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Hurricane Simulation at Melwood Tests, Trains Caregivers

Disaster Readiness Exercise Rates DDA Employees, Measures Effectiveness

By KATE QUERAM
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(UPPER MARLBORO, MD) — In the second annual disaster readiness training exercise for caretakers of individuals with developmental disabilities last week, professionals were observed as they responded to a hurricane scenario.

The hurricane simulation occurred in real-time, beginning when the participants were briefed about a disaster. Participants in the training were separated into three groups, each staffed by a controller who provided periodic updates about the ongoing disaster.

During the exercise, each player or participant performed their "regular roles and responsibilities" as caretakers. Among the players this year were over 40 representatives from 100 DDA-licensed service providers, including the Prince George's County Emergency Preparedness director and the Charles County Department of Health, as well as some of Melwood's disabled residents.

Professional observers were stationed in one of three rooms where the simulations occurred, on site to document the participants' performance.

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PGCPS

Appoints New Principals

Prince George's County Receives 29 New Principals

Courtesy PGCPS

Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) announced the appointments of 29 new principals during the Summer Principal Leadership Institute held last week. The new leaders received training through the PGCPS New Principal Induction Program, held as part of the Leadership Institute, introducing new principals to the important role of school leadership.

"When you have great school leaders you have great success. Our principals are to be commended for their growing success with our students," said Dr. John E. Deasy, Superintendent of Schools. "Together, new and veteran principals serve as the instructional leaders who will help every child achieve at high levels."

The new principal appointments are: Stephen Green Jr., Lake Arbor ES; Carolyn Poole, Perrywood ES; Rhonda Green, Rosaryville ES; Judith Bissett, Northview ES; LaChon Winston, Waldon Woods ES; Jane W. Spence, Bowie HS; Beth A. Linn, Apple Grove ES; Kimberly S. Seidel, Greenbelt ES; Daniel H. Heller, Ridgecrest ES; Raymond J. Miller, DuVal HS; Kona-Facia Nepay, Robert Goddard French Immersion; Suzanne J. Johnson, Goddard Montessori; Lysianna Essama, J. Hanson French Immersion; Lita Kelly, Carole Highlands ES; Audrey Briscoe, Oaklands ES; Nathaniel R. Laney, Jr., Andrew Jackson MS; Angelique D. Simpson-Marcus, Largo HS; Jeffrey J. Parker, G. James Gholson MS; Charles E. Wilson, Sr., Drew Freeman MS; Charles E. Eller,

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Resource Fair Links Families of Children with Developmental Disabilities with Local Resources



Latanya Sothern and her son, Tre, explored the resources provided at the Children's Resource Fair held at the Arc of Prince George's County in Largo on Saturday, June 30.

3rd Annual Resource Fair for Children with Developmental Disabilities Held in Largo

By ANATH HARTMANN
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(LARGO, MD) — The 3rd Annual Resource Fair for Children with Developmental Disabilities on Saturday, June 30, drew over 200 families to the Arc of Prince George's County in Largo.

The fair is held annually to educate the families of developmentally-disabled children and young adults and "to link people to resources," according to Melonee Clark, a family specialist at the Arc. The Arc is an organization that advocates for individuals with autism, cerebral palsy, and Down's Syndrome, and other developmental disabilities.

Interested persons could find 14 categories of information at the fair, on topic ranging from health care and mental health to summer camps, recreation, and financial planning.

MetroAccess, the transportation service Metro provides to the disabled, was one among the organizations represented at the fair. Also in attendance were representatives from the Sarah Petit Fund, which provides funds to the disabled for recreational activities and travel; Kamp A-Kom-Plish of Nanjemoy, MD, which welcomes campers who have various types of disabilities; and representatives from the Medicaid-funded Auction Waiver, a program that can be used to supplement the income of parents of developmentally disabled children. "If the child possesses less than about \$2,000 in personal funds, the waiver provides his or her family with in-home support services and after-care respite," Clark explained.

Several churches, including PG County's Bridges Ministry and Reid Temple A.M.E. Church in Glenn Dale, were represented at the fair.

The Resource Fair was sponsored by the Arc of Prince George's County, the Developmental Disabilities Administration's Southern Maryland regional office, Resource Connections of Prince George's County, Inc., and Melwood, a social services not-for-profit that helps the developmentally disabled.

Every child who attended the event received a goody-bag containing a coloring book and information on available resources.

Lillie Bond, a Bladensburg resident and vice president of SECAC, the Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee, brought her 12 year-old daughter Krystal Adams, who has Down's Syndrome, to the fair.

At the event, "Krystal was just picking up materials all over the place," Bond said, laughing.

"This was my first year in attendance, but I thought it was a very successful, very well-attended disabilities fair. I use the Arc's services all the time—they provide me with respite care, with funds for activities [for Krystal] and with advocacy. I don't know where I'd be without them."

Bond said the information she received at the fair about Bowie's Unicorn Center, a group that offers horseback-riding lessons to individuals with developmental disabilities, has prompted her to decide to sign Krystal up for horseback-riding lessons there.

County Government Brings 11 New Local Women on Board

Highly Qualified Members Join Commission on Women



BY MICHAEL J. YOURISHIN/ OFFICE OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Prince George's County recently added 11 members to the county's Commission on Women. (L-R): Lisa Proctor, Diane Williams, Amanda Welch, Yvonne Walker, Linda Johnson, Thomas, Dr. Jane Ross, Mi Young Pak, Jennifer Jones, Penelope Guzman, Oretta Bridgwater.

Courtesy OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

(UPPER MARLBORO, MD) — Prince George's County Executive Jack Johnson's nominees for the Commission on Women on Monday, July 2. All new members were sworn in immediately following the confirmation hearing. "These eleven outstanding women possess extensive background and knowledge and an avid interest in issues facing women in our county," Johnson said. "I am confident these new members of

the Commission will work to ensure that women in our county are afforded quality services and programs.

A resident of Upper Marlboro, Oretta Bridgwater is the Acting Assistant Superintendent for Region II, Prince George's County Public Schools and Chair of the Maryland State Advisory Council for Gifted and Talented Education.

Penelope Guzman, a resident of Bladensburg, serves as Latino Liaison for the Office of

the County Executive. She is also a Mentor in the Young Ladies of Distinction program at Bladensburg High School and a Member of the Maryland Multicultural Youth Center Advisory Board.

A resident of Bowie, Jennifer Jones is Vice President for Administration Operations with Diversified Sports Concepts LLC and President and CEO for Brimailia, LLC, a recruiting and placement company.

Mi Young Pak of Glenn

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Deasy is 'Excellent'

Superintendent Gets 4.46 of 5.0 from BOE

Courtesy PGCPS

The Prince George's County Board of Education announced Monday, July 9, that it has completed its evaluation of the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. John E. Deasy, for the period of December 4, 2006-May 30, 2007.

The Board utilized a standard evaluation instrument that included 106 indicators in 13 categories. Categories included areas such as educational leadership, student achievement, accountability, business and finance, student responsibilities and community relationships. Overall, the board rated the superintendent's performance as a 4.46 on a 5-point scale. The Board then discussed the instrument and came to common concurrence on a set of strengths and areas for improvement that it shared with the superintendent.

"The overall process of the evaluation enabled us to have a very productive conversation with the superintendent on a range of issues," said Board Chairman R. Owen Johnson, Jr. "We want John Deasy to stay with us for the long term, and we are committed to working together to advance student achievement in Prince George's County Public Schools."

The Board assessed Superintendent Deasy's overall performance as excellent. He has demonstrated a powerful sincerity and commitment to student achievement and equity. He has clearly articulated the school system's core beliefs and has effectively communicated his vision both internally and exter-

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By **NORMA FAZENBAKER**
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Well, I guess God is willing for me to stay around a while so I am enjoying my 85th year. When I hear about so many people living into their 90s and 100s, I don't feel that 85 is really that special, except in my case. Know what I mean?

Anyway, thanks for all of your well wishes, cards, calls, etc. I don't know why people do not want others to know how old they are because I am surprised, proud and glad to have lived this long.

