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Gov. Martin O'Malley joins South County residents to plant new trees in honor of Earth Day. These trees were planted to replace those trees sacrificed this year to the Emerald Ash Borer.

## O'Malley, Brown Attend Tree Planting, Kick-Off Earth Day in Prince George's County

*Officials Help Residents Launch Program to Replace County Trees Destroyed by Emerald Ash Borer Beetle*

Courtesy OFFICE OF THE LT. GOVERNOR

(ANNAPOLIS, MD) - Standing alongside Prince George's County resident Helen Kittredge, Lt. Governor Anthony G. Brown planted a flowering cherry "snow goose" tree (*prunus serrulata*) in Mrs. Kittredge's front yard to kick off Earth Day. Mrs. Kittredge,

along with about 700 other southern Prince George's County residents, had ash trees removed as part of the effort to eradicate the emerald ash borer, the invasive and destructive pest responsible for the loss of more than 25 million ash trees in the Upper Mid-West states.

"The tree we planted today is symbolic," said Lt. Governor Brown.

"It represents the O'Malley-Brown Administration's commitment to the environment. It also represents our commitment to our residents who have sacrificed their trees to help get rid of a destructive pest. We are very pleased to announce that we now have a tree replacement program that will bring back the

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## Benefit Recognizes Leaders for Outstanding Community Service

*Organization Raises \$200,000 for Community Development in Prince George's County*



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(L-R) A. Shuanise Washington, V.P. of Government Affairs Policy and Outreach for Altria Group, Inc.; Honoree Rep. Steny Hoyer; and Artis Hampshire-Cowan, Board Pres. of the PGCF.

Courtesy PGCF

(UPPER MARLBORO, MD) - At the second annual 2007 Civic Leadership Awards Dinner benefit on Wednesday, April 18, Board President of the Prince George's County Foundation (PGCF) Artis Hampshire-Cowan announced that the Foundation met its ambitious \$200,000 fundraising goal; the funds will go to support the organization's numerous programs and operations

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The Patriots Technology Training Center spent three Saturdays training students how to connect the basic components of a computer in preparation for the computer-building contest held Saturday, April 21, at Eleanor Roosevelt HS in Greenbelt, MD. Members of the winning team received a laptop from IBM, one of the event's many corporate sponsors.

## Summit Brings Careers in Science and Technology Within Reach of PG County Students

*DoD, Navy Representatives Support Effort to Raise Interest in Applied Sciences, Especially Engineering*

By EMILY APATOV  
PG Post Staff Writer

Citing a "national shortage of scientists" and the need to narrow the gap between the number of students studying math and science in the US and in countries like China and India, high-powered partners in industry and government sponsored a day for families filled with hands-on workshops,

information about pre-collegiate employment opportunities, demonstrations of machines on the cutting edge of technology and science trivia.

The event at Eleanor Roosevelt High School on Saturday aimed to promote careers in science and technology-related fields, which can be intellectually stimulating and profitable for the individual while supporting continued

future economic prosperity and security of the nation. The event, organized by the Patriot Technology Training Center, a Prince George's County organization run by Thurman D. Jones, attracted over 400 students and 80 parents.

In front of a booth staffed by the CIA, robots built for bomb-disarming circulated around a glowing track beside

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## O'Malley Signs Greenhouse Gas Agreement, Climate Change Executive Order

*Maryland Joins Northeast States Taking Action to Tackle Global Warming*

Courtesy OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

(ANNAPOLIS, MD) - Governor Martin O'Malley joined with key Cabinet Secretaries, legislators, environmental groups and busi-

nesses Friday to announce two landmark initiatives that address the impacts of rising sea level and other effects of global warming will have on the state.

The Governor signed the Regional Greenhouse Gas

Initiative (RGGI), making Maryland the 10th state to join the Northeast regional climate change and energy efficiency program.

"I am proud that Maryland is joining the

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## 100 Black Men of Greater Washington Honor Civil Rights Leader with Award

*Dr. Dorothy Height Recognized for Improving Race Relations & Supporting Gender Equality at Third Annual Legacy Awards Gala*

By PG POST STAFF

On Saturday, April 21, the 100 Black Men of Greater Washington DC, Inc. held its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Legacy Awards Gala. During the Gala they issued several Legacy Awards, including the Lifetime Meritorious Service

Award given to Dr. Dorothy Height, Chair and President Emeriti of the National Council of Negro Women.

Dr. Height accepted her award to a standing ovation of an audience of nearly 400 dinner guests in the Hyatt Capitol Hill ballroom.

Dr. Height was chosen

for her contributions to improving race relations and advancing the ideal of gender equality. Dr. Height is most famous for her role as a civil rights leader.

"I am honored to be receiving this award from the 100 Black Men of Greater Washington DC," said Dr.

Height. "The work their organization does for young African American men in the community is needed now more than ever. They are truly helping to build a legacy."

The Legacy Award for Corporation of the Year went to Aetna for its commitment

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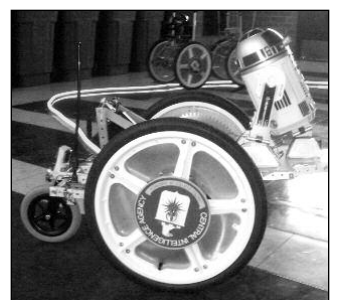
The campus of the University of Maryland, College Park will rock to an international beat on April 28 - 29 for the 9th annual Maryland Day open house. This year, the University is celebrating the international diversity of its student body.

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# Towns and NEIGHBORS

## Clinton Conversations

By **NORMA FAZENBAKER**  
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Last week my daughter-in-law's nephew was killed in a car accident. His name was Brian Andrew McAlwee, and he was only 21 years old! What a waste of a young life, just because he liked to drink and drive fast. His wake and funeral were full of the young people who, I believe, feel invincible just like he did. Nevertheless, I hope I won't have to go to another event like that one.

The Chesapeake Choral Arts Society will host a concert and reception on May 19 at 7:30 p.m. at La Plata United Methodist Church. The show will feature performances of "Mass in Time of War" by Haydn and "The Seasonings" by Bach. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors. For more information, call Carol Charnock at 301.642.0594 or 240.254.2068.

On May 1, there will be a Full Moon/Beltane Service at 7:30 p.m. at Davies Memorial Unitarian Universalist Church on Temple Hills Road. The celebration will include music, drumming, dancing, and a washing ritual. This event is free and open to the public and children are welcome. For more information, call 301.449.4308 or visit [www.dmuuc.org](http://www.dmuuc.org).

On May 12 at 8 p.m., Davies Memorial Unitarian Church will host an Open Coffee House where anyone in attendance can share music and

poetry. Performances in the past have included folk, popular, jazz, and classical music, Spanish guitar, original works, songs in sign language and poetry readings. A piano will be available. For more information, call 240.375.8731 or visit [www.dmuuc.org](http://www.dmuuc.org).

Normally, I would not have an article about a band playing somewhere in the area, but this one is special to me, because it is my son's band. If you have never heard them, you will be in for a treat if you go to the Country Store in Leonardtown on Saturday, July 28. Go to [www.randomimpactrocks.com](http://www.randomimpactrocks.com) or [myspace.com/randomimpactband](http://myspace.com/randomimpactband) for more information.

A lecture on the wonderful world of 19th century quilts will be held at Surratt House Museum on Sunday, May 6 from 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. Participants are encouraged to bring antique quilts for comment by the lecturer, Marti Phelps, who is an expert from the Smithsonian Institution. For more information, call 301.868.1121.

The Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Department of Parks and Recreation encourages and supports the participation of individuals with disabilities in recreational activities. Individuals with disabilities are encouraged to contact the facility two weeks in advance of any program or event to request special accommodations, such as a sign language interpreter or support staff.



PHOTO COURTESY 100 BLACK MEN OF THE GREATER WASHINGTON AREA

**Dr. Dorothy Height is surrounded by the presenters of the Legacy Award for Lifetime Meritorious Service given by 100 Black Men of Greater Washington DC. For the full story, see front page.**

## Aquasco-Brandywine

By **RUTH TURNER**  
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### Phantom of the Opera

From June 20 - August 12, the Phantom of the Opera will be performed at the Kennedy Center, 2700 F Street, N.W. in Washington, D.C. For ticket information, please call 202.467.4600.

### 2007 Harlem Renaissance Festival of Prince George's County

The Harlem Remembrance Foundation will recognize individuals

and organizations who have made significant contributions in the areas of literature, entertainment, and art with the L.O.V.E. Awards on Saturday, May 5, from noon - 7 p.m. at the Kentland/Columbia Park Community Center. The center is located at 2411 Pinebrook Ave. in Landover. All individuals nominated will be invited to the Harlem Renaissance Festival Gala where the winners will be announced.

### PGCPS Scholar of the Week

Ijeoma Odigwe, a senior at Oxon

Hill High School, was recently named PGCPS Scholar of the Week. Odigwe has a grade point average of 4.10. She is a member of the National Honor Society and the Spanish Honor Society. Additionally, Ijeoma is taking AP Biology, AP Calculus and AP Literature. Odigwe is also an active member of Future Business Leaders of America, the International Club, and National Society of Black Engineers.

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## Romania Turns to MD Professor

*Spotlight on Government and Politics Professor, Dr. Tismaneanu*



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**Dr. Vladimir Tismaneanu, government and politics professor at UMCP.**

By **LIZ FARMER**  
*Capital News Service*

(WASHINGTON) — At the age of 30, Vladimir Tismaneanu fled the

Communist regime in his native Romania, where he felt ideologically suffocated and politically repressed.

"I couldn't stand the climate of duplicity and universal suspicion in a

country run by a dictator intrinsically erratic and paranoid," says Tismaneanu, a professor of government and politics at the University of Maryland.

It was the start of a journey that took Tismaneanu to Spain and France, Philadelphia and College Park, and now back to Romania.

Nearly 26 years after his formal exit and more than 17 years after the fall of Communism in Romania, Tismaneanu accepted an invitation from President Traian Basescu to return to Romania to head a commission; Tismaneanu's assignment is to shine a light on the darker corners of the nation's communist past.

As he describes it, the task was a heartbreakingly difficult one which he likens to surgery without anesthesia because so many victims of the Communist regime still live in Romania.

"But," he said, "better to deal with a wound when it is open - and it is still open."

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## Serving Suitland

By **JANICE A. EUPELL**  
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There are so many things going on in May that you as residents need to know about. I am including a few May dates that I hope you will definitely mark on your calendar so that you can attend some of them.

Before I do that I really need just a minute of your kind indulgence to get on my soapbox. Suitlanders, this community is going through some important changes. The future of our community depends on you becoming involved in the processes taking place so that your voice will be heard. When you sat idly by years ago, a barbed wire fence was put around the Census Bureau, either to keep you out or keep them in. You hated that so much that we fought to have the fence made to look more attractive, but it took years to get the barbed wire fence taken down.

Discussions about the ultimate destruction of the Suitland Manor Complex were had without you at the table. The next thing we knew, our neighbors were being relocated.

