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Testifying before the Senate Judiciary Committee, County Executive Jack B. Johnson supports the imposition of criminal sanctions against individuals who misinform voters.

County Executive Testifies Before Senate

Johnson Emphasizes the Importance of Veracity in Political Campaigning

Courtesy OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

(WASHINGTON, DC) – Prince George's County Executive Jack Johnson testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee on Thursday, June 7, in support of S. 453, the Deceptive Practices and Voter Intimidation Prevention Act of 2007.

"If left unchecked, voter deception threatens the foundation on which our nation was built," Johnson said. "Our system serves as a beacon of light to billions across the globe by giving a voice in government through the simple act of casting a ballot. Voter intimidation, through false and deceptive practices silences

that voice."

The bill was introduced by Senator Barack Obama (D-IL) and co-sponsored by Senator Ben Cardin (D-MD) and Judiciary Committee Chair Senator Pat Leahy (D-VT), among others.

Johnson testified about events surrounding the November 2006 General Election in Maryland. He spoke about signs placed throughout the county suggesting that the Democratic Party supported slavery and false literature suggesting that he supported the Republican candidates for Governor and U.S. Senate.

"Voters should not expect to see signs posted about being

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Conference Trains Local Female Leaders

Women Encouraged to Become Leaders for Today and Tomorrow

Courtesy AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

(WASHINGTON, DC) – 350 college women gathered in the nation's capital for a two-day conference focusing on important, contemporary leadership issues. Eight students from the University of Maryland, College Park and nine students from Prince George's Community College (PGCC) were among those in attendance.

Aimed to provide female students with opportunities to build leadership, advocacy, networking, financial management, and other skills as cam-

pus leaders, the conference was organized around the theme "Leadership for Today and Tomorrow."

The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders has been in existence for more than 20 years, and this year, students will not only come to DC to tour the city and network, but will perform community service at two local women's shelters. The students will sort and package toiletries and clothing as they learn from an expert in the community outreach field, who has devoted his life to helping women in need. The items will benefit the Rachael Women's Center and

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Construction of State of the Art Cancer Treatment Center Begins in Greenbelt

Doctor's Community Hospital Will Provide Unique, Critical Services

Courtesy DOCTORS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

(GREENBELT, MD) — On Tuesday, June 7, state officials helped break ground at the event that marked the beginning of construction of a professional office building facility in Greenbelt, MD, that will soon be home to the award-winning Doctors Community Hospital (DCH).

The 64,000 square foot building will feature a regional cancer center incorporating a state-of-the-art linear accelerator as part of a comprehensive radiation therapy and oncology program.

In addition, there will be a new outpatient radiology cen-

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PHOTO COURTESY DOCTOR'S COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

Elected leaders broke the ground at the Doctor's Community Hospital site this Thursday, June 7. (L-R): Rev. Shirley Gravely-Currie; Camille Exum, County Council Chair; County Council member Eric Olsen, (D)- District III; Doctors Community Hospital President Philip Down; Maryland Lt. Gov. Anthony Brown; State Sen. Ulysses Currie (D)- District 25; Maryland Prince George's County Executive Jack Johnson; Eugene Grant, Mayor, Seat Pleasant; State Del. Douglas J.J. Peters (D)-District 23; Del. Tawanna P. Gaines (D)- District 22; Del. Anne Healey (D)- District 22.



PHOTO COURTESY PGPD

Student officers are sworn-in at the Session 101 Graduation of the PGPD Community Policing Institute Thursday, June 7.

Courtesy PGPD

(COLLEGE PARK, MD)—Prince George's County Police Chief Melvin C. High and Vernon Herron, Deputy Chief Administrator for Public Safety/Director of Homeland Security, joined other county

public safety officials last night to host the graduation of sixty-three graduates from Police Academy Session #110. The ceremony was held at The University of Maryland. The graduating class included fifty-three new county police officers, nine Sheriff's Deputies

PGPD Community Policing Institute Graduates 53

Police Chief Introduced 2007 Graduating Class to Community, Presented Awards at UMCP Adele H. Stamp Student Union

and one Maryland Park Police officer.

Chief High told recruits that the department's Community Oriented Policing philosophy addressed the community's high expectations of the department. High said "...you live in the best of times,

where intellect, technology and vision have transformed the world. You are a part of this new era where safety is highly challenged in new ways, but is paramount to a livable society."

Deputy Chief of Public Safety Vernon Herron focused

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Excellence in Information Assurance Education by the National Security Agency and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security – to support face-to-face and online courses by teaching basic and advanced computer security

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NOAA Satellite Facility Opens in Suitland

\$81 Million Facility to Provide First Line of Defense to Nation

Courtesy OFFICE OF SENATOR BARBARA MIKULSKI

(SUITLAND, MD) – Senator Barbara A. Mikulski (D-MD) celebrated the dedication of the new building for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association's

(NOAA) Satellite Operations Facility (NSOF) in Prince George's County on Monday, June 11. As Chairman of the Commerce, Justice, Appropriations Subcommittee that funds NOAA, Senator Mikulski fought to secure more than \$81 million for this facility. See NOAA, Page A5

UMUC Opens Network Security Lab

Hands-On Computer Security Education, Equipment, and Training in Yokota, Japan Will be Used to Teach Students in US, Europe and Asia

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Towns and NEIGHBORS

Clinton Conversations

By **NORMA FAZENBAKER**
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On June 7, I made my second visit to Toby's Dinner Theatre in Baltimore to see *Fiddler on the Roof*. I was not as happy with my seat this time, and I am definitely planning on asking for a seat in a different area of the theater when I go to see *Grease* on August 9.

I hope you are enjoying the hot weather, as I am. I don't really care for temperatures in the 90s- but we have to have those temperatures when it is summer, don't we?

On June 16 at 7:30 p.m. at a historic home in Brandywine, the Davies Memorial Unitarian Universalist Church will host a book discussion. *Don't Think of an Elephant* by George Lakoff will be discussed. For more information or for directions, if you want to attend this event call 301.782.9922 or e-mail a representative of the church at web@dnuuc.org.

Also on June 16, the 2nd Annual Juneteenth Celebration will take place at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Suitland from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Juneteenth is a holiday that is celebrated throughout the United States. It symbolizes for many African Americans what the Fourth of July symbolizes for others.

The seminar at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints is free to the community. The theme for the event will be "Footprints and Roots," with a focus on ancestry. This year a series of workshops and a panel discussion will be presented, geared to encourage novice genealogists and to commemorate the historic event. If you are interested in attending this event, register by calling 301.322.9409 or 301.808.6240.

The Kappa Epsilon Lambdon Foundation of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. honored local students

with scholarships during its 23rd Annual Black and Gold Ball. The event was held last month at Colony South Hotel, where the fraternity awarded six scholarships to deserving Prince George's County graduating seniors Robert Carter and Aaron Richburg, graduates of High Point High School; Bret Blair, a graduate of Friendly High School; Je'Mere Mooney, a graduate of Grace Brethren Christian School; Xavier Summers, a graduate of Charles Flower High School; and, Christopher Waiters, a graduate of Oxon Hill High School. The fraternity also awarded Clinton resident and community activist Tamara Davis Brown with a Community Service Award for her outstanding contributions of community service. Tamara serves as President of the Surratts-Clinton Democratic Club. For more information about other community events sponsored by the fraternity, I encourage you to contact Leon Reynolds, chapter president, at aphiakelprexy@hotmail.com or call Tamara at 301.704.0930.

