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Urbana High School graduates remembered spirit week celebrations, crowded stairwells, partying at proms and being serenaded by talented classmates.

At their graduation Thursday afternoon, the teenagers laughed about the good times and celebrated their achievements.

Viniceia Carter said that looking back, her favorite aspect of Urbana was that everyone was so accepting and tolerant. She was waiting for graduation to start with a group of friends at the front of the Knott Arena at Mount St. Mary's University.

Carter plans to go to the University of Delaware to study environmental science, while her friend Robert Shillieto plans to attend Montgomery College and then transfer.

Another friend, Dallas Weakley, said that he'd like to become a performer at Disney World because he'd enjoyed his time on the stage crew and in performances at Urbana so much.

Wearing blue and silver robes, the 428 graduates took advantage of their time together before they went their different directions.

Their stories fit into how Superintendent Linda Burgee characterized the class. She met with student leaders before graduation ceremonies to learn more about their experiences. "Spirit, involved and welcoming to all," she said. "You are a class of leaders."

When she asked Principal George M. Seaton II about the Class of 2009, he answered that they meant a lot to him.

"Dr. Burgee, you're going to make me cry. I'm going to miss them that much," she recalled him saying.

Student speaker Julia Klein recalled memories the class shared, including community involvement.

She also brought up some of the times that made teachers less pleased — senior skip days. Seaton feigned surprise.

"Skip days — we may have a little after-graduation detention," he joked.

Klein plans to attend the University of Maryland to study finance, economics and political science.

The high school gives its students fine instruction and fosters a spirit of inquiry, she said.

"Urbana has provided us the example and the encouragement to not only meet expectations but to surpass them," she said.

Christopher Sparks was the other student speaker. He plans to attend the College of Humanities and Social Sciences at Carnegie Mellon. He reminded students of the lessons they've learned in their story so far — including academics, teamwork and friendship.

"I do not know what the coming years will hold for us, but I can only hope that they will be as full of blessings as the ones hence," he said.

"Now is our day, now is our time, and the future will be what we make of it."

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Public Forums Scheduled On Construction Budget

Public forums are scheduled on Montgomery County's next six-year capital construction budget.

Citizen advisory boards will conduct the sessions, which will gather input from residents on the 2011-16 capital improvements program budget. The budget includes the costs for new or renovated major construction projects, such as roads, public schools, Montgomery College facilities, water and sewer lines, parks, libraries, health and recreation facilities and other public buildings.

The forums will meet at 7 p.m. as follows:

-- Silver Spring -- Monday at the Silver Spring Library, 8901 Colesville Rd., 301-565-7300.

-- Eastern County -- Wednesday at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center, 3300 Briggs Chaney Rd., 240-777-8400.

-- Bethesda-Chevy Chase -- June 15 at the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center, 4805 Edgemoor Lane, Bethesda, 240-777-8200.

-- Mid-County -- June 16 (staff members will have informational material on various proposed projects at 6:30 p.m.) at the Park Police headquarters' training room, 12751 Layhill Road, Silver Spring, 240-777-8100.

-- Upcounty -- June 22 at the Upcounty Regional Services Center, 12900 Middlebrook Rd., Germantown, 240-777-8000.

Family Endows Scholarship At Montgomery College

The Webber Family Foundation has pledged \$55,000 to the Montgomery College Foundation to create the Adrian and Arthur Webber Memorial Endowed Scholarship to benefit Montgomery College students with financial needs.

Adrian and Arthur Webber were former board members of the Webber Family Foundation and lifelong learners at Montgomery College.

"Adrian and Arthur Webber embraced the lifelong learning opportunities available at Montgomery College and their shared joy of learning inspired our students, faculty and staff," Brian K. Johnson, president of the college, said in a statement announcing the gift.

The Webbers took dozens of arts and humanities classes at the college's Rockville campus. Adrian Webber died in October 2007, and her husband died the following May.

The Webber Family Foundation has provided a number of grants to the college's arts institute.

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INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF MUSIC -- 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays, through June 14. About 800 students perform recitals of classical, popular, jazz and other music. Concerts will run every two hours. Refreshments provided. Montgomery College, Music Recital Hall, 51 Mannakee St., Rockville. Free. 301-657-0763 or <http://www.ismw.org>.

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Eleven of the pitchers are Maryland residents, including Brendan Lozupone of New Carrollton. Lozupone was a Gazette-Star All-County First Team selection last season after his senior year at DeMatha High School. He finished his freshman year at the University of Tennessee-Martin with three wins in 58 1/3 innings.

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'I think everything is looking good and we have a real shot at it this year,' Bovello said. 'I think it will be real disappointing if we don't make it to the championship game and win it this year.'

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To have community events listed free in The Potomac Almanac, send e-mail to almanac@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday at noon for the following weeks paper. Photos and artwork encouraged. Unless otherwise noted, all events are in Potomac. For more information, call 703-917-6407.

