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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

"What we are demanding is a ban"



Prince George's organizer Imara Crooms calls for a statewide data center ban. He credits residents with winning a two-year county moratorium, but says a temporary pause leaves communities facing the same fight again.

FULL STORY



LEGENDS: Dr. Warren Hayman

An educator, mentor and institution builder reflects on a lifetime of opening doors for Baltimore's young people



Three Sisters. *One historic opportunity.*

Makeda Scott, Sharonda Dillard-Huffman and Arkia Wade seek seats on the Baltimore County Council. Pictured with Julian Jones.

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

Power Must Come With Accountability

By Doni Glover, Publisher



Doni Glover, Publisher
Photo: @PointYourFaceHere

> You cannot have accountability without an accountability partner.

As BMORENews publishes its first newspaper reaching a statewide audience, we must understand the values of our elders and honor the ancestors who fought for us to have a voice — and a seat at the table. As we gain power, we must equally embrace accountability and take responsibility for how we use it.

That brings us to Baltimore City's Question F and the controversy over shifting parks and planning issues in Prince George's County. These are different government actions. Question F would move important budget responsibilities from Baltimore's Board of Estimates to the mayor and Finance Department, estimate the preliminary budget hearing process and remove several boardokollegation City Charter. In Prince George's the dispute concerns redirecting commission money to county purposes.

Both raise a fundamental question: Who holds those making financial decisions accountable? The cautionary message to Mayor Brandon Scott, County Executive Aisha Braveboy and every official involved is simple: You cannot have accountability without an accountability partner.

That partner must have the independence to disagree, access to examine the books and authority to challenge a decision. Officials asking the public to change oversight structures must explain what replaces them. Where can residents raise objections? Who reviews decisions? Who can stop an improper expenditure?

Our elders and ancestors fought too hard for political representation for us to treat winning office as the finish line. Holding power creates an obligation to serve, explain and answer to the people. We must demand accountability from leaders we oppose and leaders we support. Especially the leaders we support.

Real power is measured not by how much control we gain, but by how accountable we are when we have it.

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Scan to read the complete publisher column at BMORENews.com.

COMMENTARY

Twelve Years Later, Who Speaks for the 10th?

By Danny Blount



Danny Michael Blount

RANDALLSTOWN – It's worth asking a hard question: how has derepresentation in the 10th Legislative District actually served its people over the past twelve years? This is a majority Black district. Yet look at where we stand today, and the honest answer is that we are less recognized and less represented than we were a decade ago.

That didn't happen by accident. It happened one open seat, one quiet endorsement, one overlooked candidate at a time. There's an old rule in vampire folklore: the outsider cannot cross the threshold uninvited. They need someone on the inside to open the door. Watch enough of these stories and you start to see the pattern – the danger was never just the vampire. It was the invitation. We've been doing a lot of inviting.

Meanwhile, the community members who've put in the real work — organizing, campaigning, building, coalitions door to door — too often get passed over the line with no track record in these neighborhoods at all.

This isn't about closing the district off from anyone willing to earn their place. It's about priorities. When a seat opens, the first calls should go to the people who've already shown up for this community, not the ones who show up only when there's a vacancy to fill.

Charity starts at home. Representation should too. If the 10th District wants to reverse twelve years of drift, the fix isn't complicated: stop inviting them in. Look first to the people who've actually been here, doing the work, all along.

READ THE FULL COMMENTARY
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From Digital Pioneer to Print

The Legacy of BMORENews | By John Milton Wesley



BALTIMORE – October 10, 2026 – In August 2002, Donald Morton "Doni" Glover launched BMORENews.com with a vision: to be aenaent news platform
that would amplify stories, voices, and perspectives too often overlooked by mainstream media.

What began as a Baltimore-based digital news operation has grown into a multimedia enterprise spanning online journalism, radio, television, interviews, special events, and community recognition programs.

Now BMORENews.com has takan another significant step: expanding into print and bringing its reporting directly to Maryland neighborhoods and communities.

The move represents more than the introduction of another newspaper. It continues a commitment to Black journalism, economic empowerment, political accountability, and preserving community history.

BMORENews.com emerged when digital journalism was still developed, and traditional newspapers dominated local news coverage.

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Glover recognized that the internet gave independent publishers a chance to reach audiences without relying entirely on established media institutions.

The awards reflect a central principle of Glover's work: economic development and community recognition are essential components of empowerment.

Rather than focusing exclusively on problems, BMORENews.com has sustained efforts to document achievements, leadership, and the contributions of people who build businesses and institutions.

That approach has helped establish the publication as both a news outlet and a community institution.

The introduction of a printed BMORENews.com newspaer is particularly noteworthy as many traditional newspapers reduce circulation, cut staff, or abandon print altogether.

Unlike newspapers that began in print and later developed digital platforms, BMORENews.com was born online and is now extending its reach through a physical publication.

The newspaper creates opportunities to connect with readers in bookstores, restaurants, churches, community centers, businesses, and other gathering places.

It also introduces the publication to audiences who may not regularly encounter its reporting through websites or social media.

It shows that independent media organizations can keep experimenting, expanding their audiences, and finding new ways to preserve the stories of the communities they serve.

For Glover, the transition from digital pioneer to print publisher represents both an accomplishment and a continuing responsibility.

For the Black Press, it offers another example of the determination required to sustain independent journalism.

And for Maryland readers, it means another platform committed to telling stories that matter.

BMORENews.com continues its journey under the motto that has guided it since 2002: "THE NEWS BEFORE THE NEWS."

