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Police Week Memorial Service Honors Fallen Officers

FOP Lodge #89 Joins Police Chief and PGPD to Remember Officers Who Fell in the Line of Duty

Courtesy PGPD

(UPPER MARLBORO, MD) — On Saturday, May 10, Police Chief Melvin High and police department commanders and officers joined the Prince George's County Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #89 to honor the county's fallen officers at a ceremony hosted at the Lodge Headquarters in Upper Marlboro.

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Gov. O'Malley Signs 203 Bills to Support MD Families

Affordable Rent, Tuition Freeze, and First Statewide Living Wage Bills Signed Into Law

Courtesy OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

(ANNAPOLIS, MD) - On Tuesday, May 8, Governor Martin O'Malley joined with Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller Jr., House Speaker Michael E. Busch, and Lieutenant Governor Anthony G. Brown to sign legislation to support Maryland's working families.

Governor O'Malley signed 203 bills and 2 joint resolutions, including the nation's first statewide living wage law, a bill to make ground rents more fair, and a bill to freeze tuition at Maryland's public colleges.

"When I decided to run for Governor, it was to stand up for the Maryland values of responsibility, community, and family," said Governor Martin O'Malley.

"Today, I am proud to sign key legislation that will defend all three of these values. With

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PHOTO BY KYLER QUESENBERRY/THE PRINCE GEORGE'S POST

(Above) Elvis waved to the crowd that gathered along the streets to watch the parade cruise through Upper Marlboro during the Annual Marlborough Day on Saturday, May 10.

(Right) The Girl Scouts Brownie Troop #2181 of Upper Marlboro joined the festivities on Saturday, as well. For more photos, see pages A9.



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County Executive's Nominees for CCOP Unanimously Confirmed by Council

Davis, Fisher, Spruill Sworn in Immediately After Nominations

Courtesy OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

(UPPER MARLBORO, MD) — Prince George's County Executive Jack Johnson's nominees for the Citizen Complaint Oversight Panel were unanimously confirmed by the County Council during a hearing on Tuesday, May 15. Clyde Davis, Ronald Fisher and Irma Spruill were sworn in immediately following the hearing.

"The CCOP serves an integral role in Prince George's County," Johnson said. "I know these individuals will do a tremendous job, representing the citizens of this county with the

utmost integrity."

The role of the CCOP is to strengthen the partnership between citizens and the county's police department and to assure the public that the investigations into police misconduct are complete, thorough and impartial.

Davis, a resident of Lanham, was first appointed to the Panel in 2003 and will now serve as its Chairman. He is a founding member of the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) established in 1995 and he currently serves as the Business Manager for the New Song Bible Fellowship Church. **See Nominees, Page A3**

Marlborough Day Parade Cruises Streets of Upper Marlboro

HS Marching Bands, Girl and Boy Scout Troops, and Others Paraded in Saturday's Spring Celebration

By PG POST STAFF

With Marlborough Day 2007, the Green Man Festival in Greenbelt, and celebrations in Hyattsville and Laurel, Saturday featured spring celebrations across Prince George's County.

Clowns, marching bands, city officials, and other community members paraded down Main Street in Upper Marlboro during their Annual Marlborough Day parade.

Following the parade, attendees enjoyed refreshments and entertainment.

The Engaged University of Maryland

When an Art Lesson Teaches Life Lessons

By PG POST STAFF

(HYATTSVILLE, MD) — Principal Wendell Coleman welcomed the idea of University of Maryland, College Park (UMCP) students visiting the Art Club meetings at William Wirt MS in

Riverdale, MD, to create a mural.

The 12' x 30' mural depicted the school's mascot—the jaguar—tearing out of a wall amidst flags from a diverse array of nations; across the bottom, the mural read, "The Renaissance Continues."

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PHOTO COURTESY PGCPs

A large crowd gathers to see the unveiling of the newly constructed 2007 FACTS Student-Built House.

2007 FACTS Student-Built House Unveiled

Students Gain Skills, Work Opportunities with Nonprofit Organization

Courtesy PGCPs

Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) celebrated the creative work of more than 160 PGCPS high school students at the unveiling of the 2007 FACTS Student Built House.

The Foundation of Automotive Construction

Technology for Students (FACTS) is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing high school students the skills and work opportunities necessary for success in the competitive job market of the 21st century.

More than 75 people were on hand including Prince George's **See FACTS, Page A3**

Towns and NEIGHBORS

Clinton Conversations

By **NORMA FAZENBAKER**
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Mother's Day has come and gone and I hope all the mothers had a wonderful celebration, the kind of day they love. My children, as usual, worked on my yard and flowerbed, finishing it up on Mother's Day. This was a very special gift to me since it is something that I can no longer do myself any more.

The Gorgeous Prince George's County newsletter says that although we see a lot of it in the newspapers and on the television, crime has actually dropped in Prince George's County.

"It is down as a result of focused police work day and day out", said Police Chief Melvin High.

"We knew that 2006 would be better than 2005 because we had already begun to see a shift taking place in the Department..."

Homicides fell by almost 21 percent, robberies declined 342 percent and carjackings declined 37 percent. Additionally, auto theft, after seeing a 10 percent reduction in 2005, declined an additional 21 percent during 2006.

County Executive Jack Johnson said, "This is a result of staying the course even when things were difficult. We are not yet where we want to be, but we are moving in the right direction. We will continue to fully fund the police department's budget and provide them with the necessary resources to get the job done."

Public Safety Director Vernon Heron said "A big part of our success is because of teamwork with communities and we look forward to a continued partnership in 2007 and beyond." Colonel Markus Summers said "We

pursue each case with the attitude that every case can be solved, every crime has a piece of evidence, a witness or someone with knowledge of the event." As a Prince George's County resident since 1947, I am always glad to read and hear about good news of the county.

In the Pennysaver, I noticed that the College Park Aviation Museum offers tours in Spanish; although it is too late for the one they had this last Saturday, to attend one of these tours in the future call the museum at 301.864.6029.

The Clinton United Methodist Church will have a seminar on hoarding this Saturday, May 19, at 9:30 a.m. Refreshments will be served at 9 a.m. This is a free program, but registration is required. For information or tickets, call 301.868.2889.

An indoor yard sale will be held this Saturday, May 19, at the Capitol Heights Volunteer Fire Department from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call 410.703.6489.

Thomas Stone High School Class of 1987 is planning a 20-year reunion on June 16 and is looking for classmates. If you have information about classmates or would like to attend the reunion, call 301.934.5739.

Duval High School Class of 1987 is also planning a 20-year reunion in June. If you are a member and would like to attend, visit www.duvalclassof87.com.

Surrattsville High School Class of 1985 is planning a 25-year reunion. To attend or for more information, call 301.645.8028.