Congratulations to South County activist Bob Ross on his election to the seat of President of the Prince George's County Council of PTAs. In my opinion, Bob is an impressive community- and political activist. I believe his strong leadership will bring the kind of vigilance and stability that is necessary for the county PTA to become an effective force for raising academic achievement in our public school system. Because vigorous parental involvement is essential for our school system to meet the challenges of the 21st century economy, let's all endeavor to make sure that every one of our schools has an active and aggressive PTA.

****The biggest gripe of retirees is that there is not enough time to get everything done.**

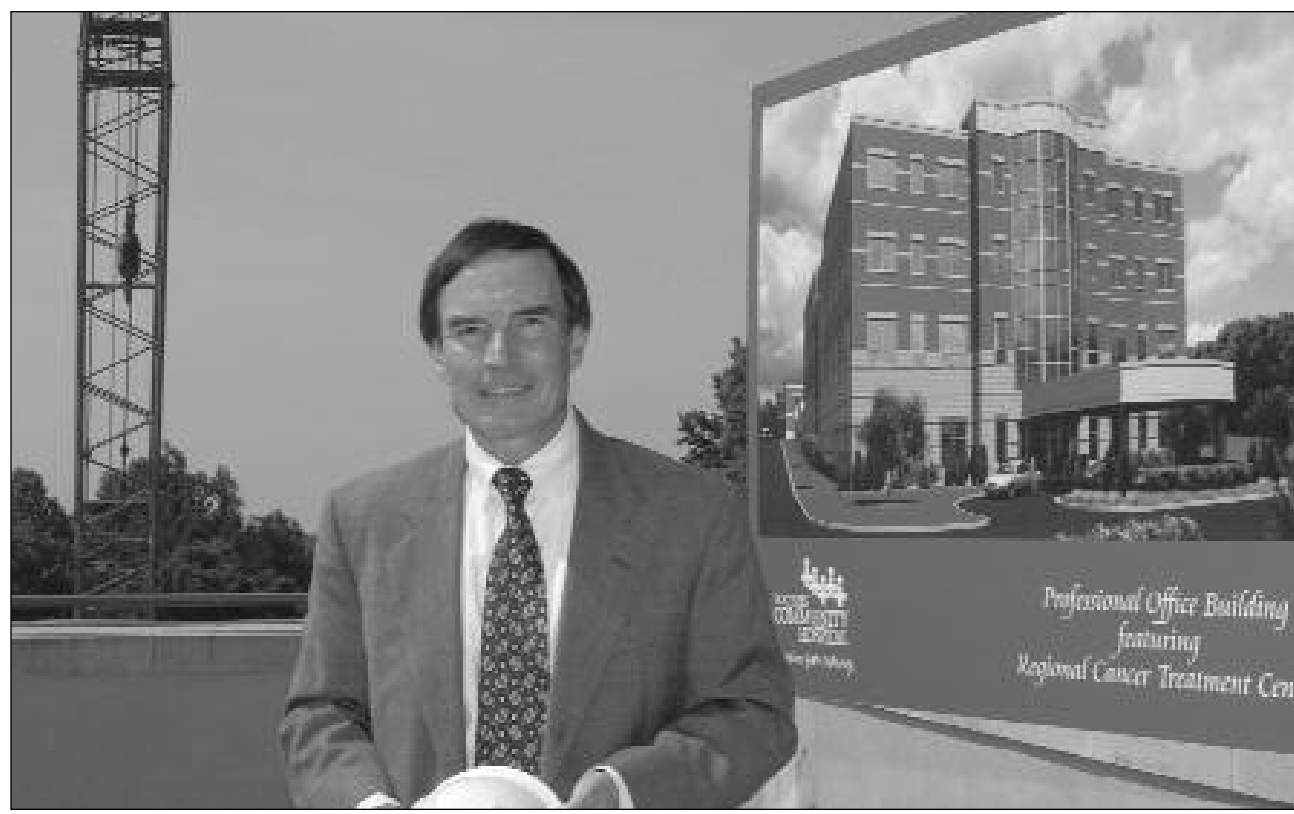


PHOTO COURTESY DOCTORS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

Doctors Community Hospital President Philip Down (above) presided over the opening of a new cancer treatment facility in Greenbelt this weekend. See Page A5 .

Aquasco-Brandywine

By **RUTH TURNER**
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Health Resources and Service Administration (HRSA)

HRSA offers information about community health center that may offer prescription assistance to low income patients. Learn more about the center by calling 1.888.ASK.HRSA.

Local Agencies on Aging

Local area agencies on aging may be able to help patients aged 65 years and older who cannot afford to purchase their medicines. To contact your local agency on aging, call 1.800.677.1116.

Summer 2007 Youth Courses

The Summer Youth Courses pro-

vided at Prince George's Community College are designed to challenge and stimulate students leaving grades 2-7 during the 2006-07 school year. Classes are held Monday through Friday. Report cards must be presented at registration. For more information, call 301.222.0866.

Brandywine/North Keys Civic Association

The next meeting of the Brandywine/ North Keys Civic Association is Wednesday, June 20, at the Spirit of Faith Christian Center in Brandywine, MD. The event will be held at 7:00 p.m.

Summer Basketball Clinic

A clinic will be offered at Prince George's Community College in Lanham, MD, for boys and girls in

grades 5-11. Registration for the clinic is due August 1. Instruction and participation is all phases of basketball will be provided. For more information, contact the college's athletic department at 301.322.0513 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Vacation Church School

Nottingham/Myers United Methodist Church will join Brookfield and Immanuel United Methodist Churches in planning for Vacation Church School. It will take place on August 13-17 from 6 - 9 p.m.

The theme for Vacation Church School will be "Lift Off- Soaring to New Heights With God."

June Birthday Observances

Best wishes and God's blessings

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Local Activist Recognized by Sierra Club

Imani Kazana Recieves Mike Maloney Environmental Service Award

Councilman Tom Dernoga held an event to bring together environmental groups in Prince George's County at Bladensburg Waterfront Park Saturday, June 6 for the first Green Spring Social, a day-long picnic and potluck event. Environmentalists from across the county came to network, learn, and honor outstanding members of the Prince George's County environmental movement.

The event featured informative booths staffed by environmental issue groups from across the county. Among the groups represented at the event were the Friends of the Lower Beaverdam, Interfaith Coalition for the Environment, Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group, CHEARS (Chesapeake Education, Arts & Research Society), WSSC, Anacostia



PHOTO COURTESY IMANI KAZANA

The Sierra Club awarded the 2007 Mike Maloney Environmental Service Award to Imani Kazana for her role in preventing Washington Gas from building an unwanted facility in Chillum, MD.