“A taker, not a maker”

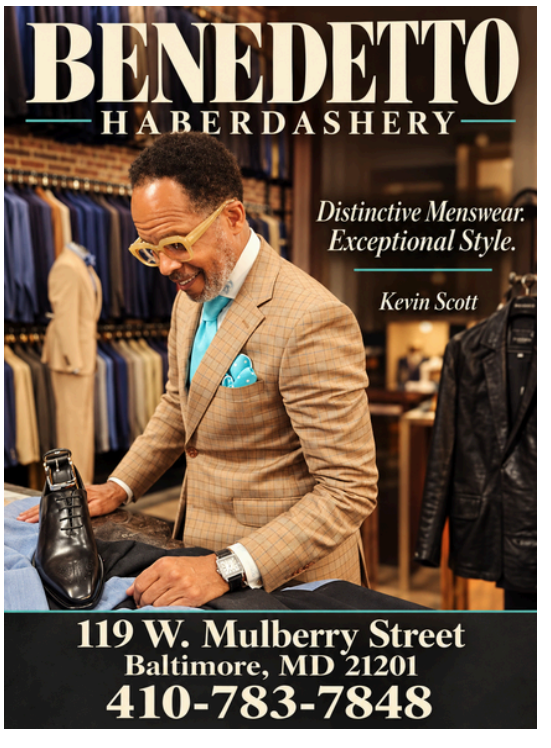
BGE’s Tamla Olivier on Maryland’s energy future



THE BILL. THE GRID. THE FUTURE.

In an exclusive BMORENews interview, BGE President and CEO Tamla Olivier discusses rising electricity bills, Maryland’s dependence on power generated elsewhere, data center development and workforce opportunities. Her observation that Maryland is a “taker, not a maker” frames a larger question: How does the state shape its energy destiny?

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TWO PERSPECTIVES. ONE STATEWIDE QUESTION.

Read Olivier’s interview alongside Imara Crooms’s call for a data center ban.

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

A Legacy worth defending



Sandy Pruitt

From business assistance in Prince George's County to technology education on the Eastern Shore, Sandy Pruitt's work reaches across Maryland. The People for Change Coalition leader's record includes workforce development, domestic violence advocacy and helping organizations build the capacity to grow.

For decades, she has championed opportunities for entrepreneurs, strengthened communities and created pathways to economic mobility. Her leadership bridges business, education and advocacy, making a lasting impact on Maryland families and future generations.

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The people who built the game

Baltimore's basketball history is community history.

Before Skip, there was Dickie



Dickie Kelly remembers the road from Turner Station to Dunbar, Bay College and the doorstep of the NBA.

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Coach William Wells



The heart of The Dome at Madison Square: a story of coaching, mentorship and the institutions that shape a neighborhood.

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The brother on the corner

Rasul Muhammad, also known as Pat McKinley, carries a Baltimore basketball history that reaches beyond the familiar face. Explore the story behind the man and the legacy.

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A new chapter for Sparrows Point

Anduril plans $3.7 billion investment, more than 3,100 jobs



Tradepoint Atlantic at Sparrows Point will be home to Anduril's planned $3.7 billion submarinecomponent manufacturing facility.

President Donald Trump visited Tradepoint Atlantic on October 6 to highlight Anduril Industries' planned $3.7 billion submarine-component manufacturing facility.

The project, Arsenal-2, is expected to create more than 3,100 permanent jobs, with operations targeted for 2030. A separate Navy production contract worth up to $2.9 billion brings combined announced commitments to as much as $6.6 billion. Governor Wes Moore supported the investment but did not attend after a dispute over his speaking role.

For Maryland, the opportunity extends beyond the ceremony: connecting residents to careers and local businesses to contracts.

"A deal this big should mean more than a major announcement," State Senator Carl Jackson told BMORENews. "It should mean more jobs, stronger communities, and greater economic opportunity for the people of Baltimore County."

$3.7 billion
investment

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That means preparing students, expanding paid training and ensuring small and Black-owned businesses can compete for work. Sparrows Point helped build America. This investment offers a chance to build a stronger Maryland.

Scant to read more about Anduril's investment, job opportunities and what it means for Baltimore County.



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COMMUNITY VOICES

The News Before the News

Bob Friend told us the truth. The world already knew.



Long before the headlines caught up, Bob Friend was telling the truth about West Baltimore. This is a story about local voices, independent journalism and a community that always knew what was happening — because we were living it.

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HISTORY | JUSTICE

Albert Perry's DNA Made Headlines

His family's search tells a bigger story.



For decades, the Perry family carried questions, pain and hope. The search for Albert Perry — and the use of DNA to help tell his story — is about more than one man. It is about family, truth, and the power of new technology to reopen old wounds and bring long-awaited answers.

Albert Perry's story speaks to so many Maryland families who are still searching for loved ones. It reminds us that behind every name is a family, a community and a story that matters.

> "This isn't just our family's story. It's a broader story about justice, about memory and about making sure people are never forgotten."
> — A PERRY FAMILY MEMBER

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EDUCATION | NEXT GENERATION

Dear Morgan State University Global Journalism Students



The next generation of storytellers is already here. Morgan State University's global journalism students are learning, questioning and preparing to carry the responsibility of a free and truthful press into the future. This is a message of encouragement, challenge and belief in what they can do — for Baltimore, for Maryland and for the world.

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RECOGNITION | COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

Doni Glover honored in Harlem

New York State Senator Cordell Cleare honors BMORENews publisher Doni Glover with a State Senate Proclamation.



BMORENews publisher Doni Glover was honored in Harlem by New York State Senator Cordell Cleare with a State Senate Proclamation for his decades of work in journalism, community empowerment and truth-telling. The recognition celebrates a lifetime of service and the continuing impact of independent, people-centered media.

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Governor Moore is showing up in every corner, every day for us.

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