The U.S. Botanical Garden Conservatory is presenting the
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PHOTO COURTESY BARBARA LISTON

Thomas Ebell, Samantha Dunlap, Megan Ginder and Lauren Murray are students in Kristin Mulcahy's fifth grade class at the St. Ambrose School in Cheverly, MD. See page A3 to find out more about the special project they were part of.

Aquasco-Brandywine

By **RUTH TURNER**
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Race for the Cure

Join Nottingham Myers in the Race for the Cure on Saturday, June 2. We are looking for participants and sponsors to help fight breast cancer. If you would like to walk, run, or be a sponsor, please contact Janice Watkins at 202.549.8957 or Valerie Pinkney at 301.372.8014.

Confronting the Challenge
Prince George's County

Department of Family Services presents Confronting the Challenge on Friday, May 25, at the Stamp Student Union on the University of Maryland, College Park campus. The event will be held from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Special features will include former Washington Redskins Charles Mann & Dexter Manley, acclaimed National Men's Organization A Call to Men with Tony Porter and Ted Bunch, free BBQ, education, engagement, and empowerment of men to raise awareness about and get men involved in

ending domestic violence. Free registration is required. To register, please call 301.265.8405, for special accommodation call 301.985.3890.

Women's Day

On Sunday, May 20, Nottingham Myers will celebrate Women's Day with guest speaker Elder Barbara Colvin, sister of Mrs. Ethel Austin, our first lady. The colors for Women's Day are purple and gold, in any combination. Women of all ages and denominations and from every com-
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Brandywine Resident Wins Armed Services YMCA National Award

Destiny Welch Takes Second Place in National Essay Contest

Courtesy **DITTUS COMMUNICATIONS**

(BRANDYWINE, MD) — The Armed Services YMCA (ASYMCA), the nation's leading non-profit organization supporting the families of junior enlisted military personnel, awarded second prize in the seventh- and eighth-grade category of its annual essay contest, sponsored by Lockheed Martin, to Destiny Welch, a seventh-grader who lives in Brandywine, MD. Winners were announced at a luncheon on Capitol Hill, on Monday, May 14.

Twelve-year-old Destiny, daughter of Navy E-5 Antoinette M. Welch and Wilton F. Welch, will receive a \$100 U.S. savings bond for her essay about how she and her mother distributed more than 1,000 angels to children through their foundation.

"My mom is my hero because her greatest challenge is to be an inspiration to all children who have



PHOTO COURTESY DITTUS COMMUNICATIONS

Seventh-grader Destiny Welch takes home second place in the National ASYMCA Essay Contest.

lost a loved one. Through her determination to make a difference she

helped me create 'A Gift From An Angel Foundation' in memory from my big brother who passed away," she wrote.

"My mom feels all children should have a guardian angel to help them through difficult times. So remember the next time a child is inspired by an angel. That angel might just be my mom. My hero!"

"America's brave service men and women are role models for many young people across the country, but especially for their own children," said ASYMCA National Executive Director Frank Gallo, Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy (Ret.).

"We asked students to tell us about why their military parent is their hero, and in response we heard inspiring stories about courage and strength on the battlefield and at home. Service men and women are heroes to all Americans, but to these children, they are, first and foremost,
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Message to America - Respect Memorial Day

By **Paul A. Morin**

Here is a surprise, I am not going to defend the Iraq war. I won't even explain the importance of the war on terrorism. VA budget? Not today. That's because this column is about Memorial Day, a hallowed day that should be about honoring the more than one million men and women who died in the service of this nation in wars and conflicts dating back to 1775. It should be above politics. Period.

Yet one presidential candidate has blatantly violated the sanctity of this most special day. I recently received an e-mail from a group called "Supportthetroops-endthetwar.com." It included a video of former Sen. John Edwards. He calls on Americans to use Memorial Day weekend as a time to "bring an end to this war." Shockingly, the video is titled "A Memorial Day Message from John Edwards," with the smoking gun note, "Paid for by John Edwards for President." Moreover, the e-mail recommends that Americans bring signs with the message "Support the troops, End the

War" to local Memorial Day parades. Revolting is a kind word for it. It's as inappropriate as a political bumper sticker on an Arlington headstone.

Edwards is hardly the first politician from either political party to exploit this day, a holiday that was consecrated with the blood of American heroes. But the e-mail makes me sick nonetheless. It needs to stop. This isn't about Edwards, it's about everybody. As national commander of The American Legion, I implore all candidates to refrain from politicking on Memorial Day.

The families of those killed in war should not be led to believe that their loved ones died for a less-than-worthy cause. They died because they took an oath to defend this nation and its

Constitution. The sacrifice is the same whether it's for a "popular war" or an unpopular one.

Memorial Day should be an occasion to bring Americans together.
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In and Around Morningside-Skyline

By **MARY MCHALE**
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Karen Rooker to be Sworn in May 21—Morningside's 1st Female Mayor since 1949

Karen Rooker defeated Kerry Thomas in Morningside's May 7 election to become the tenth person to serve as Mayor of Morningside, the first female mayor in 58 years.

Rooker will be sworn in along with the Town Council on Monday, May 21, at 7 p.m. at the Morningside Town Hall. The ceremony will be followed by a short organizational meeting and a reception with cake and punch to welcome the new town government. All are invited.

The results for Mayor: Karen Rooker, 108; Kerry Thomas, 71; and write-ins, Sheila Smith, 1; Sheila Scott, 2; Edith James, 1; and Somali Fuller, 1.

James Ealey, with 100 votes, was re-elected to the Council. Regina Foster, with 117, was elected for the first time. Other votes were: Elizabeth Long, 37; Sheila Scott (write-in), 23; Edith James (write-in), 13.

June Stocklinski was Morningside's first mayor, elected in May 1949. She was followed by William Spahr, Harold Sugarts, Matthew Rosch, Jay Lowery, William Stewart and Leonard Gardner. Gerald Glaubitz became mayor in 1961 and served for 43 years before retiring. Morningside new-comer Irving

Robinson was elected in 2004 and was forced to resign last month.

Jimmy Law Passes On

James Bonar Law, retired Air Force senior master sergeant, passed away April 5. After moving his family from post to post during the military years, he retired and in 1963 moved to Elmendorf Drive in Skyline where he lived until recently.

Law was born in the U.S. in 1919. His father died when Law was six. Because his mother was unable to care for the family, she sent the children to relatives in Northern Ireland and it is there that Jimmy grew up. He returned to America eventually and worked various jobs including Western
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Practical Money Skills

By Jason Alderman

Don't Hear Wedding Bell Money Blues

Many people recall their wedding day as one of their happiest, filled with cherished memories and promises of a bright future. But at an average cost of more than \$27,000, it's not surprising that some weddings start couples off on the wrong financial footing, setting the stage for future money problems.