Watershed Society, Friends of Still Creek, Anacostia Watershed Restoration Partnership, Vansville Civic Association, and the Sierra Club Prince George's & Montgomery Groups.

The Sierra Club honored Prince Georgian Imani Kazana at the event, making Kazana the 2007 Mike Maloney Environmental Service Award recipient for her contributions to preserving the environmental quality and the quality of the human environment for residents in the area outlying Chillum, MD; Kazana played a major role in combating an unsustainable development, the construction of a gas storage and pumping station in Chillum. Mike Maloney was a County Council member, a member of the PG County Civic Federation, and also an environmentalist.

Serving Suitland

By **JANICE A. EUELL**
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School is out! Do you know what your child is doing for the summer? Don't leave your child idle this summer. There are lots of summer programs in which they can participate.

Beginning this week on the grounds of Parkway Terrace Apartments in Suitland, Geneva Gause will host a new program to guide young girls toward responsible adulthood. The Isiserettes Club of MISR Court #193 will be lead by Ms. Gause in cooperation with ROJA, an organization that operates an After School Learning Center on the property.

The free program will involve girls between the ages of 6 - 17. The first meeting of the group will take place on Wednesday, June 13, at 7:30 p.m. at 3415 Parkway

Terrace Drive. The classes will be held in the basement of the facility which is located behind the rental office. Registration for the group is still open. This is a marvelous opportunity for young girls to associate with their peers for social, cultural and emotional support. Parents are encouraged to call Ms. Gause at 240.462.7281 to register for the next session.

Training and workshops will be available to help our young ladies as they prepare to accept the numerous challenges of womanhood. Participants will attend the theater and will be exposed to other arts programs.

Parents, if you have a young man and you would like him to participate in a Masonic program for males, ROJA also has a contact for them. Give Geneva or me a call if you are interested in either of these programs.

In and Around Morningside-Skyline

By **MARY MCHALE**
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Passport Fair

Now is the time to get that passport or to renew the one you have. Conveniently, Suitland Post Office will be holding a Passport Fair on Saturday, June 23, from 2 p.m. - 6 p.m. and on Sunday, June 24, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For a new passport, bring (1) proof of citizenship (original Birth Certificate, previous passport, or Naturalization Certificate); (2) proof of identity (Driver's License, Government or Military ID); (3) two recent identical photos (available at the event for \$15); (4) and, fees (\$97 for adults and \$82 for minors aged 15 and under). Fees must be made in two separate

payments: \$30 to the U.S. Postal Service (\$45 if photos are taken) and \$67 (for adults)/\$52 (for minors) to the Department of State. Payments must be made by check or money order.

All this may sound a little complicated, but if you want to visit the Tower of London or cruise the Danube, get that passport now.

Morningside Firefighter Injured

Tim Omerod, a long-time member of the Morningside Fire Department, was injured on the scene of an apartment fire on Donnell Place in the Holly Hill Condominiums on May 30. He was admitted to MedStar Burn Center in serious condition with inhalation burns. He has since been released.

Graduations

Sarah Vilky graduated from Pallotti High School, in Laurel, and

will be attending Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn. She is the daughter of Ernest and Margaret Vilky of Auth Village.

Mitchell Mudd is graduating from Northern High School, in Calvert County, and will attend St. John's University in Queens, N.Y. He is the son of Michael and Ann Mudd of Dunkirk. He is also my handsome great-nephew.

Susan Simpson emailed news about two family trips to Princeton, W.Va., to see her son Frank Houck graduate from Concord University and later to watch her daughter Nicole Houck graduate from James Monroe High School. Grandparents of the graduates are Harry Guy, of Larches Court in Morningside, and Frank and **See Morningside, Page A7**

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COMMUNITY

Susan G. Komen National Race for the Cure Raises \$4 Million

Funds From 18th Annual Race Will Provide More Support, Funds, Screenings for Breast Cancer

By **CHINUA J. BEN-FORD**
Contributing Writer

Some walked with representatives of non-profit organizations, others with private-sector businesses. Still others walked with family members from earlier generations. Some ran, swiftly passing the National Monument on their way down Constitution Ave. to the finish line. A

majority of the 45,000 participants wore bright pink shirts.

No matter how participants in the 18th annual Susan G. Komen National Race for the Cure chose to show their support, all were united under one mission: to fight breast cancer by participating in the fundraiser on Saturday, June 2. This year's event raised approximately \$4 million in funds for breast cancer research,

screening and treatment.

In hats that read "co-survivor, pink shoelaces, visors, and other accessories, participants who had finished the course Saturday cheered other participants on to the finish line.

According to information published on the Internet by the Susan G. Komen for the Cure, breast cancer occurs when cells in the breast reproduce in

a disorderly manner. When this happens, lumps — or tumors — form in the breast. The lumps can be benign, non-threatening, or malignant.

"Malignant tumor cells can invade nearby tissue and spread to other parts of the body. A malignant tumor that develops in the breast is called breast cancer." (periods go inside quotes.) (Do you need quotes to say

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PHOTO COURTESY SUSAN G. KOMEN RACE FOR THE CURE

An assembly gathered in support of research and prevention education for women's cancers at the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure on Saturday, June 2, in Washington, DC.

27 Community Policing Officers Recognized, 53 Graduate



PHOTO COURTESY PGPD

Marksmanship Award Winner Jorgaq Shkurti receives award from Lt. Col. Markus Summers.

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on the quality and importance of the training recruits receive. Herron said, "The rigorous training required to get each recruit to this point is a testament to the dedication and commitment to police work in Prince George's County. Now, these officers have the responsibility to apply what they've learned to help create a better society."

Fifty-one Police Department graduates who took the oath of office have been assigned to each of the six county Police District Stations, joining the 70 who graduated and were assigned to districts on May 18, 2007. Two graduates are temporarily assigned to the Community Policing Institute.

The graduates represent the department's consistent

delivery on the five-year hiring strategy initiated by Prince George's County Executive Jack B. Johnson and Chief High in 2005.

Awards for outstanding achievement and performance were given to members of Session 110, including the Chief's Leadership Award, given to Officer Iris Borrero, PGPD; the Sergeant Joseph K. Brown Award for the Top

Scholastic Achiever, awarded to Officer Steven Love, PGPD; the Rodney G. Chaney Award for Outstanding Student Officer, awarded to Officer Clinton Foster, PGPD; the Steven F. Gaughan Memorial Award for Achievement in Criminal Law Award, accepted by Officer Steven Love, PGPD; the Second Place Scholastic Achievement Award, to Deputy Brendan McGaffin, PGSD; the Third Place Scholastic Achievement Award, to Officer Brandon Moroney, PGPD; the Marksmanship Award, to Officer Jorgaq Shkurti, PGPD; the Sergeant Robert J. Talbert Award for Physical Fitness, Officer Iris Borrero, PGPD, and Officer Michael Myerly, PGPD; and the Police Vehicle Operations Award, received by Officer Christopher Hauf, PGPD.



PHOTO COURTESY PGPD

A graduate at the ceremony salutes Prince George's County Police Chief Melvin C. High.



