Constitutional amendment will guarantee victims’ rights

By R. THOMAS CROSBY

One of the issues at the Maryland General Assembly this session is a constitutional amendment to include victims’ rights. This amendment is supported by the Maryland Constitution and is specifically designed to address the rights of victims. The amendment states: “The right of the victims of crime to judicial protection against the abridgment of their personal rights and remedies in criminal proceedings.”

The amendment would give victims the right to tell their story, attend hearings, and have a say in the criminal justice process. It would also give victims the right to be notified of important court dates and the right to be heard at sentencing. This amendment is supported by the Maryland Association of Criminal Justice Attorneys, the Maryland State Bar Association, and the Maryland State Bar Association’s Task Force on Victims’ Rights.

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I am a student at Annapolis High School and I believe that the amendment is necessary to ensure that victims are treated with dignity and respect. The amendment is long overdue and is supported by the majority of Marylanders. I urge all members of the General Assembly to support this amendment and ensure that victims are given the rights they deserve.

Guest column

Marvin Wineyard, who was a long-time Friend of the Library in Crofton on the morning of Sept. 24, 1995, passed away. Marvin was a beloved and respected member of the community, and his passing will be deeply felt. The library in Crofton on the morning of Sept. 24, 1995, was a special place for Marvin, and his absence will be missed by all who knew him.

Marvin was an avid reader and frequented the library regularly. He had a deep appreciation for the arts and was a patron of the arts. Marvin was also a dedicated volunteer at the library, and his contributions were invaluable. He was a kind, compassionate, and generous man who will be greatly missed.

The library and community will remember Marvin with fondness and gratitude for the many ways he enriched our lives. May his memory be a source of comfort and inspiration to us all.

David Broder

Gambling brings trouble to Deadwood

Resident of the small, Wild West town of Deadwood, S.D., Heights they had a last hand full of cards and a four-shot shotgun. But they finally have the right to hunt.

Deadwood has been dismantled by gambling. According to the American Gaming Association, 16 other states have legalized some form of gambling since 1988. Legalized gambling surpasses baseball as the most popular spectator sport. In 1995, 57 million Americans gambled in a casino. Deadwood’s transformation came within three months after voters decided to legal gambling in a city referendum. Overhead, the small town became the first outside of Atlantic City, N.J., to do so.

There may be more Deadwoods in the future. This November voters in five states — Arizona, Idaho, Montana, Washington and Virginia — will decide whether to legalize gambling. More than 30 states allow some form of casino gambling. Reports estimate that in the next 20 years, 30 or 40 states might be at that point of a four-hour drive of casino gambling.

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