Marriage unites two lives, including two separate financial track records. While you each may bring assets and savings to the table, if one or both of you are burdened with student loans, car payments or high credit card balances, that can have a bearing on how you start out life together.

Given that financial problems play a major role in many divorces, doesn't it make sense to start your marriage off on the right foot by communicating openly about finances?

A good place to start is with the wedding itself. Long before making any concrete wedding plans, have a candid discussion with your spouse-to-be about what you can and cannot afford. Economizing doesn't mean doing without a memorable wedding - there are many ways to reign in costs by planning carefully and being flexible.

First, create a budget. Unless you're a professional wedding planner, you probably have no idea how many off-the-wall expenses you'll encounter: invitations and postage, marriage license, clergy and location fees, flowers, bridal gown and groom's tuxedo, rehearsal dinner and reception, photography, catering, limousine, parking attendants, engagement and wedding rings, gifts for wedding participants, honeymoon expenses - and that's the tip of the iceberg.

There are many good wedding budgeting tools available online, including those found at www.weddingdetails.com and www.weddings.about.com/

library/blbudgetworksheet.htm.

Trim costs. Will inviting people you barely know make your wedding any more enjoyable or memorable, or would you rather spend more time with the people you love? Does it have to be a Saturday in June, or can you be more flexible on the date? Is an expensive sit-down dinner reception a must?

And don't be afraid to negotiate on prices for photographs, flowers, food and other items. A good wedding planner can more than pay for himself or herself by bargaining on your behalf.

Play it safe. You wouldn't invest \$20,000 in a car and not insure it, so consider wedding insurance that can protect you in cases where severe weather, family illness or other situations force cancellation or postponement. Ask your insurance agent what's available and carefully check policy conditions for payment. And don't forget liability coverage, in case Uncle Albert has one too many glasses of champagne and trips.

Of course, planning your wedding is only one of many financial decisions you and your spouse will make together. The more you know about each other's financial state and philosophy going in, the better your odds for a successful marriage.

Practical Money Skills for Life, a free personal financial management site sponsored by Visa USA, contains a comprehensive guide to many of these considerations, including: what to ask about each other's credit history, divvying up financial chores, necessary legal document changes, budgeting, debt management and much more. Go to www.practicalmoneyskills.com/marriage for details.

A little thoughtful planning can have you singing a happy tune at your celebration instead of "Wedding Bell Blues."

Memorial Service Honors 24 PG County Officers Who Fell in the Line of Duty



Cpt. Berault salutes a fallen officer at the FOP memorial service held for officers who fell and died in the line of duty.

Memorial from A1

The Annual FOP Memorial Service honored twenty-four Prince George's County Police Officers killed in the line of duty. Saturday's service paid tribute to the officers who died during the performance of their duties.

FOP President Percel Alston said, "I am pleased and encouraged by the participation of our officers and command staff. Today we showed a tremendous amount of support for our survivors as we honored our 24 fallen heroes. Assistant Chief Hylton provided a heart-felt message encouraging all of us to remember our

brothers who made the ultimate sacrifice."

The service included a breakfast at the FOP Lodge #89, followed by the memorial service.

During private memorial ceremonies after the service, family, police colleagues and friends of fallen officers traveled state-wide to lay wreaths at individual officers' grave sites.

Of the service, Chief High said, "The service today and the events held during Police Week are a time for us to reflect on our memories of our fallen officers and to pay tribute to those who served our Department."

2007 FACTS Student Built House is Unveiled as Awards are Presented



(Above, left): Honorable Council member Marilyn Bland presents a Teacher Recognition Award to Glenn Sorber. (Above, right): Keelani Ellerbi, Charles Herber Flowers High School, receiving 1st Place Award for Exterior Color Design from FACTS Board Member Belinda Riggs.



FACTS from A1

County Council member Marilyn M. Bland and members of the Board of Education including Board Chair R. Owen Johnson, Jr., Donna Hathaway Beck, Heather Iliff, and Linda Thornton Thomas to applaud the efforts of the stu-

dents as they received awards for student achievement in landscape design, architectural drafting, construction, automotive trades and interior and exterior design.

FACTS has provided nearly 4,000 students with hands-on experience including the

challenges and successes of the actual building of a house. The Student Auto Group Enterprise exposes students to all aspects of an automotive dealership. Graduates from these programs have achieved much success in the workplace and in college. The 2007 Student

Built House is now on sale at 8200 Student Drive, Clinton, MD.

Last year's Student Built House sold for \$550,000. All monies raised from the sell of the houses are used as seed money for construction on the next year's house.

Program to Help Students with Special Needs Attend College, Now Accepting Applications

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) — A program to help students with autism and other special needs attend college is opening in suburban Washington, D.C., and is accepting applications for the 2007-2008 academic year.

College Living Experience (CLE) provides intensive assistance with academic, independent living and social skills to college students with special needs such as Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Asperger's Syndrome, non-verbal learning disorders and other learning disabilities as they attend college. CLE already operates programs in Austin, Texas, Denver and Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and is opening programs in suburban

Chicago and Monterey, Calif., this summer. Students from around the country can enroll at the location of their choice.

Students enrolled in the Rockville, Md. site near Washington, D.C., may attend classes at Montgomery College, a community college with campuses in Rockville, Germantown and Takoma Park/Silver Spring, and continuing education centers and off-site programs throughout Montgomery County, Md. Students will live in apartments near the CLE offices and student centers, the locations of which will be announced at a later date. CLE professional staff members work closely with students to provide structured tutoring sessions, independent living skills training

and social outings. In addition, CLE will assist students who are accepted at any nearby college, university, technical or vocational school.

CLE provides intensive support in three primary areas to complement a student's higher-education goals:

- **Academics:** Students attend three 50-minute tutoring sessions conducted by professional tutors. They also attend a weekly course review and study-hall sessions three or four times a week.

- **Independent living:** CLE staff work individually with students to introduce apartment living and provide support for the development of life skills. Students receive assistance with establishing and maintaining a checking

account, paying monthly bills, shopping, preparing meals, cleaning and managing other daily-living necessities.

- **Social skills:** All students enrolled in CLE are paired with a mentor who takes on the role of a big brother or big sister. Students also have the chance to participate in social-skills groups that gather around specific activities, such as bowling or movies. CLE also offers a variety of events each week, such as attending art openings, a local festival or a fishing outing.

"The greatest fear of parents of exceptional children is, 'What will happen to my child when I'm gone?'" Mark Claypool, president and CEO of ESA, said. "Many parents

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CCOP Nominees are Unanimously Chosen

Nominees from A1

A resident of Brandywine, Fisher is the owner of Ron's Mobile Service Cars and Trucks, a company that is responsible for providing service for car fleets of national

firms. He is the President of the Ashley Manor Homeowners Association and the Community Liaison to the county's Department of Public Works and Transportation. His company has also provided jobs

to youths employed in the county's Summer Youth Employment Program.

