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To preserve the quality of affordable housing in Prince George's County in one instance, the Prince George's County Government will assist Allentown Associates in the renovation of the Allentowne Apartments complex in Suitland.

County to Fund Renovation of Complex in Suitland

Housing Authority Issues Tax- Exempt Bond to Acquire, Fix Up Allentowne Apartments

OFFICE OF THE Courtesy **COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

The Housing Authority of Prince George's County (HAPGC) recently closed on the issuance of \$13.9 million in tax-exempt bonds to fund a mortgage to Allentown

Associates, Limited Partnership. The mortgage will provide primary financing for the acquisition and rehabilitation of the Allentowne Apartments, a distressed 177-unit multifamily rental complex located at 5218 Morris Avenue in Suitland. Allentown-RST LLC, an affiliate of RST Development is the project

developer and general partner.

"The strategic use of taxexempt bond financing and HOME funds to acquire and rehabilitate deteriorated properties, continues to be a key pillar of our housing strategy," said Prince George's County Executive Jack Johnson.

"We are committed to deliver-

ing livable communities for all people who call Prince George's County home. This is what our citizens and residents deserve."

Rehabilitation plans Allentowne Apartments include implementation of a comprehensive security strategy in partnership with See Housing Authority, Page A7

M-NCPPC **Releases New** Safety Facilities **Master Plan**

Public Hearing on Plan to Be Held In October

Courtesy M-NCPPC

The Prince George's County Planning Department of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) has released the 2007 Preliminary Public Safety Facilities Master Plan for Prince George's County. The 2007 Preliminary Plan updates the County's 1990 Public Safety Master Plan and reflects changes in County fire and rescue facility locations that have been made in the last seventeen years. The 2007 Preliminary Plan also addresses the facility needs of the County's Fire and EMS Department, Police Department, M-NCPPC Park Police, and Office of the Sheriff as well as the Department of Corrections and Office of Emergency Management. It proposes standards for

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PGPD

Forces Peak

Department Reaches All-Time High with 1,518 Patrol Officers

Courtesy PGPD

Prince George's County Police Chief Melvin C. High, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Public Safety Vernon Herron and other county officials hosted the graduation of Police Academy Session 111 in a ceremony at Charles H. Flowers High School on Thursday, August 23, 2007. Session 111's graduation put the PGPD force at 1518 and over the 1500 mark for the first time in the department's history.

Forty-eight of the graduates who took the oath of office join the Prince George's County Police Department, one joins the County Sheriff's Department, and one joins the Maryland Park Police. Chief High said that reaching this historic staffing level was an important milestone for the department. High also said that the Department would continuing its aggressive recruitment

and hiring strategy. Session 112 with over sixty new recruits is currently in the academy and scheduled to graduate in February 2008. A class is also scheduled to begin in October with as many as 100 recruits for session See Forces, Page A7



PHOTO COURTESY OFFICE OF COMMUNICATION PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

College Savings Plan director Joan Marshall (right) and Comptroller Peter Franchot (left) handed out information and pencils to students at Bladensburg Elementary School before educating them about college savings plans offered by the state.

State Officials Explain **College Savings Plans**

Students Learn of State-Sponsored Options

PLANS OF MARYLAND

(BLADENSBURG, MD) — The College Savings Plans of Maryland (CSPM) announced August 30th that Comptroller Peter Franchot, Treasurer Nancy Kopp and Prince George's County School Superintendent John visited Bladensburg Elementary School to encourage enrollment in the College Savings

Plans of Maryland. During the

In Class, Current Issues Lack Currency

US Civics Classes Convey Information about Wars and

Constitution, Less About Racism and Economic Injustices

Courtesy COLLEGE SAVINGS visit, officials encouraged families to save in one or both of two college savings plans the State offers, the Maryland Prepaid College Trust and the Maryland College Investment Plan.

Maryland Prepaid College Trust gives families an opportunity to lock in tomorrow's tuition at today's prices and is backed by the security of a Maryland Legislative Guarantee. The next enrollment period for the

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Two- Thirds of Class of '09 Pass High School Assessment Tests

Nearly 90 Percent of Middle School Students Pass Algebra/Data High School Assessments

Courtesy PGCPS

Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) was pleased to join the Maryland State Department of Education in its announcement on August 27th that more than two-thirds of PGCPS students in the 2009 graduating class will complete graduation requirements on time. These students have met success on the High School Assessment (HSA) exams in part due to parental involvements and strong support from community, local government, and dedicated staff and all those who have rallied around this issue.

"Our students have made tremendous improvements in mastering the content needed to succeed on the HSAs and graduate on time," said Board of Education Chair R. Owen Johnson, Jr. "We will continue investing in our children's future by providing the targeted support that is necessary for all students to improve."

The State plans to release final Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) results in September.

The announcement marked the first time that performance data on all four tests has been available for the Class of 2009. The scores provide an opportunity to assess the Class of 2009's overall performance on the HSAs. Analyses show that test takers in the Class of 2009 are on track to meet state graduation requirements as approximately two-thirds of these students have passed the individual

Preliminary analysis of performance on the HSAs by 7,344 PGCPS students in the Class of 2009 who entered the 11th grade this fall and started 9th grade in 2006 (and thus must pass the HSAs to graduate), suggests that most students are meeting the challenge of the HSAs. 68% of those included in the data set passed the English HSA, 62.1% passed the Biology HSA, 73.7% passed the Government HSA, and 65.5% passed the Algebra/Data Analysis HSA.

Success in algebra is a key component of college readiness. PGCPS is identifying middle school students ready See Two-thirds, Page A7

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Government and civics classes continue to focus on traditional themes such as "the Constitution and great American heroes" rather than current political and social issues such as

racism and economic injustices,

(WASHINGTON, DC)

Courtesy CIRCLE

according to new research released by the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement (CIRCLE) at the University of Maryland.

The survey asked students between the ages of 15 and 25 to name two themes emphasized in their middle and high school civics

or social studies classes. Just over 40 percent reported "the Constitution or how the U.S. government works." The second most chosen was "wars and military battles," at 32 percent, a seven point rise from 2004. "Great American heroes" was listed third at 26 percent. Lastly, only one in 10

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NEIGHBORS Towns and

Clinton Conversations

By NORMA FAZENBAKER

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Birthdays

Happy Birthday in September to Catherine Best, Vera V. Lewis and my hometown friend, Donna Schiffhauer, September 1, Dorothy Weberling and Margaret Morgan, September 2, Kristie Wilkins, September 3, Ronnie Dooley, September 4, Jacqueline Dinnis, Wanda Ball and Marie Strickland, September 5, Glen Johnson, September 7, Helen Cleaver and Dorothy Bologna, September 8, Betty Hollidge and Eloise Collins, September 10, Amanda Windsor and Jason Moore, September 12, Franklin Richardson, September 13, Sandy Trott and Hedy Saucier, September 14, Mary Lee Miller, September 16, Jeraldine Cator, September 17, W. Dale Grimley, September 19, Beatrice Felton and Jeanne Marie Sullivan, September 20, Jim Dinnis and Ann Tresek, September 21, Nancy Coffren, September 22, Buck King, Lorraine Griggs, Joe Rodgers and Elizabeth Duggan, September 23, Robin Best and Clara Carroll, September 24, Alease Manning, September 25, Shirley Goode, September 26, Maude Coddington, September 27, Rachel Lederer, Janet Love and Edith Curl, September 28.

All You Can Eat Crab Feast

The Western Charles County Democratic Club is holding an all you can eat crab feast on Thursday, September 27th, from 5 — 8 p.m. at Gilligan's Pier in Pope's Creek.

The price of \$35 will include a soft drink or an iced tea. There will be a cash bar. A raffle drawing for a GPS Navigation System. Additional items will be distributed through silent auctions. If you are not interested in crabs, there will be other meal options. The plan is for elected officials to wait on tables! Call 301.934.8933 301.645.1937 for tickets.

Bananas Improve Mental Attitude, **Overall Health**

Bananas contain three natural sugars, sucrose, fructose, and glucose, combined with fiber. A banana will give an instant, sustained and substantial boost of energy. Two bananas provide enough energy for a 90-minute workout. After eating a banana, many people who were suffering from depression felt better. This is because bananas contain tryptophan, a type of protein that the body converts into serotonin, known to make you relax, improve your mood, and make you feel

This effect is only one of many positive health effects that eating bananas will have. Go online to find out more about the health benefits of daily banana consumption- there are

**It takes years to build up trust, but it only takes suspicion, not necessarily proof, to destroy it.



Congressman Albert Wynn is pictured above standing before a podium at the Rainbow PUSH Coalition Protest Against Gun Violence on August 30th.

