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## First Eco-Friendly Public School of Prince George's County Underway

### Laurel-Beltsville Elementary School Holds Groundbreaking Ceremony

Courtesy PGCPS

The Prince George's County Board of Education held a ground-breaking ceremony for the county's first LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) school. At the ceremony Monday, it was announced that Laurel-Beltsville ES in Vansville Heights will be a 94,800 square foot, two-story "eco-green" school designed for a student population of 792 as well as 68 teachers and staff.

According to Tanzi West, PGCPS communications spe-



Superintendent of PGCPS Dr. John E. Deasy noted the savings from eco-friendly building at the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Laurel-Beltsville Elementary School.

cialist, LEED is a rating system that measures the performance of "green" buildings in areas like water savings, energy efficiency, and environmental sustainability.

The building will feature multiple roof levels, an open central spine to provide inexpensive natural lighting, a gymnasium large enough for 2 basketball courts, and a new Vansville Community Center that will be available for community use.

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PHOTO BY JAMES PROCTOR PHOTOGRAPHY

The US Air Force Demonstration Squadron "Thunderbirds" flew above AFB at the 2007 Joint Services Open House.

## United States Armed Forces Showcases Wares at Andrews AFB

### Modern Equipment, Vintage WWII Aircraft Displayed at Air Show

By JAMES PROCTOR  
Special Writer

Andrews Air Force Base (AFB) evokes many thoughts in the minds of most Prince Georgians: defender of our nation's capital; home to Air Force One; regional employer; and, lifesaver. This past weekend, when AFB hosted the 2007 Joint Services Open House, pride in the county's Air Force Base seemed to be the overwhelming sentiment.

The 2007 Joint Services Open House provided a chance for all the military services to show their wares. Visitors were able to see Army Equipment such as the Bradley

Fighting Vehicle and the AH 64 Apache Helicopter.

This weekend was one of the first times the Air Force publically showcased the F 22 Raptor, one of the Air Force's newest planes.

The Navy and Marines also showed off ordnance, including vintage World War II aircraft and equipment.

The materiel wasn't the star of the show - the stars of the show were the men and women who serve in the United States Armed Forces. Service members in crisp uniforms were on hand to explain uses of the equipment to visitors.

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## PGCPS at All-Time High Level of Classrooms with Highly-Qualified Teachers

### HR Department Reform Leads to All-Time High of Qualified Teachers

Courtesy PGCPS

Prince George's County public school students are being taught by more highly qualified teachers than ever before.

Superintendent of PGCPS Dr. John E. Deasy reported to the Board of Education Thursday, May 17, that two-thirds of all classrooms (66 percent) now have teachers who are fully certified and highly qualified - an all-time

high and a major increase from 23 percent four years ago.

At the same time, nearly three quarters of classrooms in typically hard-to-staff Title I schools (72 percent) are taught by highly qualified teachers, an extraordinary improvement from just 13 percent four years ago.

Title I is a federal program intended to improve the academic achievement of children from lower-income families. In Prince George's County, 51

of 205 are Title I schools.

One of the most important factors in raising student achievement is a highly qualified teacher. Research shows that student performance increases with teacher subject-matter qualification.

John White, PGCPS communications specialist, attributes the increase in teacher qualification to the reconstitution of the human resources department of the county's public schools at the request of

Dr. Deasy. Dr. Deasy enlisted a private company to conduct a performance evaluation of human resources department, during which "every position within HR was evaluated, new job descriptions were written and advertised."

"The goal was to improve the level of service we provide and to make our recruitment efforts more effective," explained White.

"We are committed to See PGCPS, Page A9

## Rosaryville Elementary School Students Dig Memorial Garden

### Living Habitat Garden is Planted in Honor of the School's Late Principal, Regina Williams

Courtesy PGCPS

(UPPER MARLBORO, MD) — In partnership with the Alice Ferguson Foundation, the students and teaching staff of Rosaryville Elementary School will hosted a garden planting to construct a school yard habitat garden.

The garden planted Saturday, May 19th, was con-

structed as a memorial tribute to Regina C. Williams, a former principal who was tragically killed in an automobile accident February. Williams served the Prince George's school system for 20 years.

On Saturday, students and staff of Rosaryville ES planted native plants and flowers and built habitat structures for See Memorial Garden, Page A3



PHOTO COURTESY PGPD

Police Chief Melvin High speaks in support of the COPS Improvement Act on Tuesday, May 15.

Courtesy PGPD

Police Chief Melvin C. High attended the signing of the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Improvement Act of 2007 at the United States Capitol. The bill's passage came during National Police Week and will

provide critical resources to local police agencies across the country, enabling police departments nationwide to put an additional 50,000 officers on the streets.

"This program is essential for America's police departments to provide the necessary personnel to protect our com-

## PG County Police Chief Attends Signing of COPS Improvement Act

### Program Calls for 50,000 Additional Police Officers On Streets Nationwide over Six Years

munities. I can't underscore enough how important this legislation is and how far it will go in providing critical resources to police agencies nationwide," insisted Chief High.

Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (D-MD), who invited Chief High to attend the sign-

ing, said, "What better way to pay homage to those who have lost their lives in the line of duty than by passing the COPS Improvements Act of 2007, a bill that provides critical resources to local law enforcement and agencies in order to better protect our See COPS, Page A9

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## Comptroller's Spring Unclaimed Property Campaign Nets Windfall

### Program Aims to return \$580 Million to Residents Across the State

Courtesy OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER

(ANNAPOLIS, MD) — On Wednesday, May 16, Comptroller Peter Franchot announced that nearly 14,000

people found lost money in this year's unclaimed property advertising campaign. The initiative generated about 20,000 calls with 70 percent of callers netting a windfall.

"I'm pleased with the suc-

cess of this year's campaign but encourage all Marylanders to keep visiting www.marylandtaxes.com to see if their name appears on our rolls in the future," said Comptroller Franchot. "We currently hold

approximately 715,000 accounts worth more than \$580 million."

Financial institutions, utilities, insurance companies and other corporations are See Property, Page A5

# Towns and NEIGHBORS

## Clinton Conversations

By **NORMA FAZENBAKER**  
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This is Stroke Awareness Month, so we are being reminded that high blood pressure is the most important preventable risk factor for stroke. If you have a problem with high blood pressure, be sure to take the right medication at the same time each day with meals. Try using a special pillbox marked with the days of the week. If possible, ask family members to remind you to take your medicine. Consider using a calendar to mark off when you have taken each dose. Post a note in a prominent place to remind yourself to take your medicine. However you do it, just be sure you take your medicine. My friend recently passed away from a stroke and she was only 65 years old. I believe it could have been prevented had she taken care of herself.

Spring is definitely the season for yard sales. If you want me to advertise yours, please let me know by phone or by e-mail. Send e-mail notices to the attention of Norma Fazenbaker at nfazenbake@aol.com.

Davies Memorial Unitarian Universalist Church on Temple Hills Road is having a yard sale on June 2 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. For more information, call 301.449.4308.