PHOTO COURTESY PGPD

DCAO for Public Safety Vernon Herron Congratulates Fitness Award Winner Iris Borrero.

Children's "Hot Picks" for Summer Reading Fun - 2007 Edition

University of Maryland Professor Makes Recommendations for Childrens' Summer Reading

By **JENNIFER TURNER**
UMCP College of Education

Picture Books

David Gets in Trouble (Scholastic, 2002)
by David Shannon

This book is a funny, heart-warming narrative, told by a young boy named David.

David does all types of things that get him into trouble, like throwing a baseball through the window. Although his mom gets mad, David realizes in the end that she still loves him very much.

My sons and I read this book together quite often, and it is one of our favorites.

I Love Saturdays y Domingos (Aladdin Publishers, 2004)
by Alma Flor Ada

This story is an affectionate portrait of a bilingual girl's weekend visits to her two sets of grandparents.

On Saturdays, she speaks English with her paternal grandparents and on Domingos (Sundays), she speaks Spanish with her Mexican-American Abuelito and Abuelita (grandfather and grandmother).

This story is wonderful because it combines Spanish

and English in a beautiful text.

I'm Dirty

(HarperCollins, 2006)
Kate & Jim McMullan

This book has lots of noises (e.g., Bonk! Clunk!), mud, and trucks! It's a fun book to read to children who like trucks and like bold, bright illustrations.

Easy Chapter Books/Nonfiction

Spiderman 3: Meet the Heroes and the Villains (HarperCollins Books, 2007)

Adapted by Harry Lime
Many children have seen the Spiderman 3 movie in theaters, so they may be very interested in reading these books. This particular text introduces the heroes and the villains in the movie. It makes for good discussions because they also discuss the intentions and the motivations of the characters in the movie.

A Wasp is not a Bee

(Scholastic, 1995)
by Marilyn Singer

This nonfiction book has easy-to-read chapters that compare animals and insects that we oftentimes confuse. This is

a fun way to get children interested in the world around them and learn fun facts about animals and insects.

Young Adult Fiction

(Note: These books may contain some topics which may be inappropriate for younger readers. Parents may want to read these books and discuss them with their children)

The Watsons Go To Birmingham-1963

(Laurel Leaf, 2000)
by Christopher Paul Curtis
Winner of the Newberry Honor and the Coretta Scott King Honor Awards, this realistic fiction novel tells the story of the Watsons, an African American family living in Flint, MI in the 1960s.

When Kenny, the narrator, and his family go down South to take his rebellious brother, Byron, to live with their grandmother, they all experience one of the most turbulent times in American history: the bombing of a church with four little girls inside.

This book shows the healing power of families and reveals how the racism and

prejudice during the 1960s affected one African American family forever.

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows

(Arthur A. Levine Books 2007)
by J. K. Rowling

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, the seventh and final book in J.K.

Rowling's magical Harry Potter series, will be released on July 21, 2007. Join millions of enthusiastic readers who will be lining up to see Harry.



BEST WESTERN POTOMAC VIEW

SATURDAY NIGHT SPECIAL ITALIAN BUFFET

5:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Romaine and Mascilin Salad
Penne Pasta w/ Fresh Basil Pesto Sauce & Topped with Grilled Chicken Strips
Fresh Baked Egg Plant Parmesan
Home Made Vegetable Lasagna
Ravioli with Seafood in a Marinara Sauce
Spaghetti & Italian Sausage w/ Sweet Bell Peppers, Mushrooms and Tomato Sauce Breadsticks

Dessert

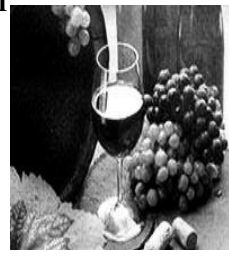
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COMMENTARY

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Depression Can Be A Serious Problem For Seniors

by The American Counseling Association

Depression is a very real and serious health problem for many elderly people, yet one often ignored or overlooked. Too often, we incorrectly assume that being depressed is just part of the aging process. Depression at any age, however, is a health problem that needs to be treated.

Recognizing true depression in the elderly can be difficult. For many older people there can be numerous reasons for feeling sad – the recent loss of someone close, increased health problems, lessened social opportunities, financial worries, and numerous other problems the elderly can face.

The key is recognizing the differences between simple sadness and actual depression. Depression is more than just an emotional low point. It's a life-altering problem that can diminish every aspect of a person's life, and that can even lead to suicide.

Real depression is characterized by an ongoing, persistent mood. It's not just having a sad day or two, but facing a continual emotional low that interferes significantly with daily functions and activities.

If you suspect someone may be suffering from depression, there are a number of signs to look for. Signs of depression include withdrawal from social activity, losing interest in pleasurable activities, and ignoring personal care and hygiene. A depressed person often has sleep problems like persistent difficulty falling asleep

or repeated episodes of night-time wakefulness followed by daytime sleepiness.

Depression can also upset normal eating patterns. There may be a lack of interest in food and subsequent weight loss, or binge eating and sudden weight gain.

Depression can leave the person feeling discouraged, hopeless, and worthless. The person may have low energy levels, or perhaps high levels of anxiety, feelings of guilt or constant irritability and demanding behavior.

If someone you care about (or you yourself) displays such symptoms over an extended period of time, clinical depression could be the cause. There can be a variety of reasons for depression to strike, but the main thing to know is that depression just doesn't cure itself. It often worsens, always takes the joy out of living, and can be life-threatening.

Depressed persons should seek help. While clinical depression is a serious problem, once identified, a variety of effective treatments are available. Consult with a counseling professional or other mental health professional to find out more about dealing with this issue.

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



We Need to Get Our Top Teachers in Schools that Need Them the Most

By Senator Benjamin L. Cardin

Good teachers are the key to a successful education system. That is because teachers who are well trained and highly qualified can help children who are having trouble learning and understanding the material. Unfortunately, too many of our schools lack the one critical ingredient that children need to learn -- teachers who can reach them and help them succeed.

We have an education problem in America. The schools that need the most experienced teachers simply do not have the resources to attract and keep them. Research shows that teacher quality has the most profound effect on student achievement. Good teachers can improve achievement by a full year, a factor that overwhelms the impact of any other educational investment, including smaller class size.

I recently introduced the Master Teacher Act, S 1282, to tackle the problem of under-performing schools by attracting highly qualified teachers to these schools. My legislation would reward what I call "master teachers" by exempting them from paying federal taxes on 25% of

their income if they agree to teach in an under-performing school for a four-year period.

The legislation defines under-performing schools as ones that fail to meet Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) as defined in the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLBA). It defines "master teacher" as someone who has at least five years of teaching experience in a public elementary or secondary school, holds a master's degree, meets the definition of Highly Qualified as defined by the NCLBA, and has obtained advanced certification in their state licensing system or is certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards if the state does not have an advanced certification designation.