Charles "Ernie" Jones will be the beneficiary of a wonderful dance and silent auction on August 4th at the American Legion Post 238 on Brandywine Road in Hughesville. Ernie is a well-loved person who has been experiencing medical complications and unforeseen expenses after a lung transplant. If you want to join in this worthwhile activity and have a good time at the dance, a \$20 donation will be required. A 50/50 raffle will also take place, and you don't have to be there to win. There will be live entertainment, cash bar and refreshments. Contact Charlie at 301.638.7700 for tickets.

On Wednesday, July 18, there will be an exclusive eWomen Network "Accelerated Networking" Luncheon at the River Creek Club. The meeting will concentrate on "The Super Star Phenomenon!" and strategies for building a personal and professional competitive advantage in the exciting and mystifying world of new media.

Discover how the internet is revolutionizing business networking. Learn why and how to use the Internet to further expand your own personal brand, credibility, knowledge base, prestige and reputation. Cynthia de Lorenz's discussion will include media strategies, online resources, blogging, and new media PR. Cynthia serves as CEO of de Lorenz Group and its subsidiaries Patriot Computer Group, Inc. and GoGawGaw, which are all woman-owned companies. If you are interested to participate in this seminar, call 703.450.1687.

A remarkable "New Age" of diagnostic CT imaging came to Southern Maryland Hospital Center in December 2006. SMHC physicians can now obtain the information they need to diagnose some diseases and life-threatening illnesses, including cardiovascular disease, stroke, and chest pain. With this new technology, they are now able to capture images of a beating heart in five heartbeats and of an organ in one second.

They also perform whole-body trauma scans in 10 seconds, more than twice as fast as conventional multi-slice CT scanners. This speed is especially helpful in shortening breath holds for geriatric patients on ventilators as well as pediatric patients. With the help of LightSpeed, one scan can help detect, or rule out, the three primary causes of death in patients with chest pain. This information comes from the latest SMHC newsletter.

**Use air freshener to clean your mirrors. It makes the whole place smell good.



PHOTO COURTESY 7-11

The 7-11 location at 4199 Kenilworth Ave. in Bladensburg, MD, is one of 12 7-11 locations country-wide to transform its storefront to resemble the Kwik-E-Mart, the convenience store often portrayed in the popular television series, *The Simpsons*. The grand transformation is designed to promote *The Simpsons Movie*, which will be released by Twentieth Century Fox on July 27. Along with the sweeping transformation of the storefront and the interior of the Bladensburg store, the Bladensburg store will join 7-11s throughout the country that will distribute products featured on the *Simpsons* — like Krusty O's cereal and Buzz Cola — for a limited time.

Brandywine- Aquasco

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Vacation Bible School

Lift off with Christ United Methodist Church as all ages join in Vacation Bible School from July 9 — 13 nightly from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. There will be Christian learning and fun classes for pre-school through adults. A light meal will be provided

each evening. This event comes thanks to the hard work of Rev. Dr. Robert E. Walker Jr., Pastor, and Sister Margaret Johnson, Education Chairperson. For more information, call 301.856.3724.

Hoarding Seminar

You are invited to attend a rescheduled free seminar on hoarding, primarily as it relates to seniors, on Saturday, July 28. The program will

take place from 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at Clinton UMC Church, located at 10700 Brandywine Road in Clinton. Light refreshments will be served and there will be a free-will offering. To register for the workshop, please call the church before July 20 at 301.868.1281.

Beautiful Bermuda

The Senior Ministry of
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Donna Wiseman Appointed Interim Dean of UM College of Education

Courtesy UMD

(COLLEGE PARK, MD) — Donna L. Wiseman has been named Interim Dean of the College of Education, effective July 1. Prior to this appointment, Wiseman was a professor in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction and the Associate Dean for Academic Programs responsible for student services and advising, international activities, outreach, teacher education and accreditation.

"I am looking forward to working with the college in my new role," said Wiseman. "It is a pleasure to be a part of the excitement and energy and the scholarly and creative atmosphere produced when our excellent faculty, students, and staff are engaged in teaching learning, inquiry, and service."



PHOTO COURTESY UMD

Dean Donna Wiseman

Before joining the University of Maryland in 2001, Wiseman held various leadership positions in higher

education. She was the L.D. and Ruth Morgridge Endowed Chair in Teacher Education at Northern Illinois University. During her 18-year career on the faculty of the College of Education at Texas A&M University, she served as the Program Chair in the Division of Elementary Education, Interim Department Head in the Department of Education Curriculum and Instruction, and as Associate Dean of the College.

Wiseman pledges the college will continue to work toward fulfilling its mission by offering high quality teacher preparation and graduate programs, conducting cutting edge research, and serving its communities.

Wiseman succeeds former chair of the Department of Counseling and Personnel Services, Dennis L. Kivlighan, Jr.

Serving Suitland

By **JANICE A. EUELL**
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Something happened a few days ago that I can't resist sharing with you. I attended a Youth Gospelfest sponsored by MISR Court No. 193, Oasis of Upper Marlboro, Desert of Maryland Isiserettes Department at Harmony Hall in Fort Washington. It was an outstanding event featuring youth ranging in age from maybe five or six to 16/17. What was notable about it was all of them were so well-mannered, talented and respectful. What was also very much appreciated by me was that none of the young men wore pants below their waists and all of the young ladies wore dresses, skirts or very nice pants. And, there was not one song with profanity in it. Why, you might ask, do I think this is worth mentioning? Because, our children just don't want to dress up anymore and being in a situation where respect is a high priority is also rare for young people. If it's true that clothes make the man, then the clothes our children wear means we have lots of work to do to if we want that man to be a responsible adult. Because, what kind of message is being sent by the oversized clothes, pants being worn

farther south on their bodies that intended, poor hygiene and the unkempt hair? What kind of man sports that kind of attire? I want to thank Daughter Geneva Gause, Directress of the Isiserettes for sponsoring an event that highlighted the singing talents of so many youth and for requiring them to be properly attired for the event. The Gospelfest was absolutely wonderful!

Another group of youth involved in positive things are those that attend the ROJA After School Learning Centers. Youth are now participating in the summer portion of the program since the centers operate year round. New executive directors have been appointed on the Parkway Terrace site to help lead, guide and plan activities for the group. They are Sharnisse Rozier, Raechelle Johnson, Ashley Pearson-Cline, Taylor Winkey and Kirsten Drew. Already, the executive directors have formed another book club which they have named "The Treasure Book Club." They have started a General Store that will feature items that can be purchased to help raise funds for activities they want to plan. The General Store is a wonderful learning experience and

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In and Around Morningside-Skyline

By **MARY MCHALE**
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Andrew's Main Gate Re-opens; Metro Bus Service Returns

The Main Gate of Andrews Air Force Base at Allentown and Suitland roads will open on July 14 after being closed for several months, during which time the base saw lots of road work and construction.

The old guardhouse is gone, making way for a new route that will get the queue of traffic off Allentown Road, and move it through the Visitor Control Center. (A new Center is opening soon.) Traffic will be routed through a Random Inspection Point Canopy and a Identification Check Canopy.

Metro Bus Service will return from the West Gate to the Main Gate Entrance. Meanwhile, as of July 6, major changes will be underway at the West Gate.

Meet the Queens: Mary, Ruby, Shirley and Mary

The Morningside 4th of July

Parade is always fun. But I can't tell you much about it this year — I was in it. Skyline put together its first float (also known as Chester Lanehart's pickup), beautifully turned out in red, white and blue by Kenia Spivey, Suzanne Kenney and a few others whose names I still have to get.

With my tiara, sash and flag, I sat on a folding chair in the bed of the truck with three other "Skyline Queens," Ruby Holloway, Mary Reilly and Shirley Holmes. We enjoyed waving to those gathered along the route from the firehouse to the VFW.