Failure to quickly respond or to

be part of discussions that shape our future may result in another "barbed wire fence" coming to our community- but this time, its demolition might include your homes. So when you see the following dates that include a community meeting with the Redevelopment Authority, I hope that you will see the necessity of your presence and show up on that date and time. The community you save could be your own.

May 2nd AT 10:00 AM - OPEN HOUSE AND GRAND OPENING OF THE SUITLAND HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER AT THE PROFESSIONAL BUILDING, ADJACENT TO THE MCDONALD'S ON SILVER HILL ROAD. Everyone is invited. Please show up. There shouldn't be more county agencies represented than residents.

Career Day at Drew/Freeman Middle School will take place on May 4. Contact Venus Drummond at 301.817.0900 to make a presentation. Whether you are just starting out a career or you have retired, please come to talk about your career at the event.

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## In and Around Morningside-Skyline

By **MARY MCHALE**  
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### Skyline Citizens Celebrate Earth Day with Road Clean-Up

Members of the Skyline Citizens Association celebrated Earth Day/County Clean Up Day on April 21 by removing litter from Randolph Road, the two-block stretch from Suitland Road to Skyline School.

Skyline President Stan Holmes, Linda Barnes, Shirley Holmes, Yolanda Dooley and her kindergartener Nickolas, Chet Lanehart and George McCrea turned out early with tools to pick up trash provided by the county. As promised, a county trash truck showed up at 10 a.m. to collect the bags.

A few neighbors (mostly seniors) stopped by and thanked the volunteers. Some of the younger neighbors, according to the Skyline President, "embarrassingly acted as though they didn't see us."

Stan and Chet brought Dunkin' Donuts and coffee for the workers. Water was provided by the Judah Christian Center, the new church at the corner of Randolph and Suitland Road.

I drove the route on Monday and was impressed with the great improvement. But, already, a cup, a plastic bag and a couple of other discards marred the view.

### Morningsiders, Come Meet Your Candidates

Karen Rooker and Gina Foster are

sponsoring a Greet-Your-Candidate event at the Morningside Town Hall on Sunday, April 29, from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. This is a good opportunity for residents to get to know more about those who hope to hold office after the May 7 election. Running for Mayor are Karen Rooker and Kerry Thomas; for Council, Jim Ealey, Regina Foster and Elizabeth Long.

### St. Philip's Celebrates 50th with Banquet

St. Philip the Apostle Parish hosted a 50th Anniversary Celebration Dinner on April 15 at the Colony South Hotel in Clinton, MD. A number of founding and former parishioners attended.

Among the guests were three of the Parish's five pastors, Father Bernard  
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## Practical Money Skills

By Jason Alderman

### Sorting Out the 'Good' Debt from the 'Bad'

You may have heard people refer to "good debt" and "bad debt." A simple distinction: Good debt can help boost your credit rating or allow you to buy something that will increase in value over time, while bad debt often fuels purchasing items that are disposable, unnecessary or that rapidly depreciate in value.

Ideally, we'd have no debt at all because we'd be rich enough to never need a loan. But few of us belong to that exclusive club, so sometimes we take on debt out of necessity.

One key to achieving financial stability is minimizing bad debt wherever possible, while looking for opportunities where so-called good debt works to your advantage.

Good debt might include:

**Debt created to build credit history.**

One of the best ways to build a strong credit history is to show lenders that you can pay off debt responsibly. You can do this by taking out a student loan to finance your education or by opening a credit card account and using it wisely. Lenders are more apt to qualify you for a mortgage, car loan, or other large loans if you've demonstrated sound repayment behavior. Lenders usually reserve their best rates and terms for good-risk candidates.

Keep in mind, however, that carrying excessive loans or high-limit credit cards may harm your credit rating because you could potentially take on more debt than you are able to actually pay back.

**Investments in your future.**

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, high school graduates earn, on average, \$1.2 million over a lifetime, while college graduates will average \$2.1 million - nearly

twice as much. Escalating college costs sometimes force young adults to enter the workforce saddled with overwhelming debt. Talk to a financial advisor or high school guidance counselor about scholarships, grants and financial assistance options as early as possible.

**Buying a home.**

Chances are, once you pay off your mortgage, your home will be worth far more than it originally cost. Plus, the interest and mortgage points you pay are tax-deductible, which lowers your taxes. Just make sure you don't agree to pay more house than you can afford in mortgage payments insurance, property taxes, utilities and repairs.

Fancy meals out, excessive vacations, and unnecessary clothing or electronics all can result in bad debt if you're not careful. If you can't pay the bill in full within a month or two, reexamine whether it's a worthwhile expense, particularly if you don't have an emergency cushion of money in the bank or are trying to save for a car or home.

There are many warning signs you may be carrying too much debt - bills start piling up, you can barely afford minimum payments, you use one credit card to make payments on others, etc. Practical Money Skills for Life, a free personal financial management site sponsored by Visa USA ([www.practical-moneyskills.com/debt](http://www.practical-moneyskills.com/debt)), contains a complete guide to debt management, including calculators that help you determine the true costs of borrowing.

Bottom line: Used correctly, certain debt can work in your favor. Just make sure you're managing the "bad" debt so it doesn't manage you.

## State's Flagship Institution Opens Up For a Day

### MD Day A Must-Attend Event for College-Bound Students and Families

Courtesy UMCP

(COLLEGE PARK, MD)

— The campus of the University of Maryland, College Park will rock to an international beat on April 28 - 29 for the 9th annual Maryland Day open house. This year, the University is celebrating the international diversity of its student body.

The University invites you to:

— Enjoy the "Global Village" on Hornbake Plaza as the University highlights the diversity of students from all over the world.

— Find out about "Extreme Robotics."

— See the Persian Vision exhibit and art gallery.

— Attend a puppet show, learn about the creation of new dance steps, hear great musical presentations and more at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.

— Enjoy a cultural extravaganza at the Nyumburu Cultural



PHOTO COURTESY UMCP

Last year's open house drew over 75,000 visitors to the University, making it one of the largest annual Maryland state events. This year, MD Day will be going green for the first time.

Center with the CSA Dance Group, "Dynamic Dancers," step teams, African dancers, gospel ensembles and more.

— Enjoy traditional choral ensembles, contemporary and a cappella groups throughout the

day at the Memorial Chapel.

— Visit the Solar Decathlon LEAFHouse.

— Visit Comcast Center and Byrd Stadium for team autograph sessions.

— See the largest neutral buoy-

ancy tank on the East Coast.

— Conquer the alpine tower at the Campus Recreation Center.

— Discover a variety of innovative 4-H projects through interactive and hands-on activi-

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## Tree Replacement Program Kicks-Off Earth Day Weekend in Prince George's

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beauty of the affected neighborhoods and help protect the environment - a great way to kick off Earth Day weekend."

In order to stop the spread of the emerald ash borer, almost 25,000 ash trees were removed from a 21-square-mile area of Southern Prince George's county woods, wetlands, and homeowner properties by the Maryland Departments of Agriculture (MDA) and Natural Resources (DNR). Maryland has partnered with four generous nurseries to replace homeowners' trees that were removed as part of the eradica-

tion effort. In addition, legislation (HB 1429) passed this session to fund replacement trees through DNR's urban forestry program. Homeowners can choose one of three options to replace their trees:

Pick up a bareroot tree, donated by Angelica Nurseries from Kent County, from the state's Cheltenham Warehouse during predetermined dates and times;

Get a coupon for a 50% discount on a tree from one of three nurseries: American Plant Food, Green Fields Nursery, or Eastern Shore Nurseries, Inc.; or

Take a \$150 voucher made available through DNR Urban Forestry program for a replacement tree to be obtained in the fall of 2007.

Though the tree removal portion of the eradication effort is complete, Maryland's work is not done.

To ensure the elimination of this pest, surveillance will continue over the next three years through the setting of trap trees and careful monitoring of the area.

It is important to remember that the quarantine imposed last August remains in place, prohibiting the movement of any

ash trees, ash wood and all hardwood firewood out of Prince George's County.

For more information about the emerald ash borer and the Maryland quarantine and eradication program, visit the national coordinated emerald ash borer web site, [www.emeraldashborer.info](http://www.emeraldashborer.info) and click on the "Maryland" link, or go directly to [www.mda.state.md.us/plants-pests/eab](http://www.mda.state.md.us/plants-pests/eab).

To report signs of the emerald ash borer or to request further information, contact the Maryland Department of Agriculture at 410.841.5920.

## Sisters4Sisters, Inc. Hosts Luncheon to Benefit Women's Programs and Resources

Courtesy Sisters4Sisters

(LANHAM, MD)

Sisters4Sisters, Inc. announced that proceeds from its annual tea and luncheon, PossibiliTEAS 2007, will benefit the Harriet Tubman Shelter Project, a program providing support and resources to women in area shelters, and Leave Out Violence Everyday (LOVE).

PossibiliTEAS 2007 will take place on Saturday, April 28, at The Camelot of Upper Marlboro from 10 a.m. -2 p.m. Dr. Carolyn Showell will be the honored speaker for the Tea Hour; Dr. J.C. Hayward of WUSA 9 News has been named the Mistress of Ceremony. Psalmist Lanell Lightfoot, formerly of the national recording artists Sounds of Blackness will also be in attendance.

This grand gala will feature a complete-full course luncheon, a spectacular fashion show, a dynamic speaker, a silent auction, vendor showcase, and door prizes. Tickets for the event can be purchased online at

[www.sisters4sisters.com](http://www.sisters4sisters.com) or by phone at 301.552.7470.

For more information, contact Sisters4Sisters, Inc. at

301.552.7470 or visit [www.sisters4sisters.com](http://www.sisters4sisters.com).

## County Residents Sought for Culinary Arts Scholarship

Courtesy MHEF

(COLUMBIA, MD)

The Maryland Hospitality Education Foundation (MHEF) announced at the Restaurant Association of Maryland Stars of the Industry Awards Gala that the Erikka A. Hayes Scholarship Fund has been created to assist Prince George's County students and residents to pursue education in culinary arts and hospitality management.

Norman "Doc" Hayes, the owner of Martini's Restaurant & Lounge and Club Elite, created the scholarship fund in memory of his daughter Erikka who was tragically killed this past year. "Erikka loved the

hospitality industry and our family wanted to do something to give back to the community in her honor," stated Hayes.

Through MHEF, this scholarship will be made available to residents of Prince George's County with an emphasis on targeting high school students. The scholarship awards can be used toward post secondary education in culinary arts, hospitality management or bartender academy training. For those already working in the industry, the scholarship can be used for professional development. Applications are now available and the first award from the fund will be made in Spring 2008.