Every other month I receive a magazine from Care First Insurance. This month, the magazine offered advice to parents of children who may be faced with degrees of hearing loss due to the improper use of iPods and other personal music devices. To lessen the odds of hearing loss, experts

recommend that children younger than 12 should be restricted from using portable music players regularly. Parents are instructed to restrict their child's operation of portable music players to use at no higher than 60 percent of the machine's top volume, or a little over halfway on the volume bar. Encourage children to take 15-minute quiet breaks every few hours. Have children use earphones that sit on top of, not inside, the ears. Parents are instructed to consult a physician about their child's health if the child experiences ringing or buzzing in the ear lasting longer than a day. If a parent has to shout to be heard by a child across the room or if a parent can hear the child's music at the same distance, the article noted that there is a reasonable likelihood the child is listening to music at a level that, over time, could produce hearing loss.

This past week, Nancy and I took a bus-load of people to see *In The Beginning* at Sight and Sound Theatre in Strasburg, PA. As usual, the performance was spectacular with lots of angels flying around, and quite a few little animals running here and there. One thing I found out was that Adam and Eve had 43 children!!

The Association of Maryland Families will sponsor City on the Hill, a Christian youth leadership conference, for ages 14 to 18 between July 9 and July 13. Space is limited. For more information, call 410.760.9166 or visit [www.mdfamilies.org](http://www.mdfamilies.org) for an application.

\*\*The average amount of people flying over the United States at any given hour is 61,000.



PHOTO COURTESY CITY OF BOWIE

The Youth Leadership Council of Bowie (YLC) sponsored a Senior Prom on Thursday, May 17. YLC provided the entire atmosphere for the evening, including dinner and music from the George Simmons Band.

## Aquasco-Brandywine

By **RUTH TURNER**  
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### Horse Show

The Southern Maryland Horse Association Show will be held on June 23 and 24th at 8:00 a.m. at the Prince George's Equestrian Center, located at 14900 Pennsylvania Ave. located in Upper Marlboro, MD. The local hunter/jumper horse show will be held in the outdoor rings. Admission will be free for spectators. Please call 301.952.7999 for additional information.

### Piano and Voice Lessons

Beginner and intermediate piano lessons will be given on Saturdays from 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. for ages 6 and

older. Voice lessons will be offered on Saturdays from 1 p.m. - 2 p.m., and on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Please call 301.333.6561 or 301.218.6768 to register and to obtain free additional information. All lessons are offered at Lake Arbor Community Center, located at 10100 Lake Arbor Way in Mitchellville, MD.

### The Phantom of the Opera

*The Phantom of the Opera* will be performed at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts between June 20th and August 12. The performance will run 2 hours.

The cost of tickets is between \$36 and \$94. This is the longest-running production in Broadway history. The

Phantom of the Opera has cast its magical spell over standing room audiences all around the world. This musical phenomenon is back at the Kennedy Center, featuring some of the most lavish sets, costumes, and special effects created for the stage.

The play unfolds a tragic love story between a shadowy, disfigured composer and his muse, a beautiful opera singer. Please call 800.444.1324 or 202.467.4600 for tickets or for additional information.

### Vacation Bible School

Community Congregations will hold its Vacation Church School 2007 again this summer. The theme will be "Lift Off...Soaring to New Heights

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## Oxon Hill HS Student Named Representative to Prince George's County Board of Education

Courtesy PGCPs

The Prince George's Regional Association of Student Governments (PGRASG) announced yesterday the election of Haywood Perry, III as the new Student Member of the Prince George's County Board of Education. Perry was elected by student members of PRGASG representing over 30 Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS). Perry will begin his term at the beginning of the 2007-2008 school year.

"Haywood Perry is a perfect example of what Prince George's County Public Schools and the Board of Education represents - excellence, leadership and commitment. We welcome Haywood to the Board and look forward to working with him during the next school term," commented Board Chair R. Owen Johnson, Jr.

Perry is currently a junior at Oxon Hill High School in Oxon Hill, MD,



PHOTO COURTESY WWW.PGCPS.ORG

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and a member of the Science and Technology Program at that school. With a 4.13 grade point average, Perry serves as Chairman of the Prince George's County Government Youth Commission. Perry is also the founder and president of Oxon Hill HS Student Board of Directors and a voting delegate for the Maryland Association of Student Councils.

Perry led his campaign calling for "a change in mindset, in expectations, and in performance - a modification in not only how the public views Prince George's County Public Schools, but more importantly in how we view ourselves."

PGRASG also elected a new governing team including Joe Jeffrey Chapman, High Point HS, President; Juan Diasgranados, High Point HS, 1st Vice-President; and, Danille Douglas, Eleanor Roosevelt HS, Secretary.

## In and Around Morningside-Skyline

By **MARY MCHALE**  
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### Shred-It Truck Shreds Your Confidential Papers

Last year the County's Department of Environmental Resources hosted a successful Shred-It program for County residents who have important and confidential documents that need to be destroyed. For FREE!

The Shred-It truck is back this year at Friendly HS, located at 10000 Allentown Road. The truck will come on Saturday, June 2, from 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. The shredding will be done as you watch.

By the way, if the residents of Prince George's County can show that there is a need for this type of service, the county will continue the program each year. If, on the other hand, turnout at the event is low, the county will interpret such a response as a lack

of demand or desire for such a program. It sounds like a good idea to me, and I'm going to start rounding up all my old receipts and IRS stuff and haul them to the Shred-It truck on June 2.

### Memorial Day at Resurrection

A Mass will be said at Resurrection Cemetery at 8000 Woodyard Road in Clinton, MD, on Monday at 10 a.m for those who gave their lives so Americans can live in freedom. Bishop Francisco Gonzalez will celebrate the Mass. All are invited.

### Change of pastors at St. Philip's

Father Arnold De Porter, pastor of St. Philip's Parish, is retiring on June 27th due to age and health considerations. From 1997 - 2005, Father De Porter was pastor at St. Bernardine of Siena in Suitland.

When asked what he'll do after retiring, he said he would attend a De

Porter family reunion in Davenport, IA, and then move to live with his brother in Leisure World. De Porter also plans to assist St. Patrick's Church in Norbeck. A farewell reception for De Porter will be held after Mass on the weekend of June 16th.

Archbishop Donald Wuerl has appointed Father Scott Hahn as the new pastor at St. Philip's. Father Hahn is currently serving as parochial vicar at St. John the Evangelist in Silver Spring, MD.

### Neighbors

Trinity and Tristan Pigford were born April 10th at George Washington University Hospital. Each weighed in at about 5 pounds.

I had a chance to meet these tiny boy and girl twin set when their mother, Sheila Pigford, strolled past my house with the children in a twin-stroller.

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## Serving Suitland

By **JANICE A. EUELL**  
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Just imagine that I have a top hat on and that I'm throwing it up in the air as high as I can get it! I'm saluting and being jubilant about the attendance at the community meeting sponsored by the Department of Housing and Community Development held at Suitland Elementary School. Thanks to everyone's efforts in making sure that the community was aware of the meeting, at the meeting there was standing room only. I was excited to see so many of our residents at a meeting that will change our infrastructure dramatically.

The purpose of the meeting was to inform the public about plans by two different developers who are currently bidding to redevelop the Suitland Manor Complex. There have been numerous meetings regarding the various proposals to develop the property. Suggestions have centered around two main proposals, one to create a mixed use residential development, and another to form a cultural arts center. This is a huge undertaking that will change the appearance of our com-

munity for a very long time. Your input and continuous involvement is essential to assure that the Suitland Manor Complex property is used for purposes that meet the needs and desires of our community.