The real tragedy in our education system is that so many of our schools are failing to meet AYP performance standards. As currently required by the NCLBA, 100% of our nation's students must meet AYP standards in reading, math, and science by the 2013-14 school year. Currently, 311 of Maryland's 1,420 public schools fail to meet this AYP standard.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cultivating Good Decision-Making in Our Teens

Dear Editor:

We thank you so much for your May 30 article "Helping Your Teenagers Date Responsibly" and "Wanted- a 2007 Class of Heros and Sheroes." They provided excellent insights for parents, teenagers, and everyone who is involved with teens.

For the last 25 years in our mental health practice, we have addressed the gamut of adolescent problems: depression, self-abuse, violence, misbehavior in school and at home, drinking and drug problems, dating and relationship issues, and attention deficit and learning disabilities. We know how hard it is to be a parent these days. To that end, we specialize in helping single parents, step parents, blended families and children of divorced and/or addicted parents.

With the steady drumbeat of sexuality in the media and on the Internet, today's teens face more temptations than the last three generations-combined! Overstimulation and narcotization run rampant in some quarters because of omnipresent video games and relatively open access to drugs and alcohol.

Too often, our teens become jaded and/or on the lookout for yet another moment of instant gratification or thrill. School and other mundane but purposeful pursuits take distant back seats.

In some areas, county and state health departments are facing epidemics from sexually transmitted infections (STIs). Parents and religious leaders struggle with out-of-wedlock pregnancies.

"You don't want a teen in trouble to be too scared to call you," is a quote from the responsible dating article. Unfortunately, this lack of trust between parents and teens is a common theme for many of our patients. It's why we spend so much time and effort in rebuilding this trust. Like Marian Wright-Edelman wrote, we, too, value the vital role of building heroes/sheroes and positive role models.

Sincerely,

Dennis Cunningham, LCPC and the caring staff of Bleach, Fiske & Associates
Clinton, MD

Clear Out Your Financial Clutter and Save Time, Money, and Headaches

By Jason Alderman

Nothing strikes more fear in an unorganized person's heart than tax season, that time of the year when people pay dearly for a year's worth of stashing bills, receipts and other papers in a shoebox.

I know, because I'm a recovering file-o-phobe. I used to think it took too long to organize my paperwork as it came in, until I later realized just how much time I wasted trying to find misplaced records.

Before the 2006 tax-filing season fades from memory, this is a good time to share a few organizational tips that might make next April less frantic.

Set up a workable filing system. Using file folders or envelopes, create separate files for different financial records and stow items there once you've paid or reviewed them. You don't necessarily need a filing cabinet - moving boxes or plastic storage bins also work. File categories might include:

- Tax returns, important tax documents and receipts. Read IRS Publication 552 for recommendations on what to save and for how long (www.irs.gov).
- Credit card, savings and checking account statements and purchase, deposit and withdrawal receipts - one file for each account.
- Retirement and investment accounts. Maintain a separate file for each 401(k), IRA, or other retirement account and any mutual funds or other investments. Keep your quarterly statements until annual statements arrive.
- Mortgage, lease or rental agreement information, including records on your home purchase, sale and, if you own your home, improvements.
- Warranties and purchase receipts. Keep the documents until the product goes out of war-

ranty. Put copies of receipts for tax-deductible items in your tax file to save searching later.

- Insurance policies. Maintain separate files for homeowners/renter's, car, life, disability and medical insurance policies. Note how and when you paid medical bills in case of a disagreement with your insurer or doctor.

- Wills and trusts. Keep copies of your most recent will and living trust, along with contact information for attorney who helped set it up.

Cull the herd. Periodically purge your folders of unneeded items. For example, after balancing your checkbook and credit card statements, you can probably toss receipts unless you need them for proof of purchase or tax purposes. Pay stubs can go once you've compared them to your W2 form. And toss utility bills after a year, unless you need them for a home office tax deduction.

Set aside a specific day each month to pay your bills. It's a drag, but so is paying late fees. I'm a big believer in automatic bill paying, where your bills are paid automatically from your debit or credit card or bank account.

Make a budget and stick to it. If you need helpmaking a budget, visit Practical Money Skills for Life, a free personal financial management site sponsored by Visa USA (www.practicalmoneyskills.com/budgeting). There you'll find interactive tools to help track expenses, set up a livable budget, and more. As always, consult a financial professional regarding your particular situation.

Even though clearing out financial clutter isn't any more fun than cleaning the attic, think of what you can do with the time you'll save.

Jason Alderman directs Visa USA's financial education programs.

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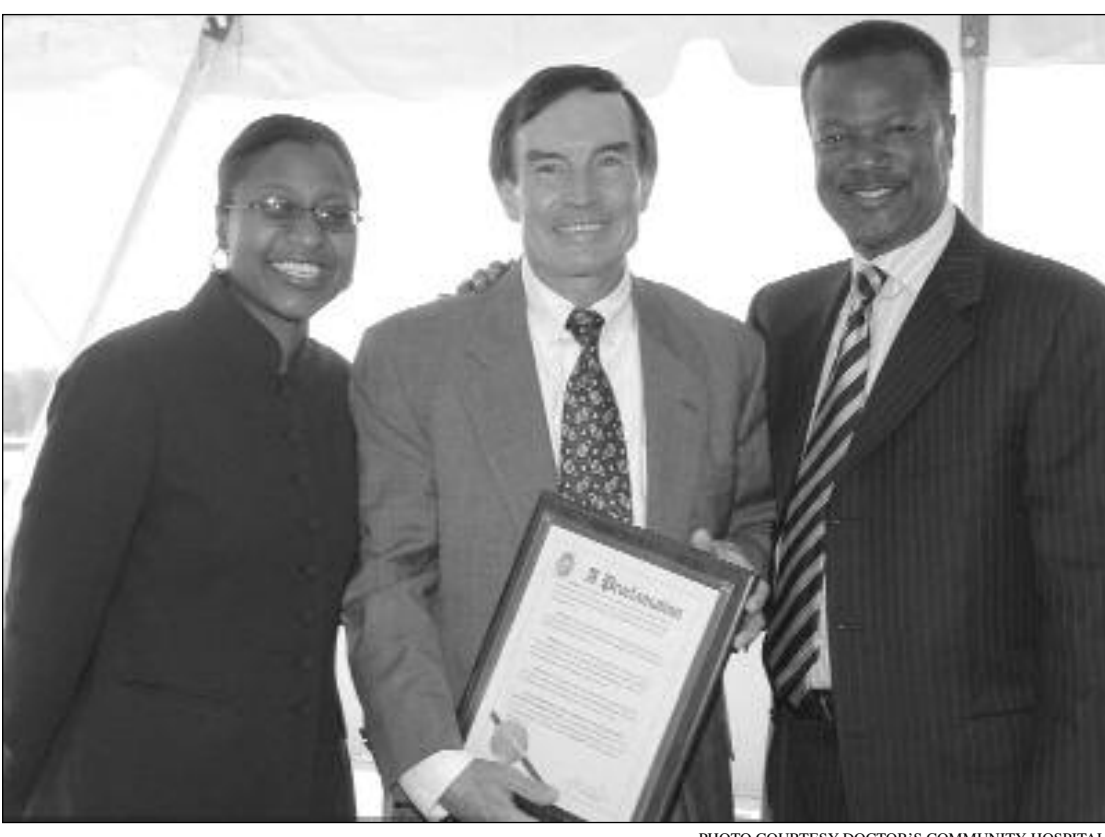


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(L-R): County Council Chair Camille Exum, Doctors Community Hospital President, Philip Down, and Prince George's County Executive Jack B. Johnson.