### BEST WESTERN POTOMAC VIEW

#### SATURDAY NIGHT SPECIAL ITALIAN BUFFET

5:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Romaine and Mascilin Salad  
Penne Pasta w/ Fresh Basil Pesto Sauce & Topped with Grilled Chicken Strips  
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Home Made Vegetable Lasagna  
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Spaghetti & Italian Sausage w/ Sweet Bell Peppers, Mushrooms and Tomato Sauce  
Breadsticks

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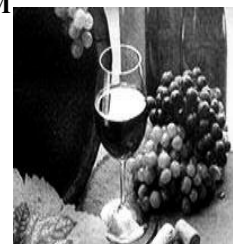
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# COMMENTARY

## THE PRINCE GEORGE'S POST

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### Virginia Tech Students Shine in the Face of Tragedy

Dr. Linda Miles Offers Perspective and Advice on How to Cope

The Virginia Tech students, faculty, and staff are giving the Nation an education on how to COPE with tragedy. They have taken us to school on how to handle grief. Television and newspapers are providing exemplary examples of caring, courage in facing pain, and a unity of community.

Soon after the shootings, I was asked to provide guidelines to help students, parents and people everywhere deal with their grief.

I suggested we use the COPE model which is described below. It is a synthesis of my experience working with people in crisis for over thirty years as a psychotherapist.

In the past two days I have watched in awe as young students have demonstrated a remarkable ability to demonstrate the COPE principles with fortitude and grace as they handle crisis as a community.

Here is what they are showing us:

**C stands for CARE:** Self-care is very important and often neglected after a trauma. A young sophomore who was in one of the classrooms when shootings happened described how friends and family swooped down and made sure he had healthy food to eat and a place to rest. Since many could not stay in dorms, safe places were provided where students could rest, and maintain contact with supportive friends and family.

Initially, it is important to make sure the students have a safe and protected environment, given support, and allowed to express their feelings. We also need to identify those students that might be at risk for post-traumatic stress disorder.

**O stands for opportunity.** After a tragedy people need to be reminded they will get through it. The expression of hope for the future helps people avoid sinking into depression. The Chinese have a character for the word "crisis". It is a combination of the words, "danger and opportunity".

The Virginia Tech students remind one another that they will persevere as they sing of hope and chant, "Hokies". At the candlelight vigil they spontaneously began singing, "Amazing Grace".

**P is for pain.** It is important after loss to feel the pain and go through rituals to say good bye. In addition to attending the funeral, visitation, etc, it often helps to develop individual rituals to honor the person.

It is important to distinguish between pain and suffering. Pain is real, and based upon loss. Suffering is negative self talk, such as, "I

knew this guy...I should have seen this coming" and "The world is dangerous and evil...why bother?"

Learn to recognize the difference in yourself and others. Remember emotions are contagious.

Virginia Tech has held numerous ceremonies and encouraged students to express thoughts in writing to honor lost friends and faculty. There is a unity of community. Students in such a supportive environment are less likely to dwell on negative self talk. They are part of something greater than themselves.

The Virginia Tech poet and professor Nikki Giovanni galvanized the group with her spirited poem inspiring school unity. She instilled a sense that the students can move forward with new depth, wisdom and a fuller appreciation of life. Like many of the faculty, staff and students she modeled facing fear and choosing to lead a meaningful life based on love and strong values.

After a tragedy people can get bitter or better. Hold a ceremony of your own and choose to heal.

**E is for empathy.** It is crucial after a tragedy to feel empathy for your self as well as for others. After the tragedy a young woman at Virginia Tech, wrote on the monument for her lost friend, "Love will go on".

The loss of family or a friend can be one of the most traumatic events that we experience in life. Feel the pain others are going through and let yourself experience the richness and depth of your feelings. You will become a better person.

Recovery is a process. For the students of Virginia Tech those that were in the classroom or had friends die will be most affected. The Nation and the World are impacted by this event. This is a time for reflection on how we can better cope with future uncertainty.

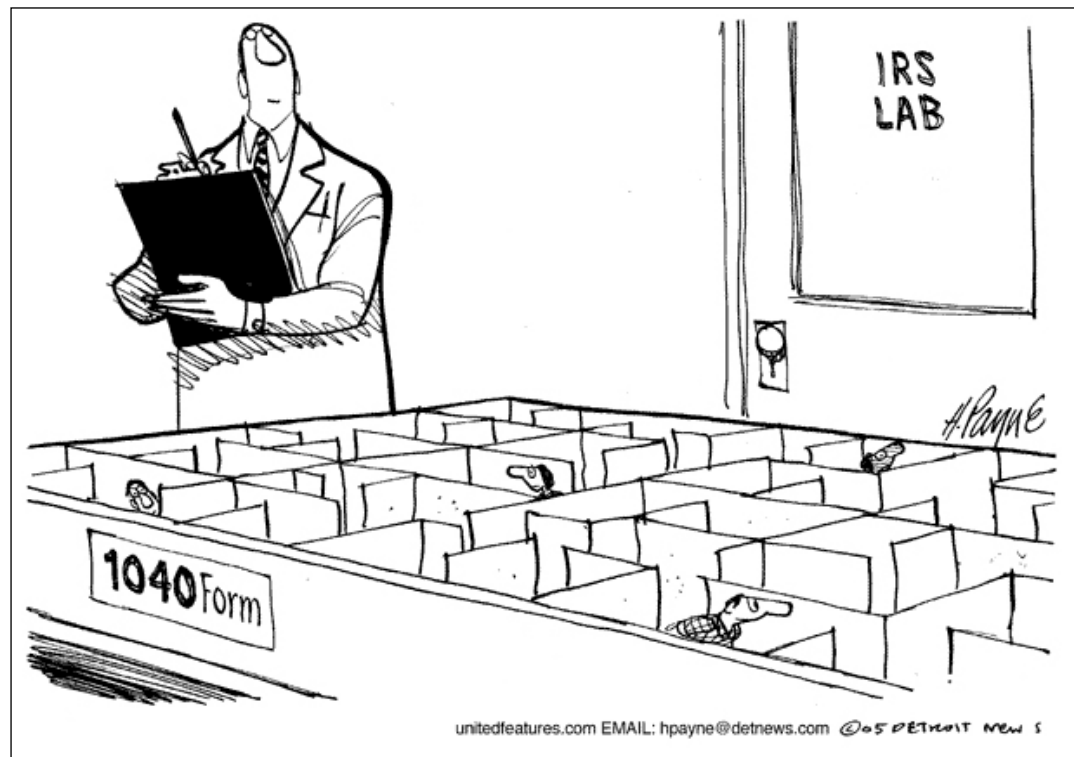
Grief is a process. Schools and families should consider providing ongoing opportunities to help students deal with this tragedy.

We do not have a choice about feeling the pain of this event but we do have a choice about how we live the rest of our lives.

"Education is a companion which no misfortune can depress." (Joseph Addison)

Let us choose to move forward and do what we can to help each other.

Dr. Linda Miles has a PhD in Counseling Psychology and has worked as a psychotherapist for over thirty years. For more information about her, visit [www.drlindamiles.com](http://www.drlindamiles.com)



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### Marian Wright Edelman Child Watch



### Cause of Death: Bureaucratic Failure

For too many of the nine million uninsured children in America, the lack of health coverage can literally mean the difference between life and death. Children are dying because their health coverage under Medicaid or the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) ran out, was not renewed in a timely manner or simply does not cover the services a child needs. Some of these deaths occurred because attempts to gain access to health care are ensnared in red tape. The impact of this oppressive bureaucracy on children is tragically illustrated by the death of Devante Johnson of Houston, Texas.

Tamika Scott, Devante's mother, didn't plan to rely on government supported health insurance to protect her children. At 29, she managed raising three boys while pursuing a career, buying a house and completing a college degree. Then her doctors told her she had Multiple Sclerosis and strongly urged her to leave her job for health reasons. She and her sons lost their private health insurance and she had to cash in stocks and use money from her 401(k) retirement fund to pay bills. Fifteen months later, the family sank even deeper into financial difficulty when her oldest son, 10-year-old Devante, was diagnosed with an advanced-stage Wilms tumor, kidney cancer. Because of the family's reduced income, the six months of chemotherapy Devante received were covered by Medicaid. At the end of the treatments, the doctors pronounced him cured. But six months later the cancer returned. Devante and his mother were told that a new three-year course of chemotherapy, radiation and constant monitoring were critical to Devante's recovery.

Undeterred by this reversal, Devante proceeded with the new treatment with high hopes and the unwavering support of his mother. Two months before the expiration of the Medicaid coverage that was essential to the health-restoring care Devante needed, Tamika submitted an application for renewal to the Texas Department of Human Services. She was confident that there was more than sufficient time for the application to be processed to allow her child's health care to continue seamlessly. One month before the cutoff date, she became concerned when she hadn't received notice that the application had been approved. There was still time, she thought. Tamika Scott submitted two more completed applications—one of them through the Texas Children's Hospital. She followed up with dozens of phone calls and faxed information. But time ran out and Devante's health coverage was discontinued.

A month passed, then two. She inquired on numerous occasions as to the status of the appli-

cation, but never got a satisfactory answer. For four months, no one in the Department of Human Services told her the application was lost in the system and had never been processed.

Devante's growing tumor became a visibly protruding lump on his back. His pain increased and walking became difficult. He lost twenty pounds. Yet Devante didn't give up. He never complained and was a comfort to his mother. He remained an honor roll student who took advanced classes and looked after his younger brothers.

In desperation, Tamika Scott appealed to her state representative. Through his intervention, Devante's health coverage was restored in one day. He was transferred to the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center where he received first rate, comprehensive care. All too late. This courageous 14-year-old died on March 1, 2007. The cause of death was complications from advanced cancer. But perhaps other causes were the obstacles and delays involved in navigating Devante's renewal application through a complicated bureaucratic system.

We must not let Devante's death be in vain. We need a national solution to the urgent child health problem. The Children's Defense Fund endorses the All Healthy Children Act (H.R. 1688), introduced by Congressman Bobby Scott (D-VA). The measure would consolidate Medicaid and SCHIP into one fully funded single program with guaranteed, comprehensive health and mental health benefits for all children and pregnant women with family incomes at or below 300 percent of the federal poverty level (\$61,950 for a family of four in 2007). Under this measure, 5-6 million children currently eligible for Medicaid and SCHIP won't fall through bureaucratic cracks. Enrolling uninsured children in health care programs—and keeping them covered—would be streamlined with an automatic enrollment process and other simplifications.

The loss of children like Devante is disgraceful and unworthy of the nation America must become. Extending health coverage to every child in America can be achieved in 2007. We must stand against those who say we can't afford to cover all children this year. We must also stand against those who seek to phase in health coverage for all children over many years. Which of us would like our children to wait one, two, five or more years to get health care? The nation must embrace the moral and political will to save our children from unnecessary suffering and death. To help, go to [www.childrensdefense.org/healthychild](http://www.childrensdefense.org/healthychild).

### The Counseling Corner Keeping Nervousness from Becoming Anxiety

By The American Counseling Association

Do you get nervous? Of course you do. We all do. It's a natural reaction when we expect that a negative thing is about to happen. That's why an upcoming IRS audit might have you feeling nervous, while visiting your favorite pizza place just has you feeling hungry.

Being nervous is usually a transitory, short-term feeling. Part of what causes such a feeling is that while our bodies are locked here in the present, our minds are free to wander into the past and the future.

Usually, thinking about things past and future is a pleasant thing. Our memories of past, good times bring comfort. Thinking about the future allows us to plan successfully.

