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Press Conference About the Future of Prince George's Hospital System Draws Hundreds



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Del. Doyle Niemann (D) — District 47 addresses a large crowd convened before the Prince George's Hospital Center in Cheverly, MD, at the press conference held by Progressive Maryland to address residents' concerns about the Prince George's Hospital system on June 26. In mid-June, County Executive Jack B. Johnson requested the resignation of four members of the Board of Directors of Dimensions, the system's management company, making receipt of \$5 million from the county contingent upon their dismissal. As of the press conference, the Board of Directors had yet to accede to Johnson's request; as of July 1, agreement between the county and the Board was not reached.

County Opens Cooling Centers

Camp Springs and New Carrollton Centers to Protect County Residents

Courtesy OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

(LARGO, MD) — The National Weather Service issued a heat advisory last week due to high heat and humidity in Prince George's County. With temperatures in the 90s and humidity levels over 50 percent, county residents are at risk for contracting dangerous health conditions such as heat stroke and heat exhaustion. As a result of the high heat, the county has opened two cooling stations to provide resident relief from the high temperatures.

The cooling center housed at the Camp Springs Senior Center, located at 6420 Allentown Road in Camp Springs, will be open daily from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.; a second cooling center at the New Carrollton Nutrition Center, located at 6016 Princess Garden Parkway, will be open daily from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

"The cooling centers provide a healthy safe environment with activities for all individuals," said Donald Shell, M.D., M.A., Prince George's County Health Officer. "We strongly recommend senior citizens take advantage of the cooling centers if they do not have a cooling system in their home.

Everyone is vulnerable to heat-related illnesses when their bodies are unable to properly cool themselves. In such cases, a person's body temperature rises rapidly and may damage the brain or other vital organs.

Heat stroke is the most serious heat-related illness that occurs when the body becomes unable to control its temperature and is unable to cool down. When a person's body temperature

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EXILE Program Decreases Gun Violence

Meeting Reveals EXILE Strategy is Working

Courtesy BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES

(BALTIMORE, MD) — Leaders of the local, state and federal agencies that have partnered to implement the Prince George's County EXILE strategy held their first annual meeting on June 26 to discuss the progress of the program and plans for the future, the United States Attorney's Office announced.

"Reducing violent crime in Prince George's County will require a lengthy and coordinated effort by federal, state and local officials," said United States Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein. "The EXILE program involves several initiatives that focus on two of the leading causes of gun violence: too many armed criminals roaming the streets when they should be in jail, and too little fear of the criminal justice system."

The first year of the Prince George's County EXILE program has been marked by a significant increase in the number of federal firearms prosecutions, lengthy federal and state prison sentences for defendants prosecuted for firearms-related offenses, and successful efforts to take some of Prince George's County's most violent repeat offenders off the streets.

In addition, the Prince George's County EXILE program launched an extensive outreach and media campaign including billboards, radio public service announcements,

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PHOTO COURTESY AYANNA CANTY

(L-R): Prince George's County First Lady Leslie Johnson, Co-Owner of the Remedy for Living Princess Cooper, Co-Owner Akili Cooper, Akili Cooper, Jr., and Tashi Cooper conduct the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the grand opening of The Remedy for Living in Bowie, MD.

High-End Furniture Retail Venture Joins County Business Community

First Lady Celebrates Celebrates The Remedy for Living at Grand Opening Ceremony in Bowie

By AYANNA CANTY

(BOWIE, MD) — The Remedy for Living luxury furniture boutique held a highly successful grand opening reception in Bowie on Saturday, June 23, hosting more than 300 guests throughout the day.

The event commenced with a ribbon-cutting ceremony led by Prince George's County's First Lady, Leslie E. Johnson. Mrs. Johnson presented owners Akili and Princess Cooper with a proclamation from the County Executive and congratulated them on their successful attempt to make high-end furniture retail available to county residents. The event's guests later

received a surprise visit from the Honorable Jack B. Johnson himself.

"We've received a tremendous amount of support from the County Executive's office and the surrounding community as a whole," said Princess Cooper, co-owner of The Remedy for Living.

"Our success is partially attributed to the general feeling people get when they visit our store. Right away, most of our guests acknowledge that we offer more than just luxury furniture; we provide an educational experience. Approximately a quarter of our grand opening guests stayed for the entire event and that says a

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UM a 'Best Value College'

Princeton Review Assessment Based on Cost & Quality of Instruction

Courtesy UMCP

The Princeton Review - a New York-based education services company - features the University of Maryland in the 2008 edition of its new book, *America's Best Value Colleges*. The guide profiles 165 colleges, chosen for their excellent academics, generous financial aid packages and/or relatively low costs of attendance. The Princeton Review's editors say that the University of Maryland is one of the best overall undergraduate bargains - based on cost and financial aid - and is among the most academically outstanding universities in the nation.

Just last January, Kiplinger's ranked Maryland No. 23 among best values for in-state and out-of-state tuition categories. The Princeton Review does not use rankings, but did list Maryland as one of the top 222 colleges in the Northeast. *America's Best Value Colleges* has three-page profiles on the University of Maryland and the other listed colleges, and includes advice about applying for college admission and financial aid.

INSIDE COMMUNITY BUSINESS

Greenbelt's NASA Goddard Flight Center Records Rare Cosmic Phenomena

PGCPS Students Work with Scientists at Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory in Laurel, MD **A3**



PHOTO COURTESY UMD

UM Scientists Discover "1 Million Dollar Strawberry" Plant **A5**

Hoyer Announces County Sites Among Top Conservation Funding Priorities in Maryland

Paint Branch, Patuxent & Poplar Hill Gain Recognition and Financial Support

Courtesy THE OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN STENY HOYER

(WASHINGTON, DC) — Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (D-MD) announced Wednesday, June 27, the inclusion of \$36.9 million for Maryland conservation and environmental priorities in the FY2008 Interior and the Environment Appropriations bill, which passed

the House of Representatives this afternoon. The annual appropriations bill, which funds programs nationwide under the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Interior, represents a robust investment in America's natural resources and a commitment to maintaining the national park and wildlife refuge systems, ensuring clean air and water, and preserving the nation's historic treasures.

The bill also makes climate change research and mitigation a key priority.

"Maryland and the 5th Congressional District are blessed with a number of precious natural resources and historic treasures that I am committed to preserving for future generations of Marylanders," stated Rep. Hoyer. "I am proud to have helped secure this federal funding."

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Towns and NEIGHBORS

Clinton Conversations

By **NORMA FAZENBAKER**
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This is the day after the Independence Day celebration and I hope that all of my readers had a wonderful day doing whatever they wanted to do. We are so lucky to live in a country where we can celebrate however we want to, aren't we?

Chapman State Park will celebrate its second Patriot's Day event at a free open house on Sunday, July 8, from noon until 5:00 p.m. At 2:00 pm, Elmer Biles will deliver a speech about the life and accomplishments of one great American patriot, George Mason, IV. At 3:00 p.m., Maryland State Delegate Peter Murphy (D)— District 28 will read the Declaration of Independence.

Del. Murphy's reading will be followed by John Gardner singing of the Star Spangled Banner with accompaniment by William Derr and the Southern Maryland Concert Band. The band will perform a program of patriotic music selections. Nature walks in the park are scheduled to take place at 12:15 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Chapman State Park is located on Chapman's Landing Road off of Route 210 between Bryans Road and Indian Head.

For more information, about the park's Independence Day celebration, call the park at 301.753.6754.

The Subregion V Planning and BRAC meeting will take place on Thursday, July 12, at 7 p.m. at the Mt. Ennon Baptist Church on Piscataway

Road. Some of the following questions will be addressed: How will the BRAC program affect our community? How will the National Harbor opening affect us? What should Hyde Field look like in the coming year? Should Piscataway Road be widened? Please attend this meeting if you are interested in learning about the changes that will soon be taking place in our community.

Happy Birthday in July to Peggy Telemeco, July 2, Wilda Johnson and Hilda Rudderforth, July 3, Vivian Headley and Dora Defibaugh, July 5, Blanche Smith, July 6, Gilbert Moore and Judy Manion, July 7, Laura Nicholson, July 8, your columnist, July 9, Gladys Darney, July 10, Emily Eckert, July 11, Cal McMillion and Shirley Voigt, July 12, Joan Richardson, July 13, Ellie Thomas and Keets Ogden, July 14, Peggy Moore and Sarah Crawford, July 15, Pauline Frederick, Becky Flowers, Viola Shives and Orrell J. Blakeman, July 18, Janice Reagan, July 19, Lillian Brooks, July 21, Tacey Battley and Clara Houghton, July 23, Alan Congdon, July 25, Deedie Peeper, July 26, Dottie Moore and Marjanette Feagan, July 27, Kurtis Wilkins, July 28, Clarence Duty and Ethel Secrist, July 29, Helen Rawlett, July 30, Ernest Moore, Alice Konze and Mary Higgins, July 31.

** To clean artificial flowers, pour some salt into a paper bag and add the flowers. Shake vigorously and the salt will absorb all the dust and dirt and leave your flowers looking like new.