Cancer Treatment Center Opens

Doctors from A1
emergency department resulting in modern, efficient facilities for the delivery of high quality clinical services to the citizens of Prince George's County," said Philip B. Down, Chief Executive Officer of the Doctors Community Hospital in Greenbelt.

The \$18,500,000 project is expected to be complete in the fall of 2008 and is being built by BBL Construction Services of Albany, New York, a national leader in the design and construction of medical office buildings.

BBL Construction Services are being assisted on the site by Gilbane Building Company and ADAMS Construction Management.

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NAHB Research Facility Opens

Facility May Develop Affordable Homes Solutions



PHOTO COURTESY NAHB

Performing the ribbon-cutting for the new NAHB facility in Upper Marlboro this week were (front row, L-R) COO of Terre Belt, Thomas Kenney; NAHB Research Center Board of Directors member Gary Grossman; President of the NAHB Research Center Board of Directors, Michael Luzier; Chairman of the NAHB Research Center Board of Directors, Don Pratt; Director of Housing & Community Development, P.G. County, Thomas M. Thompson; NAHB Research Center associates Bob Arquilla and Jack Demetree; and (back row, L-R) NAHB Research Center Controller William Ingle and Miles Haber of NAHB.

Courtesy OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

(UPPER MARLBORO, MD) – Prince George's County Executive Jack Johnson toured the National Association of Homebuilders' (NAHB) new state-of-the-art residential construction testing laboratory and market research facility this week at a grand opening ceremony.

"The expansion of the National Association of Homebuilder's research facility is a true representation of the strong economic growth in

our County," Johnson said.

"The fact that you are growing marks Prince George's County as the site of the next generation of housing research to improve the quality and affordability of homes across the nation."

Over 200 of the nation's prominent business leaders, builders, and manufacturers, as well as representatives from the U.S. Departments of Housing and Urban Development, Energy and the Environmental Protection Agency joined with Johnson to celebrate the expansion of the NAHB research center.

Previously, the Research Center employed over 85 professionals. The new 42,000 square-foot facility, representing a \$10 million investment in the expansion of the NAHB research headquarters, will provide many new professional and technical jobs in the Upper Marlboro community.

The NAHB Research Center is in a significant growth mode. The nature of its work brings national and international recognition to the county, as residential construction is one of the largest engines of economic growth in the nation.

Suitland NOAA Facility Opens



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The NOAA facility in Suitland will monitor weather, predicting natural hazards.

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ty, which plays an important role in protecting the nation from natural disasters.

"NOAA and its employees are world-class – from the researchers to the scientists, forecasters and satellite experts. They are working everyday to save lives and livelihoods. The nation depends on them to help local weather forecasters get it right so our citizens can secure their property and protect their families, and to assist in search and rescue operations for lost mariners," said Senator Mikulski. "They deserve a world-class facility so they can do their job and meet NOAA's mission and mandate."

"Today's dedication for NOAA's new Satellite Facility is a true representation of what we are doing in the Suitland community of Prince George's County. It shows that we are continuing to establish a new era of greater growth and prosper-

ity in our County," Prince George's County Executive Jack Johnson said. "I want to commend GSA and NOAA for their commitment to the Suitland Federal Center and to Prince George's County as they move in to this new state-of-the-art facility."

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According to representatives from the Office of the County Executive, the Suitland facility complements the new Census Headquarters in Suitland, with both operations contributing to the revitalization of the Suitland community.

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Center and to Prince George's County as they move in to this new state-of-the-art facility."

The NSOF houses operations of national and global significance 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It is the mission control center for the nation's weather satellites – serving as the first line of defense against natural hazards. It tracks the movement of storms, coordinates satellite-assisted search and rescue, collects satellite information and makes it useful for forecasters and climate researchers, and enables better predictions about tomorrow's weather and the Earth's climate 50 years from now. Since 1982, it has saved 20,000 lives worldwide and more than 5,500 lives in the United States.

The new, world-class facility replaces a WWII-era building, also improving the work environment for the 549 federal employees and contractors that work there.



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Out on the TOWN

Ocean's Thirteen a Charm, a "Classic Popcorn Picture"

By **STEVE RHODES**
www.InternetReviews.com

Sometimes — albeit not very often in the movie world — three really is a charm. With OCEAN'S THIRTEEN, the third in his OCEAN'S series, director Steven Soderbergh gets lucky and comes up with a real winner. I haven't been a fan of the series up until now, but this latest outing from Danny Ocean (George Clooney) and his crew, which is made up of just about every actor in Hollywood, is just too much fun to say anything bad about it.

Sure the easy going pacing and the convoluted plot may put off some, but I was thoroughly entertained by the shenanigans on the screen, as the cross and double cross unfolded like layers on an onion. (Hmm, should have thought of a better metaphor, since the deliciously colorful

OCEAN'S THIRTEEN smells like anything but an onion.)

The setup for the plot is that Danny and his crew are going to take down Willie Bank (Al Pacino), whom you can think of as the Donald Trump of the Vegas strip. Bank made Danny's friend and mentor, Reuben Tishkoff (Elliott Gould), an offer Reuben couldn't refuse, unless he was willing to jump off a skyscraper. The offer looks like it will prove fatal for Reuben, since it causes him to suffer a massive heart attack. The movie can even be downright touching in some of the scenes surrounding bedridden and dying Reuben.

A classic popcorn picture, its best part is the long and elaborate con that Danny plans with Rusty Ryan (Brad Pitt), Linus Caldwell (Matt Damon), Basher Tarr (Don Cheadle) and the other crooks that work with him. Especially good in a small part is Andy Garcia as

Terry Benedict, the money man or multimillion dollar loan shark they are forced to turn to when their con starts running wildly over budget.

The movie is filled with wonderful, Damon Runyon sort of dialog. "I don't lose," Bank tells Danny early on, "People who bet against me lose and lose big." Bank is a guy so rich that the silver (cutlery) in the rooms in his high end suites is all gold. Late in the story, Bank again tries to threaten Danny, but this time it is Danny who gets the best line. "I know all the guys that you'd hire to come after me, and they like me better than you," Danny smugly tells Bank about his threat.

So how does Danny plan to hurt Bank? They'll let the "whales" win at the opening of Bank's new casino, his pride and joy. Translated, that means they plan on rigging the casino so that the really big high rollers can win a half a bil-



PHOTO COURTESY ROTTENTOMATOES.COM

In the sequel to *Ocean's Eleven* and *Ocean's Twelve*, the cast is reunited with director Steven Soderbergh and producer Jerry Weintraub; Al Pacino and Ellen Barkin join the cast for the new adventure.

lion dollars in a matter of minutes. The big problem is their "exit strategy." No, not how Danny and company can sneak out of the casino, but how they can get the whales out before they gamble away everything they won, hence giving it all back to Bank. Danny will

come up with a scheme for this too. Everything, however, will run into plenty of funny snags, which only serves to enhance our viewing pleasure.