But that mentally peeking into the past or future can also bring nervousness. What is about to happen may remind us of a past negative experience. Or we may imagine the future and every possible catastrophe that might occur.

Nervous feelings can be overcome, or at least limited. The first step is realizing we are responsible for our own thoughts. If remembrances of past negative events are making us nervous, we can intentionally change to healthier, more comfortable thoughts.

One way to do that is to get your mind and body back in the same time zone. Remind yourself that this is now. Pay attention to what

you're seeing, hearing, tasting and smelling. Focus on your breathing and take a good deep breath. Think about now and you lessen negative thoughts about the past or future.

In some cases, however, nervousness can be more serious. If you focus excessively on negative past events or bad future outcomes, simple, short-term nervousness can become real anxiety. Generally, being anxious is usually longer in duration and usually occurs with more intensity or more frequency than nervousness.

Being severely anxious can be crippling and can negatively affect your life. You may find that you are almost constantly remembering the past and negative events, or anticipating future problems. Such severe anxiety can limit your ability to act and hinder relationships with family and friends.

If severe nervousness or anxiety occurs on a regular basis and is negatively affecting your life, seek help. A licensed mental health professional can assist in getting anxiety under control and helping you to a happier, more relaxed life.

"The Counseling Corner" is provided as a public service by the American Counseling Association, the nation's largest organization of counseling professionals. Learn more about the counseling profession at the ACA web site, [www.counseling.org](http://www.counseling.org).

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# BUSINESS

## A Lesson from the Better Business Bureau

By Edward Johnson,  
President of BBB of  
Greater Washington

### Rogue Movers and Your Worldly Goods

Drive through most any community and you will see "for sale" or "for rent" signs. During the spring and summer months they sprout up like flowers as many families prepare to change residences. Those who decide to relocate may opt to leave the moving to professionals instead of doing it themselves. Be warned, though, that rogue movers are operating throughout the mid-Atlantic region, blending into the crowd of legitimate movers and luring unsuspecting consumers.

Your local area Better Business Bureau (BBB) logged more than 72,000 inquiries (requests for company reliability reports) in 2006 on the moving industry. Movers are the 6th most-inquired-about industry at the BBB. While there are many reputable moving companies, there are also those who unnecessarily tarnish the industry with their lack of integrity.

Rogue movers can be hard to spot. They often give low-ball estimates over the phone or Internet without ever visiting your home or seeing the items you want to move. Once your household goods are on their trucks, they demand more money before they will deliver or unload them. Consumers tell the BBB that their goods have been held hostage and many have been forced to pay more than the initial estimate they agreed to pay in order to get their goods back.

The BBB and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration suggest that your best defense is to recognize a rogue moving company before it has your household goods. Here are some "red flags" to look for:

- The mover or broker does not offer or agree to an on-site inspection of your household goods. They only give you an estimate over the phone or Internet. The estimates often sound too-good-to-be-true. In reality, they usually are.
  - The moving company's only form of acceptable payment is cash or a large deposit before the move.
  - The company's Web site has no local address and no information about licensing or insurance.
  - The company claims all goods are covered by their insurance.
  - The mover does not provide you with a copy of "Your Rights and Responsibilities When You Move," a booklet movers are required by Federal regulations to supply to their customers in the planning stages of interstate moves.
  - Offices and warehouse are in poor condition or nonexistent.
  - On moving day a rental truck arrives rather than a company-owned and marked fleet truck.
- The BBB advises consumers to:
- Obtain a cost estimate in writing, preferably after a walk-through of your home or apartment.
  - Don't select a mover based on price alone. In many cases, you get what you pay for.
  - If you have a bad feeling about your mover's tactics or charges, stop the move before your household goods are loaded on the truck; and,
  - Start planning your move by reviewing BBB business reliability reports at [www.mybbb.org](http://www.mybbb.org) to help you find trustworthy carriers before making any hiring decisions or signing any contracts.

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## Technology On Display with Student Competition

"National Shortage of Scientists" Spurs Day of Workshops and Demonstrations

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rapid-typing circuit boards that worked at the speed of 1,000 turns per minute to cut out metal key-chains children could take home. Children learned from CIA representatives how nearly-microscopic machine parts are made and how three-dimensional graphics are produced.

Corporate sponsors like Lockheed Martin, IBM, Verizon, Raytheon, Oracle, and Pepco also staffed information booths where students could learn about educational and employment opportunities in science and technology. Companies offering strategies to pay for higher education were also in attendance at the event.

Groups like the Howard University College of Engineering, Science, and Computer Science Chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers encouraged women and minorities, members of groups traditionally underrepresented groups in the applied science and technology sectors, to look into work in these fields.

Many sponsors offered cooperatives, work-study programs designed to provide high school students with valuable experiences that will prepare them for higher education and careers in science. At the Naval Surface Warfare Center, for example, children over sixteen can participate in programs where they will assist in research and development and production of rockets, weapons, ships and submarines.

Mathematician Lynda Hester of the Naval Surface Warfare Center in Dahlgren, VA, explained that extracurricular experience strengthens the profile of future job-seekers.

"The more prepared you are and the more opportunities you have when you are younger gives you a better chance to get the job you want, to work on what you want to work on."

Tristan Young, a senior at

Charles Herbert Flowers HS in Springdale, MD and a member of the PatroTech Science Club, explains that Patriots Technology Training Center brings work-study programs within reach of many who would be uninformed of them otherwise.

"Most young people don't know that if you go to companies and say, 'I would like to work with your company,' that many companies will give kids a chance to get involved," said Young.

With experience as a research assistant in a biology lab at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and as an engineering assistant at George Washington University, Young has gained valuable experience that will qualify him for educational opportunities and jobs in the future.

Workshops were held with presentations by students and scientists. Students Esther Ayeni and Shola Oyedele from Bladensburg High School led a workshop to showcase what they've learned as participants in their school's selective Biomedical Program. The presentation informed attendees about infectious diseases with a demonstration showing the rate at which infectious diseases can spread.

Speakers at the event stressed the importance of filling shortages of jobs in science-related fields, positions Congressman Steny Hoyer and Clarence Johnson, Director of the Office of Diversity Management and Equal Employment Opportunity at the Pentagon, identified as key and essential positions for preserving national security and advancing the goal of national economic competitiveness. One of several pre-collegiate initiatives the Navy supports to reach out to young people about career opportunities in the field of applied sciences. US Navy Lieutenant Commander Matthew Bowman of the Navy's Diversity Directorate explained the Navy's interest in sponsoring the event.

"We are here to support youth in



PHOTO BY EMILY APATOV/PRINCE GEORGE'S POST  
Navy Captain Tom Abernathy (center) was this year's keynote speaker, focusing on the opportunities and benefits technology generates; he is thanked for his support by Thurman D. Jones, Pres., Patriot Technology Training Center and Tracey Funn, Public Affairs Manager, Washington Gas.

areas of science, technology, engineering and math, and the Navy is very concerned we make sure that young people are prepared to meet the challenges of the future. We recognize that reaching talented young people and getting them interested in science and math must begin as early as possible if our country is going to maintain leadership in the 21st century," said Bowman.

Bowman explained that the military offers many opportunities for higher education to prepare students for work in the fields showcased at the event.

Navy Captain Tom Abernathy, Executive Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for the Integration of Capabilities and Resources (N8), stressed the importance of "exposing children to technology and to the benefits it brings and the opportunities it offers."

Abernathy said he believes it is important to "show kids there are interesting things out there they can do and that they can actually get

them done."

"The Department of Defense is facing a shortage of scientists and engineers," said Johnson. By participating in events like the one held Saturday, Johnson hopes to attract more qualified young people to serve the nation's defense objectives.

Prince George's County Public Schools offers an advanced science and technology curriculum through the Science and Technology Program. To be admitted to the program, students from throughout the county must take a county-administered test in December and June of their eighth or ninth grade years.

Bladensburg HS offers a Biomedical Program, a four-year program offered to students pursuing careers in healthcare. Students enrolled in the program will learn the fundamentals of research and will be exposed to work-study opportunities.

Students and parents interested in learning more about the program are encouraged to contact the Focus Programs Office at 301.952.6044.

## 100BMG WDC Grants Awards to Community

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to ensuring that disadvantaged communities receive education about health care and available health care options. Aetna has partnered with the local 100 Black Men of Greater Washington DC chapter as well as the national 100 Black Men of America organization.

Dr. Keith A. Hunter was awarded the Legacy Award for Health and Wellness. Dr. Hunter leads men's health forums around the city and teaches first aid skills to middle school students in Northwest DC. Brian K. Smith, Executive Director of Eduserv, accepted the Legacy Award for Education on behalf of his organization.

Endura Govan, Executive Director of the Businesskids Foundation accepted the Legacy Award for Economic Development. Businesskids operates a Youth Entrepreneur Academy that teaches children between the ages of 6 and 18 to start, market and expand their own businesses. Students can use their profits to open a bank account, reinvest in products for business, or donate to a social cause.

The Legacy Award for Mentoring went to the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Washington (BGCGW). BGCGW currently serves over 22,000 area youth. The mission of Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington is to help boys and girls of all backgrounds— with an emphasis on at-risk youth— build confidence, develop character and acquire the skills needed to become productive, civic-minded, responsible adults.

Prince George's County resident James Edward Proctor III received the Elliot Hair Award for outstanding service by a member who has been with the organization for less than three years. He currently serves as the Education Committee Chair and is responsible for tutoring operations at four sites serving over 100 students.

## County Buys Health Care Center Another Year

By SHARAHN BOYKIN  
Capital News Service

(ANNAPOLIS, MD) - State and local officials expressed the hope Thursday, April 19, that the deal reached to keep Prince George's Hospital Center open for another year will be only the first step toward bringing

financial stability to the Hospital Center.

"I think now the door is open for examining a long-term review and solution," said David Harrington, vice chairman of the Prince George's County Council. "It allows us for time to be engaged in a more comprehensive and collaborative process."

The hospital, which is the linchpin of the health care system for Prince George's and much of Southern Maryland, seemed headed for certain closure last week after Gov. Martin O'Malley, County Executive Jack B. Johnson, state health officials and the county council failed to reach

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### TOWN OF UNIVERSITY PARK, MARYLAND NOTICE OF A PROPOSED REAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The Mayor and Common Council of the Town of University Park proposes to increase real property taxes.

1. For the tax year beginning July 1, 2007, the estimated real property assessable base will increase by 10.2 %, from \$255,151,303 to \$281,215,526.
2. If the Town of University Park maintains the current tax rate of \$0.60 per \$100 of assessment, real property tax revenues will increase by 10.2% resulting in \$156,385 of new real property tax revenues.
3. In order to fully offset the effect of increasing assessments, the real property tax rate should be reduced to \$0.544, the constant yield tax rate.
4. The Town is considering not reducing its real property tax rate enough to fully offset increasing assessments. The Town proposes to adopt a real property tax rate of \$0.60 per \$100 of assessment. This tax rate is 10.3 % higher than the constant yield tax rate and will generate \$156,385 in additional property tax revenues.