Reconstructing the Duvall Wing, County Courthouse



PHOTO BY MIKE YOURISHIN/ OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

On Friday, June 22, Prince George's County Chief Administrator Officer Jacqueline Brown, Ph.D., joined other officials for the "topping out" of the Duvall Wing of the Prince George's County Courthouse. More than two and a half years after the Duvall Wing was consumed in a historic fire that destroyed a floor of the Wing and rendered the wing unfit for use, the ceremony Friday marked the most recent phase in the county's plan to reconstruct the Duvall Wing that will render the building fit for occupancy as early as March 2009.

Aquasco-Brandywine

By **RUTH TURNER**
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Carry-Out Dinners

On Friday, July 27, beginning at noon, carry-out dinners will be sold at the home of Ruby E. Gross, located at 16905 Horse Head Road in Brandywine, MD. The dinners will be sold for the benefit of the Peter A. Gross, Sr. Scholarship/Memorial Fund, Inc. For the meal, you can choose from the following options:

crab cake, \$10.00; barbeque spare ribs, \$10.00; fish, \$10.00; chicken, \$8.00; or a combination dinner with any two meats, \$15.00. All dinners will include potato salad, sweet potatoes, green beans, cake and bread. For additional information, call 301.888.1475.

The Angels of Mercy

Christ United Methodist Church of Aquasco Dance Ministry, the Angels of Mercy, and Pastor Rev. Dr. Robert Walker, Jr. will sponsor a bus

trip to see *The Miracle of Christmas* at the Millenium Theatre in Lancaster, PA. The play is about Jesus the Messiah coming to earth in human form. The bus will depart on December 1, 2007, at 7:00 a.m. from Clinton Park and Ride. The bus will return at 9:00 p.m. The trip will run \$110.00 for adults, \$90.00 for children ages 8 — 13, \$65.00 for children under 12. A \$25.00 non-refundable deposit for the cost of the trip is due on

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County Office of Finance Employee Elected to GFOA Board of Directors

Cash and Investment Manager to Represent County on GFOA Board

Courtesy **OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

(UPPER MARLBORO, MD) — Prince George's County's Office of Finance announced that the office's Cash and Investment Manager Kathryn Hewitt was elected to the Board of Directors of the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) at the organization's annual meeting in Anaheim, CA, late last month.

"It is a great honor to be on the national board of GFOA and Prince George's County is fortunate in having Kathryn represent us. With active participation in GFAO on the national and state level, she is



PHOTO COURTESY OFFICE OF FINANCE

Kathryn Hewitt, Cash and Investment Manager of the Prince George's County Office of Finance.

attuned to the latest financial issues affecting state, local and municipal governments," said J. Michael Dougherty, Prince George's County Director of Finance.

GFOA is the professional association of state/provincial and local finance officers in the United States and Canada, and has served the public finance profession since 1906. More than 17,300 GFOA members are dedicated to the sound management of government financial resources.

Membership in GFOA is open to everyone whose career, studies or interests involve government financial management. GFOA members form a diverse group of individuals
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Serving Suitland

By **JANICE A. EUELL**
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ROJA, working in cooperation with Reverend Gail Addison of the End Time Harvest Ministries, is currently sponsoring a Conflict Resolution Center on the grounds of Parkway Terrace Apartments in Suitland and at Parkland Village Apartments in District Heights. The Conflict Resolution sessions are presented to parents and children/youth to give them opportunities to positively interact with each other and to peacefully resolve conflicts. Eight sessions, complete with videos for each session, are delivered over an eight week period.

Sessions include Preventing Violence, Resolving Conflicts, Field Trip, Handling Peer Pressure, Managing Anger, Bridging Racial Divisions, Reverencing Community Elders and Respecting Yourself.

Parents participating in the sessions have used this time to get to know one another better, and many have established positive relationships with other adults while attending the sessions. ROJA will present Certificates of Completion to its attendees during the month of July to

express our gratitude to participants in the course that began in May.

ROJA offers its sincerest appreciation to Reverend Addison for her continued efforts to "effectively involve youth in its community revitalization and economic development initiatives" while stabilizing youth and adult behavior.

Anyone wishing to sponsor a Conflict Resolution Center in his/her community should contact Nicole Davis or Reverend Addison at 301.220.4333.

Thanks to the e-mail network, the following message was sent to me and I am sharing it with all of you— it might help a youngster in your circle of friends and relatives find a job.

Bowie teens ages 14-17 can get job information through the Get a Job Program developed by the Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce and the Maryland Secretarial Services. The program provides a job referral list for Bowie teens, hints for job applications, job interviews and behavior at work, advice about the cost of living, and a list of companies that hire teenagers, along with contact information for those employers. Please call 301.352.7927 or send an e-mail to webmss33@aol.com for more info.

In and Around Morningside-Skyline

By **MARY MCHALE**
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A Better Suitland Road May Really Happen!

For almost 20 years now, I've run stories about the upcoming new and improved Suitland Road. And, over and over again, nothing has happened. Well, this time representatives from the County Department of Public Works and Transportation have said they really are going to repave and re-stripe Suitland Road, with construction scheduled to begin next spring.

A project information meeting will be held at the VFW in Morningside on Thursday, July 19, 7:00 p.m. — 8:30 p.m. For more information, you can contact Maureen Wilson, project manager, at 301.883.5640, or you can e-mail her at MPWilson@co.pg.md.us.

According to a card mailed to Suitland residents, "Planned improvements along Suitland Road include pavement resurfacing and streetscape improvements." This meeting will

provide an opportunity for you to ask questions and to provide your input.

Ms. Wilson, Susan Hubbard, public information officer; James Wilson, chief engineer; and DWP&T Associate Director Edward Binseel met with the Skyline Citizens Board members and Mayor Rooker in June and told us this much-needed re-paving is one of the few road projects that have survived recent funding cutbacks.

One of the issues that may prove controversial is a plan to stripe the existing center lane to allow for left turns at certain locations. Under consideration also is a modified striping pattern. If you travel using Suitland Road, you ought to attend just to learn more about this plan.

But one thing I learned at the board meeting: sidewalks, curbs and a new bridge over Henson Creek are not included in the plan. They have been deferred until at least 2011.

Baby Nichols

Cameron Dave was born on June 14 to Jason and Nicole Nichols of Waldorf at the Civista Medical Center.

Cameron weighed in at 6 pounds, 10 ounces, and is the little brother of Jordan, 5, and MaKayla, 2. He is the seventh grandchild for former Morningsiders Jimmy and Jean Nichols and the fourth for Debbie and Dave Fuller. Cameron's middle name, Dave, honors the former chief of the Morningside Volunteer Fire Department, who is currently on assignment overseas.

Neighbors

The Morningside Town Council will hold the dedication of the Gerald A. Glaubitz Conference Room during their July 17 meeting. All are invited.

One of the first functions Morningside's new mayor, Karen Rooker, was to attend the County's Police Chief's Association annual awards, May 30 in Landover, MD. Sgt. Eddie Murphy was awarded the Community Police Officer of the Year Award for the Town of Morningside. Town Clerk/Treasurer Janice Diggs was named Civilian of the Year for the Town.

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Gifted and Talented Students Participate in Summer Center for Space Science

Johns Hopkins Hosts Students on a Virtual Voyage Through Space

Courtesy PGCPs

(LAUREL, MD) — 14 Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) Talented and Gifted (TAG) students entering grades six and seven have been given an opportunity to study space technology, explore the solar system, and learn about exciting careers in the NASA space program, as participants in the Summer Center for Space Science, one of the 2007 Maryland Summer Centers programs sponsored by the Maryland State Department of Education.

"This program is a fine example of the unique learning opportunities made possible through interagency partnerships," said Superintendent of Schools John E. Deasy.

"Our TAG students can truly benefit from this program, which provides stimulating and challenging educational experiences beyond our school system's resources."

The Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory in Laurel, MD, is hosting the program. The Center for Space Science will allow students to study current applications of space technology and explore the solar system by simulating the design of a NASA Discovery Mission.



PHOTO COURTESY MARYLAND STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

On their first day at the Center for Space Science, students construct a 1 meter tower that can withstand a wind force. (L-R): Julian Wenzel, recent graduate of Laurel Woods ES in Howard County; Kevin Hsieh, from Burleigh Manor MS in Howard County; and Sarah Muy, a recent graduate of Concord Elementary School in Prince George's County who will attend Drew Freeman MS next year.

The Maryland Summer Centers Program operates in partnership with public and non-public agencies to provide Maryland's diverse talented and gifted student population with advanced and rigorous learning opportunities that nurture these students' talents and abilities within unique learning environments.

PGCPS Gets Highly Qualified Teachers

Alternative Certification Route Draws Professionals in Teach in County

Courtesy PGCPs

Eighty seven highly qualified teachers were introduced earlier this month at Dr. Henry A. Wise Jr. High School in Upper Marlboro, when Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) held a ceremony to recognize the latest cohort of business professionals and recent college graduates to complete the PGCPS Resident Teacher Program.