Spruill, a resident of Forrestville, is a retired elementary school teacher with more than 34 years of experience.

She has served on the Concord Civic Association and on the Board of Trustees at Bradburn Memorial Bible Church. She holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from Elizabeth City State University.

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How Far Would \$50 Billion in Taxes on the Rich Go?

By Gene Steuerle

Democrats at Congress's helm are discovering what Republicans learned by the end of President Bush's first term: they have little leeway to do anything. But, you say, isn't Congress going to try to rescind some of the Bush tax cuts? Most likely, yes, but not enough to make much headway against many problems that each entail annual shortfalls of hundreds of billions of dollars. By contrast, the tax changes being considered might, at best, add \$50 billion a year in increased revenues.

Where does the \$50 billion come from? The only revenue increase even vaguely mentioned is repealing recent tax cuts for the super rich (perhaps those making \$200,000 a year or more). According to the Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center, \$50 billion is also the approximate revenue pickup from an earlier proposal by presidential candidate John Kerry to repeal high-income tax cuts. Even that estimate is an overstatement, the Center indicates, since some of the increase would be dodged when individuals take additional deductions and engage in other tax-sheltering activity.

No one has suggested abandoning the middle-class tax relief enacted over the past decade. Neither congressional leaders nor presidential candidates would reduce many of the more expensive Bush tax cuts: the child credit that was increased from \$500 to \$1,000, the "marriage penalty" relief for households filing joint returns, and some of the rate cuts that applied to middle-income taxpayers. There's simply not much political capital in proclaiming that the "Smith" family, with two children and \$50,000 in income, should now pay \$1,500 more in income tax, losing half its child credits and paying a higher marriage penalty and higher tax rates.

So where will the \$50 billion wrung from the rich go? Here's a tally of the many possibili-

ties that tempt our elected leaders:

- Divvy up the \$50 billion and you've got about \$150 per individual to alleviate middle-class worries. Congressional Democrats have recently held various hearings on middle-class risks and concerns. They would like to spend some money to reduce those fears. Our presidential candidates also want some of that money to meet their promises and don't really want the current Congress to tap that well before the election

- Both parties have now pledged themselves to deficit reduction. The \$50 billion would cover a little less than one-third of the scheduled 2007 deficit.

- The \$50 billion could slightly and temporarily slow down the inevitable crunch of growing Medicare spending. It would cover just a few months of the increase in total government health costs projected in 2010.

- Rescinding the tax cuts on the rich could cover about one-fifth of the annual shortfall predicted for Social Security once all the baby boomers move into retirement. By then, Social Security revenues are expected to fall short of expenses by about 2 percentage points of gross domestic product (GDP) annually, or roughly \$270 billion at today's level of output.

Blame whomever you want for today's current fiscal mess, but don't cling to any myths about how far rescinding recent tax cuts for the rich would go toward meeting the nation's many budgetary shortfalls. Our elected officials simply cannot get around the most fundamental of political dilemmas. Even if they enact additional taxes on the rich—and that would not be easy—they still must either retract many of the promises made to the middle class, increase its taxes, or both. Right now, the leaders of both political parties consider it political suicide to lead the way.



The Counseling Corner

Is Stress Eating Affecting Your Waistline?

By the American Counseling Association

Being overweight has become a national health issue. Yet despite growing public awareness and millions of dollars spent on all types of diet plans, the problem isn't disappearing.

One reason may be that people often focus on their food choices, but ignore the reasons why they eat. And stress-related eating is one of the biggest reasons for overeating.

We live in a world full of stress. From national tragedies to family problems to traffic jams, we all face situations that add stress to our lives. And, unfortunately, many of us react to that stress by reaching for something to eat.

It's actually a natural reaction. Many foods can affect our moods and feelings. They may remind us of better, simpler times (think comfort foods), or may actually bring chemical reactions that make us feel better (think sugar high), at least for a short while. Over time, we learn that reaching for that candy bar takes our mind off our stress and actually leaves us feeling better. And so we do it.

But how can you avoid using food as a stress reliever?

Start by looking at when and why

you're eating. Try keeping a diary for a few days of when you eat, what you eat and what you're feeling at the time. You may find that without realizing it, the times when you're snacking unhealthfully are the times when you're feeling not hungry, but simply stressed.

A next step is accepting that the food you're consuming is actually doing nothing to relieve your stress. Food doesn't make problems go away, and may even increase stress by leaving you feeling guilty about overeating and excessive weight gain.

Rather than reaching for more food, start analyzing the sources of stress in your life and what you might be able to do to reduce or manage that stress. Look to non-food related activities, like exercising, reading a book or just taking a walk. Spending time with friends or family can help. Often simply being aware of what triggers your stress-related eating is enough to help you avoid it.

It isn't easy to overcome stress-related eating, but it can be done. If your eating problem is a serious one that's affecting your health, consider consulting a professional counselor who specializes in this area.

Marian Wright Edelman

Child Watch



Keeping a Child Healthy Shouldn't Be This Hard

Children get sick occasionally. Parents expect it and always hope they never get anything more than a cold, but parents want to be prepared for the worst. Part of that preparation is making sure their children have health insurance. Millions of low- and moderate-income families can't afford private insurance and are eligible for Medicaid or the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP). But either they are unaware of this important fact or the application process is so complicated that it takes many months or longer for a child to be covered. Sadly, long delays in getting health coverage are all too common. That's why the Children's Defense Fund is seeking this year to blend the two programs and make enrollment automatic.

Unless a change is made, more and more families will experience the nightmare of the Uhr family. Richard Uhr, a retired AT&T employee in Houston, Texas, worked for a full year to get his grandson's SCHIP coverage renewed. Richard's son, Robert, Sr., contracted meningitis at six months old and is deaf and cannot speak. His only means of communication is through a teletype machine or computer, which makes it difficult to carry on any type of business with a government agency. He worked long enough to qualify for Social Security disability insurance and has a disability pension. The family learned that Robert, Jr., his 11-year-old son, was eligible for half of his father's Social Security benefits and Medicaid health coverage as well. Things went well until a cost of living increase put Robert, Sr.'s income above Medicaid's eligibility limits. The family was informed that young Robert's health coverage would be transferred to SCHIP. There were no problems until his coverage came up for renewal. The extensive six-month renewal form and supporting documents were too difficult for Robert, Sr., to manage so Richard Uhr stepped in to advocate for his grandson.