RATING (0 TO **):**

OCEAN'S THIRTEEN
runs 2:02. It is rated PG-13

for "brief sensuality" and would be acceptable for kids around 9 and up.

The film opens nationwide in the United States on Friday, June 8, 2007. In the Silicon Valley, it will be showing at the AMC theaters and the Century theaters.

100 Black Men of Greater Washington DC to Hold Family Health Day Fair

Aetna, Seat Pleasant Recreation Center Sponsor Provision of Free Screenings, Early Detection Techniques, Disease Prevention Strategies

By **JAMES PROCTOR**
Contributing Writer

The 100 Black Men of Greater Washington DC, Inc. (100 BMGWDC) will bring the organization's Family Health Day to Prince George's County this month. Over 500 residents from Prince George's County and surrounding areas are expected to attend the June 16, event at the Seat Pleasant Activity Center, located at 5720 Addison Road in Seat Pleasant, MD.

Family Health Day will

include free screenings for high blood pressure, HIV, prostate cancer and kidney disease, as well as, many more health care services for children and adults of all ages.

This year, cancer awareness and prevention is the primary emphasis of the event, with a special emphasis on the prevention of prostate cancer. Prostate cancer is prevalent in the African American community; the good news is that with regular check-ups and early detection and treatment, prostate cancer can be success-

fully treated.

To make this event possible, the 100 BMGWDC recruited more than 30 local and national health care organizations to participate in the fair.

The 100 BMGWDC is dedicated to reducing heart disease, prostate cancer, diabetes, asthma and HIV. These five preventable and treatable diseases occur disproportionately in minority communities.

The 100 BMGWDC is a 501(c3) organization founded in 1995 by an alliance of African-American men, dedi-

cated to giving time to enhance the lives of young people in the Washington Metropolitan Area. 100 BMOGW, Inc. is an affiliate of the 100 Black Men of America (100 BMOA). The 100 BMOA is devoted to improving the quality of life for African-Americans - particular young men - through the "Four for the Future" program. This consists of Mentoring, Education, Health & Wellness and Economic Development. The BMOA has over 10,000 members and 105 chapters internationally.

Local Collegiate Women Discuss Leadership

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Bethany House in Washington, DC.

In addition, the Women of Distinction Awards are presented each year at the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders.

This program pays tribute to women leaders who have made extraordinary accomplishments in their professions or their communities.

With their commitment to women, international issues, and public service, these women are inspirational examples to women everywhere and serve as important role models for women college student leaders.

This year, the Women of Distinction awardees include Deborah Bial, president and founder of the Posse Foundation; Alison Malmon, president and executive director of Active Minds, Inc.; Caryn Mathes, general manager, WAMU 88.5 FM; Asra



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At the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders Wednesday, June 6, Prince George's Community College student ShaDonna Jackson (left) shared why she believes leadership is an important activity for women to take part in today.

Nomani, author of *Standing Alone in Mecca*; and, Maria Otero, CEO or ACCION International.

Past awardees include playwright, performer, and activist Eve Ensler; Olympic

medalist Dominique Dawes; and, Consuelo Castillo Kickbusch, founder and president of Educational Achievement Services.

The conference was presented by the American

Association of University Women's Leadership and Training Institute in partnership with NASPA's Center for Scholarship, Research, and Professional Development for Women.

Free Prostate Cancer Screening...eliminating cancer disparities in the Washington, DC area.

St. Michael's Truth Church will host a free prostate cancer prevention screening on Saturday, June 16 at their 8th Annual Juneteenth Event. The screenings will be held from 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the church, located at 700 Saint Michael's Drive in Michellville, MD. For more information, contact the GW Cancer Institute at 202.994.2062.

Calendar of Events

Wednesday, June 13

Youths aged 13-17 are encouraged to meet at the Clearwater Nature Center in Clinton or the Mt. Ranier Nature & Recreation Center and vanpool to the local 4-H Center for an Xtreme Teens Overnight Adventure. The outing will include kayaking, ropes courses, hiking, archery, canoeing, survivor challenges, fishing, campfires, sleeping under the stars, and more.

The event will cost \$25/residents, \$30/non-residents. For more information, call 301.297.4575.

Saturday, June 16

A discussion on Estate Planning and Wealth Preservation sponsored by the Women's Action Coalition of Prince George's County (WAC) will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. June 16 at Hilton Garden Inn, 7810 Walker Drive, Greenbelt. Participants must register by June 11. To register, call Kathy Friedman at 301.385.2969, or Rita

Robinson at 301.297.7769.

Thursday, June 21

Family Fun Night in Mt. Ranier will take place from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the corner of 31st Avenue & Hamilton Street. The event will include crafts, a presentation by a naturalist from Mt. Rainier Nature Center, music and refreshments. The rain location for this event is at Curves, 5402 Queens Chapel Road. For more information, call 301.985.5020

Saturday, June 23

Create your own cabochon jewelry at the Clearwater Nature Center in Clinton using rock cutting and polishing equipment. All supplies will be included. Reservations required. For more information, call 301.297.4575.

Also at the nature center from 10 - 11:30 a.m., meet live reptiles and enjoy an educational hike to search for and identify local reptiles. Registration is also required for this event.

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skills in a hands-on environment. The labs, which are expected to be used by more than 27,000 students and military members throughout the world, are designed to help students apply the theories and concepts that they have studied by setting up different scenarios to expose students to myriad situations in protecting information resources. UMUC's Network Systems and Security Laboratories offer instruction in data communications and networks, Internet security, intrusion detection, incident response and computer forensics.

"This is the first truly global reach by any university to offer real-life simulations and training in the critical field of computer security and information assurance," said Susan Aldridge, UMUC president. "The new security studies lab in Asia will allow UMUC to

improve the quality of both face-to-face and online courses in Information Assurance, Emergency Management and Homeland Security."

Recent trends have made computer security and information assurance training even more essential. Governments have gradually turned to the private sector to provide the bulk of their vital critical infrastructure services, including energy, financial services, communications, water, transportation and health care. These same businesses and governments have migrated many of their core business processes onto information networks and the Internet. Protecting these infrastructures, many of which are privately owned and operated, demands close cooperation across public and private sectors.

"The modern workforce is in desperate need for men and women who are trained to manage 21st century security needs.

It's essential that our programs and the technology that supports them stays on the cutting-edge to address today's security issues worldwide," said Don Goff, executive director of UMUC's Security Studies Laboratory. "UMUC's programs offer practical homeland security management and technology degrees and courses to enterprise managers and military personnel throughout the world."

The labs will support and enhance the rollout of UMUC's new homeland security degrees — Information Assurance, Emergency Management, Homeland Security — and other existing security related programs.

These programs include: a Bachelor of Science degree in information systems management; Master of Science degrees in computer systems management, information technology and technology management; and undergraduate

and graduate certificates in information assurance.