We remain grateful to *The Prince George's Post* for allowing us to use this column to communicate with our residents. I discovered there are a lot of you who depend on this article for updates and I am happy that it serves such a valuable purpose. You will receive updates on future meetings and events as they develop. Please don't hesitate to call with questions the information contained in this column or with information about anything else related to the community.

School is closing on June 14th! Be ready to find activities that will keep your children occupied while they are out of school. Contact the Suitland Community Center to get your child signed up for activities that are held there. Check around at schools, churches and community organizations to find out what other summer programs are being sponsored. Don't leave your child idle

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# COMMUNITY



PHOTO COURTESY DENISE BARTLOW/ROSARYVILLE ES

The students of Rosaryville Elementary School joined efforts in planting the memorial garden in honor of their late principal Regina Williams.

## Memorial Garden Planted in Remembrance of Principal

*Alice Ferguson Foundation Sponsors ES Project*

**Memorial Garden from A1** birds. The garden will serve as a living habitat for native butterflies and birds. The garden will be used for nature and environmental studies and for cross-curricular activities in a variety of subject areas.

As a precursor to the actual construction of the garden, students participated in an environmental study unit where they learned about the interconnectedness of living elements of the biosphere and about how biological communities can thrive by working with other elements in the community.

"The excitement I've

seen in my students while teaching this environmental unit has been a priceless gift to me as an educator and community member," says third grade teacher Denise Bartlow.

The project is part of a special School Partnership Program between the Alice Ferguson Foundation and Rosaryville Elementary School designed to incorporate environmental knowledge throughout the school curriculum.

"All of the teachers have shown immense growth in environmental content knowledge and awareness, as well as skill in facilitating

exciting, engaging hands-on activities for students," said Tammy Shupard, Partnership Program Coordinator for the Alice Ferguson Foundation. The Alice Ferguson Foundation has worked with Rosaryville ES teachers and students since June 2006.

The Alice Ferguson Foundation received special funding to support this project from the Office of the Prince George's County Executive and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The Foundation is a nonprofit environmental education center at the Hard Bargain Farm in Accokeek, MD.

## Free, One-Stop Multi-Source Recycling Event to Take Place

*Residents Offered Safe Means of Disposal for Household Wastes*

Courtesy DER

(LARGO, MD) — The Prince George's County Department of Environmental Resources (DER) will sponsor a free Multi-Source Reduction and Recycling Event for all county citizens. The event is geared to encourage residents to safely dispose of their household hazardous waste, shred sensitive documents, and to recycle old electronic equipment.

The event, sponsored by DER's Recycling Section, will be held on Saturday, June 2nd from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Friendly High School. The High School is located at 10000 Allentown Road in Fort Washington, MD.

"This is a great opportunity

for citizens and residents to recycle the extra materials they accumulate around their home and garage while doing something positive for the environment," insisted DER Director Charles W. Wilson.

County citizens and residents will be able to bring as many as five tall kitchen bags filled with sensitive documents to be shredded at the event. Residents may witness their documents being destroyed.

Household hazardous waste materials accepted at the event include oil-based paints, pesticides, used motor oil, antifreeze, household cleaners, automotive and household batteries, solvents and photographic chemicals. All

items should be properly labeled and brought for disposal in their original, sealed containers. Commercial, medical or industrial waste will not be accepted.

Citizens and residents may also bring their unwanted electronic equipment to the event for recycling. Acceptable items include CPUs, keyboards, mainframes, computer speakers, copiers, surge protectors, monitors, CD players, telephone systems, fax machines, cell phones, laptop computers, scanners, pagers, wire and VCRs. Software, stereo speakers and commercial waste will not be accepted.

For more information, contact DER at 301.883.5045.

## Jean-Claude St. Sulme, Jr. of Temple Hills Honored At SU

Courtesy SALISBURY UNIVERSITY

(SALISBURY, MD) — Jean-Claude St. Sulme, Jr., son of Joshina Robinson of Temple Hills, MD, received the Campus Life Award at the spring 2007 Honors Convocation ceremony at Salisbury University.

The Campus Life Award is granted by the University Honors Convocation Committee of the faculty for outstanding contribu-

tions to campus life.

St. Sulme is a junior business management major. He serves as the Student Government Association's Vice President of Diversity and also as the founder and president of "Casser Le Moule." St. Sulme is a 2004 graduate of Suitland High School.

At Salisbury University is home to about 7,300 students in 42 undergraduate and 13 graduate programs. The University awards degrees in liberal arts, as well as

professional degrees.

Located on the Eastern Shore 30 miles from the Atlantic Ocean and 20 miles from the Chesapeake Bay, Salisbury is 2 and one half hours from Baltimore, MD, Washington, DC, Norfolk, VA, and Wilmington, DE.

Salisbury University is ranked among the top 10 public universities of its kind in the North by U.S. News & World Report.

## Marietta House Museum Hosts Reenactment of Roman Days with the Roman Legion XX

Courtesy PG DEPT. OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Meet legionaries and gladiators as they demonstrate camp life, armor and battle tactics in June at Roman Days hosted by the Marietta House Museum. The event, a living history encampment depicting military and domestic life in ancient Rome, will feature reenactors from Roman Legion X. The event will be held both days on the weekend of Saturday, June 2 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Enjoy craft demonstrations, children's activities, educational displays, games and a Roman fashion show. The event will also feature displays of medicinal herbs, domestic items and antiquities. Gladiator shows and drills will be held throughout the day. Period merchants will be on site. Family fun for all ages!

The Marietta House Museum is located at 5626 Bell Station Road in Glenn Dale, MD off of Route 193 and just north of Route 450/Annapolis Road. For more information, call 301.464.5291 or TTY 301.69.2544.

The Department of Parks and Recreation encourages and supports the participation of individuals with disabilities. Please contact the facility at least two weeks in advance of the program start date to request an accommodation (i.e. sign language interpreter, support staff, etc.).

Marietta House Museum is an historic property of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Prince George's County Parks and Recreation Department, Natural and Historical Resources Division.

## PG Board of Education Takes Lead in Emphasizing Importance of Health

*County Board of Education First in State to Pass Resolution to Increase Time Spent Exercising*

Courtesy PGCPs

On Thursday, May 17, wearing athletic gear from Prince George's County public high schools, Board members unanimously passed a resolution directing Superintendent of Schools Dr. John E. Deasy to develop a plan for a three-year phase in of daily physical exercise for all students in pre-kindergarten through Grade 12.

The Prince George's County Board of Education was the only school board in Maryland to support legislation to increase time for daily physical activity for students during the recently completed legislative session.

"Research indicates that regular physical exercise can help students academi-

cally as their health and fitness also improve," said Board Chair R. Owen Johnson, Jr.

"Schools have a responsibility to help children develop the knowledge and skills necessary to train their minds and bodies for a lifetime."

Board members Heather Iliff (District 2) and Rosalind A. Johnson (District 1) sponsored the resolution. Iliff moved the Physical Health and Fitness Initiative to a vote, receiving a second approval from Board Vice Chair Verjeana M. Jacobs, Esq.