Ongoing

The Bethesda Farmers Market will be open Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Veterans Park, corner of Norfolk and Woodmont Avenues, through Oct. 31. Visit www.bethesda.org or 301-215-6660.

GlasScene, An Exhibition of Fine Art Glass, June 6 to July 5. Popcorn Gallery at Glen Echo, 7300 Mac Arthur Blvd., Glen Echo, Maryland. Opening Reception: June 6 from 4 to 6 p.m. Gallery Hours: 12 to 6 PM Saturdays and Sundays and by appointment - 301-634-2273.

Big Train vs. TBA. 5 p.m. Povich Field, Cabin John Park, Bethesda. Gates open at 4 p.m. First pitch is at 5 p.m. This game is a free pre-season scrimmage. Ticket Prices: Adults, \$7, Kids 6-12 \$3, Kids 5 and under or in baseball uniforms, free.

Thursday/June 4

Love Songs. 8 p.m. Zemer Chai, Washingtons Premier Jewish Choir, presents Love Songs. Features songs of love in Hebrew, Yiddish, and Ladino. At Ohr Kodesh Congregation, 8300 Meadowbrook Lane, Chevy Chase. Tickets: \$40 preferred seating; \$20 general seating in advance (\$25 at the door). Tickets can be purchased at www.zemerchai.org or by calling 301-963-3462.

Potomac Farmers Market Opens. 1-4:30 p.m. Located on River Road, behind the Presbyterian Church and next to Potomac Elementary. Features your favorite vendors: McCleaf Orchards, Plant Masters, Farm Fresh Chef and more. Call Suzanne Hermes Potomac Farmers Market Manager 301-792-6054.

Friday, June 5

Big Train vs. Youse's Orioles. 7:30 p.m. Povich Field, Cabin John Park, Bethesda. Gates open at 6 p.m. First pitch is at 7:30 p.m. Opening Night! Ticket Prices: Adults, \$7, Kids 6-12 \$3, Kids 5 and under or in baseball uniforms, free.

Saturday, June 6

Bethesda Big Train vs. College Park Bombers. 7:30 p.m. Shirley Povich Field, 10600 Westlake Drive, Cabin John Park, Bethesda. Gates open at 6. First pitch is at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: Adults, \$7, Kids 6-12 \$3, Kids 5 and under or in baseball uniforms, free. Go to www.bigtrain.org or call 301-983-1006.

Sing-Along Celebration. 8 p.m. Join song leader Elise Kress and guitarist Lawrence Brand for a fun evening singing along to your favorite songs from the 50s, 60s, 70s and 80s, from pop, folk, country, and rock & roll classics. The Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. Go to www.SingAlongCelebration.com Tickets: \$20. Call 301-639-7608.

Six Things Parents Need to Know . . . That Only You Can Teach. 2-4 p.m. This is a seminar for dog trainers, shelter and rescue staff and volunteers, veterinary staff and other dog-related professionals. Potomac Community Center, 11315 Falls Rd., Potomac. Speaker: Colleen Pelar, CPDT, CDBC, All About Dogs (www.livingwithkidsanddogs.com). FREE, but register at www.yourdogfriend.info or 301-983-5913.

'Tiny Tots at 10'. 10 a.m. At the Puppet Co. Playhouse. \$5/adults and children. Running time is 30 minutes. June 6 is 'Second-Hand Stars;' June 13 is 'Clowning Around;' and June 20 is 'Magic Toy Shop.' At Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Call 301-634-5380.

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Garden Tour. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Garden Conservancy's Open days Program. Enjoy a self-guided tour of six private gardens in Potomac, Great Falls and McLean. Visitors may begin the tour at either Orchard Farm Garden of Gay & Tony Barclay, 11600 River Road, Potomac, or Domaine St. Charles, 9315 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls; directions to the gardens will be provided. Cost is \$5/garden. Go to www.opendaysprogram.org or call The Garden Conservancy toll-free weekdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST, 1-888-842-2442.

Imagination Bethesda. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. At Woodmont Ave. and Elm Street. Live entertainment, hands-on creative activities for kids, street performers, face painting and more. Call 301-215-6660 or visit www.bethesda.org.

June 6-7, June 13-14

Music Recitals. 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. The International school of Music showcases 800 students performances in 19 recitals, every two hours. At Montgomery College, Recital Hall, Music Building, Rockville campus. Free and open to public.

Call 301-657-0763 or visit www.ismw.org.

Sunday/June 7

Geology of the C&O Canal. 10 a.m.-noon at C&O Historical Park, 7906 Riverside Ave. Callan Bentley will use rock evidence to deduce geologic history of the region. Free. Visit www.potomac.org for more.