A public hearing on the proposed real property tax rate increase will be held at 7:30 P.M. on Monday, May 7, 2007 at the University Park Elementary School, 4315 Underwood Street, University Park, Maryland.

The hearing is open to the public, and public testimony is encouraged.

Persons with questions regarding this hearing may call Dan Baden, Treasurer, at (301) 927-4262 for further information.

# Out on the TOWN

## Fracture is 'Wonderfully Moody'

By STEVE RHODES  
InternetReviews.com

FRACTURE, directed by Gregory Hoblit (PRIMAL FEAR and FREQUENCY), is a wonderfully moody and very classy film about a game of wits between an obviously guilty defendant and an over-confident Deputy District Attorney (DDA). In a bit of perfect casting, Anthony Hopkins plays murderer Ted Crawford, and Ryan Gosling plays DDA Willy Beachum.

Ted is a brilliant and fabulously wealthy engineer who runs a high tech company. As accomplished as he is at work, his love life is waning. His wife Jennifer (Embeth Davidtz) is having an affair with Rob Nunally (Billy Burke), a lieutenant in the Los Angeles Police Department. Ted figures out a way to kill his wife and still get off scot-free -- or so he hopes.

Meanwhile, back at the courthouse, Willy is in the process of leaving his job working for "God," a.k.a. legendary DA Joe Lobruto (David Strathairn). Willy is made an offer to come to work for a prestigious law firm that offers incredible perks and ridiculous salaries. It's also the company where his sexy soon-to-be girlfriend Nikki Gardner (Rosamund Pike) works. She is a more senior lawyer and will be assigned to supervise his work.

As Willy answers cell phone calls from his new firm



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**When a meticulous structural engineer (Hopkins) is found innocent of the attempted murder of his wife (Embeth Davidtz), the young district attorney (Gosling) who is prosecuting him becomes a crusader for justice. Fracture is packed with twists and turns that weave in and out of the courtroom as the pair try to outwit each other.**

-- they need him to choose the motif for his new office furniture as well as his favorite fabrics and colors -- he is trying to quickly wrap up a slam-dunk case he just reluctantly agreed to take.

You guessed it. Willy's parting case is none other than the attempted murder charge against Ted, whose wife inconveniently became comatose rather than dead. But, since they have Ted's signed confession, the murder weapon and the shell casings, on-face this looks like a case that can't be lost, especially since Ted makes the seemingly silly decision to defend himself.

A brilliant buffoon, Ted makes mincemeat of Willy at the trial. Ted is so accomplished that we come to admire him and maybe even secretly root for him in the sure and certain knowledge that Willy will undoubtedly soon discover a mother lode of evidence to tilt the scales in favor of justice.

The script is quite remarkable in how long and how far it takes Willy, a prosecutor with a 97% conviction rate, into a legalistic black hole. The movie is filled with telegraphed twists that never actually occur, creating real surprise in the audience. And with its beautiful cinematogra-

phy, which is heavy on bluish-tinted shadows, the film goes down as well with our eyes as with our brains. Plus, it is actually quite funny, which is an unexpected bonus.

FRACTURE runs one hour and 53 minutes. It is rated R for "language and some violent content" and would be acceptable for teenagers.

The film opens nationwide in the United States on Friday, April 20, 2007. In the Silicon Valley, it will be showing at the AMC theaters, the Century theaters and the Camera Cinemas.

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## Upcoming Events

### Monday, April 30

Music and fashion mogul Russell Simmons will sign his book *Laws of Success: 12 Proven Steps to Achieving Happiness and Empowerment* at Borders book store in Largo, MD at 7 p.m. The book store is located at .913-A Capital Centre Boulevard in Largo.

### Wednesday, May 2

Gary Gardner, author and Director of Research at the World Watch Institute, will give a talk, "Inspiring Progress: Religions' Contributions to Sustainable Development," at 7:30 p.m. The talk will be held at Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church located at 3215 Powder Mill Road in Adelphi. The talk will be followed by a book signing and refreshments.

### Friday, May 4

Maryland's police officers and firefighters who have died in the line of duty during the past year will be honored at the 22nd Annual Fallen Heroes Day Ceremony on Friday, May 4 at 1 p.m. at Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens. The ceremony will begin with a procession of more than 25 honor guard units from across the state, police motorcycles and mounted units, bagpipers and drummers. Memorial addresses will be given by elected leaders including Governor Martin O'Malley and Baltimore County Executive Jim Smith.

### Sunday, May 6

Accokeek Foundation offers basket-making workshop taught by award-winning local artisan and WETA Hometown Hero, Byron Williams, Bark Basket cThe baskets will be simple but will provide techniques that will enable participants to work in the medium and evolve their own styles. Frequently, accomplished basket makers are unfamiliar with the rib techniques.

The Bark Basket class on Sunday, May 6 from noon - 4:30 p.m. will use tulip poplar bark to make a traditional "bark berry basket." History and variations of the bark berry basket will be discussed. The Wild Vine Basket Class will result in an egg basket, but discussions will cover other shapes, sizes, and forms of rib baskets. The Wild Vine Basket Class is offered on Sunday, June 10 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The cost for each class is \$40.00. Registration is required 1 week prior to the event. Bring clippers and an old towel. All other materials will be provided. Classes meet at the Foundation's Education Building. To register, contact Annmarie Buckley by telephone at 301.283.2113, ext 28 or by email at education@accokeek.org.

### Tuesday, May 8

Learn how to transform your mind from being stressed-out or negative to being peaceful and positive. This 4-week series will introduce Buddhist meditation practices and teachings for developing a peaceful, joyful mind and improving health and relationships. Sessions led by American Buddhist monk Kelsang Menla. The class will be hosted by the Vajrayogini Buddhist Center, Tuesdays 7:30 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church on College Ave. in College Park, MD. The cost for workshops is \$10/session or \$30/series. Register by email or at the class. For more information call 202.986.2257, write info@meditation-dc.org, or visit www.meditation-dc.org.

## Hoyer Announces 26th Annual Congressional Arts Competition

*Students Invited to Participate for Chance to Display Work in U.S. Capitol*

Courtesy OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN HOYER

(WASHINGTON, DC) - Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (D-MD) encourages high school art students who reside in Maryland's 5th Congressional District, which includes Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's Counties, and parts of Prince George's and Anne Arundel Counties, to participate in the 26th Annual Congressional Arts Competition for a chance to have their artwork displayed in the U.S. Capitol for a year.

"This competition provides our young people with a valuable opportunity to show-

case their talent and creativity on a national stage," said Hoyer. "I strongly encourage high school students in the 5th Congressional District to participate in this rewarding competition, which recognizes gifted young artists all across the country."

Through the annual Congressional Arts Competition, members of Congress showcase the artistic talent of high school students within their districts. Congressman Hoyer sent letters to all high schools in Maryland's 5th District announcing the Congressional Arts Competition and outlining the rules for artwork submis-

sion.

To be considered for the Annual Congressional Arts Competition, all artwork must be delivered to one of Congressman Hoyer's district offices in Waldorf or Greenbelt, MD by **5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 4.**

Congressman Hoyer's Waldorf office is located at 401 Post Office Road, Suite 202, in Waldorf. The Greenbelt office is at the U.S. District Courthouse, 6500 Cherrywood Lane, Suite 310, in Greenbelt.

Students interested in participating are encouraged to call Congressman Hoyer's Waldorf District Office at

301.843.1577 with questions.

After entries have been submitted, a panel comprised of members of the 5th District arts community, including art teachers and professional artists, will review the artwork and select one piece to represent the 5th District in the U.S. Capitol, where it will hang for one year. Other entries will be displayed in Congressman Hoyer's Waldorf District Office.

The judging is scheduled to take place during the week of May 7, 2007.

Once a winner is selected, he or she will be invited to attend a ribbon cutting ceremony in Washington, DC in June.

## Call for Entries: Nominate Your Nice Guy

*Acacia Federal Bank is Asking for Nominations from Prince George's*

Courtesy ACACIA FEDERAL

(FALLS CHURCH, VA) - Acacia Federal Savings Bank is seeking nominations for the third annual Nice Guys Awards, a program that recognizes excellence in volunteering, philanthropy and customer service. Nominations can be made online at NiceGuysAwards.com.

The kickoff for the 2007 awards program was held on Tuesday, April 17, at the bank's 22nd anniversary open house. "We're inspired by the stories we've learned over the past two

years," says bank chairman Weller Meyer. "They reinforce our belief in the power of ordinary people to change their world."

Last year's winners and runners-up came from Northern Virginia, Maryland and the District. Winners included:

- Pat Gauthier of Burke/Springfield, a volunteer executive director of Ecumenical Community Helping Others (ECHO), where she has been donating her time since 1968.
- The Naomi Project of Northern Virginia, co-chaired

by Peggy Ferguson of Fairfax, Sarah Bock of Vienna and Corinne D'Silva of Reston. For over a decade, volunteers for the Project have mentored at-risk women through pregnancy and the first year of parenting.

- Miniatures from the Attic, owned by Gary LaPorta of Falls Church, a group that hosts creative field trips for elementary school children and raises funds for multiple groups.

The Nice Guys Awards recognizes people who go "above and beyond" to help others in DC, Maryland and

Northern Virginia. There are three categories: individual, business and nonprofit. Acacia will be accepting nominations until July 17, 2007.

Winners will be announced on September 20. Each winner will receive \$3,000 for donation to their favorite charity. Winners will also be announced on WTOP Radio.

Acacia Federal Savings Bank instituted the Nice Guys Awards in 2005 as a community-focused way to celebrate a double milestone for the bank: \$1 billion in assets by the bank's 20th anniversary.

## MD Day at UMCP

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- Tour a residence hall.
- Discover the many ways Maryland students serve surrounding communities.
- Learn how to "Humor Your Way to Health" at the Visitor Center.
- Perform your own radio show in the Library of American Broadcasting (Hornbake Library).
- Visit the Early Childhood Festival and first annual Children's Health Fair at the Center for Young Children.
- Learn about the "Pathways to Becoming a Teacher."
- Get your face painted and practice origami art.
- Take a tour of Maryland's high-tech greenhouses.

"Maryland Day is our way of sharing with the community everything that makes the university such a treasured resource for the state and region," says University President Dan Mote, Jr. Last year's open house drew some 75,000 visitors - making Maryland Day one of the largest annual state events.

There will be 400 events,

including a grand opening ceremony at 10 a.m. in Hornbake Plaza with flags from around the world, international cooking demonstrations, student performances, a Persian Vision exhibit in the campus Art Gallery, and much more. There will be tours, exhibits, and demonstrations, ACC softball and the annual Red & White spring football game. All events run from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Everything is family friendly. Admission and parking are free, and campus navigation is easy with the help of complementary activity maps. Plan your day online at <http://www.marylandday.umd.edu/>, or email questions to [mdayhelp@umd.edu](mailto:mdayhelp@umd.edu).

Note: this year's Maryland Day is going green! For the first time, the university is testing sugar cane based serving products that include Baltimore lemonade cups, snow cone cups, funnel cake plates and crab cake and pork BBQ platters, as well as all of the forks, knives and spoons. Prototype composting bins on McKeldin Mall will be part of the effort.