Dr. John E. Smeallie, Assistant State Superintendent for Instruction and Certification, joined Prince George's County Board of Education Chair R. Owen Johnson, Jr., and PGCPS Deputy Superintendent Dr. William Hite, Jr. to honor these new teachers, many of whom changed careers to bring their experience and expertise into PGCPS classrooms.

"I am impressed by the commitment demonstrated by these professionals who have made the decision to share their talent and skills in the classroom," said Nancy S. Grasmick, State Superintendent of Schools. "Maryland's students will reap tremendous benefits from what these highly qualified individuals will bring to the classroom each day."

PGCPS was selected by the State for grant funding to develop an alternative certification

program that would become the model for all alternative certification programs in Maryland. This program — known as Maryland's Alternative Route to Certification Options (MARCO) — was developed in cooperation with the University of Maryland University College and Bowie State University. PGCPS has also provided mentors, facilities, and coordinated the placement of the participants in the new graduate program in Alternative Certification hosted by Howard University.

"We must be innovative and invite people with expertise and experience into our classrooms in order to accelerate student learning. The Board of Education is proud of these highly qualified instructors and our students will benefit from their expertise."

Currently, more than 500 Resident Teachers are teaching in classrooms across Prince George's County. Resident Teachers are doctors, lawyers, artists, scientists, accountants, retirees, computer specialists, and clerks who change their careers and become teachers. More Resident Teachers are needed to work in schools where students are in the greatest need.

The program is especially dedicated to recruiting candidates interested in teaching in

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NASA Facility in Greenbelt Becomes First to Record Double Supernova in One Galaxy

2 Thermonuclear Explosions in the Same Constellation Make History

By ROBERT NAEYE
NASA

In just the past six weeks, two supernovae have flared up in an obscure galaxy in the constellation Hercules. Never before have astronomers observed two of these powerful stellar explosions occurring in the same galaxy so close together in time.

The galaxy, known as MCG +05-43-16, is 380 million light-years from Earth. Until this year, astronomers had never sighted a supernova popping off in this stellar congregation. A supernova is an extremely energetic and life-ending explosion of a star.

Making the event even more unusual is the fact that the two supernovae belong in different categories. Supernova 2007ck, first observed on May 19, is a Type II event — which is triggered when the core of a massive star runs out of nuclear fuel and collapses gravitationally, producing a shock wave that blows the star to smithereens.

In contrast, the Supernova 2007co event on June 4 is a Type Ia event, which occurs when a white dwarf star accretes so much material from a binary companion star



PHOTO COURTESY NASA

Scientists at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center documented a rare cosmic event they observed using the Swift spacecraft, an unmanned satellite, pictured above at NASA's Kennedy Space Center before it launched.

that it blows up like a giant thermonuclear bomb. A white dwarf is the exposed core of a star after it has ejected its atmosphere; it's approximately the size of Earth but with the mass of our Sun.

"Most galaxies have a supernova every 25 to 100 years, so it's remarkable to have a galaxy with two supernovae discovered just 16 days apart," says Stefan Immler of NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center.

In 2006 Immler used NASA's Swift satellite to image two supernovae in the elliptical galaxy NGC 1316, but both of those explosions were Type Ia events, and they were discovered six months apart.

The simultaneous appearance of two supernovae in one galaxy is an extremely rare occurrence, but it's merely a coincidence and does not imply anything unusual about MCG +05-43-16.

Because the two supernovae are tens of thousands of light-years from each other, and because light travels at a finite speed, astronomers in the galaxy itself, or in a different galaxy, might record the two supernovae exploding thousands of years apart.

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON POLICE DEPARTMENT GRANT APPLICATION

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.

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.

July 9 is the Deadline to Register for Summer Courses at PGCC

County's Community College Offers Academic and Vocational Courses

Courtesy PRINCE GEORGE'S COMMUNITY COLLEGE

(LARGO, MD) — The final session of summer classes at Prince George's Community College begins on Monday, July 9. The college offers hundreds of courses designed to prepare students for transferring to four-year colleges and universities, entering into a career or acquiring new skills.

Classes are available in the areas of accounting, art, biology, computer information systems, criminal justice, economics, teacher education, English, history, mathematics, management, philosophy, political science, psychology, reading, and sociology. Students who attend other colleges and will reside in the county over the summer, only, are encouraged to take PGCC courses and, later, transfer the credits to their institutions.

In response to workforce and community needs, the college offers continuing education and job training courses in areas including aquatics, business, career planning, and cosmetology. Summer youth and driver education programs also are available. Summer youth programs are designed for students leaving grades 2 to 7 during the 2006-07 school year.

The driver's education program is provided for beginner drivers who wish to obtain a Maryland Class C driver's license.

For a complete list of courses, visit the college's Web site at www.pgcc.edu or call 301.322.0866. Classes are offered Sunday through Saturday during day and evening hours at the Largo campus and four convenient extension center locations—Andrews Air Force Base, Laurel College Center, the Law Library in Upper Marlboro, and the University Town Center in Hyattsville, MD.

Students may register through July 6 for academic courses by visiting the Office of Admissions and Records in Bladen Hall, Room 126, and completing an application for admission. There is a \$25.00 nonrefundable application fee. To register for continuing education and job training courses, call 301.322.0998 at least 10 days prior to the start of class. Students who have attended PGCC in the past two years may be able to register by calling 301.499.6612 using the Student Telephone-Assisted Registration System.

Prince George's Community College is a comprehensive, public, post-secondary institution that provides high quality academic instruction, workforce development and continuing education to the citizens of Prince George's County and surrounding areas. The college awards associate's degrees, letters of recognition and program certificates. For more information, visit the college Web site at www.pgcc.edu.

COMMENTARY

THE PRINCE GEORGE'S POST

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Supreme Court Doesn't Close the Door on Integration

Courtesy of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund

Today's decision striking down voluntary school integration plans in Louisville, KY and Seattle, WA is a step backward from *Brown v. Board of Education*. LDF is deeply disappointed that on Thursday, June 28, five Justices of the Supreme Court struck down the voluntary racial integration plans of the Seattle and Louisville school systems as unconstitutional because they were not "narrowly tailored" to take race into account to the minimum extent necessary.

We stand with local governments, school boards, and families committed to providing a high-quality, inclusive, integrated and diverse education for all students. Americans have long understood, and the courts, Congress and local governments have repeatedly recognized that to strive for anything less would do a grave disservice to our children and to the legacy of *Brown v. Board of Education* and that unanimous decision's mandate to end segregation in schools.

We believe that the four dissenting Justices, who joined in Justice Stephen Breyer's opinion for the majority, explained the compelling necessity for the measures to avoid racially isolated schooling and unequal opportunities for children -- especially but not solely minority children -- that inevitably accompany those circumstances.

It is critically important to realize that today's decision does not categorically reject the use of race-conscious measures, or hold that it is unconstitutional for school districts to take steps, including steps that have a racial component, to create racially and ethnically diverse schools.

While this split decision has both positive and negative implications for our nation and Constitution, we are very pleased that a majority of the Justices recognize educational diversity and overcoming our history of segregation to be compelling governmental interests that can be pursued through careful race-conscious efforts.

Although Justice Kennedy concurred with the Chief Justice John Roberts's opinion in finding the specifics of the plans at issue to be unconstitutional, Kennedy refrained from joining them in their conclusion that the school districts did not have an interest in providing their children with an inclusive, integrated education. "My views do not allow me to join the balance of the opinion by The Chief Justice, which seems to me to be inconsistent in both its

approach and its implications with the history, meaning, and reach of the Equal Protection Clause [of the Fourteenth Amendment]," he wrote.

Instead Justice Kennedy stated unequivocally, "'To the extent the plurality opinion suggests the Constitution mandates that state and local school authorities must accept the status quo of racial isolation in schools, it is, in my view, profoundly mistaken...."

Further, he wrote, "A compelling interest exists in avoiding racial isolation, an interest that a school district, in its discretion and expertise, may choose to pursue."

A majority of the Justices made clear that a range of other, affirmative measures remain available to communities committed to diversity in schools. Justice Kennedy delineated a number of these options, including, strategic site selection of new schools; drawing attendance zones with consideration of neighborhood demographics; allocating resources for special programs; and tracking enrollments, performance and other statistics by race.

Even Chief Justice Roberts's opinion reaffirmed the holding of Grutter that "[t]he importance of . . . individualized consideration" in the program was "paramount, and consideration of race was one factor in a highly individualized, holistic review.

In 1954, the *Brown* Court spoke in one voice of the importance of education in the battle against prejudice and inequity, as the foundation of "our most basic public responsibilities... of good citizenship."

It also stated that education "is a principal instrument in awakening the child to cultural values, in preparing him for later professional training, and in helping him to adjust normally to his environment."

Instead of speaking with one voice, today a deeply divided Court has narrowed the voluntary integration options for schools seeking to fulfill Brown's promise.