Voices of the River. 12:30 p.m. at C&O Historical Park, 7906 Riverside Ave. Hear music by Reed Martin. Free. Visit www.potomac.org for more.

The Visions of Six. 1:30-3:30 p.m. Meet the Artists reception for Jane McElvany Coonce, Gertrud Mohr-Freidrich, Carol Higgs, Pauline D. Lorfano, Concetto C. Scott and Marie K. Shaughnessy. At the Dennis and Phillip Ratner Museum, 10001 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda. Call 301-897-1518.

Strings and Friends. 6 p.m. A concert for works for soprano, clarinet and string quartet. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. At the Dennis and Phillip Ratner Museum, 10001 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda. Call 202-316-1646.

Waltz Dance. 3:30-6 p.m. Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park. 3 - 3:30 p.m.: Introductory Waltz Workshop. Waverly Station Band. Admission is \$8. Call Joan Koury at 202-238-0230 or Glen Echo Park at

301-634-2222, go to www.WaltzTimeDances.org or e-mail info@WaltzTimeDances.org. The Glen Echo National Park is located at 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo.

Tuesday, June 9

'Penguins Playground.' 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. At the Puppet Co. Playhouse. \$5/adults and children. Running time is 30 minutes. At Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Call 301-634-5380.

Wednesday/June 10

Walk Season Kickoff. 2009 National Walk Now for Autism and Studio Tour of WUSA-9. 7-9 p.m. Complimentary buffet and soft drinks.

Thursday/June 11

Teachers Thursday. 7-8 p.m. In-depth exploration of topics relevant to science and outdoor education. At Locust Grove Nature Center, 7777 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda. Register for programs at www.ParkPASS.org or call 301-299-1990.

Friday/June 12

Campfire Stories. 7-8 p.m. Old-fashioned fun around the campfire. At Locust Grove Nature Center, 7777 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda. Register for programs at www.ParkPASS.org or call 301-299-1990.

Bethesda Art Walk & Tour. 6-9 p.m. Features 13 galleries and studios that open their doors from 6-9 p.m. on the second Friday of every month. Free guided tours begin at 6:30 p.m. and meet at the Bethesda Metro. . Call 301-215-6660 or visit www.bethesda.org.

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7th Annual Art and Soul Charity Auction. 7-10 p.m. Proceeds from the event will benefit the construction of the Freddie Mac Foundation Youth Activities Center (YAC), NCCFs sole cultural arts and recreational facility on the centers Bethesda campus. Sponsored by the National Center for Children and Families (NCCF) in Bethesda. At the Music Center at Strathmore in Bethesda. Tickets are \$150 per person. Contact Heidi Coons at 301-365-4480, ext. 114.

Bethesda Big Train vs. Alexandria Aces. 7:30 p.m. Shirley Povich Field, 10600 Westlake Drive, Cabin John Park, Bethesda. Gates open at 6. First pitch is at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: Adults, \$7, Kids 6-12 \$3, Kids 5 and under or in baseball uniforms, free. Go to www.bigtrain.org or call 301-983-1006.

'Swingin' the Blues' - Slow Blues and Swing Dance. 9 p.m. to midnight dancing; 8-9 p.m. two workshops: Slow Blues or West Coast Swing. Instructors: Donna Barker, Mike Marcotte and Ken Roesel. Admission: \$14. Call Donna Barker at 301-634-2231 or Glen Echo Park at 301-634-2222, or go to dbarker@glenechopark.org or www.DanceDC.com. The Glen Echo National Park is located at 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo.

Henry Mills and Tala Rahmeh. 7 p.m. Performance poet Henry Mills appears in Helicopters and Vultures, an exploration of what it means to be a product of refugees, a survivor of their history and the fallout of the 20th Century. Free. At The Writers Center, 4508 Walsh Street, Bethesda. Call 301-654-8664.

Saturday/June 13

Tot Time: Creek Crawl. 11:15-12 p.m. Toddlers will explore the delights of running water in a shallow section of Cabin John Creek. At Locust Grove Nature Center, 7777 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda. Register for programs at www.ParkPASS.org or call 301-299-1990.

Health Freedom Walk. 9:45 a.m. At Woodlawn Cultural Park in Sandy Spring. Three-mile walk begins at Rural Legacy Trail. \$5 registration. Age 10 and under free. At 16501 Norwood Road, Sandy Spring. Call 301-421-5445 or go to www.onehealthylife.org.

Bethesda Artist Market. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Bethesda Place Plaza - corner of Old Georgetown Rd. & Woodmont Ave.

Enjoy the original fine art and craft of 25 local artists along with live entertainment at the Bethesda Artist Market, located in the Bethesda Place Plaza. Call 301-215-6660 or visit www.bethesda.org.