# SPORTS

## Don't Wait In Line for In-Line Skating Free Lessons Offered on National "Skate for Health Day"

Courtesy ROSICA STRATEGIC PUBLIC RELATIONS

On Saturday, May 12, Skater's Quest will join Rollerblade(R) and 17 other skating schools across the country in celebrating national Skate for Health Day with certified skating instructors. The event will make free lessons available to children, teens, adults and seniors. Free equipment will be provided by the instructors for use during

the instruction. The event is geared to promote the health benefits of in-line skating.

Lessons will take place by appointment at Fairfax County Police Department's Driver Training Facility.

Visit [www.freeskatelesson.com](http://www.freeskatelesson.com) to register for a free skating lesson.

Based in Hamilton, New Jersey, Rollerblade(R) is a stand-alone subsidiary of the Tecnica

Group.

The worldwide headquarters of Rollerblade is in Trevignano (TV), Italy. Rollerblade is the founder and leader of the in-line skate industry, with over 250 patented innovations, serving as the premier manufacturer of in-line skates, related accessories and protective gear.

For more information, visit [www.rollerblade.com](http://www.rollerblade.com) or call 800.232.ROLL.

## Bowie State Rolls Over Virginia State Earning First Ever Championship

BSU Knocks VSU 9-4 Taking Home CIAA Softball Crown

Courtesy BSU SPORTS INFORMATION

(PETERSBURG, VA) — The game made it 20 straight victories for Bowie State University, but more importantly, the 9-4 victory over Virginia State University gives the Lady Bulldogs their first CIAA Softball Championship in the school's history. BSU closes out the regular season and conference championship play with a record of 27-7, giving the Lady Bulldogs an automatic bid into the NCAA Regionals.

Virginia State (24-16) scored two unearned runs in the top of the 1st inning but Bowie State answered with four in their half of the inning to take a 4-2 lead. Two of the four runs scored were unearned runs for Virginia State starting pitcher Geneva Washington. Washington shifted positions after facing only two batters at the start of the second inning, handing pitching duties over to Kjirsten Beckstead. BSU's Lady Bulldogs continued the barrage of hits and extended that lead to 9-2 after two innings, which seemed to take any home field advantage away.

The VSU Lady Trojans pushed the final runs across in the 5th and 6th inning, getting six of their 10 total hits in those innings. One glaring statistic for Virginia State was its six errors. Virginia State's Judy Hatch went 2-for-3 in the game and scored two runs. Kristie Holbert and Kendra Hank also went 2-for-3 for the Lady



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**Bowie State's Tiffany Toney watches the ball fly as she bats one during last weekend's Championship game.**

Trojans.

Senior Christina Rzepecki, junior Erin Gray and sophomores Tiffany Toney and Heather Enders accounted for two Bowie State hits each. Enders picked up her 13th pitching victory of the season and Toney was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player. Other Bowie State players named

to the All-Tournament Team include Gray and junior Ashley Cook.

Bowie State, the seventh ranked team in the most recent NCAA Division II Mid-Atlantic Region Poll, will now await a call to see who they will face and where they will play in the Regional playoffs in two weeks.

## Milanich, of Bethesda Places in National Earth Day Competition

Courtesy American Chemical Society

Winners of a nationwide Earth Day Haiku competition illustrating the theme "Recycling — Chemistry Can!" have been announced by the American Chemical Society, the world's largest scientific society.

The competition is part of the Society's annual program,

Chemists Celebrate Earth Day. The first-place winners received a \$150 gift certificate for Amazon.com. Second place winners received a \$75 gift certificate for Amazon.com.

Rob Milanich, Grade 10, from Walter Johnson High School in Bethesda, MD, placed second place!

## Forum at PGCC for Prospective Entrepreneurs

Courtesy PGCC

On Thursday, April 26, at 12:30 p.m., PGCC will host an Entrepreneur Forum for individuals who are or want to become business owners. The forum features experts who will tell their stories and spend time answering

questions and sharing ideas. There also will be a special segment on international business, including a live video conference with the Polish American Management Center in Lodz, Poland. The forum will be held in Marlboro Gallery. Call 301-322-0994 for more information.

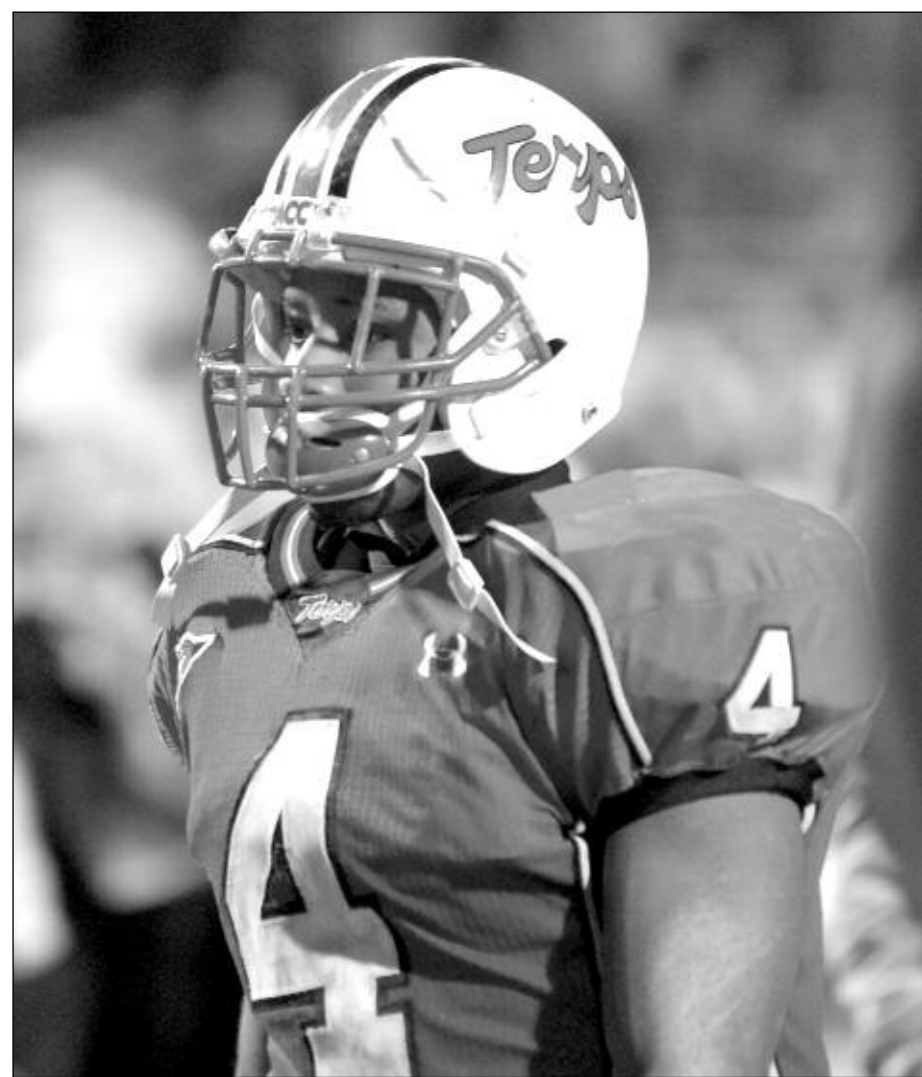


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**Josh Wilson, University of Maryland graduate, is rated as a one of the top 10 Cornerbacks in 2007 NFL Draft.**

## Upper Marlboro Resident Expected to Be Selected on First Day of The NFL Draft

This Year's Tatum Award Winner, Josh Wilson is Rated Among Top Cornerbacks in the Draft

By JAMES PROCTOR  
Special Writer

This Saturday, while the rest of us are working on lawns and running errands, Josh Wilson will be taking it easy and spending quality time with his family. He is in the enviable position of being amongst the top 10 Cornerbacks in the 2007 NFL Draft.

He certainly knows that he will be drafted but isn't burdened with having to wait it out on National TV. With his talent they will be plenty of opportunities for him to be in the spotlight in the NFL. For now the lack of draft day pressure and good home cooking offers a lot to relish. It remains to be seen how things will change with a call from an NFL Team.

The fact that his father Tim Wilson was an NFL player has helped enable Josh to take a rational approach to the Draft. Unfortunately, for Josh his father passed away when he was only 11. However, the lessons and work ethic that his father taught him at an early age were a great asset to him when while

he was at De Matha High School and at the University of Maryland. Josh didn't chose the University of Maryland because his father was a graduate but because of the school's academic program. While other schools spoke about opportunities on the field Coach Ralph Friedgen emphasized the academic opportunities at Maryland. Josh took advantage of what Maryland had to offer and graduated as a business administration major with a 3.243 grade point average. He was a member of the school's Scholar-Athlete Honor Roll every semester since the fall 2003.

Josh was a true student athlete and was selected, as this year's Tatum Award winner. This award is given annually in memory of the late Jim Tatum to the top senior student-athlete among the ACC's football players. Tatum, a two-time ACC Coach of the Year, coached in the fifties at both Maryland and North Carolina and believed strongly in the concept of the student-athlete. Josh is

Maryland's second Tatum Award winner; Nick Novak won the award in 2004.

Wilson had 52 tackles for the Terrapins during the 2006 regular season, and had 154 tackles in his career. He played in 45 career games with 27 starts, and accumulated 3.4 tackles for loss, including 2.5 this season.

The defensive back from Upper Marlboro, Md., also broke up 12 passes and had 2.0 quarterback sacks in 2006. Wilson finished 6th in the nation in kickoff returns. He averaged 28.1 yards per return and finished the regular season with 856 all-purpose yards.

An Academic All-ACC selection as a junior in 2005, Wilson earned honorable mention for the 2006 All-ACC Football Team this past season. A pre-season honoree for All-American and watch list candidate for the Jim Thorpe Award, Wilson also picked up several academic accolades in 2006 including the President's Cup Award for Academic Achievement and recognition on ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District II Team.

## Annual Blue & Orange Scrimmage Come Support MSU Football This Friday

Courtesy MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY SPORTS INFO.

(BALTIMORE, MD) - Morgan State University head football coach Donald Hill-Eley is leading his team through the final week of Spring practice in preparation for Friday's annual Blue

& Orange scrimmage. The game will be played at Hughes Stadium.

"The purpose of the scrimmage is to help our young men gain an understanding of our schemes," said Hill. "It will also enable the coaching staff to evaluate the depth of our team."

The scrimmage will pit

the offense versus the defense with a scoring system in place to determine the outcome.

The annual Blue & Orange scrimmage will kick-off Friday, April 27, at 6 p.m. at Hughes Stadium. Admission is free.

Come one and all to support Morgan State!

## Volunteers Needed

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The Chesapeake Bay Foundation needs volunteers to help restore 5,000 feet of streambank on Daniels Run in the Potomac River watershed. The event will be from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 20, in Fairfax, VA. Volunteers will plant thousands of native grasses, shrubs, and trees to help reduce runoff and erosion, and to provide habitat for wildlife. Refreshments and tools will be provided. Partners include the Army Navy Club, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. For directions, contact Dana Wiggins at CBF's Richmond office at 804. 780.1392 or e-mail [dwiggin@cbf.org](mailto:dwiggin@cbf.org).