Brandywine-Aquasco

By RUTH TURNER 301.888.1139

SMHC's Health Express

Cholesterol and AAA screenings will be available at Iverson Mall (Silver Hill) on Tuesday, September 18th, from 9 a.m. — 2 p.m. Screenings are also available on Wednesday, September 19th, at Clinton Manor, located at 8500 Mike Shapiro Drive in Clinton, from 10 a.m. — 2:00 p.m. and on September 20th from 10:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m. at

the Camp Springs Senior Center on Allentown Road in Camp Springs. There will be a \$15 special for cholesterol, triglycerides, glucose PLUS HDL level and LDL level screenings. Westphalia Community Day

Family Ministries of Westphalia

UMC will celebrate Westphalia Community Day on Saturday, September 22nd, at 8511 Westphalia Road in Upper Marlboro. The event will begin at 11:00 a.m. and end at 6:00 p.m. There will be games, food, fun, prizes, pony rides, face painting, moon bounces, and still other forms of entertainment — there will be something for everybody. Please come out and fellowship with family, friends, and the community. For additional information, call 301.735.9373.

Annual Bluebird Blues Festival

Come out and enjoy one of the area's most popular events. The Bluebird Blues Festival will include delicious food, foot stomping and Blues music, as well as children's activities. There will be a blues workshop and more. The festival will be on Sunday, September 16th from 1-6:00 p.m. at Prince George's Community College (PGCC). PGCC is located at 301 Largo Road in Largo. To learn more, call 301.322.0853; TTY 301.322.0622.

Maryland State Department of **Education**

A public hearing regarding the High School Assessment test will be held on September 16th from 7:00 p.m. at Charles Herbert Flowers High School. If you wish to make a public

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Fire Department Volunteer Celebrates 50 Years of Service

Courtesy PGFD/ EMS

Fire Service Leaders recently honored a member of The Marlboro Fire Department for having served the citizens and residents of their community for fifty years. Donald L. "Donnie" Strine has carried many titles and ranks since joining the Marlboro Volunteer Fire Department, eventually serving many years as the Volunteer Chief. Strine is currently serving as the Department's President and as Chairman of the Prince George's County Fire Commission.

At a recent celebration honoring Donnie Strine held at Marlboro Station 20, Prince George's County Fire Chief Lawrence H. Sedgwick, Jr. had the extreme pleasure to honor a man of leadership with the Department's very first "Eternal Flame of Distinction" Award, recognizing Donnie's fifty years of dedi-



Donnie Strine

cated and professional service to the citizens of our County.

Fire Chief Sedgwick stated, "Our charter form of government creating PGFD dates back three dozen years. At the time of our creation, Donnie already had more than a dozen years of experience under his belt. In his time, he has witnessed the growth of our County from a sleepy rural enclave with a population of 350,000 to a bustling urban center approaching a million residents. As the needs of our community grew, the volunteer fire service adapted to meet those needs under the leadership of Chairman Strine and so many men and women of vision like him. Throughout our Department, there are certainly a number of strong and talented leaders who are responsible for our ability to foster the cooperation necessary to unite our diverse workforce to operate as a singular entity, effectively responding to the needs of our citizens and residents. Whenever I think of the many people who actively contribute day-to-day to bring about unity, as well as effective and

See 50 Years, Page A7

Serving Suitland

By JANICE A. EUELL

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ROJA's Summer Schedule

During the summer event at the McNair Lodge #146, MISR Temple #213 and the Roscoe C. Cartwright Lodge #129, ROJA youth performed dance and step routines. Brothers fell in love with the youngsters and invited them to perform at their upcoming crab feast in Accokeek. Brother Felder's Lodge is donating tickets for the youth to attend the crab feast. We are all quite excited about being able to strut their stuff at the event.

Later ROJA will visit Morgan State University in Baltimore to watch a football game. A bus-load of youths will be transported to and from the game, enjoying special treats along the way and while they are there. For some, this trip will be

an introduction to both Morgan State and Baltimore. This is a very exciting treat for our children and everyone is looking forward to the event.

Thanks go out to Brother Romeo Navy Recreational Park in Solomon's Felder and members of the Fourth Island sponsored by the Ronald E. Masonic District of Maryland and Roscoe C. Cartwright Masonic Lodge #129 for inviting ROJA youth to participate in these events. The ROJA staff is very grateful to the Masons for their interest in helping to broaden our youths' horizons through recreation and cultural activities. Their partnership has enabled youths to participate in events and to become exposed to people and places that otherwise would not be available.

> Mega-thanks to all of you for caring.

Reach Out and Touch Day

Galilee Baptist Church is celebrating its "Reach Out and Touch Day" on Sunday, September 9th at 7:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. at 2101

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In and Around Morningside Skyline

By MARY MCHALE 301.735.3451

Calling All Prince George's County Seniors

Jean Glaubitz invites senior citizens to the Morningside meeting on Tuesday, September 11th at 1 p.m. at the Town Hall. Refreshments, bingo, and plenty of time for visiting will be the event's primary activities. For a ride to the event or for more informacall Ms. Glaubitz tion, 301.735.9086.

Another announcement geared towards seniors: The Camp Springs Senior Center has arranged a free, educational self- defense program at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, September 7th. Learn how to protect yourself, your home, and your vehicle. For more information, call 301.449.0490.

Yard Sale

Lori Williams will hold a yard sale this Saturday and Sunday at 6620 Woodland Road in Morningside. Some of her neighbors will also have items for sale. Stop by! The sale will last between 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. each

Did you go to Holy Family?

Holy Family School in Hillcrest Heights will celebrate its 50th anniversary on September 28th -30th. All former students are invited to join in the festivities. For a schedule of events, call 301.894.2323.

Pastoral Changes

Father Charles McCann, former pastor of St. Philip's Church, has recently become senior priest at St. John's in Clinton.

Father Joseph A. Jenkins has been transferred from Holy Spirit Parish in Forestville to Holy Family Parish in Mitchellville. Father Tam Xuan Tran is the new pastor of Holy Spirit. He comes to Forestville from Our Lady of Vietnam Parish in Silver Spring where he served as parochial vicar.

Changing Landscape

When I moved here in 1958, I did most of my shopping at Sear's on Alabama Avenue or at Hecht's or Woodies in Washington. All are gone now, but at least Woodies is being restored.

West Elm, a home-furnishings

store (sort of like the Pottery Barn), will reopen the store after Mayor Fenty cuts the ribbon. West Elm has saved the grand staircase, the marble flooring at the entrance, the original elevator banks and brass scrollwork, and other touches you may remember fondly.

If you go in to town to shop at West Elm, you can use the newlyrepaired, and lowered, Suitland Parkway. I myself look forward to

doing that. The Air Force District of Washington Headquarters is moving to Andrews. And one of the first new construction activities will be a Mission Support Facility (MSF) for the 89th Airlift Wing. Beginning this week the eastern part of San Antonio Blvd. and the northern part of Wisconsin Road will be closed as construction on the MSF gets underway.

May they rest in peace

Barbara Eve Sweeney Mudd, former resident of Hillcrest Heights and Fort Washington, passed away at her home in Brevard, N.C., on Aug. 27. Survivors include her husband of 50

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COMMUNITY

Traveling Stuffed Animal Work-Shop Touches Down in Clinton

Courtesy NOAH'S ARK

(CLINTON, MD) — Building on the growing demand of at-home and group children's parties, Noah'sArk Animal Workshop arrives in Clinton, bringing a boatload of

"It is exciting to be able to offer the Clinton community such fun, unique products that really bring out an individual's creative side," said Donna Hundley, an independent crew member for Noah's Ark. "The fun and joy of creating your own stuffed animal, from start to finish, can't be matched."

Noah'sArk Workshop is a traveling "Stuff-N-Fluff" Animal Workshop where children and parents (grandparents, aunts or uncles), may come together to stuff, name and love the animal of their choice and to personalize their new friend with outfits, accessories and sound chips.

The Workshop is designed to stimulate imagination, inspiration and love in children of all ages by providing a memo-

hands-on activity. Because Noah's Ark Animal Workshop is a traveling "Stuff-N-Fluff" Workshop, it is convenient for Noah's Ark to "set up shop" at home birthday parties, baby showers and play groups, and for groups that would otherwise not have the opportunity to participate in a unique event like this — groups such as preschool and day care centers, scouting troops, summer camps, children's hospitals and boys and girls clubs that would otherwise not have the opportunity to participate in a unique event like this.