How to Have a Well-Behaved Dog. 1-3 p.m. Potomac Community Center, 11315 Falls Rd., Potomac. Improve your dogs behavior by using simple management techniques coupled with rewards for good behavior. Speaker: Ann Melchior, Puppy and Basic class trainer. FREE, but register at www.yourdogsfriend.info or 301-983-5913.

Navigating over land. 1-4 p.m. Clint Cosner, an expert surveyor with 25 years of experience, will lead an orienteering workshop for hikers and outdoor enthusiasts ages 8 and up with Potomac Conservancy. River Center at Lockhouse 8, C&O Canal National Historical Park, 7906 Riverside Ave., Cabin John. RSVP to chapin@potomac.org by June 10.

Sunday/June 14

Slow Blues and Swing Workshop and Dance. 7-8:30 p.m. Instructors Donna Barker and Mike Marcotte. \$17 admission or \$12 for the dance from 8:30-11 p.m. Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo Park. Featuring Melanie Mason Band. Visit www.DanceDC.com, call or e-mail Donna Barker at 301-634-2231 or dbarker@glenechopark.org. The Glen Echo National Park is located at 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo, MD 20812.

Model Search. 1-3 p.m. For American Girl Fashion Show to benefit Prevention of Blindness Society of Metropolitan Washington childrens programs. At the Bolger Center, 9600 Newbridge Dr., Potomac. Call 202-234-1010 or visit www.youreyes.org.

The Shekhter-Tekhter and Binyumin in 'Our Zeydes and Bubbes as Children.' 4 p.m. Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, 6125 Montrose Rd., Rockville. Tickets through box office at 301-348-3872, or at the door. \$18 general public, \$12 for members of JCC, YGW. Call 301-348-3864.

Thrift Shop Half Price Sales. Noon to 4 p.m. The Montgomery County Thrift Shop, 7125-27 Wisconsin Ave., in Bethesda, will hold two half price sale days on two Sundays June 14 and June 28, from noon to 4 p.m. Everything in the shop, with the exception of consignment merchandise, will be half price. Go to www.MoCoThrift.org.

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Cajun and Zydeco Dance Party. 3-6 p.m. At Glen Echo parks Spanish Ballroom. Feature band is Acadien Cajun Band. Half-hour Cajun lesson taught by Michael Hart and Sharon Schiliro at 3 p.m. Admission is \$15. Call Michael Hart at 301-762-6730 or Glen Echo Park at 301-634-2222, or go to www.DancingByTheBayou.com. At 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo.

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Sing-Along Celebration. 8 p.m. Join song leader Elise Kress and guitarist Lawrence Brand for a fun evening singing along to your favorite songs from the 50s, 60s, 70s and 80s, from pop, folk, country, and rock & roll classics. The Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. Go to www.SingAlongCelebration.com Tickets: \$20. Call 301-639-7608.

June 19-21

'Cabaret.' June 19-21 and 25-28. At Montgomery College Summer Dinner Theatre. Tickets \$37/adults and \$27/ children 12 and under. Prices include the performance and a dinner buffet. At Friday and Saturday performances, the doors will open at 6:30 p.m., with a show time of 8:15 p.m. On Sunday, the buffet will open at 12:30 p.m., with a 2:15 p.m. show time. At Theatre Arts Arena on the Colleges Rockville Campus, located at 51 Mannakee Street, Rockville.

Go to www.montgomerycollege.edu/sdt or call 240-567-7676.

Saturday/June 20.

American Red Cross Pet First Aid Class. 1-5 p.m. Potomac Community Center, 11315 Falls Rd., Potomac. Learn how to give temporary emergency care to your dog or cat. Instructor: Lynne Bettinger, Sundown Ridge (www.sundownridge.com). \$50 fee to cover materials. Register at www.yourdogsfriend.info or 301-983-5913.

Survivor: Potomac Islands. 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Action-packed day of canoeing, orienteering, fire building and knot-tying with Potomac Conservancy. River Center at Lockhouse 8, C&O Canal National Historical Park, 7906 Riverside Ave., Cabin John. RSVP to chapin@potomac.org by June 18.

Community Day Fest. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. At Quince Orchard Library. A performance by the U.S. Navy Band Brass Quartet, magic by Tom Lilly, a moon bounce, arts and crafts, a book sale, face and henna painting, and Dance Dance Revolution. At 15831 Quince Orchard Rd. in Gaithersburg, and at Quince Orchard High School across the street. Call 240-777-0200.

Tuesday, June 23

'Second-Hand Stars.' 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. At the Puppet Co. Playhouse. \$5/adults and children. Running time is 30 minutes. At Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Call 301-634-5380.

Sunday/June 28

Thrift Shop Half Price Sales. Noon to 4 p.m. The Montgomery County Thrift Shop, 7125-27 Wisconsin Ave., in Bethesda, will hold two half price sale days on two Sundays June 14 and June 28, from noon to 4 p.m. Everything in the shop, with the exception of consignment merchandise, will be half price. Go to www.MoCoThrift.org.

