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Tara Simpson tickles her son, Montre, a rising sixth-grader entering a new health sciences magnet program at Old Court Middle School. Montre is one of 90 students from a group of 450 to win the lottery to attend the program.

THE FREDDIE GRAY CASE

Little time to decide tactics

Prosecutors 'probably scrambling' as fourth trial approaches

By IAN DUNCAN AND KEVIN RECTOR
The Baltimore Sun

After failing to secure a conviction in a third straight trial in the death of Freddie Gray this week, prosecutors have just days to decide how to proceed with the trial of the next police officer.

Lt. Brian Rice, the highest-ranking of the six officers charged, is due to stand trial July 5. Prosecutors face a Monday deadline to make any final pretrial filings.

After Baltimore Circuit Judge Barry G. Williams acquitted Officer Caesar Goodson Jr. of all charges Thursday, legal analysts say, prosecutors will be looking at whether they have any additional evidence or a new strategy that could help secure a conviction.

Warren Alperstein, a defense attorney who has been following the cases, said prosecutors face a frantic few days.

"Without a doubt, they have to be extremely disappointed and probably scrambling with their efforts to revive their cases," Alperstein said. Williams "just obliterated their case and their theories."

Williams has ordered prosecutors and defense attorneys not to speak publicly about the cases.

The failure of prosecutors to win convictions against Officers William Porter — whose trial ended in a hung jury — and Edward Nero and Goodson has cast doubt on their ability to get a different result. See **TRIAL**, page 14



Rice

Balto. Co. kids drawn to new magnet programs

Schools offer more opportunities to immerse students in science, art

By LIZ BOWIE
The Baltimore Sun

Montre Simpson Jr., a strong-willed rising sixth-grader already showing a penchant for science, has begun collecting living things. He has a fish, a hermit crab, a frog, a snail and a puppy he shares with his siblings. He'd like some guinea pigs, but he hasn't talked his mother into letting him get them yet.

"He has to see how things work," said his mother, Tara Simpson, explaining her son's interest in pets and biology.

She wasn't at all surprised that Montre said he couldn't wait to go to middle school after hearing he was accepted into a new health sciences magnet program at Old Court Middle School. He was one of the 90 students (out of 450 applicants) to win a seat in the program through a lottery.

In the three difficult years of middle school, when students can often derail academically, Baltimore County schools hope to spark their interests by expanding magnet programs and offering a pathway to high school. The expansion will ensure that students, whether they live in the east

or west side of the county, get the same academic opportunities.

Over the next several years, the school system will launch new programs to give more students a chance to immerse themselves in the arts, health sciences and courses that would lead them to the teaching profession.

This fall, the school system will expand an existing arts magnet at Milford Mill High School and open the Northwest Academy of Health Sciences at Old Court. In subsequent years, students who want to See **MAGNETS**, page 14

Stocks tumble, but experts urge calm after Brexit

Local firms report losses, don't fear long-term effects

By SARAH GANTZ
The Baltimore Sun

The United Kingdom's vote Thursday to leave the European Union could affect Americans' retirement funds, interest rates and international travel plans, but it will be years before anyone fully understands all the repercussions of the unprecedented move.

Stocks plunged Friday in the United States and around the world, the most obvious and immediate impact seen in this country. The stocks of Baltimore's two large investment management firms, Legg Mason and T. Rowe Price Group, saw even larger losses, but both said they are stable and prepared to ride out the market's waves.

Analysts attributed the market swoon to the shock of Thursday's unexpected "leave" vote, and they predicted that the shock will wear off. But the decision sets in motion a complicated two-year process for the United Kingdom, and its separation from the European Union will breed uncertainty about trade, currency and political lead- See **BREXIT**, page 8

SUMMARY OF THE NEWS

MARYLAND

PRISON SENTENCE: Donta Betts, the man who was seen in widely circulated photos squirting lighter fluid on a pile of propane cylinders during the rioting in Baltimore in April 2015, was sentenced Friday to 15 years in prison. **NEWS PG 2**

NATION

A VOTE FOR CLINTON: Bernie Sanders said Friday that he will vote for Hillary Clinton for president, but he stopped short of delivering a full endorsement of his Democratic presidential rival more than a week after the final primary contests. **NEWS PG 4**

DEADLY FLOODS: A deluge of 9 inches of rain has damaged or destroyed more than 100 homes in West Virginia, knocked out power to tens of thousands of homes and businesses, and killed 14 people. About 500 people were stranded Thursday night in a shopping center when a bridge washed out, and dozens of other people had to be plucked off rooftops or rescued from their cars as waters quickly rose. **NEWS PG 7**

SPORTS

ORIOLES 6, RAYS 3: Manny Machado hits a home run in his return after a four-game suspension as the Orioles come alive to wipe out Tampa Bay's early lead. **SPORTS PGS 1, 5**

TODAY'S WEATHER

SUNNY

83
HIGH

61
LOW



Sunny and pleasant Sunday **SPORTS PG 10**



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Andrew Coop of the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy is developing an opioid that should not cause dependence. The container would hold three human doses.

Nonaddictive opioid is under development

University of Maryland researcher sees promise

By CARRIE WELLS
The Baltimore Sun

Researchers at the University of Maryland, Baltimore have developed a new drug that promises a possible breakthrough by offering strong pain relief while lowering the risk of addiction.

The drug, a synthetic opioid called UMB425 for now, is in the early stages of development — years away from human testing — and some experts cautioned that a number of complications could prevent

it from ever coming to market. But there are high hopes for the drug as the nation looks for solutions to the opioid addiction epidemic.

"It's one of the biggest health care crises we have in the United States right now," said Andrew Coop, a professor at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy who is developing the drug. "There are people who suffer daily from the side effects of the opioid."

While opioids are generally effective See **OPIOID**, page 14