According to the U.S. Surgeon General, regular physical activity is one of the most important things people can do to maintain and improve their physical health, mental health, and

overall well-being. Regular physical activity reduces the risk of premature death in general and of heart disease, high blood pressure, colon cancer, and diabetes.

Promoting a physically active lifestyle among young people is important because:

- Through its effects on mental health, physical activity can help increase students' capacity for learning;
- Physical activity has substantial health benefits for children and adolescents, including favorable effects on endurance capacity, muscular strength, body weight, and blood pressure; and,
- Positive experiences with physical activity at a young age help lay the basis for being regularly active throughout life.

## SECU Offers Scholarships for State Employees, Families

(BALTIMORE, MD)

— SECU Credit Union is awarding 10 college scholarships to state employees who are members of SECU. The scholarships will also be open to the immediate family members of state employees who are SECU members.

To be considered eligible for the scholarships, applicants must currently be enrolled in an accredited college, university, trade or technical school, OR must be able to show proof of acceptance into a college in the fall prior to the scholarship submission deadline of July 2.

"SECU has been a trusted advisor to employees of the State of Maryland since we were founded," explains SECU CEO Rod Staatz, "and although we've broadened our membership, we feel a

special kinship with them (Marylanders). As a result, we wanted to do something to help our state employee members either advance their own careers or help their children get their own careers off to a good start."

SECU will award a total of 10 scholarships: one \$8,000 scholarship award; five \$2,000 scholarship awards; and, four \$500 scholarship awards.

Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of an essay competition. Submissions must be between 750-1,000 words, discussing one of following topics:

How SECU can deepen its financial relationships with college students or state employees;

The benefits of financial education in various stages of one's education (i.e., elementary school,

middle school, high school, and college);

Your favorite financial product or service and how that product or service helped you.

Successful applicants will have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or above.

Participants can fax essays to SECU at 410.487.7448, "ATTN: Scholarship," or by e-mail to: Natasha.Brown@SecuMd.com.

Proof of higher education enrollment/ acceptance and proof of GPA must be submitted along with each applicant's essay.

Scholarships will be reviewed by a panel of judges. SECU will send all scholarship awards directly to the school of acceptance or attendance.

# COMMENTARY

## THE PRINCE GEORGE'S POST

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### The Counseling Corner

## Helping Your Teenagers Date Responsibly

By the American Counseling Association

Summer is coming and with it will come increased opportunities for teen dating—and parental worrying. While we all realize that it's natural for teenagers to be attracted to one another and that dating is the socially-accepted outcome of such attraction, most parents agonize over the whole dating experience and all the things that can go wrong.

While there's no magic way to make such parental worries disappear, there are steps you can take to make teen dating a better experience for you and your child.

- Start by talking to your child early about dating. The junior high years — or even earlier— is not too soon to broach the subject, though actual dating may be a few years off.

- Develop with your child the basic rules and expectations regarding dating. Talk about the appropriate age for couple and group dates. Discuss curfews and your expectations regarding driving, behavior and appropriate destinations. As the parent take the lead, but also include your child in the discussion and get his or her agreement that what you're proposing makes sense for both of you.

- Have honest discussions about sex and morality. Share your own moral views and talk about AIDS, sexually transmit-

ted diseases, pregnancy and the emotional issues related to sex. If you find such discussions difficult, try enlisting a counselor, physician, or member of the clergy to help.

- Prepare for emergencies, because they will happen. Does your child have a cell phone? Enough money to be able to take a cab home in case of an emergency? A backup person to call if you or your spouse isn't available? Talk about handling problem situations like an auto accident, a drunk or abusive date, or other potential teen dating disasters.

- Let your teen know you'll be there for him or her. You don't want a teen in trouble too scared to call you. Your child should know that when there's a problem, you're ready to come to the rescue, wherever and whenever, with no questions asked.

- Pay attention. Most teens won't share dating details, but will give clues when things aren't right.

Look and listen for problems, from drinking and drugs to inappropriate relationships.

Don't be paranoid, but respect your intuition. Ask questions and act swiftly when you sense something is wrong.

Yes, teen dating is a challenge for any teen, but the truth is that it's probably harder on the parents.

## Discovering Truth in Loans

By Josh Sitea, CEO of TruthinLoans

Risky lending practices have triggered what may be the worst foreclosure crisis in the modern mortgage market. According to the Center for Responsible Lending, 2.2 million American households will lose their homes.

With fraud and abusive lending practices crushing the American dream for millions of homeowners, TruthinLoans offers the following money-saving tips designed to educate, empower and protect consumers through the mortgage process – tipping the scales back in their favor.

**Tip #1: Save roughly 10 percent at closing by opting-out of excessive title insurance policies.** Lenders and insurance companies line their pockets by charging excess fees and selling optional policies. While these companies are regulated as to what they can charge per fee, they aren't limited in the number of excessive insurance policies they can offer. For the average consumer, what is required and what is optional is not entirely clear—and virtually no one reads all the fine print.

Don't overpay for unnecessary title charges. Buried in section 1100 of the lengthy "good faith estimate" provided by any reputable lender, homebuyers will find estimates for title insurance. Upon closer examination of the title insurance policy, they will notice there is usually both a "lender's" portion, and an "extended" portion. The extended portion is optional! By simply opting out of the extended portion, homebuyers can save roughly 10 percent off the top of their title fees.

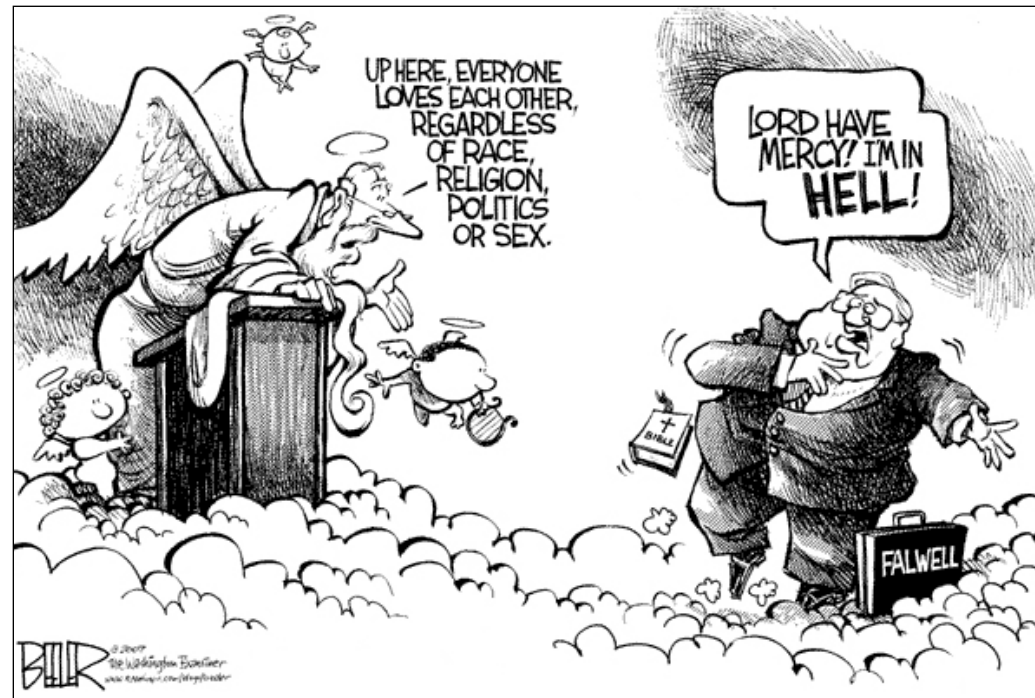
**Tip #2: Don't take "Appraisal Fees" at face value.** Being an informed consumer and knowing how to ask the right questions can save homebuyers hundreds to thousands of dollars. One way to save up to \$400 is to request a special "limited" appraisal. In our experience, most lenders will simply order the full appraisal

and not check to see if a limited appraisal will work. Where typically an appraiser is paid as much as \$600 to take detailed interior pictures and measurements of a home, this second type of appraisal—which costs hundreds less—requires nothing more than an exterior photo of the property. Limited appraisals are generally a phone call away for homeowners with decent equity – definitely a phone call worth making.