In addition, Noah'sArk Animal Workshop offers a new traveling party concept: the Bella Bee Workshop. The workshop gives girls between the ages of 8 and 12 years old the trendy glitter and shine products they love in an interactive party atmosphere, while focusing on building confidence and character.

"Everyone was having a great time during the workshop, including me, and I wanted to bring the fun and excitement to families outside of my reach,"

said Dina Amico-Kriescher, founder and president of Noah's Ark Animal Workshop.

"I know that there are a countless number of kids and families that will gain a lifetime of warm memories by making, naming and loving their own stuffed animal, not to mention all the women throughout the US who will benefit from a career that is fun, easy and rewarding.'

About Noah's Ark Animal Workshop

Noah'sArk Animal Workshop was formed in 2003 when founder DinamKriescher recognized the need for quality, fun, and affordable home birthday parties. Once she began her personal Noah's Ark Animal Workshop business, conducting Workshops throughout the southwest suburbs of Chicago, she quickly saw the need to expand Noah'sArk Animal Workshop.

In 2004, with support and professional assistance from her family, Noah's Ark Animal Workshop, Inc. was launched, giving families everywhere the ability to create a boatload of



Noah's Ark Independent Crew Member, Donna Hundley, helps celebrate at a small birthday party with (l-r) Tatiana Roberts, Trystan Roberts and Kennedy Hundley. The children enjoyed stuffing and dressing their own animals. The birthday girl was given a special birthday outfit for her special animal.

memories, while also giving women the opportunity to make their dreams happen through a flexible and rewarding career!

Today, Noah's Ark offers a variety of workshops that focus on a wide range of themes, such as the Bella Bee Workshop. Today Noah's Ark Animal Workshop is one of the fastest growing party plan companies in the

Andrews Flight Line Repaired After Fifty Years

Taxi Routes Are Temporarily Altered to Allow for Spall Pavement Repairs

By PACIFICA CHEHY

Air Force Print News Today

(ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, **MD**) — The Andrews AFB flight line has been undergoing some much needed maintenance including pavement repairs as well as an annual rubber removal and painting

"The pavements here at Andrews are approximately 50 years old," said Tracy A. Morgan, 316th Operations Support Squadron airfield manager. "Construction is greatly needed to ensure upkeep of these pavements. Without it, eventually pavements would begin to fail and their use would not be possible."

Spall repairs, or repairs of shallow breaks on the concrete, were recently completed on the west runway as well as repairs in and around the 113th Wing ramp.

Congressman Steny Hoyer

Reminds All Students In

The 5th Congressional District, Ages 17-22

entering July of 2008? Obtain an application packet from

Congressman Hoyer's website at www.hoyer.house.gov or call

Betty Rogers in Congressman Hoyer's Greenbelt office at 301-

474-0119. The deadline for submitting completed applications is

October 15, 2007. Once your packet is successfully completed

and submitted, you will be contacted about an interview in

November. Students are advised to also contact one of the

offices of Maryland's two U.S. Senators as well as notify the

Prince George's County, the three counties of southern Maryland -

Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's - and a portion of Anne Arundel

The Fifth Congressional District includes a large portion of

Service Academy that they are interested in applying to.

Interested in applying to a U.S. Service Academy for the class

Currently repairs are being made on the west ramp. Construction started on the intersection of taxiways recently. Further, airfield painting is also taking place on the entire field.

Given the number of flight operations in and out of Andrews on a daily basis, communication among those affected by the construction is crucial.

"Flight operations have to be carefully coordinated between Airfield Management, 316th CES, the contractors, air traffic Control and the flying units to ensure safety of both the contractors and the aircrews and the aircraft," said Morgan.

"In some situations alternate taxi routes have to be established to taxi aircraft

around construction areas." Beginning Monday and lasting slab replacement and spall repair at the intersection of taxiways. Asphalt shoulders will be milled, patched or overlaid from the north end of the west ramp starting at the 1st Helicopter Squadron ramp south toward the base of the control tower.

Work will begin on joint sealant removal and replacement on the west ramp, depending on the weather, in late November, lasting through spring 2008.

The Air Traffic Systems Evaluation Program inspection team visited Andrews recently. "The inspection team inspected the quality, adequacy and safety of the air traffic system supporting flying operations here at Andrews," said Morgan.

The team also evaluated air traffic control, airfield management, terminal instrument procedures, airspace, air traffic conthrough October 12th, construction work trol and landing systems support and civil will include spall repairs on the west ramp, engineering support.

Bowie Baysox

Forfeits to Trenton Thunder 8—4

Courtesy BOWIE BAYSOX

(**BOWIE**, **MD**) — The Baysox finished up the August 22nd suspended game, by walking off on Trenton today in the 10th inning, when Nolan Reimold, who was 0-for-4 when last night's game was suspended in the eighth inning, came up big with his first hit of the night, a walk-off home run in the 10th to give the Baysox a 5-4 win. The homer marked Reimold's 9th of the season, which led off the inning off of Steven Jackson, it was the Jackson's first pitch of the game. Rommie Lewis picked



PHOTO COURTESY BOWIE BAYSOX

Nolan Reimold

up the win in relief to move to (5-4) on the season, going 2.1 innings, giving up no hits with

only one walk. Trenton jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the series finale, which started at 7:45 pm, approximately 30 minutes after the conclusion of the first game. Mike Kinkade singled home former Baysox Noah Hall, who reached on a double, to give the Thunder the early lead. The Baysox would strike back in the bottom of the second, on a Jeff Fiorentino tworun homer, scoring Luis Jimenez, who reached on a walk putting the Baysox ahead,

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Senator Welcomes New County Staffer Shoultz

Howard University Becomes Special Assistant to Mikulski

Courtesv OFFICE OF SEN-ATOR MIKULSKI

(WASHINGTON, DC) — Senator Barbara A. Mikulski (D-MD) announced on August 20th that Nichelle Schoultz has been hired as Special Assistant to the Senator for Prince George's County. Schoultz will work out of the Senator's field office in Greenbelt beginning September 4.

"I am pleased to have

Nichelle Schoultz join my staff. She will be my catcher's mitt in Prince George's County - the first call for my constituents in the region," said Senator Mikulski. "She has the experience and the enthusiasm to serve the county well. I know she will be a valuable addition to our team."

Schoultz will be Senator Mikulski's eyes and ears in Prince George's County - meeting with constituents and ensuring their views are heard, bringing issues of concerns and priority to the Senator, and assisting with her work to resolve them. She will assist the Senator with meetings and visits with residents, businesses and institu-

She will also help keep constituents aware of what Senator Mikulski is doing on Capitol Hill to meet the day-to-day and long

See Shoultz, Page A7

•Learn Cancer Prevention and Survival Cooking Skills — Beginning on September 10th, this free 8-session educational course will instruct participants to prevent and survive through can-

6707 Woodward Rd. in Upper Marlboro.

ernment officials to develop collaborative solutions.

cer with a healthy culinary regimen. Classes will be held every Monday from 7 — 8:30 p.m. at the Hillcrest Heights Community Center, 2300 Oxon Run Dr. in Temple Hills. Classes will be

Prince George's County Council Member Marilynn Bland (D) — District 9, will

Residents within the District 9 boundary—south of Marlboro Pike—are encour-

host a community forum on September 17, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at Life Christian Church,

aged to attend. This includes the communities of Melwood, Rosaryville, Cheltenham,

Mount Calvert, and Nottingham. The forum will give residents the opportunity to

meet with Council Member Blad to discuss issues and concerns, and work with gov-

sponsored by The Cancer Project.

To register or for more information, contact Deborah Huffman at 301.505.0896

 Adoption Support Group Convenes in Bowie — Diakon

Lutheran Social Ministries Adoption Services will hold a monthly support group in Prince George's County for families who have adopted children, are waiting to adopt, or are interested in becoming adoptive parents.

The next support group will be held on September 13th at Trinity Lutheran Church, 6600 Laurel- Bowie Road in Bowie. The group will meet from 6 — 8

The group will meet the second Thursday of every month. All support groups are free and open to anyone interested in adoption. Light refreshments and

free childcare will be available. To register, call Kristy Caceres at 1.877.DIAKON.7.

• Attend the National Active and Retired Federal **Employees** Association (NARFE), Southern Prince George's County Chapter 1260 **Meeting** — On September 20th, NARFE will hold its monthly meeting at 1:00 p.m. at the Oxon Hill Library located at 6200 Oxon Hill Road. Cpl. Jody Graves, a member of the Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit for Prince George's County will be the guest speaker. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call 301.868.0724.

• Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)/ Prince George's County, Inc. is Recruiting Volunteers— Advocate for the needs of abused and neglected children in Prince George's County. CASA provides training and supervision to volunteers who spend time getting to know the children and what is in their best interest.

Volunteers also collaborate with teachers, social workers and attorneys to ensure that the child's needs are addressed. CASA volunteers present their recommendations about the children's needs to the court.

CASA/ Prince George's County is now accepting applications for day and evening training sessions. Bi-lingual volunteers are encouraged to apply.

For more information, please visit our website at www.pgcasa.org or call 301.209.0491.

Residents are welcome to submit questions and topics of particular interest in advance to ensure they are adequately addressed during the forum. Questions may be forwarded to Joseph Pollard in the Office of Council Member Bland at 301.952.3479 or via e-mail at JHPollard@co.pg.md.us.

COMMENTARY

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Marian Wright Edelman Child Watch



Oliver W. Hill — In Memoriam

In the 1940s and 50s, a very small but very committed band of highly trained NAACP lawyers launched a war in the nation's courts to end legal apartheid in American education. Their leader was the brilliant Charles Hamilton Houston, who unlike his partner Thurgood Marshall, is one the unsung heroes of that crusade. Another key member of this team was Oliver W. Hill, who died on August 5th at the age of 100.

Hill was part of an elite group of attorneys trained and mentored by Houston, who had headed Howard University Law School since 1929. Marshall and Hill graduated first and second in the law school's 1933 graduating class. Together with other members of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund legal team, they were to make history with their victory in the U.S. Supreme Court's landmark Brown v. Board of Education decision of 1954.

Brown actually encompassed five major cases challenging school segregation around the country. One of those cases was Davis v. County School Board of Prince Edward County, in which Oliver Hill was the plaintiff's lead attorney. In April 1951, 16-year-old Barbara Rose Johns organized a student strike protesting the deplorable conditions at segregated, all-Black Moton High School in Farmville, Virginia. The school had no gymnasium, cafeteria, infirmary or teachers' restrooms. Because of the overcrowded conditions, some students had to be taught in a school bus and in three buildings covered with tarpaper. During the two-week protest, involving 450 students, Johns requested legal assistance from the NAACP branch office in Richmond.

In May 1951, Oliver Hill and Spottswood Robinson, another member of the Marshall legal team, filed a lawsuit on behalf of 117 students calling for Virginia's school segregation laws to be struck down. A three-judge federal district court panel unanimously rejected the suit, upholding Virginia's "separate but equal" policy while ordering the state to "equalize" conditions at the school. The Supreme Court overturned the decision as part of its Brown ruling.

Oliver Hill knew what the Supreme Court was eventually to assert in its Brown decision — that segregated schools were inherently unequal. Most southern states deliberately administered systems of education in which schools that Black students attended were inferior by design. For example, in Virginia in the first part of 20th century, the only way a Black student could receive a high school diploma was too attend a private high school, usually operated by a religious denomination — Catholic, Methodist, Episcopal or Presbyterian. Many Black Virginia county schools offered classes only up to

the eighth grade.

Raised in Washington, D.C., Oliver Hill spent most of his professional life in Virginia. He became interested in a legal career when an uncle died and left him a copy of the U.S. Constitution. He dreamed of working to overturn the Supreme Court's 1896 Plessy v. Ferguson "separate but equal" ruling.

His stellar six-decade career as a civil rights attorney began in 1940 when he won his first case in Norfolk, Virginia, gaining equal pay for Black teachers. Over time, he fought for and won \$50 million in better pay and improved schools for Black people in Virginia. He took the anti-discrimination struggle to the areas of voting rights, jury selection and worker protections.

Hill was a man of indomitable courage who triumphed over adversity throughout his life. When his law practice in Roanoke failed during the Great Depression, he had to wait tables in Washington, D.C., until he could open a law office in Richmond in 1939. He continued his crusade for racial equality in the face of cross burnings on his lawn and other threats to his life and that of his family. It is reported that municipal officials in Richmond sent ambulances, fire trucks and hearses to his home at 15 minute intervals to frighten him. He lost what would have been a historic election to the Virginia General Assembly in 1947. But in 1948, he was elected to Richmond's City Council, the first African American to do so since Reconstruction. In 1961, President John F. Kennedy named him to the Federal Housing Administration as an assistant to the Commissioner.

We are all standing on the shoulders of Oliver Hill. He helped established the legal foundation for many civil rights gains after Brown, including the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Because of the tireless strivings of Oliver Hill and the courageous band of civil rights lawyers of which he was a member, the major underpinnings of de jure discrimination, now virtually unknown to a whole generation, were destroyed, paving the way for more integrated education and the elimination of racial bias in all areas of our social, economic and political life.

President Bill Clinton awarded Oliver Hill the Presidential Medal of Freedom, our nation's highest civilian honor. Today this good man and stalwart champion of equality deserves our grateful farewell.

Marian Wright Edelman is President of the Children's Defense Fund and its Action Council whose Leave No Child Behind® mission is to ensure every child a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start and a Moral Start in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities.

The Counseling Corner

Encourage Good Behavior

We all have expectations for our children – behaviors we want to see achieved, as well as a long list of things we don't want them doing. Unfortunately, as parents, we often find ourselves focusing on the negative side, warning or threatening our children about what to do or not do.

What research has shown, however, is that rewards, rather than threats or punishments, are usually much more effective in modifying behavior. But to be effective, what matters are not only the types of rewards that are used, but also how they are used.

Rewards don't always have to have monetary value. Studies show that simple praise can be a longest-lasting, powerful reward. Perhaps you still remember something you did well in your own childhood because of the praise it brought.

Something as simple as parents paying real attention to schoolwork and other projects has been shown to be a reward that is effective for most children. Similar intangible rewards can include simple things like extra time with Mom or Dad for a special activity, or maybe a little extra play, TV or computer time for having done well. Other times, a tangible reward, such as a book, new game, or special food treat, might be appropriate. But more important than the type of reward is how it is used if it is to be effective.

Research shows, for example, that you want to reward only occasionally. Constant rewarding loses its value, and if the child figures out when a reward is coming, that's probably the only time you'll see the desired behavior.

It's also most effective to reward immediately after the desired behavior. Children don't handle delayed gratification very well. Similarly, you will get better results when you reward effort, not just performance. Reward the extra effort put into studying to improve grades, rather than waiting for the report card and the final outcome. Rewards shouldn't be bribes. Children who perform desired behaviors only to earn rewards aren't really growing and learning to mature positively. It's important that rewards are not the only motivation to perform, because over time rewards will lose their value. But they can be a valuable way to encourage short-term behaviors, and are often more effective than using threats and punishment to discourage unwanted behaviors.

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Earth Talk

Choosing Healthy, Environmentally-Friendly Cafeteria Food

Dear EarthTalk: How can we get schools to offer healthier and more eco-friendly cafeteria food to our kids? I don't have time to bag a healthy lunch every day. -- Leslie Morris, Richmond, VA

Now that many schools have stopped selling sodas and other unhealthy vending machine items to their students, improving the nutritional quality of cafeteria food is on the agenda of many parents and school administrators. And luckily for the environment, healthier food usually means greener food.

Some forward-thinking schools are leading the charge by sourcing their cafeteria food from local farms and producers. This saves money and also cuts back on the pollution and global warming impacts associated with transporting food long distances. And since many local producers are turning to organic growing methods, local food usually means fewer pesticides in kids' school lunches.

Alarmed by childhood obesity statistics and the prevalence of unhealthy foods offered to students in schools, the Center for Food and Justice (CFJ) in 2000 spearheaded the national Farm to School lunch program. The program connects schools with local farms to provide healthy cafeteria food while also supporting local farmers. Participating schools not only obtain food locally, they incorporate nutrition-based curriculum and provide students with learning opportunities through visits to the local farms.

Farm to School programs now operate in 19 states and in several hundred school districts. CFJ recently received significant support from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to expand the program

to more states and districts. The group's website (link below) is loaded with resources to help schools get started.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) also runs a Small Farms/School Meals program that boasts participation in 400 school districts in 32 states. Interested schools can check out the agency's "Step-by-Step Guide on How to Bring Small Farms and Local Schools Together," which is available free online.

Other schools have taken the plunge in their

chef Alice Waters holds cooking classes in which students grow and prepare local organic fruits and vegetables for their peers' school lunch menus.

