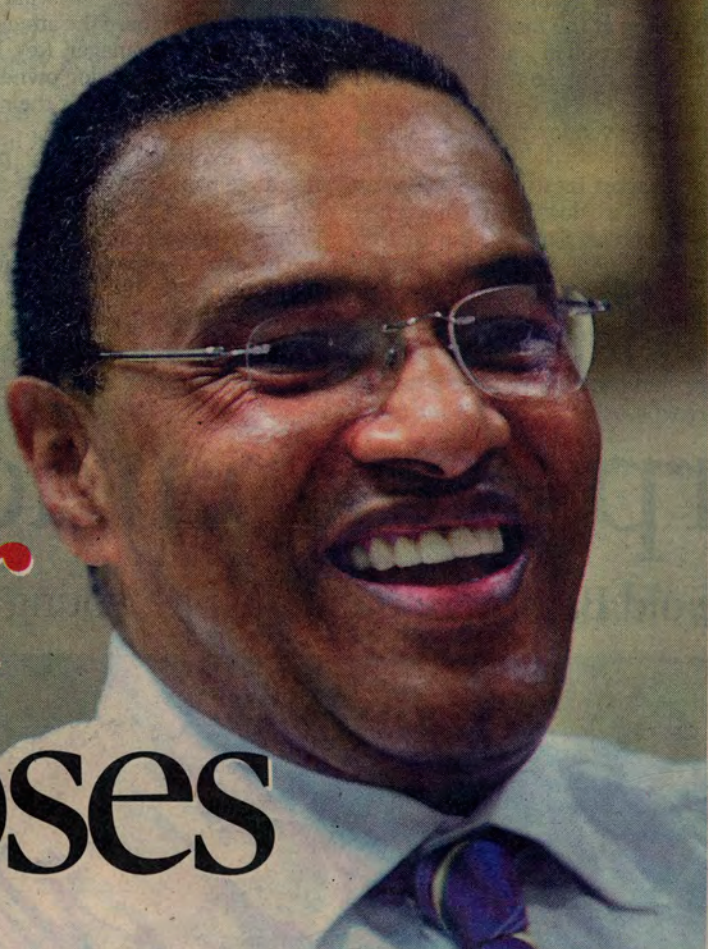
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Yankees prevail over O's, 4-3 SPORTS

Generations of students attest to the role UMBC President Freeman Hrabowski and his wife have played as one-on-one mentors

Bigger purposes



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"It is part of the work of education to have substantive relationships with your students," says Freeman A. Hrabowski III.

BY CHILDS WALKER | The Baltimore Sun

The melody of the president's voice, the intensity of his movements gripped Jeremy Brickey's attention, cutting through the monotony of freshman orientation at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

Honestly though, he thought Freeman A. Hrabowski III had to be "full of it." Who brings that kind of dynamism to rote encounters with students? Two years later, Brickey asked to meet with Hrabowski, this time to discuss his fraternity's return to campus after a suspension for serving alcohol to minors and pledging academically ineligible members.

Surprise No. 1: The UMBC president remembered him. Surprise No. 2: Hrabowski didn't seem concerned with the fraternity. Instead he wanted to know what experiences made Brickey who he was. Did he think he had matured into a man?

The student mentioned he had published an autobiographical piece in the campus literary journal. Hrabowski called for a copy from his secretary and read it as they sat there. He appeared to be skimming, but his questions suggested he was absorbing every word.

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Shooting places focus on gun laws

Shotguns, more common in hunting than crime, treated differently under Md. law

BY SCOTT DANCE
The Baltimore Sun

The shotgun that Robert Wayne Gladden Jr. allegedly used in last week's shooting at Perry Hall High School wasn't registered with the state. Under Maryland law, that wasn't required.

Police also say the 15-year-old Gladden should never have been able to get his hands on the weapon. He found it unsecured in his father's home, according to court documents.

The shooting has shed light on the gap between the regulation of handguns — often used in crimes — and "long guns" such as the double-barrel Western Field shotgun that police seized, a firearm more common on a hunting range or farm. It has also raised concerns about securing firearms around children, which is required under state law.

As the community searches for ways to prevent similar acts of violence, advocates and opponents of stricter gun control agree that there should be a focus on keeping guns out of the hands of juveniles. But even if a push emerged to increase regulation of long guns in Maryland, it's not clear what it might call for or whether it would be effective, said Del. Curt Anderson.

"I don't know what specific new law you'd want to pass," said Anderson, a See GUNS, page 19

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NO DOGS: The manager of a Waverly farmers' market says that following a dog-biting incident adjacent to the popular Saturday event, his security detail will issue civil citations to the owners of animals left unattended. NEWS PG 2

APPLE OR PEAR: Even if your body mass index is normal, you may be at greater risk for heart disease and death if your waist-to-hip ratio indicates an apple shape, with fat carried around the middle, rather than a pear shape, with fat carried around the hips. NEWS PG 13

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GRAND PRIX OF BALTIMORE

Race weighs prospects for survival

Fans and businesses must be convinced that the event is worth all the trouble

BY JULIE SCHARPER AND CHRIS KORMAN
The Baltimore Sun

Tony Assadi shakes his head as he looks out over the racetrack for the second Grand Prix of Baltimore, which zooms past his Luna Del Sea restaurant and its outside patio on West Pratt Street.

He and his patrons have a clear view — no blue screen blocks the sightline to the street-turned-course. But for that privilege, he signed a contract and was charged \$5,000 by race organizers.

"I didn't feel comfortable," he said. "It felt like I was paying a bribe."

As the weekend of racing heads toward the finish line today, the stability and sustainability of the event remains unclear. Tens of thousands of fans packed downtown streets to watch the first two days of the festival, as they did last year, and drivers, though they griped about the bumpy track, once again marveled at the crowds.

But Assadi's concerns echo a larger theme: Does the boost to tourism and business outweigh the extensive and intrusive construction that comes with the See GRAND PRIX, page 14



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The IndyCar series morning practice, partially in wet conditions, proceeds on Pratt Street. Some of last year's problems have been resolved, but long-term issues remain.

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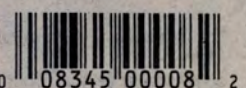
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