Jean Glaubitz rode in Henry and Diane Ruby's antique car. Other antiques were Wayne McKeown's 1930 Ford, Larry Phipps in a 1940 Ford, Jeff Frederick on a Suzuki motorcycle, Mike Torres in a yellow '57 Chevy, Anthony Torres in a blue Chevelle, Charles Kent driving his '55 Bel Air, Ernie Daniels at the wheel of his '57 Chevy, Megan Frostbutter in her father's race car, the Hillyard family's 1954 ALF ladder fire truck, Andrews AFB tanker truck, Forestville

VFD fire truck, and Larry Frostbutter driving the Whack a Wreck.

Other entries included Glenarden's American Legion 275 Marching Unit; members and auxiliary of VFW Post 9619; marching unit from VFW Post 1632, California, Md.; Knights of St John District #1 Drill Team, and Steve Dameron, walking the route, representing St. Philip's Church, singing patriotic songs and hymns and playing his guitar, with wife Lenora at the wheel. And more. Lots more. Bikes, kids' cars, walkers, candy thrown along the way. Thanks especially to the Suitland Road Baptist Church which handed out water to the paraders, including the four Skyline Queens.

Ted's Flag

The flag always flew at Ted Burke's house. He lived next door to me for 45 years. His dear wife Cora Lee died, and Ted moved to Delaware. But the flag still flew at his house.

I became concerned about how tattered the flag had become and told
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Sunscreen Now More Effective Than Ever

Courtesy SKIN CANCER FOUNDATION

(NEW YORK, NY)— Improved research and manufacturing techniques have led to significant breakthroughs in sunscreen development to address some of the biggest issues surrounding sunscreen — UVA protection, proper application and frequency of re-application.

Sunscreens are classified by the Food & Drug Administration (FDA) as over-the-counter drugs rather than cosmetics and are therefore reviewed and monitored by the FDA. The FDA monograph on sunscreen has been pending since 1999 and is currently still under review. The issues still to be resolved include the institution of a UVA assessment method, whether to cap sunscreens at SPF 30+, and sunscreen labeling.

New Ingredients Provide Better UVA Protection

Two significant sunscreen advancements have occurred in the past year. The first is the introduction of improved, stabilized avobenzone, the second, the long-awaited FDA approval of another UVA-absorbing ingredient, Mexoryl SX. While avobenzone has long been one of the best UVA absorbers available, it has had to be combined with other ingredients to remain effective for any extended length of time. On its own, it broke down after a relatively short period of exposure to sunlight. Mexoryl SX, an ingredient just approved by the FDA this year, is a photostable UV filter which protects against the shorter UVA rays (peak absorption at 345 nm, protects up to 380 nanometers) and has been incorporated into some new moisturizers and sunscreen products.

These advancements are important because more and more research suggests that UVA exposure may be as damaging to the skin as UVB. Although scientists have known for several years that UVA penetrates more deeply into the skin than UVB, they believed that less of it was absorbed by DNA, causing fewer dangerous mutations. However, an Australian-US study shows that UVA causes more genetic damage than UVB in skin cells where most skin cancers arise - the keratinocytes in the basal layer of the epidermis. UVB tends to cause damage in more superficial epidermal layers.

Sunscreen Labeling

It is important to understand that an SPF rating mainly indicates relative protection from erythema (skin reddening) caused by the sun's UVB (short-wave) rays. No sunscreen keeps out 100 percent of UVB, but, applied properly, an SPF 15 filters out 93 percent of UVB, SPF 30 filters 97 percent and SPF 50 filters 98 percent.

For adequate protection against both UVA and UVB, consumers should select a sunscreen that provides broad-spectrum protection (also known as multispectrum protection or UVA/UVB protection) - not just a sunscreen with a high SPF rating. The challenge is that currently no FDA-approved UVA measurement method exists in the US. A number of UVA assessment methods used abroad are being evaluated for use in the US, but in the meantime, the only way to be sure a product protects into the UVA range is by checking to see if one or more of the UVA-protective ingredients (avobenzone, oxybenzone, mexoryl, zinc oxide, titanium dioxide) is listed among its active ingredients.

A sunscreen is considered water-resistant if the SPF level is determined to remain effective after 40 minutes of water immersion. Sunscreens that are labeled **very** water-resistant must retain an effective SPF after undergoing the same procedure for a total of 80 minutes.

It is important to note that the FDA has proposed that the term "waterproof" will no longer be allowed in labeling, since no sunscreen is completely waterproof; the terms "water resistant" and "very water resistant" will be used instead. Nor will the term "sunblock" be permitted, as it can mislead people into believing that total sun protection is achieved by using these products. For people who are going to be outdoors for a prolonged period of time, opt for a water-resistant or very water resistant sunscreen formulation.

The Importance of Proper Application

Even with all their recent improvements, sunscreen can only be effective if applied correctly and frequently enough. To adequately apply sunscreen to the entire body surface, the Skin Cancer Foundation recommends applying at least 1 ounce (two tablespoons) to exposed areas 30 minutes before sun exposure, and reapplying it every two hours or immediately after excessive sweating or swimming.

In reality, no matter what sunscreen you use, some UV still gets through to the skin. That is why the Foundation considers sunscreen one vital part of a comprehensive sun protection program, along with seeking the shade between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. and wearing sun-protective clothing, including a wide-brimmed hat and UV-blocking sunglasses.

Wilmer's Park Development May Bring Big Names in Entertainment Back to County

Council Will Rule on Plans to Resuscitate a Venue Dear to the Hearts of Many



PHOTO COURTESY ANNA STONESTREET SMITH

Wilmer's Park, a great entertainment venue, was the heart of interracial society in Prince George's County during the period of racial segregation in the 1950's. B.B. King, James Brown, and The Grateful Dead are some of the great entertainers who have headlined at Wilmer's.

By ANNA STONESTREET SMITH
Contributing Writer

Entrepreneur Bruce Chatman hopes to alter the community of Brandywine by developing Wilmer's Park, a historic recreation spot built in the 1950's to supply an entertainment venue to members of the Prince George's County African American community during the time of Jim Crow racial segregation laws.

The bill to allow Chatman to apply for rezoning under special exemption — Bill CB-18-2007— is currently before the County Council of Prince George's County. If Chatman's bill passes when it is heard on July 24, 2007, the land will become a rural entertainment park.

The park has held shows as recently as 2001. Headliners at Wilmer's Park have included some of music's greats, to include B.B. King, James Brown, and even The Grateful Dead.

But now, the facility is no longer viable as a contemporary destination. Those dilapidated buildings, the amphitheater over run with weeds, could not possibly serve the function Chatman has in mind. "What we are trying to do is expand upon the uses that were already here," said Chatman.

Chatman first conceived of the idea of rebuilding Wilmer's Park in 2002. With retirement from IBM looming, Chatman and his wife, Marilyn, began exploring the next route in their lives. They agreed they wanted to open a restaurant, a subject they had discussed through the years. The Chatmans found a perfect location near their New Jersey home, and began making preparations to open a Creole rib restaurant.

Things didn't go as they had hoped, and soon, the idea was at a standstill. Then Chatman's cousin called in reference to a new idea, opening a restaurant at Wilmer's Park. This piqued Chatman's interest.

During this same period, Chatman had offers of employment from other companies. These offers were financially appealing and led him to the path of interviews and job consideration. The night before the last interview for a job he thought he wanted, Chatman was awoken and could not get back to sleep. He knew he needed to check into the opportunity at Wilmer's Park, an opportunity he viewed as unique, and was concerned would not present itself again. After a conversation with his wife and finding the nearly forgotten message from his cousin a few months back, Chatman made the decision to pursue the re-development of Wilmer's Park. "That let me know that this was God talking to me saying, you need to check this out," said Chatman.

Chatman did not know the history of Wilmer's Park until he followed up on his initial interest with research. A friend of Chatman's in the Washington Area immediately recognized the name and told Chatman of its history. "When he started telling me about the history of Wilmer's Park, the fact that during the days of Jim Crow, this was a place that black people and white people could come out here and be together and nobody cared, I said I had to see this place," said Chatman. Chatman saw the land, and bought it soon thereafter.

