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County Assists Employees With Closing Cost Loans

Courtesy PGPCS

County Executive Jack B. Johnson and the Board of Education are making buying a home in Prince George's County easier for thousands of County employees. Announced at the September 6, 2007 Board of Education Work Session, the House Keys 4 Employees (HK4E) home-buying assistance program was overwhelmingly approved by school board members.

School system employees will be among the eligible group of County employees who may qualify for up to \$20,000 in closing costs assistance from the County.

"Our educators are the crucial link to our children's academic success, it's our responsibility to help assure that their tenure is not jeopardized, as a result of not being able to live and work in the school system where they teach," said Prince George's County Executive Jack Johnson.

The Down Payment and Settlement Expense Program allows participating entities, including Prince George's County and the Prince George's County Board of

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Dental Reform Found Costly Universal Children's Dental Coverage Will be Pricey, Committee Reports

By ANDY ZIEMINSKI
Capital News Service

(ANNAPOLIS, MD)— The state should spend at least \$60 million to extend dental coverage to all Maryland children, according to a special committee report presented to the state health department this week.

The money would be used to increase reimbursements for Medicaid dentists, reach out to parents and minority families, and boost access to care through schools and local health clinics, among other things.

Maryland Health Secretary John M. Colmers conceded that some of the seven recommendations from the Dental Action Committee have "serious budget implications," but he said they are all going to get "full consideration."

"Clearly there are many things that we can be doing to improve dental care to the Medicaid and low-income population in Maryland," said Colmers, who received the report Tuesday afternoon.

The Dental Action Committee was formed after Deamonte Driver, a 12-year-old from Prince George's County, died in February from an untreated tooth infection that spread to his brain. Driver's mother said she could not find a dentist to treat her son who accepted Medicaid.

"The cost of not doing anything is very high, and Deamonte Driver is an excellent example of that," said Leigh Stevenson Cobb, a committee member and the health policy adviser for Advocates for Children and Youth.

The committee's most expensive suggestion was to spend an additional \$40 million to make Medicaid rates for Maryland dentists comparable to other states in the region. For example, Maryland repays dentists \$9 per sealant, whereas the District gives its dentists \$38 and Pennsylvania \$25.

"It's horrible. It's just embarrassing," Cobb said.

With repayment rates so low, only 19 percent of Maryland dentists see Medicaid children, according to the report. "With so

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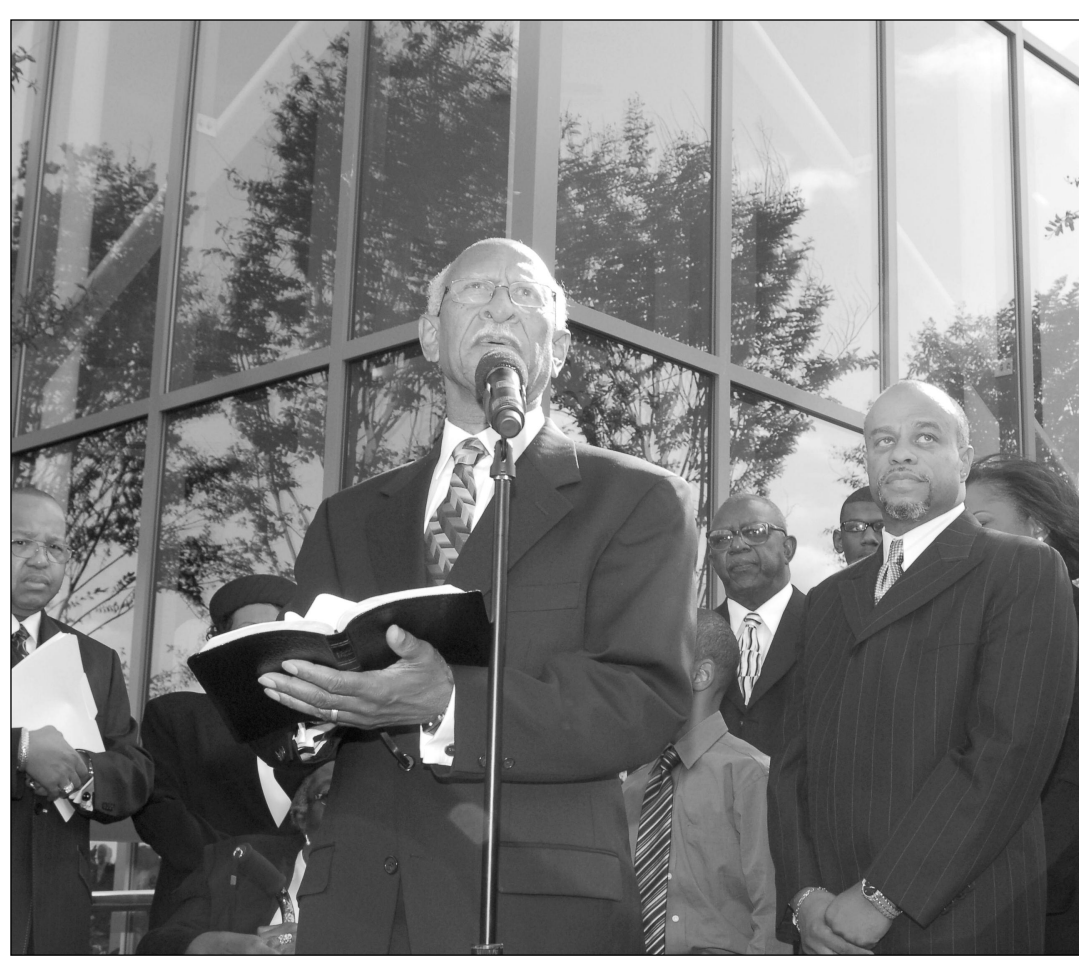


PHOTO COURTESY FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF GLENARDEN

With Senior Pastor John K. Jenkins Sr. standing next to him, Rev. Thomas H. Sims Jr., senior pastoral assistant, read an Old Testament scripture during the ribbon cutting ceremony for the dedication of First Baptist Church of Glenarden's new Worship Center in Upper Marlboro.

First Baptist Opens New Worship Center Upper Marlboro Facility to Hold Church's 7,000

Courtesy FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF GLENARDEN

First Baptist Church of Glenarden (FBCG), an 89-year-old church located in Landover, will dedicate its new 205,000 square foot Worship Center seven miles away in Upper Marlboro. The church has experienced unprecedented growth since Pastor John K. Jenkins Sr. became its senior pastor in 1989, averaging 7,000 people in weekly attendance during its five capacity-filled Sunday services. Under the leadership of Pastor Jenkins, First Baptist has 100 active ministries that meet the diverse needs of its congregation, local community and abroad through foreign missions.

In 1993, the church moved to its current location, a converted Hechinger's warehouse. Initially, only 15,000 of the 60,000 square foot building was occupied. Two years later, the roof was raised on

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PGCPS, George Washington University Partners To Meet The Needs Of English Language Learners

By EMILY APATOV
Prince George's Post Staff Writer

Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) was recently selected by George Washington University (GWU) as a partner in its Communities of Practice: Supporting English Language Learners (COPSELL) project, based on PGCPS' dramatic increase in English Language Learners (ELLs) over the

past five years. Working with the school system's ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) Program, the project will provide in-service training to three cohorts of K-12 teachers over a five-year period, empowering them to effectively meet the specialized needs of ELLs.

"This is an outstanding example of how educators at all levels can work together to enhance the educational process for youth in their com-

munities," said Superintendent of Schools John E. Deasy. "Improving teaching and learning is the only way to close achievement gaps and ensure the success of all students. As our diverse county continues to grow, we will expand opportunities to provide the specialized training needed to accelerate every child's academic achievements."

The partnership will provide funding for members of the three

cohorts to earn a 45-credit-hour master's degree with an emphasis in bilingual special education, or complete 15 hours of training and earn Maryland recertification credit. Teachers at all levels will become fully credentialed and highly qualified upon completion of the Master's Program. The first cohort of teachers will be based at Central High School, which has a growing population of

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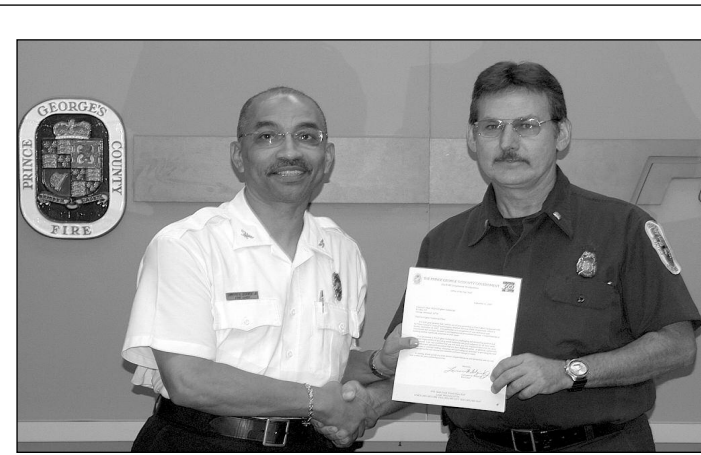


PHOTO COURTESY PGFD/EMS

Fire Chief Sedgwick (left) promotes Charles E. Flinn III (right) of Owings, MD, to Fire Fighter Technician.

Fire/EMS Dept. Promotes Five

Courtesy PGFD/EMS

(LARGO, MD) — Prince George's County Fire Chief Lawrence H. Sedgwick Jr. announced five promotions last week at the Fire/EMS Department Headquarters in Largo. These promotions will take effect on September 16th.

Latif A. Rasheed of College Park was promoted to Counselor IV; prior to his promotion, Latif was in charge of the Employee Assistance Program for the Fire/EMS Department.