And as documented in the film, "Super Size Me," Wisconsin's Appleton Central Alternative

own unique ways. In Berkeley, California, noted

Me," Wisconsin's Appleton Central Alternative School hired a local organic bakery that helped transform Appleton's cafeteria fare from offerings heavy on meat and junk food to predominantly whole grains, fresh fruits and vegetables.

Of course, parents can ensure that their chil-

dren eat well at school by forgoing the cafeteria offerings altogether and sending their kids to school with healthy bag lunches. For on-the-go parents unable to keep up with a daily lunch making regimen, innovative companies are beginning to sprout up that will do it for you.

Kid Chow in San Francisco, Health e-Lunch Kids in Fairfax, Virginia, New York City's KidFresh and Manhattan Beach, California's Brown Bag Naturals will deliver organic and natural food lunches to your kids for about three times the price of a cafeteria lunch. But prices should change for the better as the idea catches on and more volume brings costs down.

Disposing of Cat Litter

Dear EarthTalk: How is it that flushing cat litter down the toilet has negatively affected sea otters? What is the responsible way to dispose of cats' waste?

Boss, San Dimas, CA

Boss, San Dimas, CA

According to Dr. Melissa Miller of the California Department of Fish and Game, cat feces can contain Toxoplasma gondii, a parasite that gets into feline systems from the eating of infected rodents, birds or other small animals. When cats later expel these parasites in their droppings—sometimes hundreds of millions at a time—each can survive in soil for over a year and also contaminate drinking water.

Most municipal sewage treatment systems are not designed to filter out Toxoplasma, and so the parasites also get into storm drains and sewage outflows that carry them out to near-shore ocean waters. Here, researchers have found, sea otters prey on mussels, crabs and other filter feeders that can concentrate Toxoplasma. Hundreds of sea otters have been found dead on California beaches in recent years with no obvious external injuries, and Miller and other scientists think that Toxoplasma may be the cause. There are other possible culprits, too, including toxic algae blooms caused by urea, an ingredient in fertilizer, and the plethora of other man-made pollutants that end up in ocean waters.

But California's legislature last year nonetheless passed a bill to protect sea otters, in part by requiring that all cat litter sold in the state carry a warning label advising cat owners to not flush cat litter or dispose of it in storm drains.

Toxoplasma can also cause health problems for people, especially those with compromised immune systems (such as AIDS patients). While not typically fatal in humans, Toxoplasmosis, as the disease is called, can also cause birth defects, blindness and/or brain damage in children born to infected mothers.

The best way to avoid the infection is to use plastic gloves when changing the litter box and to wash hands thoroughly afterwards. It is also advisable to stay away from raw or undercooked meat and uncooked or unwashed vegetables that may have been contaminated by manure (although felines are the parasites' primary host, other warm-blooded animals and birds can also be carriers). Toxoplasmosis doesn't normally spread from person to person (with the exception of pregnant women, who can pass it on to their fetuses), but in rare instances it has contaminated blood transfusions and organs donated for transplantation.

So what's a responsible cat owner to do about dumping the contents of their cat's litter box? According to Dr. Patricia Conrad, a veterinarian and parasitologist at the University of California at Davis who has studied Toxoplasma contamination in sea otters, cat owners can start by keeping their cats inside, where they are not able to hunt the small animals that can pass Toxoplasma along to them in the first place. (Bird lovers have been requesting this for years.)

Cat fecal material should be placed in double plastic bags and included in the household trash. As such it will end up in the landfill where precautions are taken to prevent environmental contamination.

Letters to the Editor We Value the Opinions of Our Readers. Send Your Letters to: Editor, Prince George's Post 15207 Marlboro Pike, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

BUSINESS

Prince George's County Small Business Initiative

September 2007 Training Calendar

Wednesday, September 5th 2007, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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Tuesday, September 11 & 13, 2007, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Books and materials will be provided. Cost: \$45.00

Wednesday, September 12th 2007, 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Small Office Home Office (SOHO) Loan Program

Obtain the information required to qualify for the Small Office Home Office (SOHO) Loan Program.

Cost: No Cost

Wednesday, September 19th 2007, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. **Procurement Day - WSSC**

Come and find out WSSC's procurement opportunities. Procurement and Small Business Specialists will present forecasts; discuss upcoming opportunities; and 5-minute marketing MUST HAVE CAPABILITY STATEMENT. Cost: No Cost

Thursday, September 20th 2007, 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Building Your Dreams Through Entrepreneurship Presented by Empowering Ideas

Management skills sets needed to become a successful owner. Successful traits for business leadership. Advantages and barriers to owning your own business. Risks associated with ownership. Legal requirements; business planning; finding money and spiritual/ethical dilemmas.

Cost: \$50.00

Tuesday, September 25th 2007, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. County Agency Matchmaking Event (DER & DPWT) and

Bonding

Hosted by OCS with SBI

Meet companies that you would potentially generate business with, and learn how to get bonded.

For more information: Contact: Eben Smith, Prince George's Office of Central Services, (301) 883-6450

Location: Prince George's Ballroom, 2411 Pinebrook Ave., Landover, MD 20774

No Cost Cost:

Friday, September 28th 2007, 8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

MMRDI Intensive SBIR/STTR Workshop

Presented by Maryland Technology Development Corp.

Learn how to write a SBIR contract.

For more information: To register, email jdubois@marylandtedco.org. For further information contact Jacqueline DuBois at 410-740-9442, ext. 176. May check payable to TEDCO. Deadline 9/25/07.

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UM Business School Dean to Step Down

Maker of the Robert H. Smith Business School to Relinquish Long-Held Post

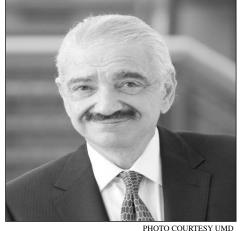
Courtesy UMD

(COLLEGE PARK, MD) — Howard Frank has announced that he will step down as dean of the University of Maryland's Robert H. Smith School of Business at the end of the current academic year. Frank, who led the Smith School's transformation from a small, regionally known school to a large and internationally recognized leader in business education and research, will leave his post June 30, 2008 to begin a sabbatical. He will return to the Smith School as professor of management sciences in the fall of 2009.

"I look back with great pride on what has been accomplished during my tenure as dean," said Frank. "Over the past decade, thanks to incredibly dedicated faculty, staff, alumni and friends, the business school has been transformed and is now recognized among the world's best. I look forward to continuing to contribute to the Smith School's growth and prosperity in the years ahead."

Under Frank's leadership, the school's stature has risen dramatically. One year after he arrived in 1997, the College of Business and Management became the Robert H. Smith School of Business when it received a \$15 million naming gift. The school's endowment has grown from just \$6 million in 1997 to more than \$50 million today, and annual revenues have quadrupled to more than \$60 million. Frank led the makeover of the school's

curriculum and research agenda, integrating studies in technology, entrepreneurship and globalization with the core business disciplines. The size of the school's faculty has nearly doubled, with new hires drawn



Howard Frank

from premier research institutions around the world. The school has established numerous centers for excellence and research laboratories, and is now recognized worldwide for its business research. The Smith School is ranked No. 5 in the world for research by the Financial Times.

"Dean Frank came to Maryland with extraordinary accomplishments in business, government and academe. He created a technology savvy business school to lead in entrepreneurship and globalized business education," said University of Maryland President C. D. (Dan) Mote, Jr. "Howard's focuses on undergraduate education and research are both unusual and highly successful. The remarkable and varied transformations in the Smith School over the past decade clearly are a credit to his leadership," said Mote

The Smith School's home, Van Munching Hall, was expanded in 2002, nearly doubling its size. Another major expansion is set to be completed later this year. The school has become the dominant supplier of part-time MBA education in the Washington, D.C.-Baltimore region, with 1,000 students at campuses in Washington, D.C., Baltimore and Rockville, Md. The school also established Executive MBA programs in the U.S., China and Europe, as well as Executive MS programs in the U.S. and abroad.

"Howard's visionary leadership has transformed our approach to business and entrepreneurship education," said Nariman Farvardin, senior vice president for academic affairs and provost. "He has attracted the nation's top faculty, developed strong academic programs coupled with an array of out-of-classroom experiences for our students, and then attracted the level of funding and technological resources critical to truly globalizing Maryland business. Though I will miss him as a dean, Smith students will benefit greatly from his return to the classroom."

The search for Dean Frank's successor will begin this fall.