The renewal application was submitted. After a long wait, the Uhrs received a letter informing them that Robert, Jr., was going to be

disenrolled from SCHIP. Richard Uhr was concerned because he knew he had applied for renewal. He called to learn of the status of the renewal application and faxed a copy of the original. That was returned with a request for additional information. Over the course of a year, Richard received 18 letters requesting different—and often conflicting—missing information on his grandson's application. Names and case numbers were incorrect, records were lost and the family continued to be asked to submit information that already had been provided.

Numerous calls ensued but none of Richard Uhr's attempts to communicate with SCHIP administrators yielded satisfactory results. He finally was connected with a supervisor who wasn't able to find the application in the computer system or even find Robert Uhr, Jr.'s account number. So Richard was instructed to go back to square one and reapply. Richard Uhr appealed to the Children's Defense Fund office in Houston for help, and Robert, Jr.'s application for health coverage was ultimately renewed.

This is just one example of why the majority of America's nine million uninsured children are eligible but not enrolled in federally supported health insurance programs. Daunting bureaucratic barriers and complicated eligibility rules are common in many states. Richard notes that in Texas, when you register your children for school, parents' incomes are provided, and on that basis, eligible students are enrolled in the school lunch program. Inclusion in health care should be that simple. The *All Healthy Children Act* (H.R.1688) would make child health coverage that easy.

Passage of this measure will guarantee health and mental health care for all children and pregnant women in America now. Bureaucratic barriers to coverage would be eliminated. Children currently enrolled in Medicaid, SCHIP and other means-tested federal programs like school lunch and food stamps would be enrolled automatically. The process of getting uninsured children enrolled—and keeping them covered—would be streamlined and simplified.

The Federal Government Can Promote Energy-Efficiency when Building New Facilities

By Senator Benjamin L. Cardin

I have yet to meet anyone who doesn't support energy conservation. From the cars we drive to the buildings in which we live and work, Marylanders want to save energy and protect the environment. I believe the federal government has an opportunity to be a leader in energy conservation by promoting energy efficiency in its new buildings.

I recently introduced *The American Green Building Act*, S.1165, which will require the federal government to construct all new buildings to be more energy efficient and in an environmentally sound way. While we need to enact a comprehensive, long-term energy policy, this bill is a step in the right direction.

The technology is now available to help us save energy when we construct new buildings or renovate existing ones. Buildings are big consumers of energy. In fact, buildings account for more than a third of all energy consumed in the United States. Buildings also account for 49% of our country's sulfur dioxide emissions, 25% of nitrous oxide emissions and 10% of particulate emissions — all which damage our air quality. They also account for 38% of our nation's carbon dioxide emissions — the chief pollutant that causes global warming.

Federal facilities are a large part of the problem. In 2002, energy used in federal buildings accounted for 38% of the total energy bill paid by the federal government — \$3.73 billion.

My legislation would require that all new federal buildings follow the green building LEED (Leadership and Energy in

Environmental Design) Silver standard set by the U.S. Green Building Council. These standards were created to promote sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, material selections and indoor environmental quality.

The average LEED-certified buildings in the United States uses 32% less electricity, 26% less natural gas and 36% less total energy. In aggregate, to date LEED-certified buildings reduce carbon dioxide by 150,000 metric tons, the equivalent of 30,000 passenger cars sitting idle for one year.

The General Services Administration or relevant agency can waive this requirement for national security reasons or if the building cannot meet the energy standards because of quantity of energy that is required.

Storm water runoff has been a major cause of pollution in the Chesapeake Bay. Since the 1990s, population growth in the Bay's watershed has increased by 8%, yet the increase of impervious surfaces has grown by 42%. This bill requires that newly constructed buildings or major renovations plan more effectively for ways to deal with storm water runoff. We need to reduce the number of hardened surfaces such as roofs, parking lots or pavement that prevent rainfall from seeping into the ground.

We can achieve energy independence in a decade if we commit ourselves to that goal. We can become energy independent in a way that protects our environment and our national security.

BUSINESS

Advice from the Better Business Bureau

Avoiding Travel-Related Fraud

With Memorial Day approaching and summer not far behind, the Better Business Bureau (BBB) is advising consumers on how to spot and avoid the threat of vacation and travel-related fraud.

Vacation scams cost consumers over \$10 billion each year. Out of the 3900 industries the BBB monitors, the travel industry consistently ranks in the top 25 for number of complaints.

"The BBB continues to see vacation and travel-related fraud cases" said Edward Johnson, president & CEO of the BBB. "Before booking travel plans, consumers need to do their research and check with the BBB for trustworthy advice on dependable businesses to keep from getting burned this summer."

The Better Business Bureau advises consumers to watch out for unscrupulous marketers make their pitch via unsolicited telephone calls, e-mails and direct mailings, and some also use Internet pop-up advertisements.

Bait-and-switch tactics account for many of the travel-related complaints filed with the BBB. Promotions advertise rock-bottom prices, but hide fees until contracts are signed or initial payments are made. Some firms promise luxurious accommodations and services, but deliver far less.

Still others don't reveal that deals include hidden restrictions such as blackout dates at resorts and fees on certain travel dates, or a requirement to sit through a timeshare pitch at the destination. Some pitches go so far as saying consumers have won a "free" trip and must call a number to claim prizes, while others will offer "free" travel club memberships, allegedly worth thousand of dollars, but ultimately worth nothing.

"The BBB evaluates businesses using our time-tested

set of standards," said Johnson. "There are many reputable travel agents and clubs to choose from, and we want consumers to know they can start their search for these reliable companies with the BBB."

Ways to Protect Yourself:

- Gather information. Don't be fooled by professional looking Web sites or e-mails. Few legitimate businesses can afford to give away products and services of real value or substantially undercut other companies' prices. Visit the BBB Web site, www.mybbb.org, or call the BBB for a free reliability report on the travel company making the offer
- Ask detailed questions and get it in writing. Get names of airlines, hotels, car rental companies and travel providers. Consider contacting these businesses directly to verify arrangements. Always ask for confirmation of your travel arrangements in writing and ensure you receive copies of cancellation and refund policies.

- Pay with a credit card and avoid deals that require you to book 60 days in advance. Credit card companies may allow consumers to dispute a charge within 60 days of purchase. Representatives from eBay also caution consumers against paying with personal checks and strongly recommend paying with a method such as PayPal that has built-in protection measures.
- Contact the BBB if you are a victim of fraud. The BBB helps consumers and businesses through complaint and dispute resolution services. Victims of travel-related scams can visit www.mybbb.org or call the BBB to file a complaint. Ultimately, consumer complaints expose bad businesses and help other consumers avoid becoming victims of vacation and travel-related fraud.

O'Malley Helps Make Ends Meet for Families

Families from A1

these bills, we are guaranteeing that a full day's work earns a full day's pay, protecting family homes, and keeping the dream of higher education affordable for Maryland families."