Regina L. Augustine of Deale, MD, was promoted to Firefighter/Medic Technician from her current assignment at Bowie Fire/EMS Station 39.

Charles E. Flinn III of Owings, MD, was promoted to Fire Fighter Technician. Flinn

currently works at Chapel Oaks Fire/EMS Station 38.

Danon P. Ushinski of Springfield, VA, was promoted to Fire fighter/Medic Technician from his post at Greenbelt Fire/EMS Station 35.

Charles O. Waggoner III, of McSherrystown, PA, of Largo/Kettering Fire/EMS Station 46 was promoted to Fire Fighter/Medic Technician.

During the presentation, Chief Sedgwick said, "This promotion is in recognition of your dedication and commitment that you have invested in the Departmental promotional process. I am confident that you will meet your new responsibilities with the same level of enthusiasm and professionalism that you displayed earlier."

Ft. Washington Girl Alerts Family to Fire, Saving Six Smoke Alarm Failed, Fortunately, Epps Sounded

Courtesy PGFD/EMS

On Thursday, Sept. 13 around 10 a.m., Fire/EMS units responded to a house fire in Fort Washington. A portable fan in a bedroom ignited a fire in a one-story, single family home at 2208 Piermont Drive. The occupants can thank a 4-year-old Alexis Epps for alerting them to the fire. The girl first noticed the smoke coming from the bedroom and proceeded to alert the other six occupants in the home of the danger.

The home did not have a working smoke alarm.

Seven family members, four adults and three children, escaped the home

safely prior to the arrival of firefighters who extinguished the fire and contained the damage to the bedroom. Fire investigators determined the cause was electrical. Fire loss is estimated at \$15,000.

Prince George's County Fire Chief Lawrence H. Sedgwick Jr. said, "I certainly commend the young girl for recognizing the danger and immediately alerting others in the house. If it had not been for her actions there may have been tragic results. There is no excuse, however, for not having a working smoke alarm in your home."

The family is being assisted by the County Office of Emergency Management with temporary shelter.

Missing Person from Laurel Grove Court Located

Courtesy PGPD

The Prince George's County Police Department's District VI Station has located the 19 year-old Julian Carlos McCormick. Mr. McCormick was found on Saturday, Sept. 8; he was dehydrated

and suffering from minor injuries suffered in a motor vehicle accident.

McCormick was reported missing on Sept. 1 by his parents who were concerned that he left Bowie State University to go meet his girlfriend and had not returned.

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By **NORMA FAZENBAKER**
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For those of you who have been following my health problems, the doctor has now given me steroid cream to use on the sores, which, hopefully, will clear them up completely. The only bad thing was that he said he does not know what caused them and there is always a possibility they will come back. I really didn't like hearing that, but I can only hope it won't happen. Thank you all for your prayers and your thoughts.

The meeting about the Transfer Station on September 11 was very interesting. In case you don't remember, the landfill on Brown Station Road will reach its permitted capacity in 2011 and there is a need to decide what to do for the county so they are checking out all the areas to see where a Transfer Station could be built. It will take a long time to get all the input and the summary was to be presented yesterday at the County Council Hearing Room in Upper Marlboro. If I am able to attend this meeting, I will tell you what happened next week.

As President Proctor said in his newsletter, "it is time to focus on the Democratic Presidential Primary" and if you are interested, please attend the meeting of the Ft.

Washington/Accoceek Democratic Club on September 24 at the Accoceek Fire House at 7:30pm. Representatives of the Biden, Clinton, Dodd, Edwards, Gavel, Kucinich, Obama and Richardson campaigns have been invited to attend to extol the virtues of their prospective candidates. Each representative is to make a five minute presentation and then take questions.

Recently, the State Highway Administration was asked to reconsider two additional upgrade alternatives as part of the US 301 Waldorf Area Transportation Improvements Project. These alternatives were originally developed and analyzed during the previous US 301 Southern Corridor Transportation Study conducted in the late 1990s.

Upgrade Alternatives 3 and 4 propose extensive modifications along the existing corridor. Alternative 3 proposes upgrading existing US 301 to a six-lane, fully access-controlled freeway from north of Cedarville to just south of Smallwood Drive. Alternative 4 is similar with the exception of the fact that it will utilize a combination of service roads and access. Other alternatives are being considered.

If you would like more information about this, give me a call.

Temper is the one thing you cannot get rid of by losing it.



PHOTO BY STEPHEN TABAK/IAFF LOCAL 1619

A young spectator samples the cotton candy at the 34th Annual Softball Tournament on Saturday September 8th, 2007. Photo by Stephen Tabak/IAFF Local 1619

We Remember

Town of Upper Marlboro Former Town Commissioner

Lawrence K. Warman, Jr.

Courtesy **Town of Upper Marlboro, Maryland**

The Town of Upper Marlboro lost long-time resident and former Commissioner Lawrence K. Warman, Jr., who passed away unexpectedly at his home on Saturday, August 25

Former Upper Marlboro Town Commissioners Lawrence Warman (left), Robert Hopkins (center), and Helen Ford (right) chat at the Town Hall in Upper Marlboro. Lawrence Jackson Jr./The Star.

Larry and his wife Patricia moved to Rectory Lane 37 years ago in 1970, raising their children in the small-town atmosphere. Larry sought to maintain the quality of life in Upper Marlboro when he was elected to the Board of Town Commissioners in January 1988.

During his 18 years in office, the Commissioners had many accomplishments, such as replacing the concrete sidewalks with red bricks in the downtown district, starting a recycling program to save costs on landfill fees, and raising concerns about traffic and littering.

Larry was an advocate for the Town, serving in the early 1990s on the committee to update the Master Plan for Subregion VI, which included the Town of Upper Marlboro. He also attended a focus group of municipal and civic leaders for the County's first-ever Green Infrastructure Plan Focus Group on October 21, 2003.

In 2005 all three commissioners announced that they would not run for reelection. Larry cited his desire to spend more time with family as the pri-

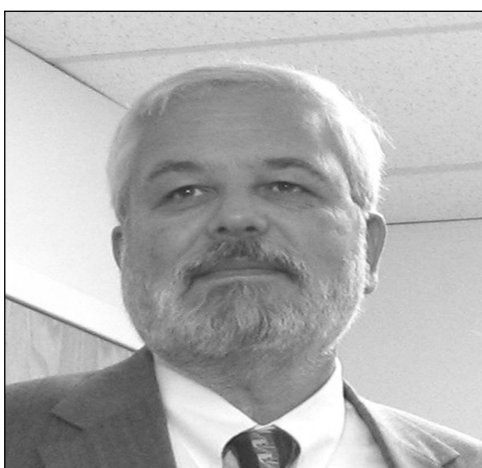


PHOTO BY PAT WARMAN

Lawrence K. Warman, Jr

mary reason for not seeking a 10th term.

Over the years Larry's "other" job was for the Prince George's Count Public Schools' Division of Information Technology, serving as the Supervisor of Telecommunications Design. He brought that knowledge with him as a Commissioner, creating the Town's computerized database for parking citations.

In June 2004 Larry was honored by his colleagues when he received the Longevity Award from Prince George's County Municipal Association for serving 18 years as an elected official.

His voice will be sorely missed and we thank him for his many years of committed service to the residents and the Town of Upper Marlboro.

Brandywine- Aquasco

By **RUTH TURNER**
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Annual Prayer Breakfast

The Alter Guild at Asbury United Methodist Church in Brandywine, MD plans to celebrate its Annual Prayer Breakfast at 8 AM, September 22, 2007.

The guest speaker is our own Sister Margaret Dukes Neale, Certified Lay Speaker. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children ages 5 to

11. Please call 301-888-1499 or 301-372-1385 if you need additional information.

Solid Rock Baptist Church

Let us worship God together on September 23rd at 11:00 AM.

The location of the service is Brandywine Elementary School, 14101 Brandywine Road Brandywine, MD. Everyone is welcome, Rev George Harrison II, Pastor and Founder.

Volunteers

Court Appointed Special

(CASA) Prince George's County, Inc., is seeking volunteers to advocate for neglected and abused children in Prince, George's County.

Volunteers are trained to advocate for the best interest of neglected and abused children who are currently placed in Foster Care.

Volunteers meet with the children, collaborate with teachers, social workers and attorneys.

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Suitland, MD Will Get \$800M Town Center

Courtesy **Suitland, Maryland**

Suitland, MD, part of Prince George's County that borders with DC will get much needed economic boost for the area. This is a gentrification project that is long due.

Sills, president of Oakton-based Mid-Atlantic Real Estate Investments, has been assembling land near the Suitland Metro station for the past 10 years. With one more nod from Prince George's County, he will bring 1,100 residential units and 1 million square feet of

retail and office space to an area characterized by aging strip malls and decaying homes.

According to BizJournal, the project is pending zoning change approval from the County. But, I don't see that they will have problem getting the zoning changed. Suitland has all conditions in favor of the project -- the Census Bureau new office, Metro station and depressed area in need of makeover.

PG County has now become the fastest growing

housing market in the region with its (still) affordable homes. I think the County is the beneficiary of what David Lereah, NAR chief economist, call "the rolling boom."

The town center project is not the only development on the way. The Census Bureau will have their new office, which is a few blocks from the proposed development -- ready by the end of this year. And with the new office, some 2000+ new employees will also make contribution to the local economy.

In and Around Morningside Skyline

By **MARY MCHALE**
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Morningside's first chief of police, Charles Kiker, dies at 82

Charles Joseph Kiker Sr., longtime Morningside official and Naval Oceanographic retiree, died Sept. 7, of cardiac problems. He had turned 82 on Aug. 30.