About the University of Maryland and the Smith School of Business

From its pre-Civil War roots as the state's first agricultural college and one of America's original land grant institutions, the University of Maryland has grown to become a university of national and international stature. Among public universities, Maryland is ranked No. 18 in the nation by U.S. News & World Report and No 11 in world by the Institute of Higher Education at Shanghai Jiao Tong University. The University of Maryland's faculty includes a Nobel Laureate in physics, six Pulitzer Prize winners, and scores of Fulbright scholars.

University of Maryland Research Funding Up by \$57 Million in Fiscal Year 2007

Boom Will Fund Research in Science, Energy, Intelligence and More

Courtesy UM OFFICE OF UNIVERSI-TY COMMUNICATIONS

(COLLEGE PARK, MD)

Research awards to the University of Maryland, College Park surged to an alltime high of \$407 million during the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2007. This is \$57 million more than last year's total of \$350 million in sponsored research. These funds for research, training and outreach and other public service activities come from a variety of sources, including the federal government, state government, corporations and foundations.

"The University of Maryland strives to discover and apply new knowledge resulting from its world-class research to serve the needs of society today and in the future,' said University President C.D. Mote Jr.

"These grant and contract funds support the work of students, scholars and faculty who will undertake this research. New knowledge through research is a key contribution of a top-ranked university to its state and country."

The many research awards received in Fiscal 2007 represent a vast range of research projects in many areas such as climate change and weather prediction, security and intelligence, language acquisition and technology, transportation and energy. For example, among the new grants and contracts is funding from NASA for the University of Maryland-based Earth System Science Interdisciplinary Center (ESSIC), a leading center for research to understand and forecast climate change and its impacts. The new funding for ESSIC extends, and expands on, the initial NASA support that enabled the establishment of the center in

"This significant increase in research funding is testimony to the energy and quality of our researchers, to the leadership provided by the university's deans and the directors of our research centers and to the benefits of supporting interdisciplinary teams to compete successfully for an increasing number of large multi-year grants, from such agencies as NASA, NOAA, DOD, NSF, USDA and the State of Maryland," said Vice President for Research Melvin Bernstein.

The University of Maryland's new

research park, M Square, has also had an impact on the funding increase, attracting world-class clusters of scientists and researchers in a number of areas. "When the new National Weather and Climate Prediction Center of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) - along with a related facility for global climate change scientist and partner organizations - opens, we will have one of the largest clusters of climate change researchers and scientists in the world," said Brian Darmody, associate vice president for research and economic development.

The university is also building similar clusters in other areas, including food safety/food security, and research devoted to the intelligence community and language research.

For example, new federally-funded research in language is administered by several University organizations in the research park, including the Center for the Advanced Study of Language (CASL) and the National Foreign Language Center.

The University of Maryland, College Park is the Flagship of the University System of Maryland (USM).

In FY 2006, the 13 USM institutions received almost \$1 billion (\$975.9 million) in external funding for research. System totals for FY 2007 are not yet available.

Achievement Counts Needs Volunteers To Speak To Prince George's County High School Students

The Maryland Business Roundtable for Education (MBRT) needs volunteers from the Prince George's County business community to share their work experiences with area ninth grade students and show them the connection between what they're learning in school and life in the real world.

As a volunteer speaker, you will be part of the MBRT's Achievement Counts Speakers Bureau, a nationally recognized program designed to let Maryland high school students know about the rigorous coursework they will need to take - and complete - while in high school in order to succeed after they graduate, regardless of whether they go on to college or directly into the workplace.

MBRT plans to reach out to more than 10,500 ninth grade students in Prince George's County this fall. To do that, the organization estimates it will need 75 volunteers. Volunteer speakers typically are asked to make four 45-minute classroom presentations during the fall semester. They are able to choose the school, dates, and times that are most convenient for them and that fit in with

their work schedules. Before entering the classroom, each volunteer receives three hours of training on facilitating the Achievement Counts presentation in the

MBRT's Achievement Counts campaign has drawn high praise from educators, businesses, parents, and students and has won numerous regional and national awards (www.mbrt.org). "It is important for those of us who have entered the world of work to show these students that there is someone out there who cares about their future," says one Speakers Bureau volunteer. "It is very rewarding to witness a light bulb moment ... the moment when you see the excitement in their eyes and know that the Achievement Counts message has reached that student."

The Maryland Business Roundtable for Education is a coalition of more than 100 major Maryland employers committed to improving student achievement in the state.

To register online or get more information, visit www.mbrt.org/speak, or contact LaTara Harris at 410.727.0448 or latara@mbrt.org.

AFFORDABLE COMPUTER TRAINING FOR SENIORS

PC Seniors, a nonprofit organization located in Collington Life Care Retirement Community, 10450 Lottsford Road in Mitchellville, MD is offering basic and intermediate level computer training for area seniors. Classes are available from October through April. The four basic classes (Introduction to a PC, Word Processing I, Spread Sheets, and Database) cost a total of \$35. Intermediate level classes e.g. Windows/File Management, Digital Camera, Email/Internet, are also available at a reasonable fee. For more information contact PC Seniors on (301) 925-7571.

Out on the TOWN

Rush Hour 3: Proof of the Power of Repetition

Courtesy STEVE RHODES www.InternetReviews.com

Yes, RUSH HOUR 3 gives you lots more of the same shtick you enjoyed in the previous two action comedies in the series. But Jackie Chan and Chris Tucker mesh so well together that it's easy to see this franchise running for several more episodes. Repetition isn't necessarily bad, so long as the movie doesn't take itself too seriously and the actors are as likeable as Chan and Tucker. Chan, with his ability to take a licking and keep on ticking, appears to be a performer who will be able to execute physically demanding roles until he's

well into his seventies.

The setup for the plot not that the story itself is particularly important in the RUSH HOUR films — concerns the hunt for the leaders of the oldest crime family in the world, five-hundred-year-old Triads. Inspector Lee (Jackie Chan) is in charge of guarding the Chinese Ambassador who has come to address the World Court, headed by Varden Reynard (played by the always sinister-looking Max von Sydow). Because of some dubious actions before this story starts, Detective James Carter (Chris Tucker) has been busted down to the level of a LAPD traffic cop.

Kenji (Hiroyuki Sanada), who turns out to be Lee's evil "brother," is the story's not especially scary villain. Lee's on-going problem is that he

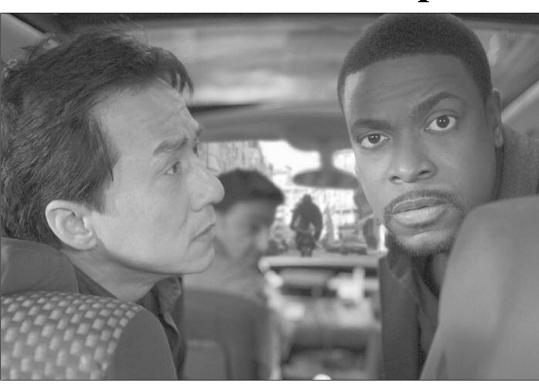


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In director Brett Ratner's RUSH HOUR 3, cop James Carter (Chris Tucker, right) once again reunites with inspector Lee (Jackie Chan, left) to both taunt and battle bad guys.

doesn't have the heart to kill is pleased to hear the sound of him even when the situation requires it.

Enough about the inconsequential plot.

The movie is quite entertaining for three reasons — the ballet-like fighting moves, the camaraderie between the two leads and the delicious dialog. Chan is always a joy to watch, even if the stunts he attempts aren't nearly as complex or demanding as they used to be.

When Lee and Tucker go to a gentlemen's club to find someone, the lines come flying fast and furiously. "Let's split up," Tucker tells Lee. "I'll passion coming from what he thinks is a bedroom where Lee has taken an attractive woman. "Come on crouching tiger, don't hide that dragon," Tucker shouts to his buddy. Lee, however, is fighting for his life and not having sex, as Tucker mistakenly thinks.

Finally the film features a singing number that has Chan, in his fingers-across-a-blackboard voice, singing while swinging above a fancy nightclub. It is wonderfully and intentionally awful.

I think that this one is by far the best in the series. It's take the women." Later, Tucker certainly not great, but it is very RATING (0 TO ****): ***

entertaining.

RUSH HOUR 3 runs a fast 1:30. It is rated PG-13 for "sequences of action violence. sexual content, nudity and language" and would be acceptable for kids around 10 and up.