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# Romania Turns to MD Prof.

## Romania from A2

He had never before been appointed to any formal post in his native country, a fact which he attributes to his political dissidence during the Communist Era. The pride he takes in this opportunity and its potential impact on Romania is evident.

"I know I'm making history," he says simply.

Tismaneanu seems an unassuming man of average build, graying hair and almost clear-blue eyes, but his non-sense personality commands attention.

The director of the University of Maryland's Center for the Study of Post-Communist Societies, he has written and edited scores of books and journal articles on Eastern Europe and Communist politics, often traveling back to Bucharest to do his research. In 2003, he published a culmination of much of his research, "Stalinism for All Seasons," which has been hailed as the "definitive work on Romanian communism" by his peers.

Tismaneanu came to Maryland from the University of Pennsylvania in 1990 and currently teaches courses in comparative politics and political theory.

"He's pretty much one of the premier experts in his field," said Jim Rosapepe, who was Ambassador to Romania from 1998 to 2001 and is now a member of the Maryland Senate from Prince George's County. "Maryland is lucky to have him."

Tismaneanu is back in College Park as a full-time professor after taking a sabbatical last fall to complete the report that resulted in Basescu officially condemning Communism in a speech to Parliament on Dec. 18.

The commission producing the report was formed in March of 2006 amid pressure from the Council of Europe to condemn Communism. Romania was on the brink of joining the European Union in January. Basescu named Tismaneanu the head of the Commission for the Analysis of the Communist Dictatorship and asked him to appoint about 20 other historians, psychologists and anthropologists to serve.

The task was simple on its

face - to produce a report reassessing Romania's communist history. Tismaneanu, 55, is viewed by many as a leading authority in Eastern European political history. As a historian and a resident in the United States, he seemed to be a non-partisan choice for the head and spokesman of the commission. Sitting now in a cramped Connecticut Avenue coffee shop and bookstore, he puts down his espresso cup and reflects.

"I was simultaneously an outsider and an insider," he said with a half smile. "It may have been frustrating, but it was fundamentally exhilarating," he later added. Frustrating may be an understatement in describing a process that involved trying to root out closed files that documented some of the Communist Era's darkest deeds. Nearly two decades after the fall of Communism in Eastern Europe, new governments are displacing those more closely associated with the old rule, and renewed efforts are underway to expose former secret police agents and collaborators.

Tismaneanu grew up in Bucharest and was raised by parents he refers to as "Communist old-timers" who took Marxist idealism seriously. He says he grew up disappointed in the "existing dictatorship" and became increasingly aware of "the gap between what Marxists had professed and the dismal realities of Communism."

While at the University of Bucharest, he wrote a Ph.D dissertation that criticized Marxism and, despite graduating first in his class in 1980, was not allowed to hold an academic post in Romania. Since his departure in 1981 he has remained vocal in Romania and other Eastern European countries through international radio broadcasts.

Given Tismaneanu's credentials, one does not doubt him when he says, only somewhat jokingly, that if the commission hadn't needed to physically retrieve the thousands of documents they based their report on, he could have written the whole history of Communism in Romania from his Washington, D.C. living room in one month.

But Tismaneanu said he

and the other members were insistent that "every single word" of the report - which he at first predicted would be about 50 pages long - was taken from information in the documents provided to them.

Eight months, 663 pages, and multiple trips to Romania later, the commission published its findings. Soon after the publication, Basescu delivered a speech to Parliament, declaring that the "Communist regime in Romania was illegitimate and criminal."

Tismaneanu, a husband and a father, lowers his voice to a solemn tone, barely heard above the din of coffee shop chatter:

"I know 40 years from now, my name may not be remembered, President Basescu's name may not be remembered, but the date of December 18 will be remembered as the day the Communist regime was condemned in Romania," he says.

The significance is not lost on anyone familiar with the country's history, and Tismaneanu compares the impact to the United States denouncing slavery. Rosapepe, who sees the condemnation as more of a symbolic statement, said it is especially impressive that Romania has come so far from a dictatorship in less than two decades.

"Literally walking down the street [last year] you would not have known if you were in Romania, or Austria, or Italy, or Germany," he said. "That would have not been true 16 years ago."

Some, however, are more suspicious of Romania's push to shed its communist ties. From day one, the commission, and Tismaneanu in particular, met wave upon wave of resistance and hostility.

From highly critical newspaper editorials, to anti-Semitism towards Tismaneanu, to opposition from former President Ion Iliescu, the Maryland professor says he saw scores of attacks against him that questioned his motives in coming back to direct the commission. He says assembling the commission itself was difficult not only for the lack of precedent, but for the parties in Romania who still "unabashedly declare their pride for the old regime."



## US 301/MD 197 Transportation Study Informational Workshop



The Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) invites interested persons to attend an Informational Workshop regarding the US 301/MD 197 Transportation Study. The project involves studying transportation improvements to US 301 from north of Mt. Oak Road to US 50 in the City of Bowie.

**WHAT:** The Informational Workshop will acquaint the public with the progress of the study to date and SHA's preferred alternative. Display areas will be set up explaining the Purpose and Need for the project, alternatives being considered, potential environmental impacts, and related projects. Project representatives will be available to discuss the project issues, answer questions, and record your comments. No formal presentation will be given. Feel free to arrive at any time and walk through at your own pace.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, May 9, 2007 - 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Bowie City Hall - Multipurpose Room  
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**CONTACT:** Ms. Felicia Alexander, Project Manager  
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But Tismaneanu says that Basescu gave him his absolute support, and pledged not to interfere with the process other than to help open old government files. He also received support from some newspapers, international media outlets, his close family and friends, and received hundreds of letters of encouragement from colleagues, students and citizens, who called themselves the "Silent Majority."

Tismaneanu says the eight-month ordeal was a full-time responsibility, but the end result was a victory he will not soon forget. There is more work just ahead. Textbooks based on the commission's report, an encyclopedia of Romanian Communism, presidential councils, and a museum of Communist dictatorship history all lie in the future.

But for now, back in his new nation's Capital, there is a quiet moment of reflection about the implications for his native country. The espresso long gone, the leather jacket unzipped and the black beret comfortably secured above the nest of gray-black hair, he leans back in his chair and pauses.

"The genie's out of the bottle."

# Serving Suitland

## Suitland from A2

At Suitland Elementary School on May 8 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. the Redevelopment Authority will make a presentation on the Suitland Manor Complex. Developers have been chosen and need the input of the community to decide what

structures will replace the demolished apartments. Your presence is absolutely needed.

If this changes for some reason, you will receive a revised notice.

# Aquasco-Brandywine

## Aquasco from A2

### Patricia Turner Mitchell Takes Sabbatical Leave

Dr. Patricia Turner Mitchell, daughter of Ruth Turner and the late James Turner, has been awarded a sabbatical leave from her job at the University of San Francisco for the 2007-2008 academic year. She will be a visiting professor at the Leadership Center at Morehouse College in Atlanta, GA. Morehouse has been ranked three times as the number one college in the nation for educating African American students by Black Enterprise magazine, and recognized by the Wall Street Journal as one of the top feeder schools for the 15

most prominent graduate and professional schools in the country. Morehouse College is the nation's largest private liberal arts college for men.

This experience will provide Patricia an opportunity to immerse herself in dialogue about the nature of ethical leadership; Patricia will be given the chance to provide assistance in expanding leadership studies offerings within existing courses taught by professors in various disciplines, i.e. science, math, business and humanities.

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The Hyattsville Department of Recreation and the Arts presents SUMMER JAM on Friday, May 4 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at

the Hyattsville Municipal Building Parking Lot (4310 Gallatin Street).

This event is sponsored by the Outback Steakhouse and McDonald Auto Body Works.

The event will feature live music by The Rhodes Tavern

Troubadours.

In KIDS KORNER there will be: a moon bounce, a clown, and face painting.

Enjoy the great taste of the Outback Steakhouse chicken fillets, burgers and other outdoor foods. Join with neigh-

bors and friends and hang out in the beer and wine garden (must be at least 21 years old) or just relax and enjoy the entertainment.

For more information, call the Department of Recreation and the Arts at 301.985.5020.

# State and Local Officials Extend Life of PG Hospital for Another Year

## Hospital from A5

an agreement that would keep the county-owned system open.

But negotiations continued over the weekend and into the early part of the week, and on Wednesday the company that runs the Prince George's hospital system, Dimensions Healthcare System, accepted a proposal by the county council that the county would provide what Dimensions needed to keep Prince George's Hospital and other facilities in the system open until the end of June, 2008. The hospital's financial woes affect the entire Dimensions Healthcare System which includes Laurel Regional Hospital, the Bowie Health Center and Gladys

Spellman Specialty Hospital and Nursing Center. Because the hospital board accepted the county's verbal proposal, no vote was taken on whether to keep the hospital open or file for bankruptcy as planned, according to a joint written statement from the county council and county executive.

County officials were expecting to find out from Dimensions Healthcare System Thursday how much money the failed management company will need to keep the hospital open till June 2008, said John Erzen, a spokesman for the County Executive.

"The idea is that we will solidify a long term solution by then," Erzen said.

Previously, Johnson esti-

mated the system would need \$30 million to keep the hospital open for another year. County officials said the current agreement to fund the hospital would buy them more time to find a long-term solution.

"This is a complex issue that cannot be resolved in the short-term," Camille Exum, Prince George's County Council President said in a statement.

"Our action today affords us an opportunity to complete the process for addressing critical systemic problems and the long-term comprehensive solution necessary for a viable hospital system."

But while county and state legislators may be content with

rescuing the hospital from its latest financial crisis, Quincey Gamble, Political Director of 1199 SEIU United Healthcare Workers East said he hopes that the county and state will not let the current short-term fix distract them from continuing to working towards a "long-solution."

"We're happy for the community, and happy for the patients that the hospital will not be closing and will remain open," Gamble said, "but I was really disappointed that this was another short-term solution."

Gamble represents the interests of the hospital's 1,800 employees whose long-term job stability still remains up in the air.

## Rev. Lee

**Q:** What can we learn, spiritually, from the horrible massacre at VA Tech; i.e., What is the spiritual side of the VA Tech tragedy?

**Ans.:** First, it was a terrible tragedy and our heartfelt prayers, deepest sympathy, and thanksgivings go out to the families, friends and communities concerned. Secondly, we can learn about the power of prayer, faith and human compassion to comfort our hurting hearts. But more importantly, we can say that, "Yes, these senseless killings were a great tragedy. But what would be an even greater tragedy is, if some who died in it, had died without having known the love of God in Jesus Christ." This would be the greater tragedy.

There is no way to avoid this most troubling and disturbing aspect of the tragedy at VA Tech. What were the status of the souls of some of those dearly departed ones? Were they saved in the fundamental Christian tradition? If some were not, their lost should be cause for us, who have been, to re-double our efforts to share the love of God in Jesus Christ with those who "know not God and have not obeyed the Gospel of Jesus Christ" [CF, Deut 18:15-19; Acts 17:30-31; 2 Thess 1:8-9].