"I am proud that, working with the legislature, we were able to pass a number of bills that support Maryland families working every day to get ahead," said Lt. Governor Anthony Brown. "By expanding opportunity to more of our families this session, we are strengthening Maryland's core foundation."

For a complete list of the bills signed into law, please visit www.gov.state.md.us.

In addition to working with the legislature to pass these bills, Governor O'Malley has worked administratively to support Maryland families. Earlier this year, the Governor appointed an impartial, professional Public Service Commissioners to analyze energy prices, let by Chairman Steven Larsen.

Governor O'Malley has maintained his promise not to raise taxes this year, and is committed to using the StateStat program to identify inefficiencies in government.

Before You Dig: Call 8-1-1

WSSC Supports Uniform Number for Miss Utility

Courtesy WSSC

(LAUREL, MD) – Now it's as easy as 1-2-3 or 8-1-1. The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) announced its support for the nationwide launch of Miss Utility's new 8-1-1 "Call Before You Dig" number. MD state law requires a call to Miss Utility to help prevent damage to underground utility lines.

8-1-1 is designed to eliminate the confusion of having different Miss Utility numbers in different jurisdictions. Individuals and professional excavators can now call 8-1-1 from anywhere in the country to inform underground utilities, so they can mark their lines before digging begins.

One call to 8-1-1 will notify all appropriate utilities and provide their technicians with the opportunity to clearly mark their lines, reducing accidental service outages and injuries. For details on the nationwide launch of Miss Utility's new 8-1-1 number, please visit www.811.com



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Aleeyah Colbert, Fairmount Heights; Tomi Tolliver, Landover; and, Alicia Hill, Upper Marlboro are among Kristin Mulcahy's fifth grade students at St. Ambrose School.

For the second year in a row, Miss Kristin Mulcahy a fifth grade teacher at St. Ambrose School in Cheverly, Maryland has had her class participate in a project to raise money for Heifer

International. This non-profit organization works to end world hunger and save the earth.

This year's class raised \$700 which will be used to purchase a water buffalo,

sheep, a flock of ducks, a flock of chicks, a goat and tree seedlings for the needy in developing nations. In addition to their livestock purchases, they donated \$50 to the organization.

A Message to America from the American Legion

Memorial Day from A2

er to honor these heroes.

It brings to mind the words of Army Sergeant First Class Jack Robison, who recently wrote from Iraq, "Sometimes I think God must be creating an elite unit in heaven, because He only seems to select the very best soldiers to bring home early."

If you want to honor these heroes, visit a veterans' cemetery on Memorial Day. Attend a parade without the divisive political signs. Make cards for the comrades of the fallen that are recuperating in military and VA hospitals. Lay a wreath at the stone of a departed hero.

We Americans need to

remember why Memorial Day is special. It's not about picnics or trips to the beach. It's not about making pro- or anti-war statements. It's not about supporting political candidates. It's about honor, duty and the ultimate sacrifice. It's about people who have decided that the United States is worth dying for.



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Out on the TOWN

Lucky You Has Unlucky Timing

By STEVE RHODES
www.InternetReviews.com

LUCKY YOU, a not so lucky film since it's set to open against the Spider-Man juggernaut this Friday, suffers from many problems, all of its own making.

Directed by Curtis Hanson, it's an hour-and-a-half story stretched to over two hours while feeling like it's three.

It has also been dramatically mismarketed, as it tries to convince potential ticket buyers that it's something of a romantic comedy, which it almost never is. Still, even though it is an abysmal failure as a romance or a comedy, it does work, in a pedestrian sort of way, as a poker movie. Although we've all seen better poker movies, LUCKY YOU should have significant appeal to people whose TiVo is filled with poker contests. But for those viewers not steeped in the nuances of modern day poker strategy and terminology, the movie's best parts may be completely baffling.

At the heart of the story is a battle to the death, figuratively, not literally, between a pair of father and son gamblers who have issues -- lots of issues -- between them. Huck Cheever (Eric Bana, TROY) is known as "a blaster," a player so obsessed with making the big, splashy bet that he usually loses it all after turning a trivial amount of money into a small fortune.

The only player Huck can



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Billie Offer (Drew Barrymore) is a young singer from Bakersfield with more heart than talent. Huck Cheever (Eric Bana) is a poker player whose emotions at the table often undermine his exceptional skill, especially when he is heads up with his father, poker legend L.C. Cheever (Robert Duvall). The one aptitude Billie and Huck seem to share is a knack for reading people--the difference is what they do with that gift.

never beat is L. C. (Robert Duvall), his father and his nemesis. A wealthy, 2-time winner of the World Championship of Poker, L. C. knows how to keep his winnings, a skill that Huck appears constitutionally incapable of learning.

Whenever Huck gets way ahead, he has to keep playing until his pot goes up in flames because of a bet that was too bold. The upshot of this is that Huck lives in a house, owned

by the bank, which has no furniture whatsoever. The movie's ongoing joke is that he keeps having to hock his mother's wedding ring for inconsequential amounts of money in order to stake himself with enough cash for him to begin to dig his way out of his latest financial hole.

Completely wasted in a throwaway part as Huck's on-and-off girlfriend Billie, Drew Barrymore was hired for the sole purpose of tricking poten-

tial audience members into thinking that LUCKY YOU is a romantic comedy. The script gives Barrymore almost nothing to do, which is exactly she does.

I must admit that I do have a passing interest in poker, so I did enjoy the poker sequences. But -- Good God! -- who thought up the film's ridiculous ending twist? It is the sort of thing that only happens in the movies.

RATING (0 TO ****): **

Calendar of Events

Saturday, May 19

Tamika and Friends celebrates National Women's Health Week with First Annual HPV/Cervical Cancer Awareness Walk as part of the 8th Annual National Women's Health Week. The walk will begin in West Potomac Park, in Washington, DC. A ceremony honoring women who have fought cervical cancer will jumpstart the walk.

Featured speakers and entertainers will include Christine Baze, recording artist and cervical cancer survivor; Gwendolyn Britt, Maryland State Senator; Tamika L. Felder, Founder of Tamika and Friends and cervical cancer survivor; Cat Hicks, poet and cervical cancer survivor; Sara Lyle, journalist.

Tamika and Friends, Inc. is committed to supporting women who are battling cervical cancer and to educating all women about the human papillomavirus (HPV) and its link to cervical cancer.

For more information, please visit www.tamikaandfriends.org/aboutthewalk.html

Sunday, June 10

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Accokeek Foundation is offering basket making workshops taught by Byron Williams, an award-winning local artisan and WETA Hometown Hero. Williams is a local artist renowned for his unique, decorative, and

functional baskets and gourds using a variety of traditional yet innovative techniques.