Chuck—as most of us knew him—was born in Washington. During WWII he served in the Atlantic Region on anti-submarine patrol as an aircraft gunner. He was also in the Navy during the Korean and Vietnam wars. He met his future wife in an Anacostia shoe-repair shop and on April 21, 1948 they were married at Trinity Episcopal Church in Upper Marlboro. On Jan. 1, 1949 they moved to 23 Marianne Drive in Morningside, where Joan still lives.

He was a Goddard SFC project team member for OAO Satellite and Director of Logistics for the Oceanographic Office. In retirement he served as a bailiff for the District Court

of Maryland.

One of Morningside's first three police officers (called bailiffs then), he was soon named the first chief of police and served on the department for a number of years. He made the first town arrest, for speeding and reckless driving. According to the history of Morningside, "The arrest caused a noticeable drop in vehicle violations."

He was one of the first to vote in the town after it incorporated on March 11, 1949. He served on the Town Council in 1951 and from 1976 almost continuously until about 2003, much of that time as vice mayor. As town historian, he wrote a 95-page history of the town for the 50th anniversary in 1999.

At the time of his death he was commander of American Legion Post 115, Upper Marlboro. He had been president of the Community Development Action Council, and was a member of Maryland Chiefs of Police and the National Sheriffs associations.

He had a great interest in genealogy, naval history, gardening and aircraft

(dating to an airplane he crafted with a friend back in the late 1930s). Years ago when my husband Jack coached the Kiker boys in softball, Chuck made the scoreboard.

He was the husband of Joan M. Kiker; father of David Lance Kiker, Patrick A. Kiker, Robert L. Kiker and the late Charles J. Kiker and Joan E. Hutchinson; father-in-law of MaryAnne, Brenda and Jodie; grandfather of 12 and great-grandfather of 12. During services at Lee Funeral Home, eulogies were given by Morningside Vice-Mayor James Ealey, oldest granddaughter Angela, Robert Kiker and Patrick Kiker who played an audiotape of touching tributes by grand- and great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held at Arlington Cemetery on Oct. 11 at 11 a.m. Attendees must report to the Administration Building by 10:30.

I can hardly imagine Morningside without Chuck Kiker!

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COMMUNITY

Bladen Hall Re-Opens

Student Services to be Administered in Renovated Building

Courtesy PRINCE GEORGE'S COMMUNITY COLLEGE

(LARGO, MD) — Students at Prince George's Community College begin the fall semester with a one-stop-shop of student services via the newly renovated Bladen Hall.

The new wing of Bladen Hall that faces Campus Way Drive re-opened in August, offering comprehensive services in one location.

Greeting visitors at the entrance of Bladen Hall is a fully-staffed Welcome and Information Center to assist with questions and directions.

Services offered include Admission and Records, Registration, Advising and Counseling, Financial Aid, Recruitment, Student Accounting and the Health Center. Other amenities highlighted are conference rooms, wired areas for laptops, waiting areas with sofa chairs, literature displays and vending machines.



PHOTO COURTESY PRINCE GEORGE'S COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Bladen Hall post-renovation. Bladen Hall is the point of contact for visitors seeking information about Prince George's Community College.

Mt. Rainier Welcomes Assistant City Manager

Jackson Brings Years of Experience to New Post

Courtesy CITY OF MT. RAINIER

The City of Mount Rainier announced on September 11th that Michael D. Jackson will join the Mount Rainier family as Assistant City Manager on September 24th.

Mr. Jackson has over ten years of diverse success in budgeting, personnel management, inventory accountability, problem solving and a succession of managerial positions.

Mr. Jackson has served as an assistant manager for CVS Pharmacy, auditor for St. Gregory Hotel and Suites, and operations manager for the

Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control in Alexandria, VA. His expertise includes technical support and trouble shooting, employee safety, employee training, enforcement of federal and state regulations, and consultant for grant and proposal writing.

Mr. Jackson is currently working towards a Masters of Business Administration in Human Resource Management at the University of Maryland. He has an undergraduate degree from Virginia State University.

Mr. Jackson is a Mount Rainier resident and is looking forward to working for the city.

Knights Of Columbus Hosts Annual Crab Feast

Proceeds Will go to Benefit Local Charities

By EMILY APATOV
Prince George's Staff Writer

St. Pius X, Council 4076 of the Knights of Columbus in Forestville held a crab feast on Aug. 26 at Sarto Hall. The price of the event included spiced, steamed crabs, home-made crab soup, fresh, locally produced corn on the cob, steamed shrimp, hot dogs, hamburgers, fried fish and watermelon; refreshments were also included.

Sarto Hall, named in honor of St. Pius X, was packed full for the feast. According to event coordinator Rich Landon, many reserved tables weeks in advance of the event to stake out prime real estate next to service stations and refreshment stands.

Many of the event's attendees were returning patrons to the organiza-

tion's annual Crab Feast. This year, the meal was held between 2 — 5 p.m. Shoreline Seafood of Crofton provided the crabs.

Landon says the money raised from the crab feast and the games of chance held at the event will be used to fund donations to local charities including the Forestville Pregnancy Center and the Villa Rosa Nursing Home. According to Landon, funds will also be used to finance scholarships for local high school seniors, seminarians and postulates.

Grand Knight John Buckler explained the Knights of Columbus will soon begin to assist low-income families with car and home payments, rent, and children's accessories; medical bills, utilities and eviction bills will also be considered for re-embursement.

Board of Education Encourages Families and Community to Get Involved

Courtesy PGCPS

The Prince George's County Board of Education announced its meeting schedule for the upcoming year, and encourages the public to get involved in education by participating in the Board's meetings. "Parent and community involvement is a critical piece in ensuring our students' academic success," said Board Chair R. Owen

Johnson Jr. "By sharing their views through the public participation segment of Board meetings and work sessions, parents can have a strong influence on the policies and decisions that directly impact their neighborhood or business."

All Board of Education meetings are held at 7:05 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room of the Sasscer Administration Building, located at

14201 School Lane in Upper Marlboro.

During Board Meetings, participants may speak for three minutes on a topic of their choice, and must register with the Board Office at 301.952.6308 by 4:30 p.m. the day of the meeting. Work sessions will begin at 1 p.m. this year, and participants must register by 10:30 a.m. to speak on the work session topic.

Community Raises Funds for Military Families at VFW 9619

"Hidden Heroes" Benefit Makes \$5,100 Available to Help Families Visit Wounded Soldiers

By TECHSGT.MIKER.SMITH
US National Guard Bureau

(MORNINGSIDE, MD) — Air National Guard members have raised more than \$5,000 thanks to a recent "Hidden Heroes" benefit. The money is for military families who are attempting to stay as close as possible to military medical facilities where their wounded loved ones are recuperating.

Air National Guard members, their families, veterans and others from the Washington area gathered at

the Veteran's of Foreign Wars Post 9619 to honor and to raise donations for hospitalized military members and their families.

"This is as good as it was last year, if not better," said Master Sgt. Cindy Seymour, a retention manager from the National Guard Bureau in Arlington.

Seymour and nearly 25 other volunteers solicited donations, transported Soldiers and families and even played in a rock band during a final benefit celebration. The event also treated the wounded and fami-

lies to free food and drinks.

It was the fourth Hidden Heroes event, which began in 2004. This year's event generated donations totaling \$5,100 as of Aug. 17, Seymour said.

"A few years ago we thought to hold something like this. We had a band and some volunteers, and we also had a local Enlisted Association of the National Guard chapter to sponsor it," said Seymour.

Now, the Airmen have raised thousands of dollars for the Fisher House Foundation which provides temporary housing near military hospitals

so families can stay close to their wounded loved ones.

"Family support is the best medicine," Seymour said, "and we collect other donations including clothing and DVDs."

"It's really nice, it's helpful and it gets [the wounded] out of their rooms," said Pfc. Brian Morningstar, who deployed to Iraq in 2006 with the Army's 1st Cavalry Division.

Morningstar was driven to the fund raiser from Walter Reed by the Air Guard volunteers. The scars on his head, arm and legs told of the severe

wounds he received in a battle outside of Baghdad. He has been recovering at Walter Reed since December.

"My situation is not as bad as others who may need this kind of exposure and need to get out of their rooms and socialize," Morningstar added. Morningstar said his family came to see him at Walter Reed when he was wounded.

The Fisher House Foundation has at least one housing facility near every major military medical center, it was explained. It assists families in need and provides them

with the comforts of home. Annually, the Fisher House program says it serves more than 8,500 families and has made more than two million days of lodging available to family members since the program originated in 1990. Seymour said her group hopes to raise a few thousand dollars for the foundation.

"We also want the troops to know that we are tremendously grateful," she said.

"It's to show our appreciation to our 'hidden heroes,' that's what this whole thing is for."

COMMUNITY NOTES

• **Register for the 2nd Statewide Conference "Communities of Color Working Together to Prevent Sexual Assault"** — The Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault's Women of Color Network (MCASA-WOCN) is pleased to announce this seminar, scheduled for September 20 from 8 a.m. — 4 p.m. at the Greenbelt Marriott in Greenbelt, MD.

The conference features keynote speaker Laura Zarate' from Arte-Sana (Art Heals), the leading Latina advocacy organization in the field of Sexual Assault; Juan Ramos and Cesar Alvarado, training consultants from nationally acclaimed organization, 'A Call to Men' and LaMarr Shields and David Miller of the Urban Leadership Institute, based in Baltimore, MD. This conference is a great opportunity to hear strong voices from the Latino/Hispanic and African-American community who are speaking out about sexual violence and promoting social justice for all.

• **Get Your Financial Affairs in Order**

with the Help of Attorneys and Financial Experts — On Saturday, September 22nd, from 2 — 5 p.m. at the Oxon Hill Library, attend this free seminar to learn about wills, powers of attorney, debtors' rights, insurance and making a budget. Oxon Hill Library is located at 6200 Oxon Hill Road in Oxon Hill.