My son Jeffrey, age 18, and his girlfriend Yasmin, also 18, gave it *** 1/2. He thought it was a high action picture that was even funnier than the first two. He commented particularly on how hilarious the lines were. Yasmin commented that she thought it was the best buddy crime comedy that she had ever seen.

Calendar of Events

September 6 — September 12, 2007

Thursday, September 6

Join local children and their parents at the Atmosphere Cafe, located at 3311 Rhode Island Avenue in Mt. Rainier, for a free showing of Franklins School Play, a G-rated children's movie. The movie will start at 11 a.m. Kid's meals and beverages will be available.

Later, from 8 p.m. — 10 p.m. the Susan Jones Quartet will perform at the Atmosphere Cafe. Jones, who once toured with Barry White, will perform music from a range of genres, including swing, Latin, and hip-hop music. The cover charge for this performance will be \$5. For more information, call the Cafe at 301.927.CAFE.

Saturday, September 8

Know any Power Rangers fans? Bring them on down to meet their favorite heroes in person when the "Power Rangers 15th Anniversary Celebration Tour" comes to Clinton with free activities and giveaways. Bandai will present fans with opportunities to take pictures with and obtain autographs from the real Power Rangers, wander through a morphin' obstacle course, enter a prize chamber within a wind tunnel that's filled with Power Rangers Prizes, learn Power Rangers combat moves, and more! The event will take place between 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the Toys "R" Us in Clinton, located at 8401 Mike Shapiro Drive (near Branchwood Drive).

The Laurel Lions Club, the City of Laurel Maryland, Academy Ford, Security Vault Works, JF Plumbing, and Carnival Day present the 43rd Annual Endless Summer Car/Motorcycle Show and Family Fun Day. From 10:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m. (Rain Date: Sept. 9, 2007), view cars, and motorcycles, come to eat and socialize, or enjoy a conncert in the heart of Laurel's historic district at McCollough Field located at 8th and Montgomery Streets.

Hundreds of cars and motorcycles will be on display for viewing by the public.

For 43 years, this event has allowed the Laurel Lions Club to raise funds that primarily support Laurel's community needs. These needs include financial support of local public and private schools, fire and police services, boys and girls clubs, and families needing medical and other assistance. Come out and enjoy the day with family and friends. — Courtesy Laurel Lions Club

Sunday, September 9

Grab a book and Park Your Arts at the Upper Marlboro Library Booksale from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. The event will showcase handcrafted art, music & books, books! For more information, visit www.parkyourarts.com. The rain date for this event will be September 16th.

Tuesday, September 11

Join the Colours Arts in Education Program for a free production local youths have designed to commemorate the terrorist attacks of September 11th, 2001. Come out with your family and friends and enjoy the sights and sounds of our youth as we move forward as a people. The Colours Arts in Education Program and the SPLATT! Blues Orchestra are scheduled to appear.

The free production, open to all ages, begins at 7:15 p.m. at the Justice Auditorium of Northwestern High School, 700 Adelphi Road Hyattsville, MD 20782. For more information, visit www.colours.org or call 301.454.8388.- Courtesy Colours Arts and Education

Upper Marlboro to Host County Fair

Maryland's Oldest Fair Will be in Town September 6-9, 2007

Courtesy OFFICE OF THE COUNTY **EXECUTIVE**

Maryland's oldest county fair—the 165- 9th, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. year-old Prince George's County Fairwill return to the Showplace Arena in Upper Marlboro for four fun-filled days in

Along with traditional 4H agricultural and horticultural exhibits, contests and entertainment, the Fair will be showcasing an array of County government agency programs and services.

The fair hours are as follows: on

Thursday, September 6th, from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday, September 7th, from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m.; Saturday, September 8th, from 11 (UPPER MARLBORO, MD) _ a.m. to 11 p.m.; and Sunday, September commercial exhibits, and home and fine

> \$5 for children ages 6-11. Children 5 and under will be admitted free of charge.

> The fair will showcase pig and duck races, monster truck rides, a NASCAR simulator and race cars, a beauty pageant for babies, magic shows, a circus show, a karaoke contest with a \$1,000 top prize, barrel races, a "Cruisin' The Fair" car show, and an array of concerts and other enter-

tainment features.

Inside the arena will be agriculture and horticulture exhibits, government displays, arts displays. Outside, look for horses, Admission will cost \$6 for adults and cows, pigs, goats and chickens as well as carnival rides and games of chance. There will be lots of prizes and giveaways and a variety of food for sale.

> The Showplace Arena is located near the intersection of Routes 301 and 4 in Upper Marlboro, Maryland.

For more details about the Fair exhibits and schedule of events, visit www.county-

Belair Mansion to Host Civil War Era Fair

Revisit the Sanitary Fair, an American Past-time

Courtesy CITY OF BOWIE

The Atlantic Guard Soldier's Aid Society (AGSAS) and the City of Bowie Museums will be recreating a Civil War era fair at Belair Mansion on Sept. 8, 2007. Such "Sanitary Fairs" were put on by both Northern and Southern factions during the War Between the States to raise funds for soldier aid.

Entertainments and "booths" for the enjoyment of the public will offer a chance to enjoy "hands on" 19th century fair activities. Come have your fortune told, or "fish" for a prize! Savor the tastes of the mid-19th century by sampling "Turkish Sherbet" from "Jacob's Well", or a baked goods from "Bakers Dozen."

Enjoy the deep mystery of the "Orientalism booth", or marvel at period "Tableaux Vivants," were the AGSAS members create a "living picture" while a narration is given. Purchase a handmade, period souvenir to take home.

Admission to the Fair is free; there is a charge for some items. Coupon books will be available at the door. In the spirit of the

original intentions of such fairs, proceeds from coupon sales will be donated to a preservation project. Last year's event funds were donated to the restoration of Jefferson Davis' home, "Beauvoir," nearly destroyed by Hurricane Katrina.

Hours for the Fair are 10:00 a.m. - 5:00p.m. Belair Mansion is located at 12207 Tulip Grove Drive, in Bowie, MD, just south of the intersection of Rtes. 450 and 197 (exit 11N from US 50 E/W).

For further information, 301.809.3089 museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

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Hyattsville MS Performs Fifth Annual Commemoration of 9-11-01

On September 11, 2007, students and staff of the Creative and Performing Arts program at Hyattsville Middle School will present the Fifth Annual Commemoration service for the events and victims of September 11, 2001.

The program will be staged in the school's cafeteria with limited seating for guests. It will be sent as a live feed into the homerooms throughout the school. Principal Gail Golden will open and close the presentation with reflections of that memorable day – reflections in pictures and in words. Video taped reflections by the staff of the school will also be included, courtesy of Visual Arts teacher, Ishmail Reaves. Ms. Saralyn Trainor, teacher of Creative Writing and Theatre Lab, will construct with the aid of her students a side show (dialogue) on Peace while Linda Humbertson, Visual Arts teacher, will partner with her students and colleague Mr. Reaves to present a video presentation on Peace.

Interspersed in the above will be the following presentations: The Star Spangled Banner, The HMS Orchestra, under the direction of Leonardo Lucini; An American March, The HMS Wind; Ensemble, under the direction of Tracey Cutler; Bells Ring for Peace. The HMS Choral Ensemble, under the direction of Priscilla Neely; An unnamed dance piece, The HMS Dance Ensemble, under the direction of Wilhelmena Cromwell. The program will conclude with a moment of silence at 8:46 a.m. the time at which the first plane hit the first Twin Tower on 9-11-01. Prior to the beginning of the Commemoration program, students in their homerooms will be working with their teachers on an activity that will help prepare them to fully understand the program. All teachers are being encouraged to incorporate connections to 9-11-01 into their class activities during the day. Furthermore, during the last mod of the day, students will complete a reflection on the day's events.

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New Safety Facilities Master Plan

Master Plan from A1

determining future locations for new police, corrections, fire, and emergency medical services and rescue facilities in the

The plan recommends the construction of four new police stations, twenty fire and emergency medical services stations, a new headquarters for the Sheriff's Department, and a public safety training facility. Renovations are recommended for a number of police and fire stations and to the County correctional facility.

In addition, the 2007 Preliminary Public Safety Facility Master Plan also includes the ideas and suggestions of Prince George's County citizens and representatives of business, civic, and community groups, public agencies, and municipalities who participated in a series of community meetings and public forums to develop the Plan over a two-year period.