**Tip #3: Negotiate the best deal (by knowing what the lender is making on the back end).** Promises of "zero fees" are too good to be true. While some may say they are making zero or very little on a deal, brokers make the bulk of their commissions through the not-so-obvious Yield Spread Premium (YSP) – or the money the bank pays them on the "back end" of your deal. Understanding how to calculate the profit a broker makes from a transaction allows consumers to negotiate the best deal possible. There are forms that lenders have that expose this additional profit – you just have to know what forms to ask for.

**Tip #4: Avoid prepayment penalties – even if you already have one.** Most banks and mortgage holders won't hesitate to enforce a typical \$5,000 to \$15,000 prepayment penalty. Consumers should investigate to find out whether their penalty is *hard* or *soft*. A hard prepayment penalty means the penalty is due whether the home is sold or refinanced, but the soft version means payment is due only after a refinance – meaning consumers may be able to avoid this costly penalty altogether. There are also other techniques on how to avoid paying a prepayment penalty. Blindly trusting a loan officer or banker can cost homeowners tens of thousands.

For additional money-saving tips, visit [www.truthinloans.com](http://www.truthinloans.com).



## Marian Wright Edelman

### Child Watch



## Wanted: A 2007 Class of Heroes and Heroines

About this time each year, Hollywood releases blockbuster movies featuring super-heroes—typically a man in tights and maybe a cape opposing a master villain. Fiction aside, what is needed are real world heroes with what it takes to oppose a truly daunting foe. As the members of the class of 2007, I invite you to take a heroic stand for something bigger than yourselves and join the fight for social justice. You have a great heritage and legacy to carry on. Your forefathers and foremothers fought to abolish slavery, secure rights for women, establish worker protections, end poverty and racial segregation and achieve equality for all. Out of these movements grew the Children's Defense Fund, an advocacy organization for children who are the most voiceless group in our nation and world.

This year, we're fighting to guarantee health and mental health care to all children. We're building a movement to tear down the sinister architecture that funnels tens of thousands of children and teens into the Cradle to Prison Pipeline. We are working to end gun violence against children, which takes almost eight young lives every day. We're establishing CDF Freedom SchoolsSM programs across the country to provide critical summer and after-school enrichment. None of these efforts will be depicted in scenes of superhero movies coming to a theater near you. But by embracing one of them, you can make a difference in your community.

We need strong, smart, morally-centered young people willing to take on the struggle to truly Leave No Child Behind and ensure every child a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start and a Moral Start in life and successful passage to adulthood. We need young people who won't look down at their shoes if someone calls them smart or a "do-gooder."

You don't have to have super powers. Most of you will never be stronger or healthier, and have as much energy as you possess today. You have agile minds and bodies and you have time—you have more than 40 or 50 years of productive work ahead of you—if you stay out of the fast lane with the fast crowd going nowhere. Two of my mentors, pioneering social activist Dorothy Height and scholar John Hope Franklin, are both over 90 and they're still going strong.

Spend some of your time and energy helping others in both your professional and personal lives. There's a lot of work for heroes and

heroines—not with guns blazing or swinging from a tall building to save the cute imperiled co-star. Be a star teacher, go to law school and represent the unempowered. Become a juvenile or family court judge. Go to medical school and work in an urban or rural clinic. Volunteer to help build affordable housing with Habitat for Humanity, teach in or support a CDF Freedom Schools program. Choose a child in your extended family or from your community and stick with him or her as a mentor until they're 18. It is alarming how many children we lose to the streets, drugs, and crime for lack of just one positive adult in their lives.

Find your voice. We need people who will speak up, shout out, if necessary, when they see an injustice. Don't be afraid to stick your neck out and take risks. Establish clear goals and take a focused and strategic approach to what you're fighting for. Don't scatter your energies on many things that don't add up to a better whole. Keep your word and your commitments and take responsibility for your actions. Don't stop learning; continue your intellectual and spiritual development to grow as a person and asset to your family and community.

If you're right, don't take "no" or "but" for an answer. Be persistent and tenacious. Things may get rough at times. You may be challenged by formidable opponents backed by powerful and well-funded interests. The adversity you encounter might be so intimidating that you'll want to give up. Don't. When trouble comes hang on and hang in. You're tougher than you think. Don't expect to solve a major concern with one big effort—work steadily over the long term. Movements are not built in a day or a decade.

Don't confuse heroism with fame or celebrity. As former Morehouse College board chair and Cleveland pastor Otis Moss, Jr., says, "The hero is known for achievements, the celebrity for being well-known. Celebrities make the news, heroes make history. Time makes heroes, time dissolves celebrities."

What is offered here is not a life of sacrifice but of service and purpose. You don't have to take a vow of poverty to share what you have with others. My own experience as a civil rights lawyer and as an advocate for children has been gratifying beyond description. If you want an exciting, purpose-driven life, join the effort to make a difference in the lives of the most vulnerable in America—be a hero or a shero.

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# BUSINESS

## Practical Money Skills

By Jason Alderman

### There is Life after Graduation

During graduation season millions of college (and high-school) seniors will march across stages in graduation caps and gowns to the relieved cheers of parents and friends. Many have already lined up a job in their chosen field. Others stand at a crossroads, wondering what to do in the next chapter of their lives.

If you're an upcoming graduate or one of your kids is, take heart: many resources are available to help graduates find a job and repay student loans.

**Finding the right job.** You've probably already held a number of jobs to pay for college. Now, degree in hand, you may be looking to find a position in your field of study. A good place to start is with your school's career counselors. Even if you've already graduated, they'll often provide services to alumni or point you to other resources.

While researching jobs and career paths, polish your resume to show potential employers you possess the experience and qualifications they seek. Include your education, work experience (including volunteering) and other applicable skills. Use concise, strong language and an organized appearance. If your resume appears disorganized, an employer may assume you are as well.

Contact friends, family and even casual acquaintances to let them know you're looking and where your interests lie. Attend networking events sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, your school, trade associations or other business and social organizations. Volunteer time for a favorite cause—it's a great way to meet new people while helping your community.

Many web sites offer tips on honing your resume-building and job-hunting skills, including [www.monster.com](http://www.monster.com), [www.hotjobs.com](http://www.hotjobs.com) and [www.careerbuilder.com](http://www.careerbuilder.com).