The seminar is sponsored by Wealth for the Righteous Resource Center. Register via e-mail by sending an inquiry to info@wealthrighteous.net or call 1.877.778.1322.

• **Consider Donating Blood** — The Greater Chesapeake & Potomac (GC & P) Blood Services Region of the American Red Cross is reporting an alarming sharp decline in blood donations, resulting in a dangerously low community blood supply. In response, the GC&P Region and is issuing an urgent plea to all eligible blood donors to give the gift of life as soon as possible. All eligible donors are encouraged to call 1.800.GIVE.LIFE to schedule a blood dona-

tion appointment immediately. Platelet donors are asked to call 1.800.272.2123.

• **Prince George's Community College Accepting Registration** — It's not too late to register for fall courses at Prince George's Community College. The college offers weekend and accelerated (formerly called late start) courses, which provide flexibility and convenience to meet individual student needs. Classes available in these formats contain the full course content as traditional 14-week courses in a condensed time frame. Choose from business management and health sciences to hospitality services and construction development.

The main campus is located in Largo, MD, and there are three extension centers—Andrews Air Force Base, Laurel College Center and University Town Center in Hyattsville. For more information on applying and enrolling for courses, visit Bladen Hall, Room 126, on the Largo campus or call 301.322.0866 for more information.

Vendors Wanted

K.A.P Flea Market

Have you been thinking of having a Yard Sale?

Need a place to sell your crafts, used items or even new items?

Need a fund raiser?

This is a great opportunity for you!

K.A.P Outdoor flea market offers outdoor spaces starting at \$30.00. Spaces are rented on a first come basis. Discount is given on two or more spaces rented. Monthly rental are available also and at a discounted rate. Our flea market takes place every Saturday 8am to 5pm. Vendor setup time is 5am-8am.

We are located in the Forestville Plaza shopping center as The Soul Factory Church and Uncle Jacks Furniture formerly Uncle Jacks Flea Market @ the intersection of Marlboro Pike & Forestville Rd. Behind mattress discounters and Freddie's liquors.

For more information e-mail K.A.P @ pjs_services@hotmail.com or 240.765.2883

COMMENTARY

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NAA Foundation Study:

More Newspaper Influences Impact Future Civic Expression, Voting and Volunteering

By **JEFF SIGMUND**
NAA Communications Manager

Arlington, Va. — Young people who used newspapers in school and read newspaper content aimed at teens are more likely to volunteer, vote and engage in civic expression as adults, according to a study of more than 1,500 25- to 34-year-olds released today by the Newspaper Association of America Foundation.

"This research provides further evidence that encouraging young people to read newspapers has a positive influence in later life," said Margaret Vassilikos, senior vice president of the NAA Foundation. "The data show civic engagement is more prevalent among those who read youth content and whose schools used newspapers as part of the curriculum, a testament to the role young reader programs play in helping transform young readers into civically minded, engaged adults."

The study, "Lifelong Readers: Driving Civic Engagement," shows a clear additive effect when comparing newspaper use in young people with adult civic engagement. As the number of newspaper influences in a young person's life increases, the likelihood of future civic expression, voting activities and volunteer work rises dramatically.

Research Findings

The study focused on three main areas: voting activity, civic expression and volunteering time and money.

Newspaper use as voting indicators

According to the study, respondents who remembered having three newspaper influences when they were younger — newspapers in the classroom, as homework assignments and exposure to teen content — were significantly more likely to engage in voting activity than those who had no exposure to newspapers. Of the 25- to 34-year-olds who said they used newspapers growing up: 61 percent voted in the 2006 local election, compared with 44 percent who voted but said they had no exposure to newspapers during youth. 27 percent were engaged in the 2006 local election, saying they tried to convince others to vote for or against a particular political party, wore a campaign button, or placed a sign during the 2006 election (vs. 19 percent of those with no newspaper exposure). 24 percent said they donated money to a candidate or an organization supporting a candidate (compared with 13 percent of those who donated but had no newspaper influence). 72 percent voted in the 2004 presidential election, (compared with 58 percent who voted but had no newspaper influence).

Civic Expression

Along the same track, respondents who remembered having three newspaper influences when they were younger (newspapers in the classroom, as homework and teen section exposure) were significantly more likely to have expressed opinions on matters of public interest within the last year than those who had no such interactions. Of those who used newspapers: 56 percent said they boycotted a certain company because they disagreed with its political or social values (compared with 40 percent who had no newspaper influence). 21 percent contacted or visited a public official to express their opinion (compared with 11 percent). 18 percent called a radio or TV talk show to express their opinion on a political or social issue (compared with 5 percent).

Volunteering Time and Money

Adults with exposure to newspapers also were significantly more likely to have volunteered time and money in the last year than those who had no such exposure to newspapers. Of those who read teen content and use newspapers in the classroom and for homework assignments: 62 percent volunteered or did community service

About the Foundation

The NAA Foundation strives to develop engaged and literate citizens in our diverse society through investment in and support of programs designed to enhance student achievement through newspaper readership and appreciation of the First Amendment. Information about the Foundation and its programs may be found at www.naafoundation.org.

for organizations such as those supporting school or youth activities, tutoring, community improvement, political groups and others (vs. 37 percent). 74 percent donated money to a civic group or association (vs. 51 percent of those with no newspaper experience). 35 percent had helped raise money for a charity cause, besides donating money (vs. 19 percent). 31 percent had been an active member of a community or national voluntary group (vs. 17 percent).

About the study

MORI Research interviewed 1,506 young adults in the U.S. by telephone from May 15 to June 3, 2007. Respondents' telephone numbers were selected using a standard random-digit dialing sample, and the data set was statistically adjusted to match updated U.S. Census estimates for gender within age categories, education, race and census region. The survey sample included 51 percent men and 49 percent women. The age groups 25 to 29 and 30 to 34 were equally represented.

The 2007 study is part of a continuing initiative aimed at helping newspapers attract and keep young readers. In 2006 a [related study](#) conducted for the NAA Foundation by MORI Research provided the first solid evidence that newspaper content for teens has the ability to attract young people to the printed word and keep them as newspaper readers as they age.

What others are saying about newspapers and civic engagement

Veteran journalist **John Seigenthaler** wrote an opinion piece commemorating Constitution Day. In his column, Seigenthaler writes:

"This anniversary of Constitution Day should remind us that there are challenges to keep the faith of the founders. There are no quick fixes. But neither is the society without viable institutions or visible tools to begin to bring about change. One valuable tool for both educators and journalists is the newspaper, made available in the classroom. It can engage students in an interest in the politics and government of their communities, their country and their world. Daily exposure to news in classroom settings can help kill apathy. It can help cure ignorance about civic affairs. It can help turn young students into informed, aware, involved adults. It can help give meaning to the Constitution and Bill of Rights we celebrate."

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor (of www.ourcourts.org):

"Recent research suggests that newspapers play an important role in helping all readers — young and older — become active and informed citizens. Young readers first learn about their community and about public issues through such reading. We learn about elections, candidates, and public issues from newspapers in more depth than from other media. Along with a sound education in civics and government, newspapers are an essential resource in guiding the younger generation to fulfill their civic responsibilities."

Foundation to launch YouTube contest

To coincide with the release of the study, the NAA Foundation is launching a contest to encourage young people to relate how they use newspapers in their daily lives. Creative video messages will be featured on the Foundation's Web site, and the person who submits the most creative video will receive a new iPhone and a trip for two to the NAA Annual Convention in Washington, D.C. in spring 2008.

Please check our web site for contest rules and further details. Note to newspapers: Newspaper Web sites are encouraged to post the contest videos on their site or link to the NAA Foundation site to encourage participation from their communities. Contact Jeff Sigmund for more information.



The Counseling Corner

When Mom Goes Job Hunting

by *The American Counseling Association*

Every day numerous women across the nation are facing something potentially scary — job hunting. With the kids back in school, looking for a part or full time job becomes a possibility. But it's often a stressful possibility if someone hasn't been working outside the home for a number of years.

While job hunting will always produce some stress, the reality is that it can actually be an interesting and rewarding experience if you approach it feeling prepared and confident about yourself. Here are some suggestions on how to get ready for the experience:

Interview yourself and take inventory. What activities have you been involved with? What skills have you developed? Do some skills need updating or polishing? What things are you really good at?

Update your resume. Check the bookstore or library for resume writing guides, or look online for tips. If there's a Department of Labor One-Stop Career Center in your area, visit it for ideas and advice. Once your resume is written, keep it handy and don't be shy about handing out copies.

Make contacts. Look for workshops offered by local business groups or state agencies. Join committees or do volunteer work with your local school, library, church or synagogue. Such activities can be enjoyable and give you new skills, but as importantly, they provide valuable networking contacts. Often the best job opportuni-

ties come not from the local "help wanted" pages, but from the people you meet.

- Think outside the box. Just because you once worked in retail doesn't mean that's all you can do now. Examine how you've grown and what things interest you. Consider not just jobs you know you could easily do, but work that would truly challenge and interest you. Believe in yourself and employers will believe in you also.

Yes, that first job interview will make you nervous. But it's also a learning experience, helping to ready you for interview number two or three.

The key is simply to prepare yourself as best you can, and to consider carefully both what you can do and want you really want to do. Make job hunting an exciting and rewarding experience and it will lead to fulfilling work.

But if job hunting has you lost and over-stressed, consider professional assistance. Check your phone directory under "counselors" for counseling professionals who specialize in career planning and life transitions.