To obtain public comment on the 2007 Preliminary Public Safety Facilities Master Plan,

the M-NCPPC Prince George's County Planning Board and the Prince George's County Council have scheduled a joint hearing on Tuesday, October 2. The public hearing will begin at 7 p.m. and will be held in the 1st Floor Council Hearing Room at the County Administration Building, 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Upper Marlboro. Persons desiring to speak at the hearing may contact the M-NCPPC Public Affairs Office at 301-952-4584, TTY 301-952-3796, or via e-mail at PublicAffairs@ppd.mncppc.or g, to register in advance.

Copies of the 2007 Preliminary Public Safety Facilities Master Plan are available to the public free of charge at: the County Administration Building, Upper Marlboro at the M-NCPPC Information Counter, Lower Level, and Office of the Clerk of the County Council, Second Floor; various Prince George's County Memorial Library System Branch locations including the Laurel Branch, Greenbelt Branch,

Hillcrest Heights Branch, Hyattsville Branch, Oxon Hill Surratts-Clinton Branch, Branch and Baden Branch; and on-line www.mncppc.org/pgco .

To obtain a copy of the Summary of Recommendations included in the Preliminary Public Safety Facilities Master Plan contact the Public Affairs Office at 301-952-4584. For additional information on the 2007 Preliminary Public Safety Facilities Master Plan for Prince George's County, visit http://www.mncppc.org/county/main.htm or call the M-NCPPC Countywide Planning Office at 301-952-3680, TTY 301-952-3796.

M-NCPPC encourages and supports the participation of individuals with disabilities. Please contact the Public Affairs Office at 301-952-4384, TTY, 301-952-3796, two weeks in advance of events to request an accommodation (i.e., sign language interpreter, support staff, etc.). Language translation services are also available upon advance request.

Many Classroom Civics Classes Neglect Current Social Problems

CIRCLE from A1

students reported studying "problems facing our country today" and "racism and other forms of injustices." research also found differences in civics class content and instruction depending on a student's ethnic group, and whether or not a student attended or planned to attend college. The statistical breakdown showing these and other trends on U.S. civics instruction and content and teaching strategies can be found at www.civic youth.org.

"Our research finds that the traditional topics are being emphasized in history and civics classes," said CIRCLE Director Peter Levine.

"This is an important factual basis for debates about the curriculum. We also found serious disparities in both the content and instruction depending on students' ethnicity and if they are college-bound."

Nearly 20 percent of African-American young people between the ages of 15 and 25 reported taking a civics class that covered "racism and other injustices," while only eight percent of White youth recalled taking such a course. In addition, Asian and White students were more likely to report traditional themes such as "the Constitution" and "great American heroes" in their civics classes than their African-American and Latino counterparts.

The research also showed differences among ethnic groups in classroom discussion of political and social issues. Latino students were least likely to attend civics classes that encouraged them to make up their own minds, while African-American students were more likely to attend classes that encouraged discussion of political and social issues than Caucasian, Asian and Latino students.

College and college-bound students were 10 percentage points more likely to recall an emphasis on traditional civics topics than non-college students. That same trend could be found in classroom discussion

of political and social issues The college and college-bound were more likely to be encouraged to make up their minds on political and social issues than the non-college bound.

The research is based on The 2006 National Civic and Political Health Survey, which was conducted from April 27 to June 11, 2006. The survey sampled 1,700 young people ages 15 to 25, and 550 ages 26 and older. The Pew Charitable Trusts funded this survey.

CIRCLE (The Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning Engagement) promotes research on the civic and political engagement of young Americans. Since 2001, CIR-CLE has conducted, collected. and funded research on the civic and political participation of young Americans. CIRCLE is based in the University of Maryland's School of Public Policy and is funded by The Charitable Trusts, Carnegie Corporation of New York and other foundations.

Preserving Affordable Housing in Suitland

Housing Authority from A1 the Prince George's County Police Department; replacing all roofs and windows; substantial renovation to unit interiors including kitchens and bathrooms; replacement of heating and air conditioning units; repairing balconies and stairwells; upgrading interior common space; landscape upgrading; and new appliances. Post rehabilitation monthly rents for all of the units will range from \$675 for efficiency to \$1,200 for a three-bedroom apartment.

"Preservation of affordable housing and the comprehensive nature of the planned improvements for Allentowne Apartments would not be possible without the HAPGC's low interest tax-exempt bond financing," said Tommie HAPGC Thompson. Executive Director.

In December 2005, the county facilitated the acquisition and redevelopment of the 414 unit Courts of Camp Springs complex, also with tax-exempt financing. Construction is now 75 percent complete at the Courts of Camp Springs and crime is down significantly in that area.

The HAPGC currently has \$82 million in private activity bond volume cap to finance acquisition, construction and rehabilitation of qualified multifamily rental housing properties.

Students Meet the Challenge of the HSAs

Two-thirds from A1

for the academic rigors of algebra. The number of PGCPS middle school students who took the Algebra/Data Analysis HSA increased dramatically to 2,149 in 2007, up from 1,688 in 2006. Nearly 90% of seventh and eighth grade students passed the Algebra/Data Analysis HSA, and an impressive 41.8% scored at the advanced level.

"Based upon these preliminary data, we anticipate that the majority of our students will pass all high school graduation requirements. We are committed to the success of every student," Dr. Deasy said.

PGCPS will be working with the State in the development of the "Bridge Plan", as outlined on the morning of August 27th by Superintendent Dr. Nancy S. Grasmick.

Using the experience gained through work with academic support programs to create a program that allows students to demonstrate proficiency through other rigorous

"We will ensure that all students have access and acquisition of the content necessary to meet state requirements," Dr. Deasy concluded. "While we are extremely pleased by these improvements, we will continue the work of accelerating progress of all students.'

Thunder Rolls Over **Bowie Baysox**

Reimold from A3

The Thunder however, would put up what proved to be an insurmountable five runs on the board in the top of the fourth, capped by a Noah Hall homer to left, a two-run shot, putting the Thunder ahead, 6-2.

The Baysox would cut the Trenton lead to 6-3 in the bottom of the frame, on a Luis Jimenez sac fly, scoring Luis Montanez from third. Trenton put up two more runs in the top of the fifth, Mike Kinkade struck again, this time with a two-run home run putting the Thunder ahead, 8-3. Luis Hernandez hit into an RBI groundout, scoring Bryan Bass in the bottom of the frame, cutting the lead to 8-4.

David Haehnel then relieved starter Oscar Alvarez and gave up only three hits over the final three innings of the game. The Baysox however, only combined for two hits over the final three innings of the ball game and the Baysox were sat down in order in the ninth with Bryan Bass flying out to right for the final out of the ball game, securing the win for Trenton, 8-4.

Baysox starter Oscar Alvarez took the loss for the Baysox going 6.0 innings, giving up seven hits and eight runs, including two homers, with one walk. Daniel McCutchen moved to 3-1 with the victory, going 6.0 innings while giving up only four hits.

Suitland

Suitland from A2

Shadyside Avenue in Suitland. The event will also take place beginning at 9:00 a.m. at its Washington, DC location, 2252 Minnesota Avenue, SE. For additional information, call 301.420.5013.

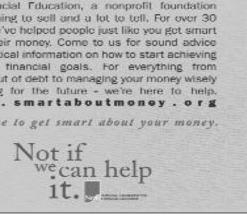
Suitland **Demolitions** **Apartment**

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Prince George's Police Forces Peak

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113. Each of the six Police District Stations gains staff from among the session 111

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Comptroller Franchot commented, "As Maryland makes the transition to a 21st century economy, a college education is an important requisite for success. For years, the College Savings Plans of Maryland has been a

vital tool for parents to utilize as they invest in their child's development to become successful members of society. With the increasing cost of tuition, now is the best time for parents to begin saving for their child's future education. I strongly encourage all parents who have not already done so to think about enrolling their child today."

Treasurer Nancy Kopp, Board Chair for the CSPM, added, "We are committed to providing families with affordable ways to save for their children to help them realize the goal of achieving a college education. It is increasingly important for families to begin saving early in order to lessen the need for loans in the future and the State's plans are structured to offer many flexible choices to get started."

Shoultz Joins Mikulski

Shoultz from A3 range needs of Prince George's

County residents.

A graduate of Howard University, Schoultz has served as State Relations and Grassroots Manager at the Epilepsy Foundation since July 2000 where she coordinated all of the foundation's advocacy activities. She will continue her volunteer work with Sisters in Touch, a Prince George's County non-

profit organization known for its community service throughout the county and in the Washington, D.C., area, including school supply and food service drives for low-income fami-No stranger to Senator

Mikulski's work, Schoultz previously worked as a constituent services coordinator for the Senator from 1993 to 1995.

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