Today, the nation's public schools are more segregated than they were in 1970. It is of vital importance for communities to identify ways of fashioning solutions to this problem and to put these plans into action. These decisions have made their job much harder and, as a result, put America that much further away from providing the kind of educational experience necessary for America to not just compete but also thrive in the 21st century.

The Counseling Corner:

Curfew Rules for Teens Without Fighting

By the American Counseling Association

Tired of arguments over what time your teenager has to be home at night? Well, if you're willing to offer your teen some responsibility, and you have an alarm clock, there's a way to end the conflict and get yourself some needed sleep.

Start by allowing your teen the responsibility of deciding a reasonable time to be back home. You get to set an outside limit, one based on your teen's age and proven record of responsibility, a time after which you both know there's nothing happening any parent is going to condone.

Next come the rules. Make it clear that exceptions to curfew times need to be cleared with you first. Special late events, or places requiring extra travel, do occur. In such cases, that extra time request requires details about what's happening, where it is, who's involved, who's driving, a phone number you can call and similar information.

You and your teen must also decide on the consequences for returning home after the set curfew time. Your teen should realize that the time chosen represents a commitment and is a way of showing an adult level of responsibility.

Violating that commitment should carry consequences that mean something.

Another good rule is that only serious emergencies, ones requiring you to come to the rescue (an auto breakdown, an intoxicated driver), are acceptable curfew-breaking excuses. A call reporting losing track of time or just forgetting isn't acceptable. If your teenager has set an 11:30 curfew time, an 11:31 return is too late and the consequences should kick in.

And that alarm clock? That's to help you get a decent night's sleep. Set it to the time your teen said he or she would be home. Then put it outside your bedroom door and go to bed without worrying. When your teen comes home before the curfew time, he or she shuts off the alarm and you just continue sleeping.

But if it's a late return, that alarm goes off. That ends any arguments about what time your teenager "really" returned. It's a late return and agreed-upon consequences happen. Don't make a big deal of it, and give your teen another chance, using the same rules, to improve upon his or her curfew performance.

You'll soon find that curfews without arguing really can work.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I am writing to express my concerns regarding student loan debt. More specifically, I would like to address the private student loan industry.

"It is only after graduating that many students learn this harsh lesson all too quickly: all loans are not created—nor repaid—equally."

In a recent CNN article on June 7, 2007, New York State's Attorney General Andrew Cuomo stated that the people driving the private student loan industry are operating as if they were in the Wild West. I believe that Mr. Cuomo provided an accurate description of the harsh and

STAFFORD LOAN REPAYMENT OPTIONS	PRIVATE LOAN REPAYMENT OPTIONS
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3. Stafford interest paid by the government OR a variable rate not over 8.25%	3. Interest Rate: —Prime or Libor rate
4. Repayment Plans: —Standard —Graduated —Sliding scale —Extended	4. Repayment Plans: —Standard —Graduated

abusive lending practices used by the people behind the private educational loan industry.

As you are probably well aware, America's teachers, employers, mentors, and other leaders spend enormous amounts of time and energy encouraging others to pursue higher education. The decision to pursue higher education, however, comes with a giant price tag.

Our American society has traditionally focused on providing scholarships to the "best and brightest," not to the student who performs on or below average. As a result, many students who seek higher education—those who lack the grades to qualify for full scholarships and who do not qualify for Pell grants—are left with one grim choice: either to forfeit dreams of becoming well-educated or to take out student loans.

Students who find themselves in this bind are forced to endure this necessary evil, utilizing private lenders to pay for the high cost of education. As the cost of higher education rises, private loans become more and more essential com-

ponents of tuition payment, especially after students reach the federal loan maximum amount in a given year.

Through personal experience and research, I have found that problems are bound to arise when:

* Students are not fully informed about the responsibilities attached to the act of taking out a private loan. It is only after graduating that many students learn this harsh lesson all too quickly: all loans are not created—nor repaid—equally.

* Schools encourage students to resort to private lenders as a way to supplement federal loans, couching students in dangerous ignorance as they are led to believe that private loans are treated under the same guidelines as federal loans.

* Students are prevented from obtaining fixed interest rates on loans as is custom with federal loan consolidation and even with home mortgages. Graduates taking out private loans are then forced to repay loan amounts at variable interest rates which can result in bigger debts from year-to-year and month-to-month.

Articles are written nearly every day about some large body of students graduating with manageable levels of debt. However, to my mind, no one has been able to provide real advice on resolving this issue.

As you can see, if an individual is unemployed or underpaid, private lenders do not provide defer payments or offer income-sensitive repayment plans. Consequently, borrowers facing financial hardship are given only one bleak option: to default on the loan.

I encourage Congress and our state and local leaders to mandate legislative reforms that relieve the financial burdens borne by the thousands of Americans who desire to pursue their dreams of education and contribute to society but who cannot because they cannot afford to take risks in this high-stakes game I just described.

I wish to make some suggestions clear for change:

- Regulate the issuance of private loans by financial aid offices in colleges and universities.
- Increase the maximum value of the Federal Stafford Loan.
- Encourage state, local and school entities to implement loan forgiveness and/or offer flexible repayment options.
- Permit private loans to be consolidated into federal loans.

Sending graduates such as myself into the world with high debt and no options for relief, which affects creditworthiness, is simply wrong.

I challenge our leaders to take this issue seriously and enact legislation as well as loan repayment assistance program especially for public servants. We need to take back the reins from the Wild West private loan industry and provide more repayment options for financially struggling graduates.

Sincerely,

Janelle J. Jordan, Esq.
Capitol Heights

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Practical Money Skills

By Jason Alderman

Choosing the Right Financial Planner

It used to be that only the wealthy consulted financial planners for advice on estate planning, investments and tax shelters.

But with tax laws becoming increasingly complex, more people investing in the stock market through 401(k) plans and millions of baby boomers approaching retirement, people at all income levels now seek professional help to plan their financial future.

Choosing the right financial planner may seem overwhelming and you may ultimately decide your situation doesn't warrant one, but if you think you might, here are a few tips to help navigate those murky waters:

To start off, ask yourself, what are your needs? Planners can offer objective opinions about whether a person's current financial plan will meet his or her future financial needs.

Ask yourself these questions:

- Are you expecting a large inheritance, or at the other extreme, having trouble saving or overcoming debt?

- Do you wonder how marriage, divorce, a new child or caring for aging parents might impact your financial situation?

- Do you need a savings strategy for college tuition?

Do your homework. Ask trusted friends, relatives, coworkers, your accountant or lawyer for referrals. Find out what factors they used to choose their financial planner and whether they're satisfied with his or her performance.

Interview at least three candidates. Often, they'll provide a free consultation and ask you to fill out a questionnaire beforehand. The goal is to find someone you trust - an advisor who will listen to your needs, look out for your best interests and not try to sell you unneeded products or services. And don't be afraid to ask for references.

Research their qualifications. Many different types of professionals call

themselves financial planners but not all have the same training or specialties. Most groups that certify planners have their own credentialing requirements, regulators and ethical guidelines, but education and experience requirements vary.

The Financial Planning Association (www.fpanet.org), the National Association of Personal Financial Advisors (www.napfa.org), and the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards (www.cfp.net) are good resources to learn more about the different kinds of financial planners.

Fees: Financial planners can get paid by the hour, by flat rate, by commission or some combination of these. Some people think there's a potential conflict of interest if advisors earn commissions for products they recommend, so ask for full disclosure - they're working for you, not the other way around. Many will deduct other fees from any such commissions.

Get involved. People often hire financial planners so they won't have to think about their own finances, but that's pretty shortsighted. You should understand everything you're being advised to do and be able to express your financial goals.

Everyone, whether they hire a financial planner or do everything themselves, should have a workable budget. Practical Money Skills for Life, a free personal financial management site sponsored by Visa USA, features a guide to creating a budget you can live with, along with interactive budgeting tools (www.practical-moneyskills.com/budgeting).

There's a lot to consider when hiring a financial planner, but it's worth the effort. You wouldn't see a doctor you don't trust and respect, and you should hold the expert giving advice on your hard-earned money to the same standard.

Jason Alderman directs Visa USA's financial education.

PGCC Student and Hillman Entrepreneur Starts Her Own Business

Rogers Designed Start Entrepreneurship Early for Youth Development

Courtesy PRINCE GEORGE'S COMMUNITY COLLEGE

(LARGO, MD) — Mary Rogers, Prince George's Community College student and a member of the first cohort of the Hillman Entrepreneurs Program, recently announced the creation of Start Entrepreneurship Early (SEE), a nonprofit organization dedicated to engaging youth in entrepreneurship.

"The Hillman Entrepreneurs Program at Prince George's Community College has motivated me to inspire others to pursue entrepreneurship," said Rogers, a resident of Temple Hills, MD. "I believe that if youth are

exposed to entrepreneurship at an early age and are taught the principles necessary to start and run successful ventures, they will be encouraged to dream and, hopefully, aspire to own their own businesses. SEE is dedicated to encouraging youth to think about entrepreneurship and pointing them in the direction to achieve business success."