Chatman entered and won a business plan contest with his idea. This victory got the ball rolling and led Chatman to study water viability,

possibilities of expanding MD 381/Brandywine Road, and to investigate whether there was a desire on the part of entertainers to perform at a newly consecrated Wilmer's Park venue.

Chatman researched the financial aspect of this development. His financial backers told Chatman he had to do more than build an amphitheater and restaurant. With 80 acres of land, Chatman would need other means of bringing in revenue. Soon, Chatman's original vision was expanded to include plans for a condominium community for active adults, a church, a Prince George's heritage center, a hotel, and a space for small businesses to support the community.

Chatman's plans attempt to preserve as much of the rural landscape as possible. His proposal for development includes walking and riding trails around the development, and the hotels and condo. Opponents of the development have voiced concerns to Chatman about traffic, lighting, the availability of water, as well as the drugs that had previously followed some events at Wilmer's Park. Chatman said he has addressed all the issues brought before him, and wonders what other motivators might be.

Jazz, blues, and gospel would be the featured musical genres at Wilmer's Park if it were to re-open; these, Chatman hopes, will sit well with the people that will be living in the area while keeping true to the history of the park.

"You do the right thing, and you have to have faith and belief in what you are doing, and things will turn out well," said Chatman when asked if he is worried things will not go the way he had hoped. "I don't worry, I have God, I don't worry."

COMMUNITY NOTES

• **CLINTON BRAC& SUBREGION V PLANNING MEETING** — Learn more about changes that will be taking place around Clinton on Thursday, July 12, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at Mt. Ennon Baptist Church, located at 9832 Piscataway Road in Clinton, Maryland, in Room 12.

Speakers will include Councilwoman Marilyn Bland; Planning Board Chair, Samuel Parker; Prince George's County Chamber of

Commerce President, Dr. James Dula; and Prince George's County Subregion V Planners, John Wooden and Craig Rolvestad.

• **ACCOKEEK MASTERPLAN LISTENING SESSION** — Share your ideas and concerns about the Accokeek Master Plan at 7:00 p.m. on July 12 at the Moyaone Pool of the Charles Wagner Community Center located on Bryan Point Rd. past Ferguson Farm. Influence the changes taking place in our region. Refreshments will be provided.

The event will be hosted by the AMP Creeks Council, GACA, and the Moyaone Association.

For more information, contact Kelly Canavan at 301.237.5040 or e-mail Ms. Canavan at planesawdust@hotmail.com.

• **TRAIN TO BECOME A COMMUNITY OUTREACH VOLUNTEER**— Hospice of the Chesapeake will train dedicated individuals who want to contribute their time and talent to the Hospice by becoming a community outreach volunteer at health fairs, expos and community events.

Volunteer training will be held Saturday, July 21, from 10 a.m. until noon at the Hospice of the Chesapeake, located at 8724 Jericho City Drive in Landover. For more information or to register, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Julie Medlin at 301.499.4500 or jmedlin@hospicechesapeake.org.

• **PARENTS EMPOWERING FAMILIES & COMMUNITIES (PEFAC) SEMINAR** — A seminar, "Child Sexual Assault & Abuse - We Must Protect Our Children!" will be held on Saturday, July 21 at 10:30 a.m. at the Spauldings Branch of the Prince George's County Memorial Library, 5811 Old Silver Hill Road in District Heights. This event is free and open to the public; youth are strongly encouraged to attend. Attendees are kindly asked to pre-register by calling Shellie Monroe at 301.467.9708.

Thousands of children are sexually assaulted and abused each year. In the majority of cases, the children know and trust the person who committed the abuse. Children should not have to try to stop sexual abuse by themselves. Adults need to learn to recognize when people are acting strangely around children, what to do when they think someone is harming a child in a sexual way and the warning signs of whether someone might be sexually interested in children. The Sexual Assault Center of the Prince George's Hospital Center will conduct the seminar and representatives from Stop the Silence and the Maryland State Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services will be available to speak with attendees individually and provide additional information.

IMMUNIZATIONS ARE PART OF SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Students will not be permitted to register for Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) without up-to-date immunization records. The Prince George's County Health Department is scheduling appointments during July and the first two weeks of August for free immunizations, including follow-up immunizations that are needed to maintain compliance with new State immunization requirements. All students in kindergarten through grade 9 are now required to show proof of Hepatitis B vaccine and Varicella (chicken pox) vaccine.

For information and to make an appointment for a free immunization, call the Prince George's County Health Department at 301.583.3300. Any parent who does not have health insurance for their child's other medical needs can call the Healthline at 1.888.561.4049.

The Prince George's County Police Department is applying for federal funding under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program. The Police Department is proposing to use these funds to conduct high visibility patrols on an overtime basis during the holiday shopping season in select locations.

As part of the application process, the Department would like to provide an opportunity for citizens, residents and community organizations to provide comments on this grant proposal. Comments may be submitted in writing by e-mail to police_custserv@co.pg.md.us OR via facsimile to 301.772.4809.

Only those submissions that address the topic at hand will be considered in this process.

For more information about how to contribute to this process, please contact the Prince George's County Police Press Information Office at 301.772.4710.

COMMENTARY

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Marian Wright Edelman Child Watch



President Bush Needs to Be a Positive Leader on Child Health Care — Not a Negative One

With 9 million children in America lacking health insurance and reauthorization of the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) pending in Congress before it expires September 30th, this is a pivotal year for our children's health and wellbeing. Despite his pledge to provide children, including Katrina's children, the care and protection they require and deserve, President Bush's budget proposals would reduce health coverage for millions of children and hamper SCHIP's capacity to reach those children who lack a health care safety net. SCHIP requires a significant increase in funding. This highly successful program has provided health care coverage to millions of children over the last 10 years and reduced the number of uninsured children by one-third. Ninety percent of those children belong to working families earning too much to be eligible for Medicaid but not enough to afford private health insurance when their employers do not provide it.

The proposed White House budget for SCHIP of only an additional \$4.8 billion won't

President Bush's answer: "Many working Americans do not have health care coverage, so we will help them buy their own insurance with refundable tax credits" or a standard tax deduction.

Regrettably, President Bush is missing reality. Even with a \$5,000 tax credit, private insurance would still be out of the reach of many families. Tax cuts will not help these moderate- and middle-income families keep pace with the skyrocketing costs of health care. If Mr. Bush has his way with tax cuts, more children will lose coverage.

In addition to its flawed approach to tax cuts, the Bush Administration is sabotaging the formulation of sound child health care policy by presenting figures that dramatically undercount the number of uninsured children in America. And administration officials and surrogates have resorted to scare tactics by raising the specter of higher taxes, health care rationing, and the elimination of choice in health care providers. They suggest that fully funding SCHIP to cover all

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be enough even to continue to cover the children enrolled in the program now. It would do nothing to include the 5 to 6 million children currently eligible for but not enrolled in SCHIP and Medicaid, and nothing to help the 3 million children left behind who are not eligible for any public health coverage.

President Bush has said, "When it comes to health care, government has an obligation to care for the elderly, the disabled, and poor children, and we will meet those responsibilities. For all other Americans, private health insurance is the best way to meet their needs." What's disturbing about that statement is that there is little evidence that private insurance—a business based on making a profit—has any incentive to cover children living in families caught in the middle who are healthcare poor. It is also unclear how Health and Human Services Secretary Mike Leavitt's focus on improving the efficiency of the healthcare marketplace will advance preventive health care or cover hospital stays and medicine for sick children.

As in other areas of crucial social policy, to even the playing field for America's poor and minority children and families, the Bush Administration is pursuing a child health privatization agenda following the President's vision of an "ownership society." I believe this is simply another way of saying: You're on your own. President Bush believes that "a Government-run health care system is the wrong prescription," yet among the choices of providers under SCHIP, government programs are more cost-effective than private plans. How can a family of four with a \$50,000 income afford an average of \$1,000 a month for private health insurance?