Saturday, July 4

Potomac 5K Run. 8 a.m. The ninth annual autism speaks Potomac 5K run, 1K walk will benefit Autism Speaks. Go to potomac5k.org.

Autism Speaks Potomac 5K. Registration is open for this community tradition on July 4 in Potomac. Online registration and fund-raising tools are available at: www.potomac5K.org. Last year, 104 teams helped raise \$250,000.

Sunday/July 5

Medicinal Plant Walk. 10-11:30 a.m. At River Center at Lockhouse 8, C&O Canal National Historical Park, 7906 Riverside Ave. Cabin John, Md.

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Tuesday, July 7

'Magic Toy Shop.' 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. At the Puppet Co. Playhouse. \$5/adults and children. Running time is 30 minutes. At Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Call 301-634-5380.

Saturday/July 11

Sing-Along Celebration. 8 p.m. Join song leader Elise Kress and guitarist Lawrence Brand for a fun evening singing along to your favorite songs from the 50s, 60s, 70s and 80s, from pop, folk, country, and rock & roll classics. The Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. Go to www.SingAlongCelebration.com Tickets: \$20. Call 301-639-7608.

Potomac Conservancy picnic. 4-7 p.m. At Carderock Pavilion, Carderock, Md . Admission is free, but please bring a potluck dish. If your last name ends in: A-E, bring an appetizer; F-J, bring a main dish; K-P, bring a dessert; Q-Z, bring an salad. The Potomac River Ramblers will fill the air with bluegrass and country music. Call Monica Lyman at lyman@potomac.org; 301-608-1188, x205.

The Bethesda Artist Market. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event will feature fine art and craft for sale by local and regional artists including painting, photography, jewelry, wood, glass and ceramics. Held in the Bethesda Place Plaza, at the elevated plaza at the corner of Old Georgetown Road and Woodmont Avenue.

Free Practice Tests. 9 a.m. For SAT and ACT. By Summit Educational Group. At Quince Orchard High School in Gaithersburg. Visit www.mytutor.com or call a Summit Program Director at 1-800-MYTUTOR (800-698-8867).

July 11-12

'All shook Up.' July 11-12, 17-19 and 24-26. At Montgomery College Summer Dinner Theatre. Tickets \$37/adults and \$27/ children 12 and under. Prices include the performance and a dinner buffet. At Friday and Saturday performances, the doors will open at 6:30 p.m., with a show time of 8:15 p.m. On Sunday, the buffet will open at 12:30 p.m., with a 2:15 p.m. show time. At Theatre Arts Arena on the Colleges Rockville Campus, located at 51 Mannakee Street, Rockville. Go to www.montgomerycollege.edu/sdt or call 240-567-7676.

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'World on a String.' 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. At the Puppet Co. Playhouse. \$5/adults and children. Running time is 30 minutes. At Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Call 301-634-5380.

Aug. 1-15

Hair Cuttery Shares a Haircut. Bring your child into any Hair Cuttery salon from Aug. 1-15 and for every haircut a child (aged 18 years old or younger) receives, Hair Cuttery will donate a free haircut to a disadvantaged child in the community. Visit www.haircuttery.com.

Sunday/Aug. 2

Voices of the River: Glen Echoes. 3:15-4:15 p.m. Listen to the Glen Echoes 'ring a chord' as this barbershop quartet sings in close harmony with the flow of the river on the porch of the River Center. The Glen Echoes are an a capella quartet with Charlie Sheridan, singing Bass, Richard Cook, singing Lead, Mike Holmes, singing Tenor, and Ken Sleeman, singing Baritone. At River Center at Lockhouse 8, C&O Canal National Historical Park, 7906 Riverside Ave., Cabin John.

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Contra Dance. The Friday Night Dancers presents traditional American dancing including contra dances, square dances, and waltzes at the Spanish Ballroom in Glen Echo Park. Contra dance lesson from 7:30-8:15 p.m., dance from 8:30-11:30 p.m. to live music. \$9/person. E-mail fndcontra@yahoo.com.

Cajun/Zydeco Dance. Dancing by the Bayou presents Cajun and Zydeco dancing with Dennis Stroughmatt & Creole Stomp at the Bumper Car Pavilion in Glen Echo Park. Cajun dancing lesson at 8 p.m. followed by a dance from 8:30 p.m.-12 a.m. \$15/person. E-mail Dancingbythebayou@verizon.net.

Swing Dance. Enjoy a swing dance at the Spanish Ballroom in Glen Echo Park. Beginner Swing lesson from 8-9 p.m. and dance from 9 p.m.- 12 a.m. to live music. \$12/person. Call 301-340-9732.