In partnership with the University of Maryland, College Park (UMCP), Prince George's Community College launched the Hillman Entrepreneurs Program in 2006. The program provides an education in entrepreneurship to students in any major except pre-law, pays all tuition costs while students attend PGCC,



PHOTO COURTESY PGCC

Mary Rogers, creator of Start Entrepreneurship Early.

and provides financial support to students who transfer to UMCP. Rogers plans to attend UMCP next spring to pursue her bachelor's degree in business.

"It is so rewarding to see a Hillman Entrepreneur already making a difference in the community," said Lisa Rawlings, program director of the Hillman Entrepreneurs Program.

This summer, Rogers will host a series of SEE workshops in conjunction with Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. "An Introduction to Entrepreneurship" will be available for enrollment by youth ages 12 to 17. The workshops will be composed of both lecture and interaction. For upcoming dates and locations or additional information on SEE workshops, visit the SEE Web site at www.youngbusinessminds.org.

Found: The \$1 Million Strawberry

UM Scientists Announce the Discovery of a Unique Strawberry Plant

Courtesy THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

Thirty years ago, University of Maryland professor and berry expert Harry Swartz set out on a world quest to find the perfect strawberry plant. He was looking for more than sweet berries. He wanted to find a plant with berries that all ripened at once.

Half a million strawberry plants later, in a field in Huelva, Spain, there it was - a plant with dozens of single-flowered clusters, or trusses, each holding one strawberry - all turning red and juicy at the same time, a trait that could revolutionize commercial strawberry growing.

"It was extraordinary, because I didn't imagine what it would look like, but within five seconds I realized it was a million-dollar plant," Swartz said. "This one plant could be instrumental in successfully resolving one of the main challenges in strawberry growing - getting the berries to ripen at the same time. Uniform ripening makes mechanical harvesting possible."

Swartz and his colleague Gary Coleman, both associate professors in the department of plant sciences and landscape architecture in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, are now looking at how that million-dollar plant - the Monophylla Strawberry - can be bred for commercial production and machine harvesting. Their one-year study is supported by the Maryland Industrial Partnerships Program, in the university's A. James Clark School of Engineering.

Current commercial strawberry plants usually mature at different times over



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An handful of strawberries grown in the heat of the summer by Swartz in the University of Maryland's greenhouse.

the course of several weeks. Because ripe berries and flowers often occur on the same truss, fresh strawberries have to be picked almost exclusively by hand.

If Swartz and Coleman succeed, each Monophylla plant will feature multiple single-branched trusses, each with a single strawberry, all ripening at the same time, on branches well presented for harvesting. Mechanically harvesting strawberries could reduce growers' costs by \$5,000 to \$10,000 per acre, Swartz says.

Great Taste

The first thing Swartz and Coleman will do is determine the genes and breeding behavior of the Monophylla plant. "The trait that makes Monophylla Strawberry perfect is likely recessive, so breeding it with other varieties possessing firm or flavorful berries on stiff, upright trusses will be trying," said Swartz. "The normal dominant gene can mask the 'perfect' trait in the resulting seedling."

The million-dollar strawberry also will have to taste great. "We want something that will compete with Hershey's chocolate candy,"

said Swartz. "We plan to offer gourmet varieties of strawberries with hints of flavors for

only one of every thousand seedlings," Swartz said. Some of those varieties will debut next spring.



PHOTO COURTESY UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

UM scientists Harry Swartz, also owner of Five Aces Breeding (left) and Gary Coleman, associate professor, Department of Plant Sciences & Landscape Architecture (right).

specific countries - cinnamon-flavored berries for South America, vanilla for Great Britain, floral for France, and chocolate for the U.S.

"It's difficult enough to breed a typical plant producing berries with great characteristics - succulent flavor and firm fruit, on plenty of single upright trusses. The combination of traits yielding superior eating experience occurs on

Into Berries

Swartz also owns Five Aces Breeding LLC, where he breeds raspberries and blackberries. Swartz has several breeding fields in Western Maryland, where he says the cool mountains are exceptional for growing plump strawberries and raspberries and for reducing another major contributor to multiple branching - warm temperatures.

Largo Hotel Courts Business Event Planners

Largo Hotel Offers New Incentives to Draw in Business Clientele

Courtesy RADISSON HOTEL LARGO/WASHINGTON, D.C. AREA

(LARGO, MD) — The Radisson Hotel Largo/Washington DC in Largo, MD, has officially begun its "Great Days Meetings Package" campaign, offering a myriad of rewards to any Radisson Gold Points member who books a meeting or special event at the hotel.

For every meeting or event Radisson Gold Points members book before August 31, 2007, those individuals will become eligible to receive points that

can be used toward the acquisition of a free laptop computer, an iPod, a 24-inch television with built-in CD and DVD player, and/or round-trip airline tickets to anywhere in the Continental United States.

Winners of the event packages will be provided with premier accommodations: event packages include deluxe rooms featuring Sleep Number beds, high-speed Internet access, and access to numerous other amenities. hotel's outdoor patio for seasonal dining, indoor heated pool, fitness center, business center and complimentary shuttle service.

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.

Out on the TOWN

Ratatouille a "Thankful Respite" Among Sea of Disappointing Summer Releases

The Rat Name Remy Will Impress Children and Adults Alike



PHOTO COURTESY WWW.ROTTENTOMATOES.COM

In this hilarious new animated-adventure, a twist of fate makes dreams come true for a rat named Remy who aspires to become a great chef in Paris, despite his family's wishes.

By STEVE RHODES
www.InternetReviews.com

In this sequel summer of bloated blockbusters, being able to enjoy a terrific film like RATATOUILLE comes as a thankful respite in a sea of disappointment. Easily the best Pixar film since A BUG'S LIFE, RATATOUILLE is deliciously delightful, wonderfully sweet and drop-dead gorgeous. It's also a movie that has a wide appeal, certain to impress young and old alike, including adults without any kids in tow.

Even though it is based on a rather simple story, RATATOUILLE is so amazing that it's hard to know where to begin. About a rat who follows his dream to become a famous chef in the heart of haute cuisine, Paris, the movie has a lot to recommend it, but I'll start by praising its beautiful, painterly appearance. In scene after scene, you'll be

looking in vain for a pause button so that you can stop for a minute to admire the breathtaking images created by the digital wizards at Pixar.

I'll arbitrarily restrict myself to my three favorite visuals. When the central character, a rat named Remy (voiced by Patton Oswalt) enters the City of Lights for his first time, Paris earns its beloved nickname. Through Remy's eyes we see a city in front and below him that glistens like jewels with the glowing colors of various gems. This nighttime miracle moment is so lovely that it makes your heart skip a beat.

Another scene much later in the narrative occurs in a car chase through the cobblestoned streets. The trees are full of the golden colors of autumn leaves, and the buildings are reminiscent of some early Van Gogh paintings.

Although not quite as visually appealing as the first

two examples but probably harder to create is a scene at the beginning when we first meet Remy. What is special here is a torrential downpour of the sort that I don't remember ever being attempted before with 3-D animation. Or, if it has been done before, it certainly was never so memorably effective and realistic.

As for the story, being a rat, Remy is advised sternly by all of his friends and relatives to steer clear of those human killers. It is best to steal their food when they are not around and to avoid dangerous places-like the kitchen.

But Remy has a gift. His nose can smell good foods, and, with a great sniffer, he is able to concoct some very appetizing taste treats.

Inspired by the great Chef Gusteau (voiced by Brad Garrett) and his best-selling book "Anyone Can Cook," Remy ends up working as a chef at the tony Parisian

restaurant once owned by the now deceased Chef Gusteau, who appears to Remy in visions.

But, since the appearance of rats in restaurants cause them to be closed immediately by the health inspector, Remy must work in secret. He does this by living in the chef's hat of a doofus lad named Linguini (voiced Lou Romano, but who I would have sworn was Jon Heder). Although Linguini has no cooking abilities whatsoever, Remy controls him like a puppet, pulling on his red curly locks to move Remy's arms and legs.

It all makes for some excellent slapstick. Remy even moves Linguini so that his lips finally meet those of his fellow chef, a take-no-prisoners cook named Colette (voiced by Janeane Garofalo).

Peter O'Toole is super as the villain, one Anton Ego, a gaunt food critic who eats up and spits out wannabe famous chefs. When asked how a food critic can stay so skinny, Ego reveals his secret. He only swallows food he likes, and he doesn't like much.

Well, this critic swallowed every tasty morsel of RATATOUILLE, including its touchingly sweet ending. I loved it all, and I think you will too.

RATING (0 TO ***):
*** 1/2

*My nephew William, age 13, and his sister, Liana, age 10, were in complete agreement on the film. They both adored it and both gave it ****.*

Calendar of Events

Friday to Sunday, July 6-8

Your kids won't want to miss this chance to see horse barrel racing at the Speed Horse Bonanza at its finest! This event at the at the Show Place Arena, located at 14900 Pennsylvania Avenue in Upper Marlboro, MD. Call 301.952.7999 for event times.