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

Earth Talk

Hybrid Cars Run on E85 or Biodiesel

Dear EarthTalk: What would be the feasibility of having hybrid cars run on E85 or biodiesel? Wouldn't this solve multiple problems?

--Bob Pendergrass, Broken Arrow, OK

Environmental advocates would love to see carmakers mass-produce a biofuel-electric hybrid. From a technology standpoint, it's a no-brainer: Major automakers already turn out vehicles that can run on E85, a blend of 85 percent ethanol, derived from corn and other crops, and 15 percent standard gasoline. Ford's light duty F-series pickups are examples of such "flex fuel" vehicles. And gasoline-electric hybrids, like Toyota's Prius, are all the rage and beginning to be ubiquitous on the roads.

Cost, however, is an issue, says Jim Kliesch of the website greencars.org. Traditional cars and trucks powered by diesel, biodiesel or ethanol cost more to manufacture than equivalent gasoline-power vehicles. And gas-electric hybrids also cost more than conventional cars, largely because their market share is still small and economies of scale have not yet kicked in. Thus combining two costly technologies in a biofuel-electric hybrid would constitute "a double-whammy," says Kliesch, "limiting the vehicles to a very small slice of the market."

Nonetheless, Ford last year unveiled a prototype of its popular Escape Hybrid SUV that runs on E85. Like the gas-electric hybrids now on the road, the E85-electric hybrid Escape maximizes fuel economy by alternating between its internal combustion and electric engines. And it never needs to be plugged in because its high-capacity batteries store electricity generated from braking and other processes in-car.

Ford estimates that if only five percent of

U.S. vehicles were powered by ethanol-electric hybrids oil imports could be reduced by 140 million barrels a year. Such vehicles would also produce about 25 percent less carbon dioxide (CO₂)—a chief contributor to global warming—than traditional cars and trucks. What's holding up mass production, says Ford, is a lack of E85 fueling outlets—only 1,200 exist across the U.S.

Not to be outdone, General Motors (GM) has its own ethanol-electric hybrid in the works via its Sweden-based Saab subsidiary, which unveiled a prototype in 2006. The company claims that, whereas Toyota's gas-electric Prius emits 104 grams of CO₂ per kilometer, their E85-based hybrid should emit just 15-20 grams. Industry insiders don't expect to see such a vehicle available to the public until 2010 or later.

With regard to diesel-electric hybrids, though diesel spews particulates and other nasty ground level pollutants into the environment, it contributes significantly less CO₂ to the atmosphere than gasoline. And biodiesel, a form of the fuel derived from plants, is both carbon-neutral (burning it contributes no additional carbon to the atmospheric balance of the pollutant) and cleaner burning in regard to particulates. It can be used interchangeably with regular diesel in most diesel engines. Thus combining biodiesel with an electric motor in a hybrid car or truck would yield one of the cleanest burning engines on the road.

GM and Chrysler have already collaborated on developing a diesel-hybrid platform that combines dual electric motors with a diesel engine to offer unparalleled fuel efficiency. But whether such vehicles ever see the showroom floor—and whether consumers will be able to even afford them—is anybody's guess.

Letters to the Editor

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BUSINESS

Practical Money Skills

By Jason Alderman

Get Your Children Involved in Family Finances

That anguished roar you hear is the sound of millions of students returning to school after summer break. As a parent, you might feel relief that teachers are taking over the reins, but hold on: School may be the best place for children to learn the three R's, but you're probably still the best source for the fourth R — financial responsibility.

Although a nationwide movement to institute financial literacy curricula in our schools is gaining momentum, currently the vast majority of schools either don't offer such courses or don't require them to graduate. Until that happens, it's up to parents to ensure their children have the financial management skills they'll need to face the responsibilities of adulthood.

Charles Schwab's annual Teens and Money survey confirmed that most teens want more money coaching from their parents.

The survey found:

- Sixty four percent of teens would rather learn money management basics through experience than in the classroom.

- However, only 30 percent believe their parents are concerned with ensuring they learn those basics.
- 39 percent said their parents discuss money issues with them at least weekly.
- 34 percent feel knowledgeable about balancing a checkbook, while 26 percent understand how credit card interest and fees work.

Visa USA recently conducted a survey that shows not much has changed over the years. Only 48 percent of its cardholders said they'd learned money management skills from their parents, while 41 percent said they learned it the hard way or were self-taught and only 9 percent in school.

Say you're 22, earn \$30,000 a year and put aside 6 percent of pay (\$150 a month) until age 65. At an 8 percent average annual rate of return, your \$77,400 investment will grow to \$619,000 by then. But if you don't begin saving until 32 and set aside the same monthly amount, you'll only accumulate \$274,000 by 65 — a huge difference. By increasing the percentage of pay you save and factoring in annual raises, your savings will skyrocket even further.

Here are a few ways to give your children a leg up:

Set a good example. Kids see right through "Do as I say, not as I do." If you consistently spend more than you earn, don't set aside emergency savings and don't budget, that's the behavior they're learning from you.

If you need help creating a budget, check out Practical Money Skills for Life, a free personal financial management site sponsored by Visa USA (www.practicalmoneyskills.com/budgeting). And consider consulting a financial professional for your particular situation.

Set realistic expectations. According to the Schwab survey, teenagers expect to earn \$145,500 a year, on average. If only. It's easy to see how unrealistic pay expectations might lead young adults to take on too much student-loan or credit-card debt in anticipation of being able to pay them off quickly.

When your children start discussing career choices, help them research what various jobs pay, what educational requirements they'll need to meet and how much that education will cost. The Salary Wizard at www.salary.com contains pay data for a broad array of jobs by geographic location.

Share the bills. Have your children help review monthly bills and balance the checkbook. They'll be shocked to learn how much money goes toward the mortgage, gas, utilities, food and clothing. Give them a voice in the family budget by looking for ways to save money in some areas (turn off the lights, fewer trips to the mall) to increase funding for others (better vacations, college savings).

Show how savings add up. Curb your children's impulse spending and encourage saving by matching a portion of any money they save each month.

Take the mystery out of finances now so your children will be able to fly the nest when the time comes — and, so you'll be able to afford to remodel the nest when they do.

Jason Alderman directs Visa USA's financial education programs. View Visa USA's free personal finance e-newsletter at www.practicalmoneyskills.com/newsletter.

New Homes Now Selling at Beechtree

Luxury Complex, Golf Coming to Upper Marlboro

Courtesy
BEECHTREE.MD.COM

(UPPER MARLBORO, MD) — As more new homes are completed, the community of Beechtree further establishes itself as one of the premier planned communities in Upper Marlboro and Prince George's County.

Beechtree is also among the best selling, award-winning communities, not only in Upper Marlboro and Prince George's County, but in the entire Metropolitan Washington region.

"The entire community of Beechtree is designed to look and feel like a prestigious lake-front resort," said Aref Hinedi, Vice President of Marketing with Ryko Development. "Early on, we committed to developing over \$30 million worth of amenities at Beechtree, including a PGA-quality championship golf course and a 30-acre lake. Additionally, it was important to Ryko Development to choose Prince George's County's premier homebuilders, capable of building the finest new homes in Upper Marlboro."

The beauty and quality of the architecture at Beechtree is evident throughout the community.

"Our goal was to set a higher standard for luxury communities in Prince George's County," said Hinedi. "So great care and consideration was given to ensuring our new homes and amenities complement one another to create an atmosphere of luxury and prestige throughout Beechtree."

Lately, however, it is more than stunning homes and luxury amenities attracting prospective homebuyers to the community of Beechtree.

The builders and developer

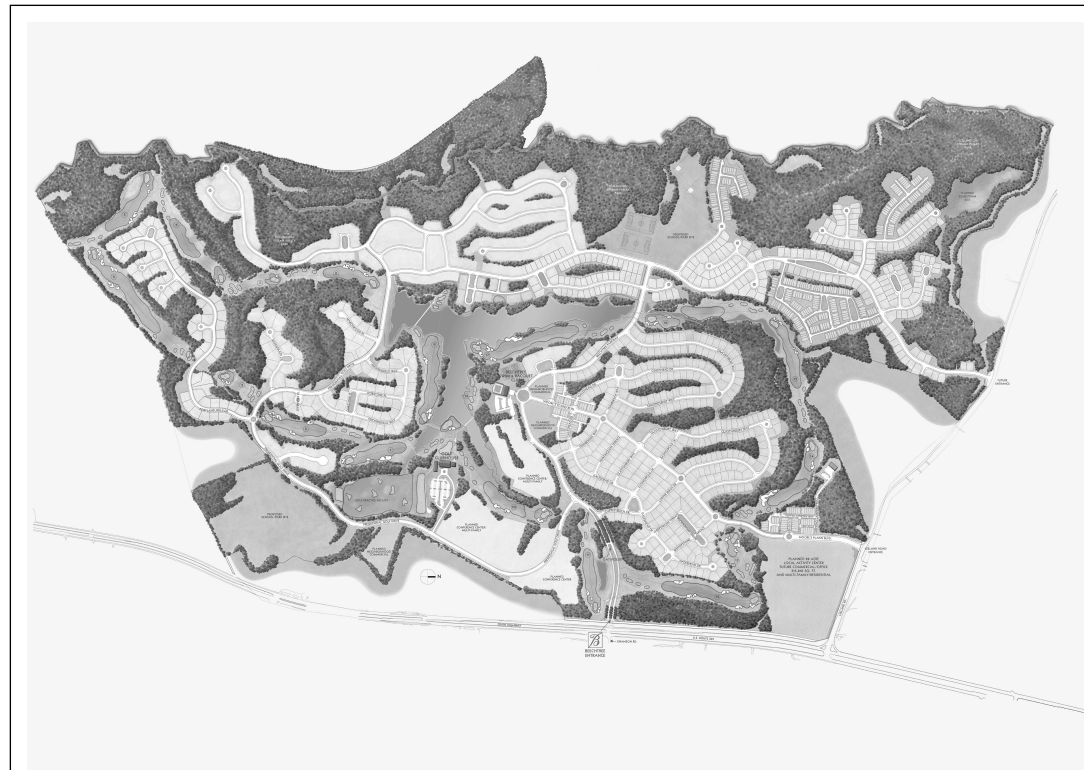


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Above: Sitemap for Beechtree. The development is lined with walking trails and surrounded by park land to the west. Beechtree also contains a designated school site.