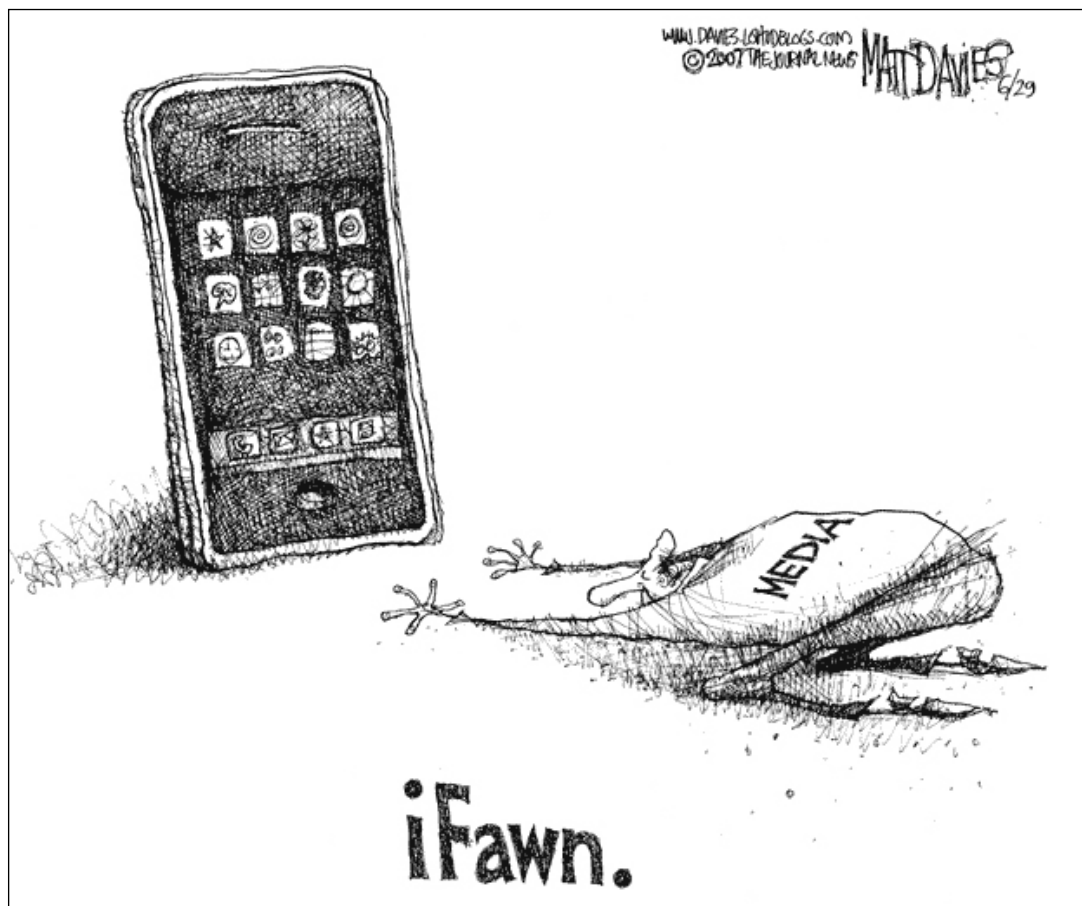
children would be the beginning of a total government takeover of America's health care system. Another bogeyman is the prospect of expanding government programs—as though this would be more harmful than permitting youngsters to die or letting sick children get sicker. With his own submission of a \$2.9 trillion federal budget that spends tens of billion on war and has massive tax cuts for the rich, President Bush's claim to be committed to reducing the size of government rings hollow.

Mr. Bush needs to exhibit positive leadership on child health care. At stake are the lives, health and educational futures of millions of children.

There are too many children who are chronically ill, and many of them are at risk of death without health care. Children sit in classrooms every day unable to learn, read or pay attention to the teacher because of undiagnosed health and mental health problems.

Children are the most cost-effective group to insure in this country. Health care is one of the most basic human rights that any society can provide. It is also one of the most important investments this country can make in its future. Tell Congress and the White House to ensure health coverage for all children by calling 1 (800) 8615343 or visiting www.childrensdefense.org.

Marian Wright Edelman is President of the Children's Defense Fund and its Action Council whose Leave No Child Behind® mission is to 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 with the help of caring families and communities.



The Counseling Corner

Talk To A Counselor? Do You Think I'm Crazy?

by the American Counseling Association

Counselors are often a very misunderstood helping profession. Apart from our experience with school counselors, or the mental health professionals we've seen portrayed on TV, most of us have little idea of what counselors have to offer the average person.

The counselors we encounter through books, movies and television seldom offer an accurate picture. Their clients are usually "crazy people" with serious mental and behavioral issues and the counselor's work seldom seems to help.

The reality, however, is that counseling professionals fulfill a variety of roles, most of which have nothing to do with people being "crazy." The people most counselors see are simply ordinary folks facing problems that may seem overwhelming, or who are at a place in life where they're feeling troubled or unsure of what to do next.

Another misconception is that seeing a counselor means someone is weak and in need of

being told how to live his or her life. The truth, of course, is that it's a sign of strength to know when to ask for assistance. And a counselor's job is not dictating to clients how to live their lives.

What counselors do offer is help. Most counselors, for example, base their interventions on the person's strengths, the things he or she is already good at, not on the person's weaknesses and problems.

The job of a counselor is not to make a person feel uncomfortable, guilty or ashamed. Rather, it's to assist the client in growing, in learning new things, and in discovering how to make changes for the better.

The counselor is a facilitator and guide, someone who offers suggestions about helpful directions and possible actions, but not someone who magically provides answers. With a good counselor you should feel safe and comfortable as you discover for yourself the answers that will help you.

Why Mid-Life Doesn't Have To Be A Crisis

Surprise! Welcome to mid-life, or middle age, or whatever it is you want to call it. Welcome to that period when people expect you to have a mid-life crisis, but where, hopefully, you'll realize that there's no need to.

While there isn't any specific age that means you've hit mid-life, there are changes you're probably noticing.

You really don't feel older, just not as youthful as you once did. You probably notice that you've lost some energy, have trouble reading that restaurant menu, and that your mirror is showing a few more wrinkles and gray hairs.

But simply reaching mid-life doesn't have to mean a crisis in your life. Sure, there's that media stereotype of someone, usually a man, responding to that mid-life crisis with a new sports car, a new, younger spouse, and other grasping moves to recapture youth, but the reality is that reaching middle age doesn't have to be a problem time in your life. Rather, it can be a time when you gain a more positive attitude about maturing, affirm the positive things in your life, and learn to live with aging comfortably.

Start the positive process by making a list of things you've learned since adolescence and how

they've served you. Include your work success, the friendships you've developed, your family relationships, social ease, and numerous other accomplishments. Take pride in what you've learned. It was often hard-learned through experience.

Next, rather than dwelling on being older, look for ways to help you keep feeling healthy and relaxed -- maybe a new activity like swimming, jogging or biking. Perhaps becoming involved in community activities, such as working with children and teaching skills you've learned.

It's also helpful to set some new goals. Think about things you'd like to achieve in the next few years, then take action to start achieving those goals.

Mid-life only becomes a crisis when you're unable to accept your age and the changes it has brought. If you find that the fact of aging is leading to ongoing depression, or impulsive, possibly negative, actions, then seek help from a professional counselor. Mid-life should be a time to celebrate all you've accomplished and to look forward to all still to come. It's a time to enjoy, not a crisis to endure.

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BUSINESS

Practical Money Skills

By Jason Alderman

Catching-Up on Retirement Savings

If you can remember when the Beatles first sang "When I'm 64," you're probably fast approaching retirement or already there. When Paul McCartney wrote, "We shall scrimp and save," however, he may have been wishful thinking: Nearly half of U.S. workers report having less than \$25,000 in retirement savings.

No matter your age, the time to start planning and saving for retirement is now. Those in their twenties or thirties have several decades for their savings to grow, but if you're already in your forties or fifties, you'll need to save far more aggressively to make up for lost time.

Here are a few tips to kick your retirement savings efforts into high gear:

Maximize tax savings. If your employer offers a 401(k) or similar plan, put in as much money as you can. The maximum 2007 contribution is \$15,500 (plus another \$5,000 for those 50 or older). By contributing on a pretax basis, you lower your taxable income, which in turn lowers your taxes. And, your savings and their earnings grow tax free until retirement, when your taxable income is usually lower.