Sunday, July 8

Join the Marietta House Museum's Family Summer Fun on Sunday, July 8, and Sunday, August 6, 2007 between 2-5 p.m. For adults and children of all ages. Enjoy good "old-fashioned" fun featuring 19th century hands-on activities, crafts, and homemade ice cream. Reservations Required. Admission is \$3 per person. Marietta House Museum is located at 5626 Bell Station Road, Glenn Dale, MD off of Route 193 and just north of Route 450/Annapolis Road. For more information, please call 301.464.5291.

On Sunday evening, consider taking advantage of this free summer concert from 6 p.m. —7:30 p.m. featuring salsa, mambo, and samba music at the Bladensburg Waterfront Park, located at 4601 Annapolis Road in Bladensburg, MD. For more information, call 301.7790371; TTY 301.699.2544.

Friday, July 13

From 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (rain or shine), join the City of Hyattsville for the Hyattsville Summer Jam! The festivities will be held behind the Hyattsville Municipal Building Parking Lot at 4310 Gallatin Street in Hyattsville, MD. The event, sponsored by the Outback Steakhouse and McDonald Auto Body Works, will feature live Funk, Go-Go and R&B music by the band Flashlight.

With a moon bounce and entertainment for the kids and catering by Outback Steakhouse, what's going to keep you from joining your neighbors in Hyattsville for the Hyattsville Summer Jam? Call the Department of Recreation and the Arts at 301.985.5020 to learn more about the event, and adults: when you call, don't forget to ask about the beer and wine garden at this event.

Thursday, July 19

Do you want to preserve your land for future generations, save working landscapes in Prince George's County, access equity that's tied up in your land, protect the environment, reduce your tax liability, or leave a legacy through a charitable gift? If so, the Land Preservation Workshop held at the Accokeek Foundation Education Center from 6 p.m. — 9 p.m. on July 19 is an empowering educational opportunity you won't want to miss!

The workshop will be presented with contributions from the Prince George's County Soil Conservation District, the Charles County Planning and Growth Management office, and the Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission. The event is free of cost and attendees will be given complimentary refreshments paid for by Colonial Farm Credit. Refreshments will be served at 6 p.m., followed by a panel presentation and Q&A session between 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. The Accokeek Foundation Education center is located at 3400 Bryan Point Road in Accokeek. For more information, call Laura Ford at 301.283.2113, ext. 24.

9 Different Pee Wee Football Teams Attend Mini- Training Camp

Bowie, S. Bowie, Camp Springs, Clinton, Forestville, Ft. Washington, Marlboro, Silver Hill, Lanham Kids Train Together

By JAMES PROCTOR
Contributing Writer

Last weekend, the Marlboro Boys and Girls Club sponsored its very first overnight camp for Prince George's County Peeewe Football players. These kids experienced a true introduction to the rigors of football, and it would not be an exaggeration to say that, "They did more before 11 a.m. than some people did all day."

Parents weren't allowed to attend the camp, but if they had been there they would've been amazed by the speed in which their 5-9 year olds transferred from dreamland to fierce competition. Calisthenics began before 6:30 a.m., and by 10:30 a.m., these young athletes had already downed some breakfast and completed their first fundamentals session.

Watching these enthusiastic youngsters, one could imagine that they were watching the



PHOTO COURTESY JAMES PROCTOR PHOTOGRAPHY

Pee Wee Football players from across Prince George's county competed and learned together at the mini-training camp held by the Marlboro Boys and Girls club last weekend.

next Bryant Westbook or Shawne Merriman (Prince George's County Pros). Sure there were some dropped balls but these campers were giving it their all. Dressed in their team colors, each group moved from station to station at the coach's whistle: At the line-backers' station, three players keyed on the coach acting as quarterback-- weary that he might decide to run or lob a pass at the moment they were least expecting it. At the linemen station, 50 pound linemen were pushing around coaches weighing more than 200 pounds. Defensive backs were learning how to position themselves so that the receiver wouldn't get behind them.

In addition to the coaches, the Peeewe players were also getting help and inspiration from the members of the Forestville Knights High School football team. The Knights are a perennial power

in county football and looked liked they had experienced a good off-season weight training program.

The camp was attended by players from nine different teams: Bowie, Camp Springs, Clinton, Forestville, Fort Washington Lanham, Marlboro Silver Hill and South Bowie. It was a very rewarding weekend with the kids even having fun in the classroom, learning X's and O's. And if I ever need to know if the 3 hole is inside or outside the left tackle, I know of at least 50 5-9 years olds who can tell me. After their 6am mornings and hotly contested 9-on-9 games on Sunday, I am sure that the campers were poured into their beds.

If you would like to have your child attend a similarly rewarding experience at camp, or want to place him on a team in the Fall, please contact James Bossett "Mr. B" at jkbrece@aol.com.

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Hoyer Announces Millions for Conservation

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ing, which makes sound investments in critical Maryland conservation and environmental priorities."

Chesapeake Bay Programs (\$30 Million)

The Chesapeake Bay Watershed continues to face serious environmental challenges. Over the past two decades, federal, state, and local partners have worked together to produce modest restoration gains, but stronger action is required to reduce the region's nutrient and sediment loads to the Bay and restore the health of this magnificent estuary.

"This \$30 million in federal funding demonstrates recognition by the Congress of the value in supporting programs that enhance the great national treasure that is the Chesapeake Bay," stated Rep. Hoyer. "This investment will significantly bolster efforts at the national and regional levels to restore this treasure and ultimately improve the quality of life for the 16 million citizens who live in the watershed."

*\$22 million for the EPA Chesapeake Bay Program to address a variety of restoration and water quality issues and help meet the goals of the Chesapeake Bay Agreement.

*\$4 million for the Chesapeake Bay Small Watershed Grants Program for grants to organizations working at the local level to protect and improve watersheds in the Chesapeake Bay basin, while building citizen-based resource stewardship.

*\$4 million for the Chesapeake Bay Non Point Source Reduction Targeted Watershed Grants Program for projects that expand the collective knowledge on the most innovative, sustainable, and cost-effective strategies - including market-based approaches - for reducing excess nutrient loads within specific tributaries to the Chesapeake Bay.

Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network (\$1.65 Million)

The National Park Service's Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network ties together more than 120 museums, state parks, wildlife refuges, Indian reservations, water trails, and other sites in five states and the District of Columbia, to enable visitors to appreciate the far-reaching role the bay has had in the culture and history of our region. The Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network grants have fund-

ed new maps, improved signs, and expanded trails that have made visits to parks, wildlife refuges, and water trails more meaningful experiences.

"I have been proud to fight to secure federal funds for the Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network in each of the years since the program's inception," stated Rep. Hoyer. "With this funding the network can continue its quality work to make the Chesapeake Bay, and the entire region, the treasure that we know it to be today."

Patuxent National Wildlife Refuge (\$5 Million)

This funding will support water and sewer infrastructure renovations at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Patuxent National Wildlife Refuge, the nation's first wildlife experimental station and research refuge. Rep. Rep. Hoyer was also instru-



PHOTO COURTESY USGS

The Appomattox River is a part of the Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network, a parcel of the National Park Service system that these funds will be used to protect.

mental in directing federal funds towards the construction of the National Wildlife Visitor Center and helped secure funding to enable the purchase of 8,000 additional acres for the Refuge.

"Since its establishment, the Patuxent Research Center has grown into a comprehensive wildlife and ecosystem research operation that has rightfully earned international accolade," stated Rep. Hoyer. "The funds are crucial in order to preserve its status as a premier educational wildlife facility and to continue accommodating the center's many visitors."



PHOTO BY DAMIEN OSS/ USGS PATUXENT WILDLIFE RESEARCH CENTER

Whooping cranes like the 5 month old baby pictured above are one of the many species studied at the Patuxent National Wildlife Refuge.

Save America's Treasures - Poplar Hill on His Lordship's (\$160,000)

Poplar Hill on His Lordship's Kindness was built circa 1785 on land deeded by Charles Calvert, the third Lord Baltimore. The unique structure is on the National Register of Historic Places and is one of two National Historic Landmarks in Prince George's County, Maryland. The funding will be used to restore the roof of the main house and wings.

Paint Branch Watershed Storm Water Management (\$100,000)

Project funding will enable the development of a comprehensive storm water management plan for the Paint Branch and Little Paint Branch Sub-watersheds of the Anacostia Watershed to mitigate the impacts of storm water volume. This funding will be equally matched by each of the following agencies: the University of Maryland, the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, and the Anacostia Watershed Society.

"Many waterways are subject to flooding during periods of excessive rainfall," stated Rep. Hoyer. "This funding will address flooding vulnerabilities in these two sub-watersheds and ensure floodwater protection for surrounding communities."

The Interior-Environment Appropriations bill must now be reconciled with the Senate appropriations bill, before returning to the House for a final vote.

County Official Hewitt Becomes Authority on Government Finance

Hewitt from A2

who work for a broad range of governments, including cities, towns, and other municipalities of all sizes; county governments, school districts and special districts; public employee retirement systems, states and provinces, schools of administration and public affairs, libraries; federal agencies and accounting

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Cooling Centers Will Decrease the Frequency of Heat-Related Health Complications in County

Cooling Centers from A1

risers to 105 degrees or higher and you begin to exhibit symptoms such as red and dry skin, disorientation, delirium, and nausea.