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

For more information about this event and others, visit the Accokeek Foundation's web site at www.accokeek.org.

Tuesday, June 12

The Maryland Society of Accountants (MSA), a local non-profit organization, is hosting their 2007 Maryland Society of Accountants Scholarship Foundation Golf Tournament at Maryland National Golf Course in Middletown, MD, 8836 Hollow Road, Middletown, MD 21769. This event is open to the public. Check-in begins at 8 a.m., followed by a shotgun start at 10 a.m.

This is the 12th annual golf tournament and the major fundraising event for the MSA's scholarship program. Participants may register at www.msacct.org, for \$110 per person. Participants must register by June 7, 2007.

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University of MD, College Park Student, Angela Annechino, art ed. major, and Brandon Avila, student at William Wirt Middle School, collaborate after school on the mural project.



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Community Mural 2007 Project Artists.



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William Wirt MS student Javonte Mosley works on the intermediate stages of the mural.



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Curt Cunningham, William Wirt MS art teacher stands by, instructing student muralists.

The Engaged University Raises Community Awareness and Pride in Riverdale With Multi-Cultural Mural Project

UM and PGCPs Provide After-School Program to Improve Educational Offerings at William Wirt Middle School

Mural from A1

The mural, drawn on 5 panels, was presented to the University of Maryland community at the Tawes Fine Arts Building Wednesday.

The 2007 Community Mural Project was facilitated by a partnership between UMCP students in the Engaged University (EU), a division of the Maryland Cooperative Extension that offers community service programs to students at the University of Maryland and William Wirt Middle School, a Prince George's County public school located in Riverdale Heights.

In spring 2007, the Maryland State Arts Council, an agency under the State Department of Business and Economic Development, Division of Tourism, Film, and the Arts, awarded the EU an \$8,000 grant for project materials through the Council's ArtVantage grants program.

The grant funds purchased materials for the project and were also used to offer a commission to the William Wirt MS students who participated in the project.

According to the National Campus Compact, an engaged university is "one that is consciously committed to re-invigorating the democratic spirit and community engagement in all aspects of its campus life: students, faculty, staff, and the institution itself."

As a land grant institution established by federal fund through the Morrill Land Grant Act of 1862 and as the state's

flagship university, UMCP has a responsibility to the university community to support the mission of community economic development. The EU program accomplishes this mission by encouraging grade school students to pursue higher education. The Community Mural Project contributes to community economic development as a vocational training opportunity for students interested in pursuing careers in graphic design, fashion design, sculpting, engineering, teaching, architecture, and other crafts and trades.

"The relationship with college students plants a seed in students' minds, in terms of, 'I'm working with this person in college. What is college all about?' Building relationships connects the University with students in the community, so we can work together for the benefit of all," said Genevieve Villamora, assistant director of the EU.

The EU decided to assume the endeavor of mural-painting in a series of open meetings held after the EU was first convened. The meetings, designed to determine the needs of the community, arrived at art and gardening education as primary projects it would embrace. The EU has worked with students to teach mural-painting and gardening education throughout Prince George's County, to include locations at Nicholas Orem MS and Langley Park-McCormick ES. This year, the EU also led group discussions at schools throughout the county regarding immigration,

this year's EU theme.

When approached by the EU with a proposal to apply an \$8,000 grant to create a collaborative, multi-cultural mural for display at the school, Principal Coleman was supportive and eager to cooperate.

Murals like the one at William Wirt MS promote equality and acceptance of diverse cultures, according to Art Teacher Curtis Cunningham.

"This mural shows acceptance of all nationalities. When students see the mural, they'll feel proud. It shows the school is proud of all different cultures and embraces all the different cultures present in the school."

"The mural is intended to create a sense of well-being, by creating a sense of pride. When the kids pull up to the school in a school bus or in a car, they feel self-empowered when they look at the work they completed," explained Erica Apatov, student project coordinator.

Mr. Cunningham worked with university student-volunteers Sue-Ying Cosbert, economics and communication major; Andrew Correces, business major; Brandon Hayes, graphic design major; Angela Annechino, art education major; and, Apatov, an art major.

The University students met with William Wirt MS students once every week for 14-weeks during Art Club after school from 3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

The University Students were trained at the University

of Maryland's Center for Educational Partnership in Riverdale, MD, a rejuvenated storage facility belonging to the University that now serves to educate students and support community-based development in the Riverdale Community. The students were trained in mural painting by Joyce Wellman, renowned local muralist. Villamora and Sonia Keiner Flynn, Community Education Coordinator at the EU, encouraged the college students to reflect on their experiences throughout the course of the mural project to gain the maximum amount of insight into art and teaching from the project.

"Through the reflections what we wanted the students to be doing was thinking deeply about the experiences they were having and making connections between all the different kinds of issues- the middle school students and where their families were from, the school and why they didn't have an art teacher for years, the reasons for the attendance patterns of the middle school students. Reflections got them to think, 'Why don't the students don't come to art class?' Maybe it's because they have to take care of a younger sibling at home," Villamora suggested.

William Wirt MS students learned how to draw proportions on a grid and how to use the value scale to combine colors of paint to create an aesthetically pleasing composition with unity and contrast. The students painted wood with

acrylic gesso, placed a grid on top of the wood, and transferred the jaguar's image onto the grid.

The Community Mural Project encouraged students like Raquel, who painted the flag of Mexico, and Dominique and Simone, who painted the jaguar, to lead other students within their groups, taking on challenging responsibilities.

Villamora stressed the value of the after-school setting where students can express themselves and have their ideas recognized by others, developing their communication skills.

Cunningham claims he saw improved behavior in his students who participated in the Art Club project. Of one student, he said, "He has a lot of energy, and to see him calm down- especially when the paint came out- I was very impressed. (The student) is my biggest example. In school he's constantly getting into trouble, but when he's in Art Club he's focused, he does his work."

The Community Mural Project was taught to middle school students as a cross-curricular art education project, exposing students to different kinds of information related to other fields.

Apatov, the only student receiving academic and a commission for the Community Mural Project 2007, created a lesson plan to be used with the mural-painting project.

"Everything in art education is supposed to be taught incorporating different content areas within a specific lesson,"

said Apatov, who related the 2007 Community Mural Project to paintings by Mexican muralists and other murals in the Mission District in San Francisco, CA; Chicago, IL; Boston, MA; and Washington, DC.

Murals inform spectators of the history of the community, said Apatov. In studying a mural in Long Beach, CA, students can learn about the history of Japanese Americans, whose hardships during WW2 encampments in America; by looking at the mural painting of Doctor James B. Luckie in Twenty Nine Palms, CA, Apatov explained students can learn about the man who treated veterans poisoned during WWI.