Contra and Square Dance. The Folklore Society of Greater Washington presents traditional American dancing including contra dances, square dances, and waltzes at the Spanish Ballroom in Glen Echo Park. Dance lesson from 7-7:30 p.m., dance from 7:30-10:30 p.m. to live music. \$12/non-members, \$9/FSGW members.

Waltz Dance. Enjoy a waltz dance at the Spanish Ballroom in Glen Echo Park. Beginner Waltz lesson from 3-3:30 p.m. and dance from 3:30-6 p.m. to live music. \$8/person. Call Joan Koury at 202-238-0230 or visit www.WaltzTimeDances.org.

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Kickoff Session Tonight To Discuss Sister Cities

Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett (D), Maryland Secretary of State John P. McDonough and Sister Cities International membership director Laura Giroux will host a free Montgomery County Sister Cities Kickoff from 7 to 9 tonight in the cafeteria of the County Executive Office Building, 101 Monroe St. in Rockville.

Officials will discuss plans to strengthen ties between Montgomery and communities around the world through economic, educational and cultural partnerships. After opening remarks, attendees will divide into groups to share ideas for partnership opportunities.

To RSVP, e-mail lisa.austin@montgomerycountymd.gov. For information, visit <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/exec/partnerships/events/sistercities.asp>.

Giant Food will host the Mercy Health Clinic 5-kilometer Health Run at 8:30 a.m. Saturday at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital and Life Sciences Center in Rockville.

Proceeds will benefit Gaithersburg's Mercy Health Clinic, a not-for-profit free clinic that serves uninsured and low-income adults in Montgomery County. Free health screenings, diet and lifestyle consultation and exercise tips will be available.

Runners and walkers of all ages are invited to participate in the 5K, which will loop around the hospital campus on a relatively flat course. Gift certificates of \$50 to \$100 will be awarded to winners in various age groups.

The run will begin in the 14900 block of Broschart Road, near the hospital. Registration is \$25 and is available at <http://www.mercyhealthclinic.org/race.php>. Registration packs will be available from 2 to 5 p.m. tomorrow in the Shady Grove Adventist Hospital lobby, 9901 Medical Center Dr. in Rockville.

For event and clinic information, call 240-773-0307 or visit <http://www.mercyhealthclinic.org>.

Montgomery County's Division of Solid Waste Services will host a used electronics drop-off event from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School, 4301 East West Hwy. in Bethesda.

The program is open to all county residents and businesses. Items accepted for recycling include: small electronic appliances, calculators, camcorders, CDs, floppy disks, CD players, cellphones, computers and computer-related products, consumer electronics, copiers, cords and cables (including chargers), digital cameras, electronic typewriters, fax machines, microwave ovens, personal digital assistant equipment, printers, projection equipment, scanners, telephones, small electronic toys, televisions and VCRs.

Those who plan to recycle significant quantities of electronic items at the event should call 240-777-6560 to see how much can be accepted.

Electronics can also be dropped off for recycling at the county's Solid Waste Transfer Station, 16101 Frederick Rd. in Derwood, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekdays, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays.

Each resident may bring up to three televisions. Videotapes will not be accepted.

Residents can recycle large appliances, including refrigerators, air conditioners, dishwashers, ovens and dehumidifiers, by requesting a curbside scrap metal collection or by bringing them to the solid waste transfer station.

For information on donating working computers and other electronic equipment, visit the division's 'Use It Again' database at <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/dep/solidwaste/useitagain>.

The Safeway Foundation will host the 22nd annual Pro-Am Golf Tournament Benefiting Easter Seals on Monday at the Turf Valley Resort in Ellicott City.

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Organizers predicted the event would raise nearly \$400,000 for services for children, adults and seniors with disabilities in Montgomery County and the Washington-Baltimore region.

Celebrity participants include: professional golfer Kathy Whitworth, who will raise funds for autism and Alzheimer's disease; Paul Berry, Washington journalist and Home & Family Finances radio talk show host; and Mike McCrary, former defensive end for the Seattle Seahawks and the Baltimore Ravens. Corporate leaders and Easter Seals donors and ambassadors will also play.

For information, visit <http://www.gwbr.easterseals.com>.

Public forums are scheduled on Montgomery County's next six-year capital construction budget.

Citizen advisory boards will conduct the sessions, which will gather input from residents on the 2011-16 capital improvements program budget. The budget includes the costs for new or renovated major construction projects, such as roads, public schools, Montgomery College facilities, water and sewer lines, parks, libraries, health and recreation facilities and other public buildings.

The forums will meet at 7 p.m. as follows:

-- Silver Spring -- Monday at the Silver Spring Library, 8901 Colesville Rd., 301-565-7300.

-- Eastern County -- Wednesday at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center, 3300 Briggs Chaney Rd., 240-777-8400.

-- Bethesda-Chevy Chase -- June 15 at the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center, 4805 Edgemoor Lane, Bethesda, 240-777-8200.