Thirdly, we now know of two certainties in our human existence. One, tomorrow is not promised to any one. So, today is the day of salvation, to make our peace with our Creator, to prepare for the time when Almighty God unexpectedly comes for our soul. Two, death knows no boundaries. There are no earthly safe havens from death's influence and effect. Man's only hope is to become immune to his power, through faith in Jesus Christ [Rev 1:18]. He said, "he who believes in Me shall live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in [Him] shall never die...he who hears My words and believes Him [God] who sent Me has eternal life [now] and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death [death's power] into life [a spiritual life that never ends]. I am a Christian! I am glad of it, because I will live forever. I will never die! Through faith in Jesus Christ, I have eternal life, now! You too can live forever, let me tell you how! [John 3:14-18].

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# Morningside-Skyline

## Morningside from A2

Ihrle, Father Charles McCann and the present pastor, Father Arnold De Porter. Two others were there in spirit—Father Oliver Mahedy who died in 1999 and founding pastor, Monsignor Joseph Teletchea, now at Carroll Manor. He was represented by his portrait and a rendition of his signature song, Oh, Danny Boy, played by The Strolling Strings Trio.

The program featured a copy of the Blessing of Pope Benedict XVI, acquired by college student Matthew Rose while he was studying in Rome last year.

Ange and Marlyn Meoli co-chaired the event and Ange emceed.

## Neighbors

Condolences to Father Jeffrey Samaha, chaplain of Southern Maryland Hospital, on the death of his cousin's daughter, Reema Samaha, 18, one of the victims of the shootings at Virginia Tech on April 16. She was a graduate of Westfield High in Fairfax County, and the daughter of Joseph and Mona Samaha of Centerville, VA.

Marlen and Andy Coles, of Suitland, have a new son,

Jonathan Andrew, born March 29 at Southern Maryland Hospital, weighing 8 pounds, 3.6 ounces. Baby Jonathan has a big sister, Rebecca, and a big brother, Anthony.

My son, Brian McHale, is currently assigned to Edwards AFB in California as an engineer for Boeing. He has made a career of flying the V-22 Osprey aircraft since about 1984 when it was called the JVX. (It didn't get named the V-22 Osprey until they won their first contract in 1986). It has been announced that the first Ospreys will head to Iraq in September, as troop carriers and for rescue operations. I wonder what Brian will be doing for the next 23 years.

Mary Blankenship, of Lucente Ave., emailed her concern about a helicopter with its search light on that circled over our neighborhood for an hour the night of April 22. Skyline President Stan Holmes is contacting authorities in search of the answer.

Condolences to Gina Foster on the death of her father, Albert Abbott, on April 20.

## Friends under God's Wing

You are invited to Bells

Church on Friday, May 4, for the annual May Friendship Day service of Church Women United. The program, "Friends under God's Wing," begins at 10 a.m., and deals with two aspects of friendship—longtime friends and the new friends one makes by reaching out to others.

Bells unit will be collecting paper goods and toiletries for Prince George's Family Crisis Center.

Women of all faiths are invited. If you wish, you can stay (and pay) for lunch, following the service. To register, call Edna Holland at 301.735.1167. Bells Church is at 6016 Allentown Road in Camp Springs, MD.

## May they rest in peace

Edith Mae Mahaney Baker, 82, longtime resident of Auth Village, died at Genesis Health Care in Waldorf on April 6. She was a native of Cumberland, MD. Her husband of 26 years, William Robert "Bob" Baker, a carpenter, predeceased her. Survivors include sons William, Robert Howard, and Edward Franklin Baker; daughters, Mary Edith Pate, Delma Barron and Diana Lynn DePew; two brothers; 11

grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Edward Thomas Flaherty, of Silver Hill, died April 14. He was a fireman, but he had worked for the Dominican order for more than 20 years. Twenty-four Dominicans turned out for his funeral at St. Philip's on April 19. He was the husband of Barbara; father of Edward Jr., John and David Flaherty and Jane Farrell; grandfather of seven and brother of Margaret Thompson.

Jean Allison, a Dept. of Transportation retiree, died April 13. She was the daughter of the late Fred and Amelia Allison and is survived by a niece, nephews and other relatives. Mass of Christian Burial was at St. Philip's with burial at Cedar Hill.

## Milestones

Happy birthday to G.A. DeFelice, April 26; Michael Call, April 27; Jessica Phipps, April 28; Lael McCune, Dorothy Lipka and Tom Reilly, April 30.

Happy anniversary: Brent and Alberteen Mudd, their 55th on April 26; Emanuel and Juanita Chaplin, their 44th on April 26; and Jan and Cindy Smith, their 35th on April 28.



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## Gov. O'Malley Signs Agreement to Fight Global Warming

### Greenhouse from A1

Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, which will protect and preserve our communities for future generations," said Governor O'Malley. "The fight to prevent global warming crosses state lines, and Maryland is proud to join its neighbors in reducing greenhouse gas emissions, while protecting our electric industry."

"It's great to see Governor O'Malley taking leadership to address global warming. We're racing the clock on this issue, and the Governor is keeping pace," said Brad Heavner, State Director for Environment Maryland.

Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative RGGI is the first cap-and-trade program to control carbon dioxide emissions in the United States. The program is aimed primarily at reducing carbon dioxide pollution through a mandatory emissions cap on the electric generating sector, coupled with a market-based trading program to achieve the lowest possible compliance costs through energy efficiency.

Maryland's participation in RGGI will reduce carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions from the state's electrical generators by roughly 10 percent from current levels by 2019 by the most cost-effective means.

Executive Order: Maryland Commission on Climate Change Governor O'Malley also signed an Executive Order that establishes a Climate Change Commission charged with collectively developing an action plan to address the drivers and causes of climate change, prepare for the likely consequences and impacts of climate change to

Maryland with and establish firm benchmarks and timetables for implementing the Commission's recommendations.

"Protecting our communities from climate change is not a Democratic issue or a Republican issue - it is a Maryland issue," said Governor O'Malley. "This Executive Order charts a path for the future - one in which we reduce our greenhouse gas emissions and work to prevent sea level rise and coastal flooding."

The Commission on Climate Change is charged with addressing Maryland's climate challenge on all fronts. The Commission will:

\*undertake an assessment of climate change impacts, calculate Maryland's carbon footprint, and investigate climate change dynamics with the assistance of the University System of Maryland;

\*work together with the Maryland Department of the Environment, the Maryland Energy Administration and a broad set of stakeholders, including renewable and traditional energy providers and the business community, to develop a comprehensive greenhouse gas and carbon footprint reduction strategy; and,

\*coordinate with the Maryland Departments of Natural Resources and Planning, and a comprehensive group of planners, emergency responders and environmental organizations, as well as business and insurance representatives, to develop a strategy for reducing Maryland's vulnerability to climate change, with an initial focus on sea level rise and coastal hazards.

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**A firefighter carries 2 cats from the house over to an excited owner. On Thursday, April 19, Fire/EMS units from District Heights were alerted to a possible house fire. PG County Fire-fighters and Paramedics arrived quickly at a 1-story single family home with fire and heavy smoke coming from the front of the house. One team of firefighters initiated an aggressive attack on the seat of the fire while another team of firefighters started an extensive search for any possible occupants. The fire was quickly contained and extinguished. There were no injuries. Fire loss is estimated at \$40,000 and the cause was determined to be "accidental," attributed to an unattended candle igniting nearby combustibles. The County Office of Emergency Management and the American Red Cross are assisting the occupants of the house.**



## PGCF Honors Rep. Hoyer with Inaugural Lifetime Achievement Award

### PGCF from A1

that serve Prince George's nonprofit community. This is an astounding achievement and represents an almost 40% increase from last's years benefit which raised \$121,000.

"We could not have done this without the tireless work of our event committee and the generous support of our sponsors and citizens," said Hampshire-Cowan. "We had strong diversity in attendance, which reflected the coming together of all of us to help meet the needs of our community. There were people from all strata of our society economically, racially and spiritually. It is the vision of the Foundation to help recognize all people who are toiling to make things better in our county, and what better examples than our honorees and Bridge Builders awardees."

Funds raised through the event will support the civic leadership work of PGCF by helping to galvanize broad-based community engagement in addressing our community's most pressing social issues.

The event held at the Camelot of Upper Marlboro

on the campus of Evangel Cathedral, drew a crowd of more than 600 business and nonprofit leaders, citizens and local elected officials who came out to celebrate the contributions of the Civic Leadership Award recipients: the Honorable Steny H. Hoyer, the Honorable Anthony G. Brown, and the Honorable Audrey E. Scott.

They were recognized for their outstanding leadership and unyielding commitment to improve the lives of our most vulnerable residents of Prince George's County. The Foundation also celebrated the county's "unsung heroes" with the first annual Bridger Builders Awards who received a \$500 grant to be donated to the organization of their choice. The honorees included Mr. Joseph Fisher of Laurel MD, founder of First Generation Scholarship Program, Mr. Arthur Turner of Kettering, MD, President of Central Prince George's County Organization, and Ms. Saluda Young of Suitland MD, founder of the Saluda Academic Fund for C Students at Bowie State University.

Former Governor Marvin Mandel who modernized and streamlined the Executive branch during his ten years of service (1969 to 1979) started the celebration of his 87th birthday at the Civic Leadership Awards Dinner.

"As governor and since then, I have had the opportunity and privilege to attend many functions and events. Last evening, the Prince George's Community Foundation event was uniquely enjoyable, moving and meaningful. Prince George's County is quite fortunate to have a non-government entity such as the Foundation functioning as such a strong and essential support mechanism for the citizens of the county."

"We are honored that so many people came out to support the Foundation, and really value the work that we do in the community," says Desiree Griffin-Moore.

"Their support helps us strengthen the capacity of the county's nonprofits, empowering them to better serve the most critical needs in their communities."

The benefit's major sponsors included Abe and Irene

Pollin, Altria Corporate Services, Hargrove, Freddie Mac Foundation, M&T Bank, Howard University, the Regional Capital One Fund and the Community Foundation of the National Capital Region. Hargrove, headquartered in Prince George's County, generously provided the support that transformed the Camelot Ballroom into a spectacular presentation to honor the night's award recipients in splendor.

The Foundation supports organizations that are involved in the fields of education and youth development, social justice, poverty and homelessness, the arts and humanities and neighborhood revitalization. In 1994, The Prince George's Community Foundation (PGCF) was established as a tax-exempt, nonprofit organization dedicated to building community capital. It serves the community by promoting local philanthropy and funding local projects that greatly impact the quality of life for the citizens of Prince Georges County and facilitates charitable giving in support of the

nonprofit sector's work to close the socio-economic divide and provide opportunities for all citizens to realize their full potential.

The Foundation aims to connect the generosity of private donors with the changing needs of the residents of Prince George's County. PGCF is an affiliate of the Community Foundation for the National Capital Region, one of the fastest growing community foundations in the United States.

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