Also, many employers check credit ratings, so it's important to know where

you stand. You can order one free credit report per year from each of the three major credit bureaus. To avoid paying a small fee, request your credit report through [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com).

**Repaying student loans.** Today's college graduates owe an average of \$20,000 in student loans—a big burden when you're just starting out. Remember that missing loan payments or defaulting can seriously damage your credit rating, making future borrowing more difficult. Missed loan payments will also result in higher interest rates for credit cards, car, and home loans.

Most federal student loans offer a repayment grace period, but private loans don't always. So check your paperwork carefully. If you anticipate repayment difficulties, contact your lender immediately to discuss your options. You may be able to work out an agreement to defer payments, extend the loan or refinance at a lower rate.

Ask if your lender will reduce your interest rate if you agree to make automatic monthly payments or if you make a certain number of on-time payments.

Read IRS Publication 970, Tax Benefits for Education, ([www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p970.pdf](http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p970.pdf)) for information about deduction of student loan interest.

Bankrate.com features a comprehensive guide to college financing, including an overview of repayment options ([www.bankrate.com/brm/green/college/basics-toc.asp](http://www.bankrate.com/brm/green/college/basics-toc.asp)). In addition, Practical Money Skills for Life ([www.practicalmoneyskills.com/jobs](http://www.practicalmoneyskills.com/jobs)) features information about paying off student loans, finding the right job, budgeting and more.

You've worked hard to earn your degree now is the time to put it to work for you. Just make sure you don't sabotage your efforts by starting out on the wrong financial footing.

## Upper Marlboro Business Receives \$76,000 Grant from U.S. Dept. of Agriculture

National Association of Home Builders Research Center for Marketing Efforts, Market Diversification to Preserve Hardwood Forests

Courtesy USDA FOREST SERVICE

(PRINCETON, WV) — On Wednesday, May 16, Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry Director Kathryn Maloney announced that the USDA Forest Service is awarding \$1 million in grants to 17 competitively selected projects. The grants encourage innovation and applied research in hardwood forest products and their markets. The grants also promote economic competitiveness of the domestic wood products manufacturing industry located in the eastern United States.

"An important component of improving the health of hardwood forests is applied research to promote a greater variety of sustainable forest resources and related markets," said Maloney. "These projects will help advance the use of woody biomass for energy, and

support the adoption of new forest products and their markets from our eastern hardwood forests."

Selections were based on a number of factors, including consideration of whether the project or grant recipient could:

- Maintain the economic competitiveness of hardwood industries.
- Bring information and technology to existing and emerging businesses involved in the development and manufacturing of wood products.
- Bring marketing and business-related skills to existing and emerging wood products businesses.
- Encourage the adoption of new technology to improve competitiveness and profitability.
- Provide support and key information to entrepreneurs and start-up businesses.
- Address global issues and assist communities and indus-

tries facing threats from invasive species, such as the emerald ash borer.

The maximum grant amount is \$100,000. Grantees are required to match federal funds dollar-for-dollar. The selected projects provide matches in excess of this requirement, totaling \$1.4 million, for a grand total of approximately \$2.4 million to be invested in these endeavors. The 17 grant recipients include:

Nine projects will address increasing the economic competitiveness of the hardwood industry, with grant awards totaling \$575,787. An additional three projects focus on biomass utilization, with grant awards totaling 136,500. Five grants pertain to urban wood utilization, education, and the emerald ash borer (EAB), with grant awards totaling

\$288,652. The two EAB projects focus on increased awareness of emerald ash borer and developing methods that would allow ash wood to be utilized in marketable products.

The selected projects competed with many other worthy proposals. In all, projects considered sought \$5.84 million in federal funds.

Funding is provided through the USDA Forest Service Wood Education and Resource Center, located in Princeton, WV, and administered by the agency's Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry organization. The Center's mission is to work with the forest products industry toward sustainable forest products production for the eastern hardwood forest region. It provides state-of-the-art training, technology transfer, networking opportunities, applied research, and information.

## Comptroller Franchot Returns \$1,200 on Average to Residents Claiming Property

Property from A1

required to report to the Comptroller any bank accounts, security deposits, wages, insurances benefits and contents of safe deposit boxes that have been unclaimed after three years. Funds will remain the property of the owners or their legitimate heirs and can be claimed anytime.

Once a year, the agency

publishes the list of its most current account holders in newspapers across the state. This year's 80-page insert listed more than 74,000 new accounts, totaling over \$50 million.

Throughout the year, the average claim brings in about \$1,200 for each recipient. In addition to reaching citizens through the newspaper supple-

ment and at community events such as the Maryland State Fair, the Comptroller's Office also auctions unclaimed property items online through eBay.

Recently, the Comptroller announced that the agency's online auction program for abandoned safe deposit items has brought in more than \$100,000 in sales since it

began in July 2006.

"Our office has done a great job of reaching out to the public and the response back has been tremendous. We will continue to be out and about across the state promoting this program so people can find out whether they have some hidden treasures waiting to be claimed," said Comptroller Franchot.

## Officials Join the Action at Monday's Groundbreaking Ceremony



PHOTO COURTESY PGPCS

Shovels hit the ground on Monday to commence construction of the new Laurel-Beltsville "eco-friendly" Elementary School.

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Building systems will reduce energy costs by using ground sources for heating and cooling, maximizing natural light with large windows and

reducing the quantity of indoor air contaminants by using low-VOC (volatile organic compound) products for adhesives, sealants, and paints. The building will feature waterless urinals, al-flush toilets, and low-flow faucets that will assist in reducing the overall water use in the building by over 40 percent.

"PGPCS is very committed to the environment and we want to do what we feel is our responsibility in ensuring that our kids have environmentally safe and environmentally effective schools," said West.

## Discussion to Guide Development of Cafritz Property in Riverdale

Cafritz invites community members to join in a series of community workshops to discuss the development of the Cafritz property in Riverdale Park, MD. The first two meet-

ings (June 2 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. and June 7 from 7 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.) will be held to give community members the opportunity to share their ideas and offer suggestions about the

character of the potential development.

The third meeting (June 14 from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.) will be held to review what was heard from the community.

The meetings will be held at 5006 Riverdale Rd., in Riverdale Park, MD.

For more information contact Jeremy Silkowitz at 202.783.5500.

## Looking for Interested Persons to Join TRCC

The Prince George's County Health Department's Cancer Prevention, Education, Screening and Treatment (CPEST) Program is looking for interested persons to join the Tobacco Related Cancer Coalition (TRCC).

TRCC is an advisory body facilitating the prevention and reduction of cancer related illnesses in Prince George's County. Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of every month. For more information, call 301.883.3524.

## Free Health Screenings from American Kidney Fund

On June 9 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., the First Baptist Church of Glen Arden, located at 3600 Brightseat Rd. in Landover, MD, will hold a Health Expo.

The American Kidney Fund will provide \$200 worth of free medical tests to monitor kidney function, cholesterol levels, blood sugar, and other important health measures. Testing will be open to anyone 18 and older. Pre-registration is required. An 8-hour fast before the testing is required for accurate results. For more information, call Monique Cuffee at 301.984.6656.