Take advantage of any company-matching contributions, which can add hundreds or thousands of free dollars to your account every year. If finding more money to contribute is a problem, make a pledge to put your next pay increase directly into your plan.

Practical Money Skills for Life, a free personal financial management program sponsored by Visa USA, features a guide to 401(k) plans at www.practical-moneyskills.com/benefits.

Contributions to a regular Individual Retirement Account (IRA) may also be tax deductible and you won't pay taxes on earnings until your retire. Or, with a Roth IRA, you set aside money that's already taxed, but earnings are tax-free at retirement. The annual IRA contribution limit is \$4,000 (\$5,000 for 50 and older). Go to <http://www.irs.gov/retirement> for more information.

Delay retirement. People today typically live much longer than their parents, so their retirement savings usually must last longer. By delaying retirement a few years or at least working part time, your savings can grow considerably before you need them. Plus, the longer you delay tapping into Social Security, the larger your monthly benefit.

Do a financial inventory. Many people don't know their net worth or how much money they'll need at retirement — some experts say at least 60 to 80 percent of current income. Start by reviewing any pension, 401(k), IRA and other savings and assets you own, as well as your "Personal Earnings and Benefit Statement" Social Security mails each year.

Enter these amounts into an online retirement calculator to roughly estimate how much money you'll need to retire comfortably. You'll find good ones at Fidelity Investments (<http://personal.fidelity.com/retirement>) and CNNMoney.com (<http://www.money.cnn.com/tools>). Or talk to a financial advisor for more personalized advice.

Consider downsizing. Once your kids are gone, consider moving to a smaller, cheaper home. This will allow you to invest some of your current home's equity for retirement, as well as pay less for utilities, property taxes, home repairs and other expenses.

Lower expenses. One big reason you haven't saved enough for retirement is you may be spending more than you can afford. Best to start scrimping and saving now so you can be comfortable — when you're 64.

Jason Alderman directs Visa USA's financial education programs. Enter your 30-second educational video on the importance of credit scores at <http://www.WhatsMyScore.org> for a chance to win part of \$10,000 in prizes.

Black Enterprise Magazine Recognizes 3 Prince George's County Businesses

Local Three Among 100 Top Grossing Black-Owned Companies in US

By EMILY APATOV
Prince George's Post Staff Writer

Three Prince George's County-based companies — Radio One Inc., NDR Energy Group L.L.C., and 1 Source Consulting Inc. — were named by Black Enterprise magazine in its June 2007 publication of the 35th annual BE 100s listing of the top-grossing black owned businesses in America. The three companies all fell into the category of "industrial service," one business category among auto dealerships, financial services firms, and advertising agencies.

Among the 12 Maryland companies that made the ranking, perhaps the one best known for its products is a media company based Prince George's County. With 70 radio stations in 22 of the top 53 African-American Markets, Radio One Inc. of Lanham, MD, is estimated to reach in the neighborhood of 14 million listeners weekly. Radio One Inc. came in at number 11 this year, \$413.196 with million in sales.

Among the stations owned by "the Urban Radio Specialist" are WKYS-FM, WMMJ-FM, and 2 AM stations in Washington, D.C.

According to information provided on the company's website, since its inception in 1980, Radio One has grown in stature to achieve an enterprise value estimated at

over \$2 billion, making it the most valuable publicly traded black-owned American company to date.

Along with Comcast Corporation and DIRECTV, Radio One owns a large share of cable/satellite network TV One L.L.C. Radio One also owns 51% of Reach Media, Inc., the media group owned by radio personality Tom Joyner of the Tom Joyner Morning Show.

Radio One also broadcasts programs over XM radio with XM 169 The Power.

Radio One is led by founder Catherine L. Hughes and President and CEO Alfred C. Liggins III. The Chief Financial Officer of the company, Scott R. Royster, is a graduate of the Harvard Business School.

1 Source Consulting Inc. of Lanham, MD, an information technology consulting firm, came in at number 79, with \$50 million in sales.

For its exemplary and cost-efficient provision of IT infrastructure, management, and systems engineering and maintenance, 1 Source Consulting was named by Inc. magazine as one of the nation's fastest-growing businesses. The Inc. magazine recognition came after the company posted 660 percent growth over three years.

NDR Energy Group L.L.C. of Upper Marlboro was ranked at 40, with \$108 million in sales.



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Radio One Inc. of Lanham is the most valuable publicly traded black-owned American company to date.

All companies eligible for listing among the BE 100s in the category of "industrial service" provided industrial or consumer service, had no less than 51% black ownership, and were fully operational between January 1, 2006 and December 31, 2006.

Verizon Wireless Network Enhances Services Available to County Residents

Changes Expand Coverage and Capacity for Customers in Lanham

Courtesy VERIZON WIRELESS

(LAUREL, MD) — In a continuing effort to provide the best wireless service for residents, commuters and visitors in Prince George's County, Verizon Wireless, operator of the nation's most reliable wireless network, has completed work that increases the number of calls its network can handle for customers. Coverage and capacity have been increased in Lanham.

Verizon Wireless has invested more than \$30 billion across the nation in the past six years to stay ahead of the growing demand for the company's voice and data services, like text and picture messaging; VZ Navigator, which provides audible

turn-by-turn directions; and V CAST Music which allows customers to download full songs directly to their V CAST-capable wireless phones and Microsoft® Windows® XP-based PCs.

"Investment in our network is an investment in customer satisfaction," said Tami Erwin, president of the company's Washington, Baltimore, Virginia Region. "An outstanding customer experience begins with connecting and holding calls, and customers continue to choose Verizon Wireless because we have the nation's most reliable wireless voice and data network."

Strong demand for Verizon Wireless services continued during the first quarter

of 2007 as the company reported 1.7 million new customer additions. The company has added 9 million new customers in the past 15 months. Verizon

Verizon Wireless recently introduced its 30-day Test Drive, an industry first that lets customers experience its network virtually risk-free for 30 days. If customers are not satisfied with their experience and take their number to another carrier, Verizon Wireless will refund their money for calls, equipment, activation fee and taxes. For more information about Verizon Wireless products and services, visit a Verizon Wireless Communications Store, call 1.800.2 JOIN IN or visit www.verizon-wireless.com.

BBB Warns Consumers About Local Area Swindler

Could You Have Been Victimized by Your Locksmith — Unknowingly?

Courtesy BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

(WASHINGTON, DC) — The Better Business Bureau (BBB) is warning consumers to beware of untrustworthy locksmith companies that are ripping off consumers across the country.

Victim complaints to the BBB reveal that several locksmith companies, all using similar methods, are significantly overcharging consumers, charging consumers for unnecessary services, using intimidation tactics, and failing to give refunds or respond to consumer complaints.

"Ironically, these companies operate under names like 'Dependable Locksmith' but in reality they exploit the vulnerable situation of consumers who are locked out of their house or car," said Edward Johnson, President of the BBB. "We've found that some locksmiths have made taking advantage of consumers' misfortune part of their business model."

Complaints about locksmith services to the 114 BBBs serving the U.S. increased almost 75 percent from 2005 to 2006, and have continued to come in steadily during

the first half of this year.

The BBB has identified Dependable Locksmith — which operates under more than a dozen different names — as a particularly disreputable locksmith. This company poses as a local locksmith in cities across the country and advertises in the yellow pages using local phone numbers and fake local addresses. A consumer might think they're dealing with a local locksmith but their phone call is actually connected to a call center located in the Bronx borough of New York City.

Consumers in the mid-Atlantic region are quoted a reasonable price over the phone but when the locksmith arrives — typically in an unmarked vehicle — he demands significantly more money than originally quoted, often only accepting cash.

A complaint where Dependable Locksmith was operating under the name "Superb Solutions," alleges the company quoted fees of \$39 and \$84 for separate jobs, but the bill ended up at \$471, which included add-on fees such as a \$65 breaking in fee and a \$58 fee to un-install old

locks.