Students at William Wirt MS each received an \$85 commission for their work on the mural project through the ArtVantage grant.

Ultimately, Villamora and Keiner Flynn hope to create a program with inveterate student muralists who will lead other students in commissioned mural painting.

Principal Coleman, who has been with the school for less than a year, will continue nurturing leaders by supporting the Art Club and collaborations between the EU and William Wirt MS students. In the fall, Principal Coleman sent all his sixth grade students to visit Universities.

"We want our students to envision themselves in the highest academic arena, and that occurs at the University level."

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The Sheriff's Department headed the line at the Marlborough Day parade on Saturday.

Aquasco-Brandywine

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munity are invited to share with the Congregation at 10 a.m. The theme for the United Methodist Women this year is, "Rise, Shine, and Glorify God!"

Annual Women's Day

The celebration will be held on Friday, May 18, at Christ United Methodist

Church in Aquasco, with a spiritual fellowship service led by guest speaker, Rev. Denise Norfleet Walker, Pastor of St. Paul United Methodist Church in Baltimore at 7 p.m.

Annual Women's Day Celebration

At Christ United Methodist Church in Aquasco on Sunday, May 20, at 9:45

a.m. there will be a worship service with guest speaker Rev. Dr. Diana L. Parker, Associate Pastor of Grace UMC in Ft. Washington, MD. Rev. Dr. Robert E. Walker is Pastor of Christ UMC in Aquasco.

Everyone is invited to come and join the women of Christ in fellowship and praise

the Lord in Celebration of their special day. It would be an honor to have all of you come and fellowship with us.

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In and Around Morningside-Skyline

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Union (for which he had to provide his own bicycle); the CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps), which assigned him to plant trees out west; and the Pennsylvania National Guard. They let him join the Air Force in 1941—even though he had flat feet.

On Feb. 21, 1943, Law married Birdie Marion Laughinghouse at the First Christian Church in Miami, FL. They celebrated their 60th anniversary in 2003, only months before Birdie died.

After retiring from the military, Law worked for Civil Service and volunteered with the Red Cross, driving patients to doctors' appointments. He volunteered at Oxon Hill Library where Birdie had been a children's librarian. Law frequently returned to his beloved Northern Ireland and, at the funeral, Ryan Keough remembered Jimmy with the song *When Irish Eyes are Smiling*.

Law is survived by his daughters, Jackie Thornhill, Kathy Sinclair and Laura Pompa; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and a sister. During his memorial service on May 14th at Bethany Christian Church, Law's daughter and son-in-law, Laura and Tony Pompa; grandson Jonathan Thornhill; Raleigh Bell; Ben Swett; and

the pastor, Rev. Dr. Robert Degges, told wonderful stories of Law. They told of his service to the church as elder, trustee, financial officer, and chairman of the board; of his devoted care for his mother and Birdie; of his delightful sense of humor, his love of cars, family, Bushnell's Irish Whiskey and Northern Ireland. Law was buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

Yard Sales

The Skyline Citizens Association has a Flea Market on Saturday at the Morningside Firehouse from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. There are no spaces left to purchase for display, but you can still come and shop. Some of the proceeds will benefit the Morningside Fire Department.

The Morningside Recreation Council is sponsoring a Flea Market on June 2 at the Morningside Fire Department from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tables cost \$15 for the first space and \$10 for each additional. To participate, call William Fowler at 301.653.5301, or Gina Foster at 301.420.4033.

The Dr. Samuel A. Mudd House Museum is hosting a Community Yard Sale on the grounds, June 2, from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. The fee is \$15 a space. Bring your own tables and chairs.

The House is located at 3725 Dr. Samuel Mudd Road

in Waldorf, MD. June 9 is the rain date. For information, call 301.274.9358.

Changing Landscape

The Holiday Inn Express at the corner of Allentown and Suitland roads is now a Quality Inn.

Be aware that the South Capitol Street Bridge (Douglas Bridge) will have lane closings over the next few months. The Bridge will close completely during the summer for major work.

Rabies Shots

The County Health Department is offering low-cost rabies shots for cats, dogs, and ferrets over three months old. Shots cost \$5 and will be available Saturday at Bowie High School, 15200 Annapolis Rd and at Crossland High, 6901 Temple Hill Rd, on June 2 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. For more information, call 301.583.3782.

May They Rest in Peace

I've just learned that the VFW Post #9619 has suffered the deaths of two former "first ladies" who were also active members of the Auxiliary, Catherine Doane and Irma Yurek. I'll pay tribute to them in a future column.

Patria Dagdag Feliciano, longtime resident of Pickett Court in Morningside, passed away on April 27. She was the wife of Wilfredo Feliciano Sr.; mother of Wilfredo, Jr., Patricia, and Winifredo

Feliciano. She is also survived by ten brothers and sisters. Mass of Christian Burial was at St. Columbia Church, Oxon Hill, with burial at Resurrection Cemetery.

Walter Eugene "Tut" Windsor, of Clinton, died April 6. He was a painter by trade, and did extensive painting for St. Philip's Church. He was a member of Oxon Hill Masonic Lodge, Unity Chapter OES #112, Kena Shrine Temple, the Royal Order of Jesters, Alexandria Court #162 and the Elks. Survivors include his wife, Annamay; five children and nine grandchildren. Services were at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church.

Condolences to Carolyn LaChance on the death of her brother, Don Morse, on May 12.

Milestones

Happy birthday to Jean Glaubitz, Otis Jones and Ellen Ashby, May 19; Aidan Kilbride, May 20; Juanita Hood and David Sanford, May 22; Betty Call, L. Dorothy Jones, Nancy Sawyer, Dory Babecki and Chester Lanehart IV, May 23.

Happy anniversary to Aidan and Mary Kilbride, their 44th on May 18; Dennis and Leigh D'Avanzo, their 18th on May 20; Ronnie and Karen Ellis, their 41st on May 20; and Chet and Winnie Lanehart, their 48th on May 23.

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Glenn Dale United Methodist Church will be having a yard sale/flea market this Saturday, May 19 from 9 a.m. -

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place prizes were awarded in six categories based on grade level, and two honorable mentions were awarded to entries from high school students.

ASYMCA also presented 12 scholarships to student art contest winners; three Raytheon Program Achievement Awards for the best new program, best use of volunteers and most innovative improvement; and six regional Community YMCA Awards sponsored by Raytheon. Additionally, ASYMCA honored "Volunteer of the Year" Moses Robbins, whose support

has helped expand the Backdoor Boutique at Camp Lejeune, and Rep. John Carter of Texas, who received the 2007 Military Family Congressional Champion Award. For more information about ASYMCA awards, a complete list of winners and excerpts from winning essays, please visit www.asymca.org/c8.html.

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