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# Military Pride on Display at Air Show

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## Air Show from A1

Two major show attractions were the Army Golden Nights Parachute Team and the Air Force Thunderbirds Air Demonstration Squadron. This Squadron is celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year.

Because restricting vehicular traffic was necessary from a security perspective, for thousands the opportunity to see the air show meant a trip to the Branch Avenue Metro Station or FEDEX Field to board buses to get on the base.

Those living in the community around the base it was a time to pulled up lawn chairs in backyards, parks and other public areas to see the flyovers, or aerial performances.



PHOTO BY JAMES PROCTOR PHOTOGRAPHY

The Thunderbirds were easily visible to residents of Camp Springs, Clinton, District Heights and parts of Upper Marlboro.

# Walker Mill Middle School Wins Stock Market Game

Courtesy WALKER MILLMS

(CAPITOL HEIGHTS, MD) — A combination of shrewd investing and a little bit of luck helped students from Walker Mill Middle School earn a simulated amount of money and a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish in the Spring session of the Southeast Region Stock Market Game™ competition, organized by the Maryland Council on Economic Education (MCEE). The students' teacher, Mrs. Goff, taught the students the key to success for investing in the stock market.

The team members, Aleyah Miner and Rotimi Babalola, started with an imaginary \$100,000 and over a ten week period invested in corporations on the New York, American and NASDAQ markets in an attempt to increase the size of their portfolio.

The Stock Market Game™ requires student teams to formulate daily or weekly decisions about the direction of the markets, make choices about buying or selling corporate stocks, and enter them on the Internet. Students receive their team's portfolio statement, which shows how their team ranks compared to

all of the other teams in the Maryland/DC region and their school system, as well as the current value of their stocks. Prizes range from a plaque for first place to a certificate for participation. Everyone who participates may not walk away with a trophy, but will leave the competition with practical knowledge for the future.

The Maryland Council on Economic Education offers the Stock Market Game™ to students and teachers throughout Maryland and Washington, D.C. each spring and fall. The Stock Market Game™ is an educational simulation that teaches about the stock markets, the American economic system and the global economy. Participants develop skills in math, language arts, research and critical thinking, while building and maintaining a stock portfolio. It is used in grades 4-12, college courses, and by those who seek to learn more about investing. Since 1977, over 8 million students have participated in this national program. In the 2006 school year, more than 16,000 students from Maryland and Washington, D.C. participated in the program through the Maryland Council on Economic Education.

# Clinton Museum Tells the History of Slavery in Prince George's County

Courtesy BIANCA FLOYD  
*Poplar Hill on His Lordship's Kindness*

The British abolished the slave trade in 1807. The United States abolished the slave trade on January 1, 1808. In observance of the 200th Anniversary of the British and American Abolition of the Transatlantic Slave Trade, the Poplar Hill on His Lordship's Kindness Historic House Museum will host a series of events called "Breaking the Chains - Breaking the Silence."

This series of events is directed towards residents, students, and any one else who wants to get a well-rounded view of the genesis of a Prince George's County plantation and of the importation of Africans into the region during the colonial period. The events will explain the abolition of the slave trade and of slavery itself through the story of Poplar Hill on His Lordship's Kindness, a national historic landmark.

The series of lectures and workshops will run from June through September. Events will include tours of the historic house and grounds.

## Sunday, June 3rd

Noon - 1:45 p.m., 2:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Coming to America: "The Darnalls and His Lordships Kindness"

Take an extensive tour of Poplar Hill on His Lordship's Kindness and learn the history of the Darnall family and the development of His Lordship's Kindness, and its influence on the early history of Prince George's County. This is event is a part of a series called: "Breaking the Chains - Breaking the Silence: in observance of the 200th Anniversary of the British and American Abolition of the Transatlantic Slave Trade. Admission: \$5.00

## Saturday, June 23rd

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

"The Guinea Trade: The Transatlantic Slave Trade to Prince Georges County"

When, where and how did the Africans come to Prince George's County.

This lecture and discussion examines the early African presence in and around the area of His Lordship's Kindness during the colonial period. Bianca Floyd, museum director at Poplar Hill, discusses key locations such as the Woodyard, Poplar Neck, Mount Airy, and other local sites that made up a network of early families, both European immigrants and

enslaved Africans. This is the area known today as the Clinton-Rosaryville communities. This is event is a part of a series called: "Breaking the Chains - Breaking the Silence: in observance of the 200th Anniversary of the British and American Abolition of the Transatlantic Slave Trade. Admission: \$5.00