Heat exhaustion is a milder form of heat-related illness that can develop after several days of exposure to high temperatures and inadequate or unbalanced replacement of fluids.

Symptoms of heat exhaustion include muscle cramps, dizziness, and headaches.

Children, the elderly and those that suffer from chronic heart or lung conditions are particularly vulnerable to heat-related illness because they are unable to adjust to sudden changes in temperatures.

Even in cool temperatures, cars can heat up to dangerous temperatures very quickly. Do not leave children, infants or

pets in cars any length of time, even if the windows are cracked.

Children who are left unattended in parked cars are at the greatest risk for heat stroke, and possibly death.

When working in the heat, monitor the condition of your co-workers and have someone do the same for you.

Limit heavy exertion when high levels of heat and humidity are present and avoid the hottest period of the day between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

At Work

- Avoid the heat
- Reduce activity
- Drink plenty of water
- Adjust schedule to start earlier if you work outdoors (if possible)

Outdoors

- Wear light colored clothing, a hat and sunscreen
- Drink plenty of water
- Take frequent rest breaks in the air conditioning or shade

At Home

- Check on relatives and friends, especially the elderly
- Increase time spent in air-conditioned environments like libraries, malls, and movie theatres
- Eat smaller meals, more often
- Take cool baths
- Make sure pets have access to water

Senior Citizens and their families are advised to contact the Prince George's County Department of Family Services Administration on Aging for information about special precautions for the elderly.

Brandywine/ Aquasco

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July 8, with final payment due on October 7. The itinerary includes a continental breakfast, shopping, dinner and a play. For additional information, please contact Deborah Proctor at 301.372.0850.

SMHC's Health Express

Health Express will be bringing Health Care to the following locations: Sears Essentials in Clinton, MD, on Tuesday, July 17, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; the CVS franchise on Brown Station Road in Upper Marlboro, MD, on

Wednesday, July 25, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.; Clinton Manor at 8500 Mike Shapiro Drive in Clinton, MD, on Thursday, July 26, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.; Food Lion in Upper Marlboro on Tuesday, July 31, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.; and Camp Springs Senior Center in Camp Springs, MD, on Thursday, September 19, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Elite Travel Plus

Make travel arrangements for your next vacation with travel agents Tyrone and Verlyn Tarlton of Elite Travel Plus.

The Tarltons can be contacted at 202.494.0631, or visit their company's website at www.elitetravelplus.net for additional information.

Total Joint Replacement Classes

Free classes are offered at the Rehabilitation Department at the Southern Maryland Hospital in Clinton, MD, on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. These classes are designed to educate patients about total hip and knee replacement surgeries. Pre-registration for classes is required. To learn more, call 301.877.4562.

Ask Rev. Lee

Question: What does the Bible say about adultery in marriage, and is it grounds for divorce?

Answer: In Christianity, adultery in marriage is not grounds for divorce, to dissolve the marriage. What is grounds for divorce, in Christianity, is FORNICATION, i.e., not being a virgin when the marriage is consummated.[Matt 5:31-32,19:7-11]. This is the reason Joseph was going to put away [divorce] Mary, the mother of Jesus, until he was told by God that Jesus was conceived of the Holy Ghost [and was the Son of God] Matt 1:18-25; Luke 1:30-35]. FORNICATION means having sex before marriage, outside of marriage, and this applies to both men and women, girls and boys. That is, if a person is a "born again" Christian, this principle applies to him or her, for God requires every Christian [and desires that every one born of a woman] be a virgin when they are married for the very first time. No exceptions. That's why marriage is so important in the Church and for society [1 Cor 7:2-3; Heb 13:4].

If a Christian couple persist in getting a divorce, each will commit adultery when they consummate the re-marriage, except if they ask God's forgiveness, first [Matt 5:32; 1 John 1:9].

After marriage, unless one of the marriage partners is found not to have been a virgin when the marriage was consummated, there are no Biblical grounds for divorce [1 Cor 7:10,11]. The New Testament Bible does not approve or sanction Christian divorces for any reason. There is no "bill of divorcement" in the New Testament Church [1 Cor 7:13,39].

FORNICATION cannot occur within the bounds of matrimony, that's ADULTERY. And there is no provision allowing divorce for having caught one's partner in the act of ADULTERY. The Christian marriage partners must be reconciled [forgiven] or live apart, separated and celibate, but not divorced [1 Cor 7:10-11]. This is why dating and marriage counseling is of the utmost importance in Church ministry.

For single Christians, sex before or outside of marriage [widowers or legitimate divorcees] is just SIN.

If a Christian man and woman want to get married, both must be virgins, or its an unholy marriage, not sanctioned by God. Consequently, if they want to get married, and neither one is a virgin, or are not widowers or legitimate divorcees, they must confess their sins to God, get His forgiveness, and then they may be married in the Church. This is permissible, by God, because there are no "unpardonable sins," for the born again believer. The only unpardonable sin, since the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is "unbelief" in Him as one's personal "Savior." [John 16:9,47-48]. This is why all marriage counseling should include provisions for resolving the issue of virginity [fornication] and forgiveness of sin, before the ceremony.

Lastly, if a Christian, male or female, is dating a non-Christian, marriage should be discouraged [1 Cor 6:15-18]; 2 Cor 6:14-15]. Therefore the Church should not marry a non-Christian couple, nor a couple that is unequally yoked [a Christian and a non Christian]. Nor should the Church marry any other couple where one or both partners are practicing a New Testament biblical sin as a way of life [1 Cor 5:9-11; 2 Cor 6:15-16]. Nevertheless, if a Christian persist in marrying a non-Christian, the marriage is for life. But if the non-Christian want to leave the marriage, he or she is free to do so, but not the Christian. For in the eyes of God, the Christian is still married to that departed partner. When the Bible say ["till death do us part"] i.e., What God has joined together let no man put asunder, that exactly what it means.

Alternative Certification Routes Draw in More Qualified Teachers

Teachers from A<None>

"high need" areas, including Elementary School, Middle School, Math, Science, English, Spanish and Music.

"These talented and motivated individuals are helping to improve teaching and learning across our school district," said Dr. John E. Deasy, Superintendent of Schools.

The Prince George's County Resident Teacher Program is designed for individuals with a degree in areas other than education. It is a highly selective program that is looking for professionals and recent college graduates. PGCPs recruits, trains, and mentors high-achieving professionals and recent college graduates with content area expertise, who have a passion for providing positive learning experiences for children.



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EXILE Program Will Decrease Violent Crime in Prince George's

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and posters advertising lengthy federal sentences received by particular defendants.

U.S. Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein said, "The success of Prince George's County EXILE depends on the tremendous effort, energy, and dedication of countless police officers, agents, prosecutors, and other law enforcement professionals. We appreciate the outstanding work of these public servants who are working tirelessly to keep Prince George's County safe."

Gregory K. Gant, Special Agent in Charge of the Baltimore Field Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives stated, "We are all committed to making the streets of Prince George's County safer for our citizens and our children, and with programs like Project EXILE, which emphasizes a collective law enforcement effort, we believe we can accomplish this mission."

"Together, we are taking gun-carrying thugs off our streets. Hard time for gun crime is not just a slogan but a reality. By emphasizing federal, state and local cooperation we are letting violent offenders know that carrying guns has serious consequences. We will continue to work hard with our federal partners to ensure longer, stronger and stiffer sentences for gun toting criminals," said Prince George's County State's Attorney Glenn F. Ivey.

Judith Sachwald, Director, Maryland Division of Parole and Probation, added, "We have many repeat violent offenders under supervision in

Maryland; having specially trained parole and probation agents work with local and federal authorities is imperative to stopping individuals who continue to engage in violent and criminal behavior."

Prince George's County EXILE is a unified and comprehensive strategy to combat gun crime that combines law enforcement efforts, community action and revitalization, and public awareness. The strategy is based on a partnership among local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies, with the assistance of community activists, educators, and civic and faith-based organizations.

Firearms Prosecutions

Under Prince George's County EXILE, the United States Attorney's Office (USAO) and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) are working with other federal agencies to support the mission of our local prosecutors and police by investigating and prosecuting as many significant firearms cases as possible and by using the prospect of federal prosecution to encourage defendants to take prompt guilty pleas to firearms charges in state court.

"FLIP" Letters

Under EXILE, in appropriate cases, once the USAO has determined that a case is ready to be indicted, the USAO sends a letter to the Prince George's County State's Attorney's Office (SAO) advising that the case will proceed federally if the defendant has not pled guilty in state court to the mandatory five-year penalty under state law by a specified

deadline. The letter -- known as a "Federal Letter of Intent to Prosecute," or "FLIP" letter -- is then shared with the defendant and defense counsel. If the defendant does not plead guilty by the deadline, the defendant is promptly transferred to federal court to face federal prosecution.