Left: Model homes at Beechtree.

landscaping and manicured fairways winding throughout its 1,200 acres.

Beechtree offers its homeowners over \$30 million worth of amenities. An 18-hole championship golf course is developing beautifully, and a lavish Swim & Racquet Club with clubhouse, fitness center, outdoor pool, and tennis courts, is coming soon. Beechtree's 30-acre stream valley lake is already accessible via a vast network of paths and trails.

The community of Beechtree is located off Route 301 in Upper Marlboro, MD, 10 minutes from the beltway and 30 minutes from downtown Washington.

Seven decorated models are open. Executive Single Family Homes, Classic Single Family Homes and Grand Townhomes are now selling.

of Beechtree have recently become Upper Marlboro's biggest jazz fans, hosting special live jazz receptions for homeowners, guests and prospective homebuyers, in conjunction with radio station Smooth Jazz 105.9 WJZW.

The community has already hosted two jazz receptions called Beechtree Live, and another is scheduled for mid September, when smooth Jazz 105.9 WJZW will return once again to co-host the gathering in Beechtree's model homes, introduce the live jazz ensemble and handout giveaways and gifts over the course of the afternoon. (See BeechtreeMD.com for details)

Besides enjoying the music at Beechtree Live, those in the market for new luxury homes in Upper Marlboro and Prince

George's County get a rare opportunity to talk to existing homeowners and gain objective, firsthand knowledge about the community of Beechtree.

"Smooth Jazz 105.9 has definitely been a friend to the community," said Hinedi. "In addition to co-hosting Beechtree Live in our models, they're continuing to help us tell the Beechtree story through a special radio campaign heard exclusively on their station."

Beechtree's radio campaign kicked off in July and features recorded commentary by actual Beechtree homeowners. A sample of the radio spots may be heard on Beechtree's website, BeechtreeMD.com

The community of Beechtree is situated in a tranquil, park-like setting with acres of mature trees, beautiful

Drought Recovery Loan Fund Established to Compensate Maryland Farmers

Applications for MARBIDCO Loans Are Due December 15

Courtesy MD DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

(ANNAPOLIS, MD) - Because of the severe drought and associated crop losses in Maryland this year, the Maryland Agricultural and Resource-Based Industry Development Corporation (MARBIDCO) has created a loan fund to help farmers with weather-related income losses. The 2007 Farm Drought and Weather Event Recovery Assistance Loan Fund aims to help agricultural businesses maintain viability and recover from production and revenue losses by offering low-interest operating loans to producers who have suffered significant crop, livestock, feed and/or dairy losses.

"We are pleased to offer

this financial assistance to producers and rural businesses suffering from the affects of the hot, dry weather this summer," said Gov. Martin O'Malley. "MARBIDCO is proving its flexibility by responding quickly to real needs in our rural communities. Together with the federal disaster designation, relaxed rules in the Conservation Reserve Program, and other assistance from the Maryland Department of Agriculture, we are working to provide the help our farmers need to get through this hardship."

Applicants may apply for this program to pay all or part of production costs associated with the adverse weather-related event and pay essential family living expenses. Loans of up to \$75,000 are available

(\$150,000 if land is used as collateral) at a 5 percent fixed APR interest rate, and are made on a first come, first served basis. All loans must be fully collateralized and can be paid back over a period of up to five years (seven years if land is used as collateral). Interest-only payments can be made until January 2009. At least \$1 million is currently available in the fund.

Applying for a low-interest loan is relatively easy. Producers or rural business owners must submit appropriate evidence of financial loss due to the 2007 drought or other weather-related event. Eligible circumstances include situations where there is an uninsured casualty loss or documented loss of production income. Applicants should be

participating in some type of USDA Risk Management Agency-supported crop insurance coverage if it is available for the particular commodity; however, final settlement of insurance claims need not be completed prior to making an application. Applicants must also provide a referral letter from the commercial lending institution with which they have a business relationship.

All applications must be mailed to "MARBIDCO Loan Programs," 1410 Forest Drive, Suite 28, Annapolis, MD 21403 and be postmarked by Saturday, December 15, 2007. For more information, please call the MARBIDCO office at: 410.267.6807. Applications are available by calling the MARBIDCO office or by logging onto www.marbidco.org.

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Out on the TOWN

3:10 to Yuma Misses the Mark Completely

By STEVE RHODES
www.InternetReviews.com

3:10 to Yuma director James Mangold's remake of Delmer Daves' 1957 film starring Glenn Ford and Van Heflin, is a very disappointing western snoozer. Underacted and underwritten, the movie drags along, coming alive only in the traditional gunfights, which are few and far between. When guns are blazing, the movie is fun, although nothing especially original.

The movie strains credulity at every turn. It's not just that the guns have nearly infinite supplies of bullets or that one man, pinned down by seven, all with perfect firing positions, still manages to win the battle against them, it is the actions of the characters.

Ben Wade, played with a wry grin by Russell Crowe, is the "baddest" of the bad guys. Ready, willing and able to kill others even while tied up, Ben consistently goes against his own best interest for no logical reason. He is captured in a town when he knows people are coming to take him off to be hanged and when all he needs to do to avoid capture is just to leave. Later, he does certain actions that are just downright stupid and make no sense whatsoever. I will not elaborate on those, lest I give away too much.

With Walk the Line, direc-

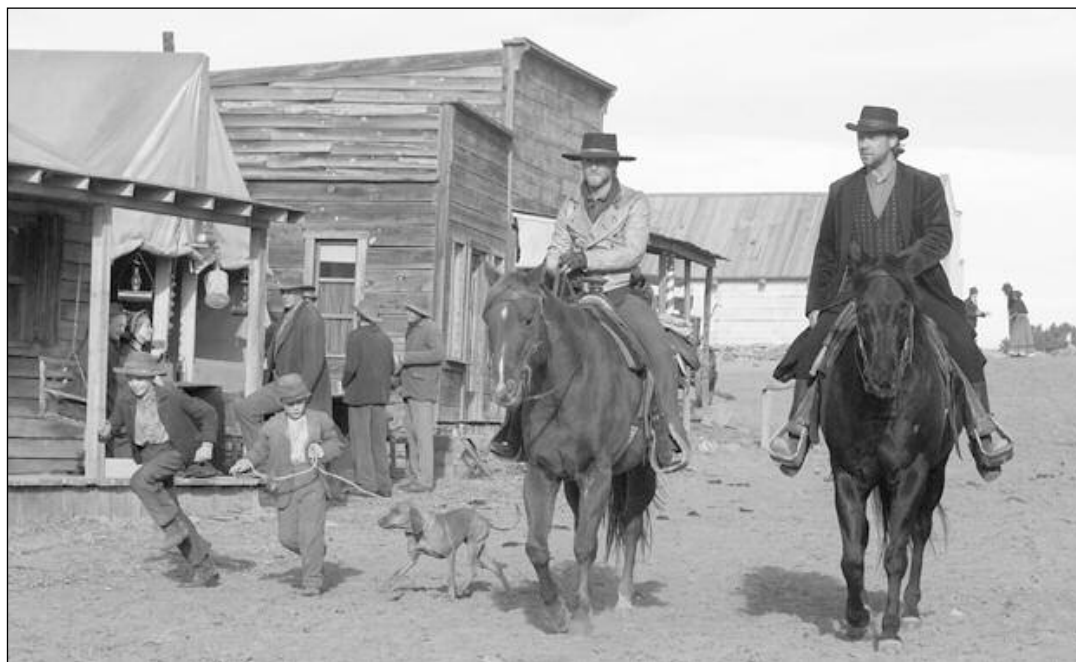


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In Arizona in the late 1800's, infamous outlaw Ben Wade (Crowe) and his vicious gang of thieves and murderers have plagued the Southern Railroad. When Wade is captured, Civil War veteran Dan Evans (Christian Bale), struggling to survive on his drought-plagued ranch, volunteers to deliver him alive to the 3:10 to Yuma, a train that will take the killer to trial.

tor Mangold was able to craft a very entertaining film, full of good characters. But 3:10 to Yuma, which will likely put one more nail in the western genre's coffin, is more like Mangold's lethargic Cop Land, starring Sylvester Stallone, which had a High Noon ending but was painfully dull up until the ending.

Christian Bale stars as Crowe's counterpart on the good side. Bale plays a rancher down on his luck since the bank is about to repossess his spread.

For two hundred dollars, he agrees to be part of a doomed group of guards who will take Ben to a train, the 3:10, leaving for Yuma prison. Once there, Ben will be hanged, unless, that is, he escapes from it as he has already done twice before.

But the chances of Ben ever getting to the train on time appear unlikely as Ben's cut-throat crew are in hot pursuit after him so that they can release him and kill all of his guards. It sounds a lot more interesting than it is on the

screen. Mangold manages to suck the energy out of most scenes, so that the story drifts along until the inevitable big, ending showdown. The last act is by far the best, but, suffering so many implausibilities, it is not worth waiting for.

3:10 to Yuma runs 1:57. It is rated R for "violence and some language" and would be acceptable for teenagers.