-- Mid-County -- June 16 (staff members will have informational material on various proposed projects at 6:30 p.m.) at the Park Police headquarters' training room, 12751 Layhill Road, Silver Spring, 240-777-8100.

-- Upcounty -- June 22 at the Upcounty Regional Services Center, 12900 Middlebrook Rd., Germantown, 240-777-8000.

The Webber Family Foundation has pledged \$55,000 to the Montgomery College Foundation to create the Adrian and Arthur Webber Memorial Endowed Scholarship to benefit Montgomery College students with financial needs. Adrian and Arthur Webber were former board members of the Webber Family Foundation and lifelong learners at Montgomery College. 'Adrian and Arthur Webber embraced the lifelong learning opportunities available at Montgomery College and their shared joy of learning inspired our students, faculty and staff,' Brian K. Johnson, president of the college, said in a statement announcing the gift.

The Webbers took dozens of arts and humanities classes at the college's Rockville campus. Adrian Webber died in October 2007, and her husband died the following May.

The Webber Family Foundation has provided a number of grants to the college's arts institute.

Montgomery County's Senior Resource Line is available until 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

The Senior Resource Line offers information about services and programs available to Montgomery seniors.

The line, 240-777-3000, is staffed by specialists in senior services from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Mondays and Fridays.

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Legion Post 295 juggles impressive balancing act Gazette, The

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Pitching, hitting combine in 5-1 victory over Post 104

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How has Gaithersburg 295 won American Legion baseball championships in five out of the last six years?

The same way it's gotten off to a 3-0 start in 2009.

'Balance, I'd say,' said Post 295 manager Rick Price. 'That's the pretty good word to describe us. We've got a lot of pitching up top, and we've been hitting the ball.'

Just days into the summer season, Post 295 seems poised to make another run at the Montgomery County title thanks to efficiency at every phase of the game. On Sunday, it shut out Wheaton Post 268, 7-0, thanks to a pitching gem from Quince Orchard senior Mike Ryan. Two days later, it pummeled Damascus Post 171 for nine runs in two innings, seven driven in by Limestone College (S.C.) rising sophomore Matt Civetti (Clarksburg, 2008) and Cougars senior Tyler Ewing, en route to a 12-5 victory.

On Wednesday, Post 295 did it offensively and defensively. At the plate, Post 295 wasn't spectacular, but certainly opportunistic. It manufactured a run in the second and third innings with alert baserunning in the second, Georgetown Prep catcher Gary Schneider scored from first base on a single by Interstate Athletic Conference rival-turned teammate Josh Mendelson (Landon) and two ensuing throwing errors. An inning later, Miami (Fla.) rising sophomore Spencer Pearman (Northwest, 08) singled to right, stole second, and scored on Ryan's opposite-field double down the left field line.

The Post 295 offense broke the game open in the bottom of the fifth, touching Montgomery College-Germantown pitcher Tim Riley (10 hits, five earned runs, two strikeouts) for three runs. All were scored with two outs, two on Civetti's single to left, scoring Ryan and Northwest senior Alex Pyser.

On the mound, University of Maryland commit Jimmy Reed was masterful, allowing just one run in five innings. The St. John's College High (Frederick) senior allowed just two hits, while Seneca Valley senior Tyler Klitsch pitching two scoreless innings to secure the win.

'Our pitching's been pretty good, but our hitting's been pretty good too,' said Reed. 'I got a lot of support. This is my first year on the team, so I don't know much, but I think we get a lot of really good players from around this area, maybe more than other teams.'

Post 104 scored its only run in the top of the fourth, after Quince Orchard senior Anthony Howard walked and stole second, then scored on a single by right fielder Matt Miller.

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Liberia Sweep At Justice? Imminent Exodus Of Several Officials AllAfrica.com

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Sweeping changes are pending at the Ministry of Justice that will see the Minister and several lieutenants bow out for other alternatives, according to informed sources.

Cllr. Phillip A. Z. Banks, on the job for barely a year, will give way to Professor Christiana Tah, a professor of Sociology at Montgomery College in the US who was unsuccessfully nominated on the Supreme Court Bench. Cllr. Banks is currently out of the country after unsuccessfully defending the Government's position on the use of the US\$0.52 million seized from an alleged Nigerian drug trafficker arrested upon entry here in 2007. He is expected to come and meet his successor.

Sources told this paper that Prof. Tah had been promised the job months ago, but that she insisted on installing her own corps of officers at the Ministry. Mrs. Tah, an official in the William R. Tolbert administration, is already in town from the United States, sources say.

One of those in-coming corps of officers, sources said, is Cllr. Marcus Wright, expected to take over from Cllr. Tiawan Gongloe as Solicitor General. Cllr. Wright has served on the government's prosecution team in a number of cases as a hired lawyer.