A total of 20 FLIP letters were sent to state prosecutors in 2006. Of the 20 defendants who received FLIP letters, 11 defendants -- or 55% -- pled guilty to state charges carrying at least the mandatory five-year sentence. Eight defendants rejected the state pleas and were indicted in federal court. One defendant is a fugitive.

Federal Indictments

In 2006, USAO filed 51 indictments and two criminal complaints charging 53 defendants. These cases were primarily investigated by the ATF and the Prince George's County Police Department (PGPD), but several cases were brought by the DEA and FBI as well. The number of federal charges represents a 42% increase in the number of indictments and an 18% increase in the number of defendants charged federally with similar offenses in 2005. As noted above, 11 of the total of 20 FLIP letters sent have been resolved through state pleas. Combined with the 51 federal charges and 53 defendants in Prince George's County firearms cases, the USAO has handled a total of 62 Prince George's County firearms cases involving 64 defendants during 2006. This represents a 72% increase in the number of cases handled and a 42% increase in the num-

ber of defendants charged over 2005.

Including the firearms cases investigated by agencies other than ATF and PGPD, the total number of indictments brought against armed criminals in the U.S. Attorney's Office Southern Division was 55, charging a total of 57 defendants. This represents a 53% increase in the number of cases handled and a 27% increase in the number of defendants over 2005.

Including the 11 cases resolved by FLIP letters, the USAO handled a total of 66 cases involving 68 armed criminals in the Southern Division during 2006. This represents an 83% increase in the number of cases handled and a 51% increase in the number of defendants over 2005.

Violent Repeat Offenders

Under Prince George's County EXILE's Violent Repeat Offender (VRO) initiative, a team composed of representatives of the Division of Parole and Probation of the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, the United States Probation Office, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the High Intensity Drug-Trafficking Area Task Force (HIDTA), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), U.S. Marshals Service (USMS), ATF, PGPD, the SAO, and the USAO meet regularly to identify some of the most violent individuals in the area -- individuals who belong to violent

gangs or organizations operating in Prince George's County and individuals who have been charged with, or have been suspects in, shootings and murders. Some of these individuals have pending state gun, drug or violent crime cases. Many are in violation of their parole or probation. Others have no pending charges but have lengthy and disturbing criminal histories. The members of the Violent Repeat Offender team determine the most effective strategy for arresting and detaining each individual -- including violations of parole or probation, aggressive prosecution of pending state or federal charges, or proactive investigations -- and monitoring the status of the pending case or investigation of each such individual.

16 VROs were identified in 2006. Of those, six have been detained or are facing pending charges, as follows: one was detained pursuant to revocation of parole or probation, and has since been charged federally; one is detained pending a murder prosecution in state court; and four have been detained based on newly filed federal charges.

The remaining VROs are the subjects of ongoing federal investigations. A total of 10 VROs are now actively being investigated, with others to be pursued in the future.

"Exiled" Defendants

During 2006, many defendants were sentenced to lengthy prison terms for firearms possession or firearms-related offenses in Prince George's County and have been sent to, or are awaiting designation to,

federal prison facilities outside of Maryland to serve their sentences.

Once a week throughout 2006, prosecutors from the USAO provide legal instruction during the PGPD's weekly inservice training for all PGPD officers. In addition, the USAO will create a videotape to be used for all incoming police cadets.

Outreach/Media

A key component of Prince George's County EXILE is an aggressive media/public relations campaign to send a message to criminals and to the broader community that any felon who carries a gun in Prince George's County is going to jail -- that criminals will do hard time for gun crime.

The campaign is designed to alert offenders to the crackdown on gun crime and to energize the community to support law enforcement efforts and, in particular, their local police. During 2006, the campaign utilized radio ads and billboards to get the EXILE message to the public. EXILE television ads revealed in early 2007.

In 2007, Prince George's County EXILE partners hope to expand the outreach campaign, including outreach to schools and faith-based organizations and call-ins directed to identified felons recently released from prison. Prince George's County EXILE is a joint effort by the SAO, PGPD, the Maryland Division of Parole and Probation, the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention, the United States Marshals Service, ATF, DEA, HIDTA, FBI, ICE and the USAO.

Morningside-Skyline

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Lunch for the awards ceremony was provided by Orleans, a Morningside barbeque drive-in on Suitland Road. Proprietor Harold Fletcher was presented a thank-you plaque.

Jean Glaubitz enjoyed a recent trip to Wilmington, N.C., with her son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Bonnie Glaubitz. Among those she saw on the journey was Loretta James, daughter of Shirley Polley and granddaughter of the late Eleanor Polley Collins, who lived for years on Boxwood Drive.

I enjoyed having grandson David McHale, his wife Nina and their three children stay with me last week. They were in town from Denver so Nina could attend the American Library Association convention in Washington and so they could have baby Riley baptized at St. Philip's.

By the way, Riley wore the baptismal gown his great-grandfather John McHale wore back in 1925.

Get well wishes to Ricky Nichols who is in George Washington U. Hospital.

Changing landscape

Andrews' Main Gate is slated to reopen July 14. More about that next week.

John Scroggins emailed me the news that the AMC Rivertowne 12 Theatres in Oxon Hill have apparently shut down.

There's a new Oxon Hill High School going up, due to open in August 2010. Classes are continuing in the old school which was built in 1959.

I can hardly believe that the county is the process of re-paving my street, Skyline Drive. First time in about 40 years.

May They Rest in Peace

Thomas G. Burt, 59, formerly of Temple Hills and a meteorologist for 27 years with National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in Washington, passed away on June 29. He had been a member of St. Philip's

Church. Survivors include his wife of 37 years, Mary; daughter and son-in-law Emily and Nicholas Oliver; granddaughter Micaela; and two brothers.

Lt. Col. John Arthur Ferrillo, 79, who served 29 years in the Air Force and flew reconnaissance missions during the Korean War, died June 10. He had lived in Oxon Hill since 1972. He was a parishioner of the Catholic chapel at Andrews where he taught religious education. He had been president of the Henson Valley Civic Association and was a volunteer with the Adult Literacy Council. Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Estalene Ferrillo; three children and four grandchildren.

Irene V. Sullivan, 85, who retired in 1988 after 31 years as a psychiatric nurse at Malcolm Grow Hospital, passed away on April 7. Her husband Hailey P. Sullivan died in 1960. She is survived by four children, eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. A memorial Mass was held at Holy Spirit Church in Forestville. She is buried with her husband at Arlington.

1st Lt. Dan Riordan, 23, was killed recently while serving with the Army in Iraq. He was the grandson of Bill and Addie Riordan, friends of Ange and Marlyn Meoli.

Milestones

Happy birthday to Jean Ihrig and Timothy Hollowsky, July 5; Marie Goliheh, July 6; Father Kevin Cusick, Charles "Tony" Haley, Sue Richards and Dr. Kelvin McCune of Suitland Road Baptist Church, July 7; Jimmy Gromen and Anthony Curcio?Bobbitt, July 8; our grandson Zachary Seidman, Karlyn Davis, John Anthony III and Norma Jean Fazenbaker, July 9; our daughter Elaine Seidman, July 10; Kevin Kline, Nicole Wade, Jane Cowan, Dee Curcio and Dave Williams Jr., July 11.

Happy anniversary to Joe and Irma Chandler, their 63rd on July 10; and to Dave and Carolyn Williams, their 32nd on July 11.

The Remedy for Living Settles in Prince George's County

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lot about the environment here."

Built on the premise that living and work spaces should inspire and reflect an individual's inner-style, the Remedy for Living provides infinite possibilities of urban contemporary and classic home furnishings by the industry's top designers.

Local Interior Designer Sharyea Mahan hosted a workshop at the event titled, "Live in Love—Creating an Environment that Sustains You

and Celebrates All of Your Senses," to help guests understand the elements of great spaces.

"The interior designer was very patient and provided a wealth of tips on how I could make my living room my own," said guest Shani Blount. "She provided great advice based on her perception of my taste, versus imposing her personal vision on me

In addition to a design workshop and the one-on-one consultations, on-air Personality Triscina Grey of

WHUR FM, presented prizes from four raffle drawings.

The Remedy for Living's extensive furniture showcase includes top designers such as Calligaris, Patagonia Trading Co., Carter, Shawna Stoney, Nova Lighting, Wildcat Territory Luxury Bedding, Torre & Tagus, Creative Accents, Art and Frame, Roost, and more. In addition to the items displayed on the studio floor, customers can choose from a plethora of furniture options offered in the store catalogs.

Clinton BRAC and 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.



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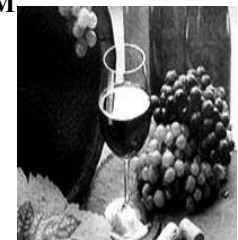
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The SCLC Invites You to Attend its Civil Rights Reunion Banquet

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.

It will be a very special blessing to have you and four members of your family or friends to join us for this very special occasion.

For ticket information contact McArthur Bishop, 301.773.1274 or E-mail mjbbsclcp@yahoo.com.