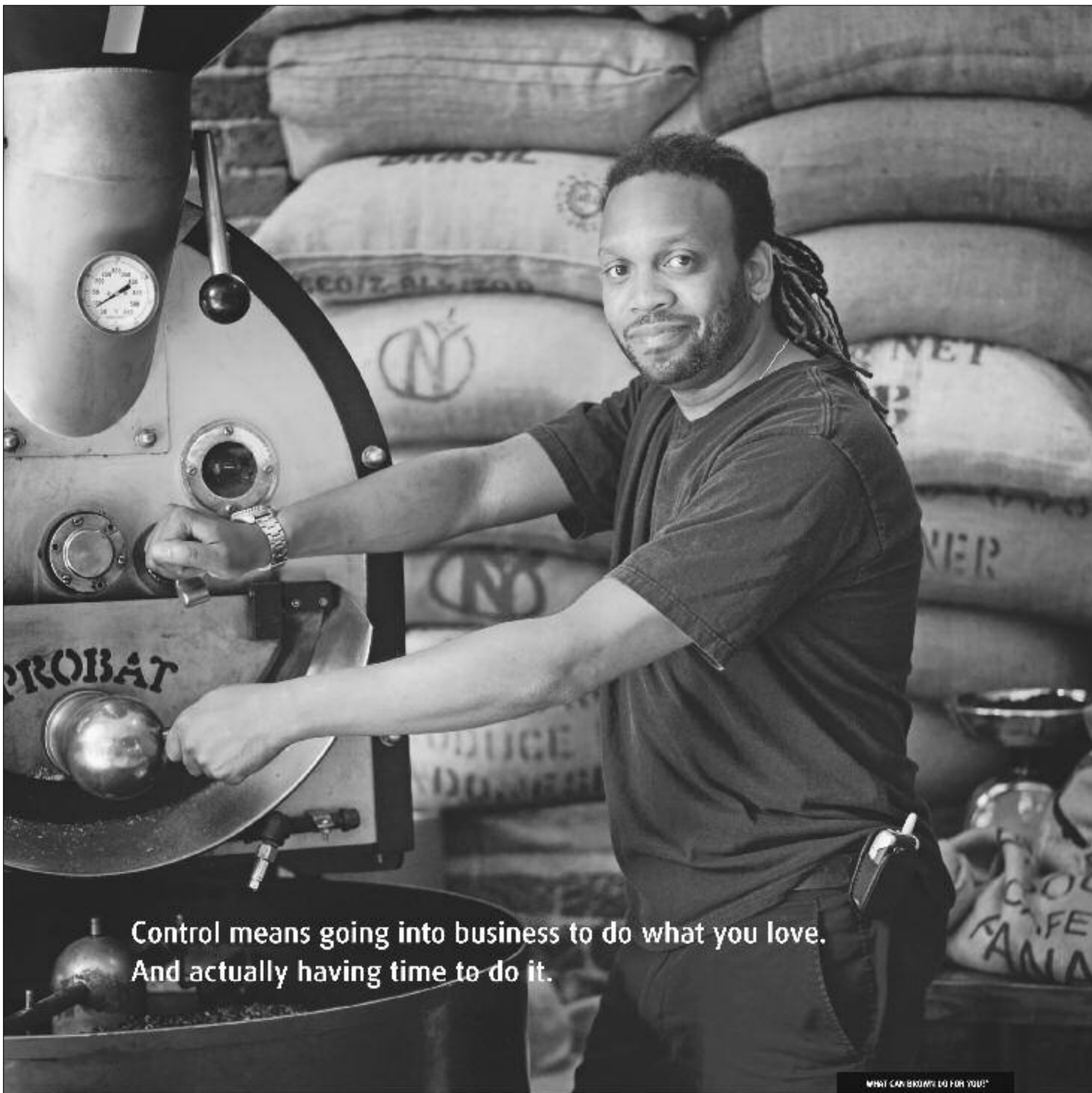
## Saturday, July 21st

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 pm

"A Clear Path: Poplar Hill and the African-American Experience in the Colonial and Ante-bellum Period"

Take an extensive tour of Poplar Hill and learn the history of the African American families that made up the enslaved populations of His Lordship's Kindness. Bianca Floyd, museum director of Poplar Hill, will

talk about the role African Americans played in events on this historic plantation and in the development of early 20th century communities. This is event is a part of a series called: "Breaking the Chains - Breaking the Silence: in observance of the 200th Anniversary of the British and American Abolition of the Transatlantic Slave Trade. Admission: \$5.00



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### July 9 – August 3

Kindergarten Summer Program offers academic support and reinforcement of critical developmental skills for students in kindergarten during the 2006-2007 school year. Locations by region: Avalon ES (Region 1); Cora Rice ES, Riverdale ES (Region 2); Bradbury Heights ES, Samuel Massie ES (Region 3), Rosaryville ES, Heather Hills ES (Region 4); and Calverton ES, and Oaklands ES (Region 5). Call: 301-952-6190.

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**July 30 – August 3** Camp IB (International Baccalaureate Program) introduces students to the dynamics of the International Baccalaureate Program for ninth graders accepted into the IB programs at Central HS, Laurel HS, Parkdale HS, and Suitland HS. Location: Thomas Pullen MS. Call: 301-952-6044.

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**Above (L-R): 2007 Beacon of Hope honorees Brian and Martha Gibbons with honorary chair Michael DeStefano and wife Molly Driver.**

**Right (L-R): Hospice of the Chesapeake President and CEO Erwin Abrams with wife Phyllis and Kelly Sevier, daughter, of Hospice of the Chesapeake Board of Directors Chairman Jeffery McKnight.**

Hospice of the Chesapeake's 2007 Beacon of Hope Gala drew more than 700 local supporters and raised \$350,000 for programs and services throughout Anne Arundel and Prince George's Counties. Brian and Martha Gibbons were the honorees and Michael DeStefano of Sturbridge Homes was the honorary chair. Georgie Clark was the chairperson for this year's volunteer committee.

The 11th annual event was held on Saturday, April 21, 2007 at the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront. Entertainment was provided by Radio City and attendees enjoyed a fabulous dinner, an exciting live auction and a special performance by magician Chris Dugdale.



## Clinton Resident Participates in the Big Event at Salisbury University

By JAMES PROCTOR  
Special Writer

(SALISBURY, MD) --- Jay Johnson, son of Bill and Lorry Johnson of Clinton, MD, participated in the Big Event at Salisbury University on Saturday, April 14.

During the day-long com-

munity service project, students aid University neighbors in the Salisbury and Fruitland area by fulfilling requests to perform household chores such as raking, cleaning and painting.

Johnson is a freshman. He participates in intramural softball and is a 2006 graduate

of Bishop McNamara High School in Forestville, MD.

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## In and Around Morningside-Skyline

### Morningside from A2

Theresa Roberson is the new prefect of St. Philip's Sodality. Other new officers are Karin Yeatman, vice prefect; Mary Reilly, secretary; and Emily Tierney, treasurer.

Gus and Dolores Steinhilber, formerly of Skyline and now of Waldorf, MD, attended the First Communion of their granddaughter Annemarie Beran at St. Michael the Archangel Church in Glen Allen, VA. Annemarie is the daughter of Paula and Bob Beran.

Residents of Camp Springs turned out Saturday to collect litter along Auth Road. Phil Eppard was in charge.

### It's Academic

Emanuel Chaplin IV, grandson of Juanita and Emanuel Chaplin of Lucente Ave. in Skyline, will graduate from Charles H. Flowers HS on May 31 to attend Howard University in the fall. Chaplin is the son of Emanuel and Sheron Chaplin of the Springdale neighborhood in Landover.

Kendra MacLean is graduating from Prince George's Community College to attend Philadelphia University,

College of Textiles in the fall. MacLean is the daughter of Audrey Pridgen MacLean, of Skyline Drive.

Joshua Charles Glenn will graduate from Grace Brethren School. Glenn plans to pursue a career as a graphic engineer. Glenn is the grandson of Janet Booth Kaye and nephew of Howard C. Booth, both of whom grew up in Morningside.

My great-niece Pamela is now Dr. Pamela Mudd. On May 12 she graduated from Creighton University School of Medicine with a specialty in otolaryngology (head and neck surgery). Pam is the daughter of Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Joseph F. Mudd, also the granddaughter of my late brother, Joe. She will be moving to Denver, CO, to complete five years of residency at the University of Colorado Health Science Center.

### Yard Sales

The Morningside Recreation Council will sponsoring a Flea Market on June 2nd at the Morningside Fire Department from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Tables will cost \$15 each for the first space and \$10 for each additional table. To participate, contact William Fowler at

301.653.5301, or Gina Foster at 301.420.4033.

The Dr. Samuel A. Mudd House Museum will host a Community Yard Sale on the museum grounds on June 2nd from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. The flat fee to rent one table will be \$15. Participants are to bring their own tables and chairs. The House is located at 3725 Dr. Samuel Mudd Rd. in Waldorf, MD. For more information or to make a table reservation, call 301.274.9358. The rain date for this event is June 9th.

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### May They Rest in Peace

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Suitland during the 1970s and '80s, passed away on March 23. Until the end of his life, Reed worked as a grower and grounds-keeper for St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

Reed is survived by his wife of 59 years, Betty Jean Melton Reed, two sons and a grandson. He was a member of Corcoran Memorial U.M. Church.

Condolences to Frances Shirley O'Brien, of Suitland, on the death of her granddaughter Meloni Joi O'Brien, 23, who was killed in an automobile accident on April 7. O'Brien was Miss Michigan Teen All-American in 1999 and was also a semi-finalist in the 2001 Miss Teen USA Pageant. In 2006, O'Brien graduated from Fisk University, in Nashville, TN.

### Milestones

Happy birthday to Edna Lucas and Harry Messer, May 24; Dennis Cook, Norma Edwards and our son John McHale, May 25; Christopher Nichols, May 26; Gary Lewis, Sr. and Steven Busky, May 27; Teddy Burke and Kevin Nichols, May 30.

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