About University of Maryland University College UMUC is the second-largest university in Maryland, serving 90,000 students and offering undergraduate and graduate programs online and on-site.

As demand grows for flexible, high-quality degree programs, the Board of Regents projects that UMUC's enrollments will grow by 101 percent by 2015.

In addition, UMUC is the 12th largest degree-granting university in the United States, is one of the largest public providers of online higher education in the nation, and is a unique provider of degrees at the bachelors, masters, and doctoral levels related to homeland security. The university offers classroom-based instruction at 20 locations throughout the Washington, DC metro area.

Race for the Cure Summons Pink Power

Komen from A3
this? Why don't you try putting it in your own words, and explaining what metastasis is, so you can reference it later in the article. Why not use a great source and make an in-text attribution?)

According to, "the most common locations of breast cancer metastases are the lymph nodes, liver, brain, bones and lungs."

Benign tumors are non cancerous, but a fact sheet provided by cautions, "(If) left untreated, some can post a health risk, so they are often removed." (Is the quote "post" or pose? You want to give some analysis as to why this is a health threat, otherwise it doesn't help the reader much).

As breast cancer can spread, so can support from thousands who raise funds and awareness to stop it.

Ms. Wendy Tureaud, a PG County resident of two and a half years, ran the race and encourages others to do the

same. "I would encourage others to participate because you never know when someone may be running on your behalf," she stated. (Is this Tureaud?)

"Experience the excitement before, during, and after the race. Once you get a taste of the excitement and the camaraderie, I know you'll keep coming back for more."

"It is important for all women to have clinical breast exams done by a health care provider at least every three years starting at age 20 and every year after age 40 and to do breast self-exams once every month starting by age 20," according to the Komen website. Wendy understands that with increased awareness, there can be a residual increase in survivors. For more facts to support breast cancer awareness, please call the Susan G. Komen for the Cure's Breast Care Helpline at 1-800-I'M-AWARE or visit www.komen.org.

Johnson Addresses Inequalities in Voting

Voting from A1

slaves," Johnson said. "Voters should not be handed a false ballot with pictures of people they have come to trust and respect purportedly supporting candidates they have never endorsed. This is deceptive and it must not be tolerated in a free and democratic society."

As they did when it came to civil rights and voting rights, Johnson urged the federal government to lead by example and end the use of false and deceptive practices used to influence or suppress voting in America.

"I have seen first hand the lingering vestiges of slavery and Jim Crow Laws. The memories pain me and those who live in our county and throughout America," Johnson said. "There are those who seek to exploit this sad history, but I have confidence that this and other practices I described here today can be curtailed with



Douglas F. Gansler, Maryland Attorney General, and County Executive Jack B. Johnson attend a hearing in the Dirksen Senate Building.

the adoption of S. 453. I urge you to support this bill."

If passed the bill would apply to federal elections and would prohibit distribution of known false information designed to prevent people

from participating and exercising their right as voters. It would also criminalize the conduct and create criminal sanctions for those who violate the law of up to five years in jail and a \$100,000 fine.

A companion bill has been introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives. The hearing today before the full Judiciary Committee is the first step in the full Senate consideration of this legislation.

Morningside

Morningside from A2

Lorena Houck, formerly of Woodland Road in Morningside and now of Union, W.V. Father of the grads, Aubrey Houck, also lives in Union.

Frank Houck majored in Criminology and Social Work. He wants to go into the FBI or some other type of law enforcement. On June 4 he started his internship at a juvenile facility in Bluefield, W.V.

Phone or email me (mud-dmm@aol.com) with your news of your graduate.

Neighbors

Mary Koslak, of Lucente Avenue in Skyline, is proud of her granddaughter Victoria who was named Student of the Year at her high school in Elkton, Md. She is the daughter of Ronald and Kathy Koslak. Mary says Vickie is really smart and "must take after grandpa," Mary's late

husband Frank.

Morningsiders who participated in the recent Race for the Cure (of breast cancer) on the Mall in Washington included Jessica and Autumn Williams, their mother Tereena Little, and Jessica's daughter, 2-year-old Tara Buckler who actually made it to the finish-line in the 5K race. Former Morningsider Carolyn Sowell, grandmother of "Jessi and Aut," sent me this item. Also, John Butler, of Morgan Road, is grandfather of Tereena.

Dante Smith will be representing the U.S. as a sports ambassador at the Youth Friendship Games in Holland in July. He is a 7th-grader at St. Philip's School.

Congratulations

To Gerald M. Wilson, newly appointed public safety director for the Washington Convention Center Authority. He was formerly Prince George's County Chief of

Police and before that had been district commander at the Oxon Hill Station. He was always very responsive to the security needs of our community.

May They Rest in Peace

Helen J. Jurney, longtime resident of Larches Court in Morningside, died May 31. She was the daughter of the late Jack and Ruby Ketchel and widow of William H. Jurney whom she married back in 1940. She was a founding member of the Morningside Senior Citizens and secretary for years. As Jean Glaubitz, current president of the Seniors, told me, "Helen was a great lady." Survivors include daughters Sharon Richards of Morningside and Peggy Barba of Annapolis; son Richard of Myrtle Beach; brother Stanley Ketchel; six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services were at Lee Funeral Home in Calvert County, with

burial at Cedar Hill.

Kathleen Fulcher Rodgers, 92, a former teacher at Hillcrest Heights and Brookwood elementary schools, died May 31. She had lived in Washington, District Heights and Hillcrest Heights. Her husband Elton B. Rodgers died in 1976. Survivors include three daughters, a sister, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Milestones

Happy birthday to Kara Dameron, Dot Pfeil and June Zaccagnino, June 15; Helen Padgett and Lucia Scott, June 16; Bill Kimbles, June 18; Stephanie Phipps, June 19; Brent Mudd and Gwynn Mudd, June 20.

Happy anniversary to Ange and Marlyn Meoli, their 45th on June 16; Steve and Cornelia Blankenship, their 2nd on June 18; and Calvin and Debbie Brown, their 14th on June 20.

Aquasco

Aquasco from A2

to the following on their special day: Severson Banks, James Curtis, Jr., Cynthia Dotson, Sheree Forbes, Ray

Anthony Gray, Wayne Hawkins, Renee Holland, Nellie Johnson, Beverly Saunders, Thedosa Scott, Carrie Woodland, Delante Dotson, Sheree Forbes, Ray

Summer Seminar 2007: Career Options in the Building & Construction Trades July 16 - August 17

Maryland State Delegate Levi is currently recruiting juniors and seniors from several district 23A PGCPSS schools to participate in a building and construction trades program this summer.

The program will include two weeks of summer classroom instruction followed by three weeks of **paid on-the-job training**.

The classroom training will be facilitated by apprentice instructors from each of the individual Building and Construction Trades Apprenticeship Programs and be conducted at the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local Union 26, at 4371 Parliament Place, Suite A, Lanham, MD 20706-1807. Call the Office of Delegate Levi at 301.858.1301, or e-mail the Delegate at gerron.levi@house.state.md.us to receive an application.

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