Another complainant reported that the locksmith sent to let her into her car demanded she pay twice the price quoted over the phone. The locksmith offered to drive her to an ATM to get cash — feeling unsafe the victim refused. The victim was ultimately forced to write a check made out personally to the locksmith as he would not let her into her car until she did so. She cancelled payment on the check the next morning, but eventually filed a police report after the locksmith harassed her with continuous phone calls about payment.

The BBB has also heard many complaints from victims who say they were charged for unnecessary services. For example, complainants suspect locksmiths sent over by Dependable Locksmiths of pretending they couldn't simply pick the lock so that they could charge more and install all new locks in homes.

Some of Dependable Locksmith's aliases include, Superb Solutions, Locksmith 24 Hour, Inc., USA Total Security, Priceline Locksmith, and S.O.S. See Locksmithing, Page A9

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Dear Friends:

My husband and I are excited and honored to serve as this year's Honorary Chairpersons for the greatest fundraiser in Calvert County The 26th Annual Cancer Crusade Gala, held at the Rod 'N' Reel Restaurant. We are Phillip and Jeannie Stone and we are in the restaurant business ourselves; we own Stoney's Seafood Houses.

Phillip was born and raised in Calvert County; I relocated here a little over 20 years ago. My first job in Calvert County was working for the Donovans at the Rod 'N' Reel. I consider them as part of my family. Mary Donovan became a great role model for me, kind of like a Mom. My own Mother had died of breast cancer when I was very young. I remember volunteering for the Gala back in the late 80's. I never dreamed we would be bestowed such a wonderful task as chairing this meaningful event.

Last year our very good friends, Johnny and Connie Gott were the Honorary Chairpersons, and they did a great job, one that we can only hope to follow. Johnny always refers to me as the "Lady who counts everything." And he is right I can count so many people who have been affected by this horrific disease, and I am sure you can too. I am COUNTING on each of you to help us in our fight against cancer by giving from both your heart and your wallet. Together, we can make this year's Gala the best one yet! Proceeds contribute to research, education, patient services and the fight against cancer. We look forward to counting you in. Hope to see you August 2, 2007 at the Rod 'N' Reel.

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For more information, please call 410-257-2735 or visit us at www.RodNReelCancerGala.org

DDA Caregivers Train Using Crisis Simulation

Melwood from A1

Observers took notes for future use in the production of an after-action report that will be distributed to all participating agencies. The report will be used to measure the individual caregiver's readiness; in the coming months, participants will receive the after-action report to find out how the institution's preparedness ranks and what the staff members can do to increase it.

Other guests from different health care communities were present at the event to "view the exercise from the periphery...and record observations that are relevant to their organization's planning," according to the DPC literature outlining the event.

Play concluded when all response actions were completed, and each of the exercise's objectives had been met. The exercise began at 9:30 a.m. and concluded around 1:30 p.m., with a wrap-up discussion until 2:30 p.m.

Last week's exercise marked the finale of a trio of training programs, including a basic introduction workshop and a tabletop exercise. Each program is distinct, and organizations can choose to participate in them singly or as a trio. The tabletop exercise, for example, is a group discussion of how their organization's disaster plan would be implemented based on a specific scenario, such as a fire or a tornado. This does not take place in real time like the event at Melwood, and more than one organization may be the focus at the table.

The 2007 training featured responses to a simulated hurricane, but the resulting response scenarios can be used for any type of catastrophe, including other weather incidents, fires, or explosions,

said Lisa Marr, public information officer for DPC.

This training series was open to individuals with disabilities and their families from across Maryland, and to all consumers and caregivers associated with the DDA's Individual Support Services (ISS) and Family Support Services (FSS).

Melwood found the exercise invaluable. "We absolutely feel better prepared," said Jay Thomas, Melwood marketing and communications manager. "We were abuzz the entire week after the exercise. It stimulated so much conversation internally, just about response methods and areas for improvement. There are so many things you'd never think to plan for until they actually occur and you're in the thick of things — it was absolutely beneficial to us."

Melwood helped to plan the event by working with the MDOD to create different scenarios and possible responses.

"We volunteered to host the event, mainly because we value and feel that we have to live up to the trust that family members put in us as caregivers," Thomas said. "We think it's important to take every step available to build that trust, so we actively sought to be a part of this."

The event was sponsored by the Maryland Department of Disabilities (MDOD) and the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) and was hosted at Melwood, a not-for-profit living and working community in Upper Marlboro for people with developmental disabilities.

Funding for the event was provided by a grant through the Maryland Department of Disabilities.

PG County Government Brings 11 Women on Board

Women from A1

Dale, Works as an Art Teacher in Prince George's County Public Schools. She also serves as Prince George's County representative to the Korean Association of the State of Maryland. She holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Fine Arts from Ewha Woman's University in Seoul, Korea, a State of Maryland Teacher's Certification in Fine Arts from the University of Maryland and a Masters Degree in Elementary Education from George Mason University.

A resident of Greenbelt, Dr. Jane Ross is the Director for the Center for Economic Governance and International Studies at the National Research Council and the Chair of the Board of Directors for the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare. She holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in International Relations, a Masters Degree in Economics and a Doctorate in Economics from American University.

Linda Johnson Thomas, a resident of Mitchellville, is an Executive Senior Sales Director for Mary Kay. She also serves as Director of the Domestic Violence Program at First Baptist Church of Glenarden and is a member of the National Council of Negro Women. She holds a Master of Divinity Degree from Howard University School of Divinity.

A resident of Bowie, Yvonne Walker is a retired Human Services Specialist. She is also a Member of the National Association of Black Psychologists, the Longleaf Civic Association and the Prince George's County Personnel Board. She holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology and a Masters Degree in Psychology from Howard University.

Amanda Welch, a resident of Upper Marlboro, is the Aftercare Transitional Life Unit Coordinator for the Prince George's County Department of Corrections. She is also a Member of the Homeless Services Partnership of Prince George's County. She received a Department of Corrections Meritorious Award in 2003. She holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Education from St. Augustine's College.

A resident of Mitchellville, Diane Williams is a Retired Contract and Procurement Specialist and Owner of Christol Salon and Spa in Clinton. She serves as the President of the Women's Action Coalition of Prince George's County and is a member of the League of Women Voters of Prince George's County. She holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from Columbia Union College.

Lisa Proctor, a resident of Temple Hills, is the Public Relations Director for the Clinton Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. She is being reappointed to the Commission. She holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science from South Carolina State University.

Board Announces Satisfactory Results of Evaluation of County Schools Superintendent

Deasy from A1

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Dr. Deasy has raised confidence in Prince George's County Public Schools, leading to increased resources from federal, state and county governments as well as from private sources. He has developed a cooperative relationship with the Maryland State Department of Education, reversing years of adversarial relations. Dr. Deasy has brought enormous energy to his job, and, despite frequent distractions, has maintained an everyday focus on high quality teachers and what is happening in the classroom.

Under his leadership, the overall operations of the school system have improved significantly. He has implemented

strong new initiatives to advance student achievement. Early indications show that student achievement K-8 has improved under his leadership, although this year's HSA test scores and other indicators of student achievement are not yet available. This year's test scores will be analyzed by the Board and specific targets will be set for next year's superintendent evaluation.

The Board identified several areas for improvement in the superintendent's performance. Overall, the Board asks that the superintendent develop a Road Map for Change, collaboratively with the Board. Customer service is an area where the board expects improvement and accountability from the superintendent and

PGCPS staff, including ensuring timely and courteous responses, improving the website, and a more user-friendly phone system.

The superintendent and the entire school system need to maintain and increase attention on cultural sensitivity to ably serve our diverse students and community. In budget planning, the Board asks for more robust long-term planning for funds of new initiatives. The Board observed that the superintendent can improve his approach to managing change to be more inclusive and accepting of feedback to enable changes to be more deep rooted and long-lasting.

The Board would like to see improvements in the superintendent's communication

with the Board itself and a better understanding of the role of board members within the community.