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

Enjoy the Smithsonian Magazine's Museum Day at College Park Aviation Facility

Courtesy M-NCPPC

Participate in the Smithsonian Magazine's Museum Day on Sunday, Sept. 29 at College Park Aviation Museum. The museum will offer free admission to visitors who present a Museum Day admission card available in the September 2007 issue of Smithsonian Magazine.

Museum Day admission cards are also available via download from the magazine's website (www.smithsonian.com). One Museum Day admission card is valid for one visitor and one his or her guest. There is a limit of one admission card per household.

Also on Museum Day, College Park Aviation Museum and Smithsonian Networks invite visitors to a sneak pre-

view of programs that will be airing on the new network. Smithsonian Networks, Inc. will feature original documentaries, short-subject explorations and innovations and groundbreaking programs highlighting America's historical, cultural and scientific heritage based upon the collections of the Smithsonian Institution.

The College Park Aviation Museum is located at 1985 Col-

lege Park Drive, College Park, MD. The museum is open for regular admission daily from 10 am to 5 pm. For more information, call 301.864.6029; TTY 301.864.4765, or visit the museum on-line at www.collegeparkaviationmuseum.com.

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Department of Parks and Recreation owns and operates this facility.

Art of Boxing Photo Series on Display

Courtesy M-NCPPC

The Art of Boxing, a collection of photographs celebrating the sport of boxing, by Greenbelt artist Linda Siadys is currently on display through October 5, 2007. The public is invited to view the exhibit at The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Parks and Recreation

Administration Building, 6600 Kenilworth Avenue, Riverdale, MD 20737.

Linda Siadys boxing photographs taken at the Patriot Center, DC Armory, and sporting venues throughout the Washington DC metro area, show her great love for the sport. With her Canon SLR camera and a few prime lenses she goes into the ring to capture

the culture, rituals and human experience of the world of Boxing. Showcasing several photographic styles and techniques including selective coloring and digital enhancement, Siadys approach is both photo-journalistic and fine art.

For more information, call The Arts and Cultural Heritage Division 301.454.1450; TTY 301.454.1472.

This exhibit and other arts programs of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Department of Parks and Recreation, are supported by a grant from The Maryland State Arts Council, an agency funded by the State of Maryland and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Restoration Facility Open House Coming to the College Park Aviation Museum

Courtesy M-NCPPC

On Saturday, Oct. 6, College Park Aviation Museum, hosts an open house of the Museum's Restoration Facility. Come take a short walk from the museum to see the building of a 1911 Curtiss Pusher Aeroplane and the catapult system with monorail that helped propel the 1909 Military Flyer in to flight.

The College Park Aviation Museum's Restoration Facility has been operating since 1998, and since that time volunteers have constructed a Bleriot Model XI, reconstructed an



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Restoration Facility Volunteer Chris Cwynar meticulously measures patterns for the College Park Aviation Museum's children's pedal planes.

Ercoupe, and manufactured many hands-on exhibits for

children. Restoration Facility Manager John Liebl will be on

Calendar of Events

September 20 — September 26, 2007

Free Showing of Ice Age: The Meltdown, Thursday, September 20, 7:30 p.m.

Make summer a little longer by bringing the family and friends to an end of summer outdoor movie at Snow Hill Manor. Bring your chairs and food and enjoy Ice Age 2, The Meltdown; Rain date is Tuesday, September 25 at 7:30 pm. Snow Hill Manor is located at 13301 Laurel Bowie Road, Laurel, MD. The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Department of Parks and Recreation owns and operates this facility. For more information, call 301.725.6037; TTY 301.454.1472.

Afternoon Religious Tea, Thursday, September 20, 2—4 p.m.

Opportunities to network with religious followers can easily take place outside of church pews and Sunday school doors. The Radisson Hotel Largo/Washington, D.C. will host its second Religious Afternoon Tea event, joining pastors, ministers, meeting planners, administrators and other spiritual coordinators for an unparalleled occasion. While attendees interact and exchange ideas, an array of live entertainment and activities will be on site. Gospel music will be played throughout the hotel's foyer and ballroom, and spiritual dance groups are also scheduled to perform. Site tours will be conducted throughout the entire event, and the hotel's banquet staff will serve freshly prepared hors d'oeuvres and beverages.

For more information or to RSVP, contact catering sales manager Meleka Dunn at 301.773.0700, ext. 7161.

Tantallon North Civic Day Association, September 22, Noon — 6 p.m.

Join the civic association for food, fun and face painting at 11951 Autumnwood Lane in Fort Washington. For more information, call 301.203.6040; TTY 301.203.6030.

Nature Fair, Saturday, September 22, 11 a.m. — 3 p.m.

The 3rd Annual Nature Fair & Open House will offer fun for the whole family. The event will showcase many free activities including live animal shows, nature hikes, games, crafts, pony rides, a performance by Blue Sky Puppet Theatre, live music and child's sing-along with Michael "Blues" Baker. Vendors and exhibitors will be present, including presenters of hybrid cars and more! The fair will be held at Clearwater Nature Center located at 11000 Thrift Rd. in Clinton. For more information, call 301.297.4575.

Hyattsville International Street Festival with Fireworks, Saturday, September 22, 4—8:15 p.m.

Enjoy fireworks and find locally produced crafts and food, free activities, games and entertainment at the International Street Festival. The festival will be held at Queens Chapel Town Center, located at the intersection 31st Avenue and Hamilton Street.

Hunting and Fishing Day, Sunday, September 23, 1 — 4 p.m.

Visit Patuxent Research Refuge's North Tract entrance and learn about wildlife conservation and local hunting and fishing opportunities. The North Tract entrance is located off Rt. 198, east of Laurel.

Showing of "Keeping the Promise: The Rise of the University of Maryland", Tuesday, September 25, 7 p.m.

"Keeping the Promise: The Rise of the University of Maryland" at Riversdale Plantation, the birthplace of the university. The Tuesday, September 25 viewing of the historical video begins at 7 p.m. Food and beverages will be available for purchase from the Calvert House Restaurant. A free shuttle bus will be available from campus. For more information, contact Holly DeArmond at 301.405.5406.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Hospice of the Chesapeake's 5th Annual Golf Tournament, Tuesday, September 25, 9 a.m.

Registration for the tournament will begin at 8 a.m. Registration for individuals will cost \$225; \$800 is the price of registration for foursomes. Funds raised at the event will support the programming of the Hospice of the Chesapeake.

Del-Mar-VA Depression Class Club's 72nd Semi-Annual Fall Show and Sale, Saturday, October 6, 10 a.m. — 5 p.m. and Sunday, October 7, 10 a.m. — 3 p.m.

Dealers will feature Early American thru Mid-20th Century Pattern, Elegant, and Depression-era glassware, kitchenware, china and pottery collectibles. A special display featuring unique animal figures will be on display. Glass identification will be performed by Club members — limit 3 pieces. The Sale will take place at DuVal High School, located at 9880 Good Luck Road in Lanham. Admission will be \$4. For more information, call 301.565.2361 or 410.263.4192. E-mail inquiries may be addressed to ybrian@juno.com.

SPORTS

34TH Annual MDA International Softball Tournament

Courtesy PG FIRE EM

In September, during the week after Labor Day, over one hundred teams of firefighters and paramedics come together from across North America to play softball and raise money to fight neuromuscular diseases.

The International Association of Fire Fighters MDA Softball Tournament is hosted by International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Local 1619, Prince George's County Professional Fire Fighters & Paramedics Association. It is the largest gathering of firefighters and paramedics outside of the International's Biennial Convention.

Teams will travel from all

over the United States and Canada to participate in this memorable event. Participating this year are teams from New York, Texas, Florida, Pennsylvania, Canada, teams from within our local metropolitan areas as well as additional teams from across the country.

Opening ceremonies include introductions from the IAFF Local 1619 President, officials from Prince George's County, Maryland, and MDA ambassadors and their families.

Over the years this tournament has become an institution for the firefighters and paramedics union and for MDA. Besides the fun, sport, and camaraderie that takes place each year as teams of fire fight-

ers from across the U.S. and Canada gather in Watkins Park for competitive softball, this tournament continues to provide substantial support for MDA and Jerry's Kids.

During the last thirty-three years the MDA Softball Tournament and related functions have allowed the Prince George's County Professional Firefighters to donate over \$1.7 million dollars to Jerry's Kids.

A substantial share of MDA research funding is provided by the International Association of Fire Fighters. Since 1954, the IAFF has raised over \$220 million for muscular dystrophy research and is the largest national sponsor of the MDA.



PHOTO BY STEPHEN TABAK/ IAFF LOCAL 1619

Dan Helsel from team PG Fire makes a play at third base against a member from the Bridgeport CT fire Dept. at the 34th Annual Softball Tournament on Saturday September 8th, 2007.

Slippery Rock Rolls Over Bowie State 35-7

Courtesy BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY OFFICE OF SPORTS INFORMATION

(BOWIE, Md.) Slippery Rock (PA) University handed Bowie State University its third loss in a row, roughing up the Bulldogs 35-7. Corey Manfull rushed for a game high 159 yards on 21 carries to lead The Rock to their third straight win of the year.

Bowie State got on the scoreboard first at the 2:01 mark of the first quarter when junior Tristan Martin (Oxon Hill, Md. - Oxon Hill HS) rushed 25 yards, scoring his first touchdown of the season. Senior Ronald Walls, Jr. (Capital Heights, Md. - Largo HS) converted the extra point, giving the Bulldogs a 7-0 lead. Slippery Rock's Frank Cremonese caught a 10-yard pass from Nate Crookshank with no time left on the clock in the first quarter and C.J. Bahr added the extra point, tying the game at 7-7.