According to the superintendent's contract, in his first year he is eligible for a performance bonus of \$25,000. Several measures were utilized to determine the bonus, including the overall evaluation instrument, completion of the contract year, and performance on the Balanced Scorecard.

Based on these indicators, the Board awarded a performance bonus of \$16,666. Based on excellent overall performance, the Board awarded an increase to the superintendent's base salary of 5%, resulting in a total base salary of \$273,000.

Principals

Principals from A1

Jr., High Bridge ES; Sheron M. Brown, Image Foundation Charter School; Jeanne N. Washburn, Hyattsville ES; KaTrina J. Miller, Annapolis Road Academy, Byron N. Williams, Oxon Hill MS.

Additionally, PGCPS received five new "Resident Principals" this year through the New Leaders for New Schools (NLNS) program.

PGCPS joined the New Leaders' award-winning initiative earlier this year as a new resource for the school system to hire outstanding new leaders

to lift low-performing schools. As part of a three-step process successful Resident Principal applicants will go through extensive training and a year-long, full-time Residency as a principal in training in a school under the guidance of a Mentor Principal. In addition New Leaders will provide several years of on-going coaching and support once they become principals.

Announced this year, PGCPS has recruited its inaugural class of Resident Principals from the New Leaders' program. They are as follows: Chandra J. Brown,

Resident Principal, Elementary School; Glynis C. Jordan, M. Ed., Resident Principal, High School; Ingrid F. Reynolds-Lawson, Resident Principal, Middle School; Tara Sanguinette, Resident Principal, Middle School; Michelle Tytler-Skinner, Resident Principal, Elementary School.

Three transfer principals were also announced: Brian Baudoin, Principal, Tulip Grove ES; Helen D. Smith, Principal, Thomas Stone ES; Sherra H. Chappelle, Principal, John Hanson Montessori.

The SCLC Invites You to Attend its Civil Rights Reunion Banquet

In celebration of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) 50 years of Redeeming the Soul of America, the Prince George's County Chapter of SCLC cordially invites you to attend a Civil Rights Reunion Banquet honoring Prince George's County Civil Rights Icons and recognizing Civil Rights Participants during the Civil Rights Movement, at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 19, at the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, 5120 Whitfield Chapel Road in Lanham, MD. Tickets cost \$20 and are on sale now! To provide special seating for your friends that participated in Sit-ins, Freedom Rides during the Civil Rights Movement, please encourage them to RSVP by Saturday, July 14.

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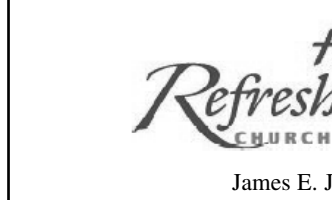
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the new owners. One day, it was delivered to me, folded military style. I have always heard that the VFW and the American Legion would properly dispose of old flags. So on the Fourth of July I delivered it to VFW in Morningside. Ted used to be chaplain there. I think he is pleased that his flag is in good hands.

Baby Trever

Peggy Detoto, a beautician at Perfect Image in Andrews Manor Shopping Center, proudly showed photos of her first grandchild, Trever Giovanni Dresser, born July 3 at Calvert Memorial Hospital, weighing 8 pounds, 14 ounces. Trever is the son of Donnell and Jason Dresser of Calvert County, grandson of Peggy and William Detoto, and great-grandson of William and Joyce Detoto.

A Great Father's Day

Joe and Irma Chandler lived years ago on Lombardy Road in Morningside. Now they live in Waldorf. Joe called me because he'd just learned about St. Philip's 50th

anniversary and was sorry he missed it. He was a founding member of the parish and his sons Patrick and Stephen were among the first altar boys.

We chatted about old times. And then he reported that all ten of his children came to help him celebrate Father's Day at the Chandler home. The roster included Joe and Irma; sons, Sonny (Joe Jr.), Patrick, Stephen, Kevin, Bruce and Gordon; daughters, Susan, Laura, Mary and Eileen; assorted spouses and grandchildren. The sons pulled out their guitars and entertained. Joe said it was positively the best Father's Day he ever had.

Special Honor for an Archbishop

Forty-five years ago, in Sacred Heart Church in Manoa, Pa., Father John Patrick Foley presided at the wedding of Angelo and Marlyn Meoli, now of Auth Village. He was a newly-ordained priest and the Meolis were the first couple he married—he referred to them as his "First Family." Over the years, the Meolis have often met up with him.

John Patrick Foley is now

the much-beloved archbishop of Philadelphia. And this week he was named Pro-Grand Master of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem, an ancient honor in the Catholic Church.

As such, the archbishop has membership in the College of Cardinals. It appears that he may soon receive the red hat of a cardinal. His First Family is delighted.

Academia

Owen Trowbridge Howlett, grandson of Orva and William Heissenbittel of Temple Hills, has graduated with honors from the University of Virginia with a degree in architecture. He has just started work with a Georgetown firm.

His brother, Inigo Walker Howlett is working on his master's thesis at the University of Tennessee in Chattanooga. His degree is in environmental science.

Mrs. Sowers' Tea Lessons

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Milestones

Happy birthday to Ruth Sellner, July 12; Kenard Simms, July 13; Laverne Peggy Simms, Krista Lanehart and Laura Thompson Hoffmann, July 14; Dessirae Johnson and Helen Jurney, July 15; Norma Wright, Gary Lewis, Jr. and Arthur Tudge, July 16; our granddaughter Claire Mudd, Michael Busky, Mike Fowler Jr. and former Morningside Chief of Police Stephen Armhold, July 17; and Russell Butler, July 18.

Happy 48th anniversary to Morningside Councilman James and Selaine Ealey, July 15.

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Liberty Locksmith. Similar to Dependable Locksmith, they pose as local locksmiths and run full-page yellow pages ads with multiple phone and address listings. The phone numbers appear to be local, but connect to national call centers such as Liberty's in New York City, while the addresses end up belonging to other estab-

lished businesses in the local area, or are simply non-existent.

"These companies are very good at posing as trustworthy locksmiths," said Mr. Johnson. "Before you find yourself in the unfortunate position of being locked out of your car or house, do your research and find a truly

dependable locksmith in your area. Ask around and always check with the BBB first to find reputable businesses."

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Financial Workshop

Nottingham Myers Stewardship Team will offer a free financial workshop Saturday, July 21, between 9 a.m. and noon. Ms. Yvonne Parr, investment advisor and financial services representative from MetLife Securities, will conduct the workshop. For more information, please call 301.888.2153.

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will teach them how to count money, provide treasury reports, good customer relations and how to take inventory. They painted a wall and decorated it all by themselves. It looks great!

In addition, a new dance group has been formed. They call themselves "The Rock Angels" because according to them, "they rock." It's members include Deja Harris, Brianna Kuhn, Kaela Kuhn and Antionette Pearson.

Our young men, who by the by, do not wear their pants below their waists, are in a drill team called the "Generals." The drill team members are Anthony Rozier, Marquez Freeman, Daron Kuhn and Jarae. All of these wonderful groups performed at the "Annual Children's Day" program held at Hains Point in Washington, DC. This event sponsored by WorldVision, Inc. and its ministry partners. They will also perform at the Annual Picnic sponsored by the Ronald E. McNair Masonic Lodge #146 and MISR Court #193 to be held at the Navy Recreation Park in Solomon's Island, Maryland. So all of them will get plenty of exposure. We are very proud of all of you for your outstanding accomplishments and for keeping a positive attitude in your everyday lives.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

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Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Perry Becker, Personal Representative of the Estate of Walter Lee Donaldson, Jr. and Walter Lee Donaldson, Jr. (Deceased) dated November 18, 2000 and recorded in Liber 21290, Folio 431 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, Maryland, with an original principal balance of \$208,000.00, and an original interest rate of 7.200, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction at 14735 Main Street (and specifically at the entrance to the secured portion of the parking garage, immediately next to the Bourne Wing/Commissioner's entrance, designated by the presence of the picnic table), Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772, on **JULY 31, 2007 AT 11:02 AM.**

ALL THAT FEE-SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and the improvement thereon situated in Prince George's County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. The property is improved by a dwelling.

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