Slippery Rock (3-0) scored 14 unanswered points in the second quarter to increase the visitors lead to 21-7 by halftime. Manfull scored his second TD of the afternoon, this time rushing in from one yard out. Crookshank connected with Terry Grossetti for a 25-yard pass and catch with 41 seconds left before the 942 in attendance stepped out for half-time snacks.

The Rock's Crookshank tossed his third touchdown pass of the day at the 6:27 mark of the third quarter, this time to Josh Prigorac for a 20-yard touchdown. Crookshank recorded his fourth passing touchdown of the game with 58 seconds remaining in the third quarter. Crookshank's target this time was Paul Favers from 15 yards away, boosting Slippery Rocks lead to 35-7.

Crookshank completed 14 of 24 passes for a game high 163 yards. Colin Golden led Slippery Rock's receivers with 56 yards and Prigorac account-

ed for another 53 reception yards.

Freshman Rodney Webb (Baltimore, Md. - Milford Mill Academy) and junior Jason Scott (Baltimore, Md. - Temple Univ.) were BSU's top offensive players and freshmen Terence Peete (Memphis, TN - Northwest HS) led the Bulldogs on defense. Webb rushed for a team high 88 yards (20 carries) with his longest being 43 yards and Scott threw for 87 yards, completing 8 of 26 passes. Peete racked up 10 total tackles (7 solo and 3 assisted) and had one sack for a loss four yards. Martin also led Bowie State's receivers with 35 reception yards.

The Bulldogs (0-3) will begin conference play next Saturday (9/22) night on the road at Fayetteville State.

For more information about Bowie State football, contact the Office of Sports Information at (301) 860-3574 or log on to www.bsull-dogs.com.



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Donald Degraives and Bobby Angel from Prince George's County Fire/ EMS Dept. Greet Samantha Amend at the closing Ceremonies for the 34th Annual Softball Tournament on Sunday September 9th, 2007.

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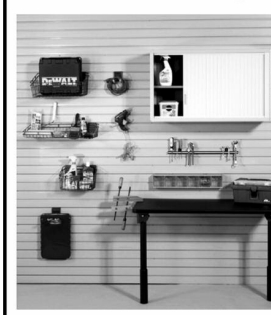
A participant during the Mardi Gras Parade sponsored by New Orleans Fire Dept. during the 34th Annual Softball Tournament on Saturday September 8th, 2007.

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"We are aware that the current real estate market in Prince George's County can make it challenging for new employees to afford housing near their work," said School Board

Chairman, R. Owen Johnson. "I commend Prince George's County Executive Jack B. Johnson for committing more than \$1 million to fully fund participation in this creative new program. We anticipate that it will enable more employees who work for the county to live in the count.

The HK4E program will provide down payment and closing cost assistance for employee homebuyers, with opportunities to receive additional funds to purchase homes in targeted revitalization areas. Full-time PGCPs employees who have not owned a home in the last three years are eligible for the program, which offers three options for down payment

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The County has appropriated funds in the amount of \$250,000 for fiscal year 2007, for paying the down payment and closing costs for participating employees in the HK4E program on behalf of the County and the Board of Education. County employees will be eligible for the program on a first-come-first-serve basis and as appropriated funds are available.

After meeting eligibility criteria, employees contact a participating HK4E lender for pre-qualification, participate in housing counseling conducted by a network of approved agencies, work with a real estate agent to locate a home, and complete the loan application and settlement process.

The Board of Education believes that this program shall be a vital tool that the Board and County Administration may use for recruitment and retention of employees. The program will assist school system employees in achieving first time home ownership opportunities through the Board's participation in the Program.

Dental Care Reform Would be Expensive

Reform from A1

so low, only 19 percent of Maryland dentists see Medicaid children, according to the report. "With so few dentists providing these services, families have limited choices

The committee of 25 health advocates and dental professionals also called for incorporating dental screenings and exams with the vision and hearing checks that children now get in school.

"While any social service can be improved, there are other services that have a higher claim on the public purse,"

for dental care," the report said.

Delegate James W. Hubbard, D-Prince George's, said now is "a good time to put these numbers on the table" so that health officials and legislators can weigh them in light of the state's projected \$1.5 billion structural deficit.

"If we don't find the money for it now, that \$40 million will turn into \$120 million three years or four years down the road," when children develop serious conditions that require more expensive care, Hubbard said.

Another key recommendation, which does not come with a cost estimate, is to consolidate Medicaid dental services through a single vendor, said Jane Casper, a dental hygienist and chair of the committee. The state currently uses several vendors, which is "very confusing for everyone" and makes dentists "shy about participating in the program," Casper said.

"It would be too cost-prohibitive to do screenings every year," Casper said. "But hopefully we would catch the worst cases, the cases most in need of treatment the first time around." At a cost of at least \$20 million, committee members also recommended the state "maintain and enhance the dental public health infrastructure," by funding oral health services at local health clinics.

While committee members said their recommendations will save money in the long run, some outside experts could only see the immediate price tag.

"While any social service can be improved, there are other services that have a higher claim on the public purse," said George W. Liebmann of the Calvert Institute for Policy Research, who pointed to the "huge, looming deficit" for retired state employee pensions.

Growing Church Moves to Larger Facility

First Baptist from A1

With seating for 4,000 people and 2,000 parking spaces, the new Worship Center will enable FBCG to more effectively spread the Gospel and promote the principles and truth of God's Word to more people. This expansion will allow the church to greater serve the communities surrounding it and to build stronger families and develop more dynamic disciples for Christ.

To further accommodate its growth and capacity-filled services, the church purchased 50 acres of land in nearby Upper Marlboro in 2000, and the adjoining 35 acres a year later.

An additional 76 acres were purchased in 2004, bringing the total acreage to 159 to accommodate future expansion.

FBCG will also continue to provide ministry from its current location in Landover, referred to as the Ministry Center.

PGCPS Partners

PGCPS Partners from A1

ESOL students. The next two cohorts will be selected from the southern and then the northern parts of the county.

GWU has been preparing educators in bilingual education for more than 20 years. Funding for the COPSELL project will primarily come from GWU's Graduate School of

Education and Human Development Bilingual Special Education Program, which received a \$1.5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education's Office of English Language Acquisition (OELA).

During the 5-year project timeline, PGCPS will match \$250,000 of the grant through ESOL/Title III funds.

In and Around Morningside Skyline

Morningside from A2

Neighbors

Adopt-a-Road workers from The Villages of Camp Springs will be cleaning up litter along Auth Road on Saturday. For information, call Phil Eppard, 301-423-1787.

New officers of the Skyline School PTA are: Michael Parker, president; Steven Wagner/Bill Pinkard, vice president; Margaret Dillman, secretary; Karen Fitzhugh, corresponding secretary; Yolanda Dooley, treasurer; Steve Fitzhugh, sergeant-at-arms. The next meeting will be Oct. 2.

Morningside had a successful Night Out in August and extends special thanks to Terry Foster for being chief chef. The Morningside Police put on a skit featuring a scenario his officers might encounter. Actors were Brenda Christensen, Lindsay Wuerthner and T.J. Foster.

Jamison Lee Smith, of John Street in Heritage Park, graduated from DeMatha High and is at the University of Maryland.

Prayers please for Mary McGrath, former Skyline resident who was the first editor of the Skyline Newsletter. She recently lost her last leg to complications of multiple sclerosis.

Always a joker, she says she can now get rid of her shoes. She currently lives in Kansas.

Also remember in your prayers: William Eppard, brother of Phil Eppard; my sister-in-law, Marilyn Mudd; and all our loved ones who are ill.

Coming up

Oct. 2: Morningside Seniors meet at the Town Hall at 1 p.m. for refreshments, bingo and plenty of time for visiting. New people always welcome. President Jean Glaubitz says if you'd like to come but need a ride, or if you just want information, call her at 301-735-9086.

Oct. 6: The Skyline Citizens are hosting a Flea Market at the Morningside Firehouse, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Tables, \$15. Call Suzanne, 240-838-6412, or Yolanda, 301-516-9579. Some of the proceeds will benefit the Morningside Volunteer Fire Dept.

Oct. 13: In recognition of Fire Prevention Month, the Morningside Volunteer Fire Department is hosting an Open House, from noon to 5 p.m. There'll be games, prizes and events, including a Fire Prevention Demonstration. All are welcome to this free event.

Oct. 13: The Ladies

Auxiliary of VFW Post 9619, Morningside, is holding a Crab Leg & Shrimp Feast, to benefit the LAVFW Cancer Aid & Research Fund.. Food will be served from 4 to 7 p.m. with music, 6 to 10 p.m. Tickets (\$30) available at the bar.

May they rest in peace

Joseph F. Humphreys, life member the Volunteer Fire Company of Ritchie, died Sept. 9. He lived in Waldorf, and formerly, Parkland. Survivors include his wife Linda, three children, his grandmother Gertrude Monaco, and many other relatives.

David Michael "Mike" Tilch, 57, co-owner and operator of Silesia liquors, his family's longtime business in Fort Washington, died Sept. 6. He was a 1967 graduate of Oxon

Hill High School, former chairman of the Prince George's County Library Board, and a member of the International Food & Wine Society and Les Cent Chevaliers du Vin, a wine-tasting organization.

Milestones

Happy birthday to John Buchin, Sept. 20; Betty Nagro, Sept. 21; Karen Rooker,

Teresa Kessler and Margaret Rollins, Sept. 22; Elizabeth Long, Mary Kilbride, Jean Davis and Raymond Short, Sept. 23; Dottie Arehringer, Amy Schlor and Peg Richardson, Sept. 24.

Happy 64th anniversary to Florence and Robert Cray on Sept. 21; and happy 17th anniversary to our son and daughter-in-law, Brian and Carol McHale, Sept. 22.

Brandywine

Brandywine from A2

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