Another in coming official is Mr. Lemeul Reeves, who is said to have worked in the Charles Taylor regime but is now outside government in foreign parts, is expected to be named Deputy Minister for Public Safety.

Deputy Justice Minister for Administration, Ms. Eva Mae Mappy Morgan, is expected to stay on.

Liberian National Police

Police Chief Mrs. Beatrice Munah Sieh-Brown is expected to bow out for Mr. Marc Amblah, Deputy Director for the National Security Agency, an intelligence collection group from its inception. Unconfirmed reports say Mrs. Brown is slated for the Presidential guards the Special Security Service, while similar reports hint that Mr. Fomba Sirleaf, currently chief of the National Security Agency, a spy service, could go to the army as Chief of Staff.

Efforts to officially confirm these at the Executive Mansion proved futile Wednesday.

There is yet no official reason for this shake-up at the Ministry, but sources say this could be the result of government losing major landmark cases that could have boosted its much touted fight against corruption.

The Government has been marred with legal setbacks in its declared war against corruption, losing nearly all landmark cases. It lost the National Social Security and Welfare Corporation (NASSCORP) case against the entity's former top Managers who were accused of stealing pensioners fund to the tune of over US\$1 million. The case which was described as the first major test of government's fight against corruption, was soon followed by the famous trason trial, with the latest being the Economy Sabotage case against former Transitional Chairman, Charles Gyude Bryant, Representative Edwin Snowe, Senator Richard Divne amongst several others linked to the transfer of monies from the coffers of the Liberia Petroleum Refining Company (LPRC).

But in a press statement issued over the weekend, expected outgoing Solicitor General Cllr. Tiawan Gongloe attempted defending his prosecution team, saying contrary to public criticism of their dismal performance they won more cases than have been perceived.

Cllr. Gongloe said the Prosecution Department has won more cases, saying since 2006, the government has obtained 286 convictions out of 357 cases tried, adding that the number of acquittals in three years have been 71 compared with 286 convictions. He said this means that the government has won 286 cases or 80.1% of the cases tried and lost 71 cases or 19.9% of the cases tried. 'Out of the cases won by government 31 were murder cases, 41 rape cases, 9 armed robbery cases and 27 aggravated assault cases, with the rest being other criminal cases. One of the murder cases won by government was the one in which a Ghanaian Bishop was Killed in Logan Town. There was also the River Gee murder case in which 14 young men killed 6 elderly persons by sassywood,' he said. Cllr. Gongloe: 'In the case of rape, the case of the four little girls that were raped by three members of the Never Die Church was one of the cases won by

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the government. Another high profile case that the government won is the case of the half a billion dollars worth of cocaine that was seized by government. For theft of property, the famous, among the cases won were the theft cases involving Recheleu David of LBDI who, through electronic fraud stole over United States two hundred thousand dollars from Liberia Bank for Development and Investment (LBDI) and that of Chris Eugene Taylor and others who, also by electronic fraud, stole over one hundred thousand United States Dollars from the Central Bank of Liberia.' 'There was another theft case won by government, involving one Ernest Cholopray and others, employees of ECOBANK, who were accused of using their positions to steal over three hundred thousand United States dollars from ECOBANK,' he said, adding, 'It should be noted that this is the first time in the history of Liberia that prosecution has won this number of cases in three years. Prosecution challenges anyone to show that there has been a better record than this one on prosecution in the history of Liberia.' However, he conceded that the acquittal of Orishall Gould, the former Managing Director of National Social Security and Welfare Corporation (NASSCORP) and others indicted for Economic Sabotage, and the acquittal of Charles Gyude Bryant, former Transitional Head of State of Liberia, Edwin Melvin Snowe, Managing Director of the Liberia Petroleum Refinery Company (LPRC) along with Senator Richard Devine, his former deputy and others for also indicted Economic Sabotage, as well as the acquittal of Senator Roland Kaine who was charged with murder along with fifteen (15) others, have made some Liberians to disregard the gains made by the prosecution. 'Let it be noted that in the Economic Sabotage cases that the government has lost, it was assisted by very highly qualified lawyers. In the case of Orishall Gould, NASSCORP retained the services of Counselors Beyan Howard, Charles Abdullai and Cyril Jones and in the case of Bryant, Snowe and others government retained the services of Cllrs. J. Emmanuel Berry, M. Wilkins Wright and Emmanuel James to assist the prosecution. Therefore, the issue of weakness of the prosecution has no factual basis when one considers the number of cases that have been won by the prosecution and the caliber of retained lawyers who participated in those cases that the government lost. Winning and losing cases are central to the judicial process.

Prosecution has dealt with four anti-corruption cases. It has won one and lost three. In a society in which corruption is almost an acceptable cultural norm, these results should not surprise anyone,' he said. Copyright 2009 New Democrat.

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Stepping Out Places to go, things to see ExploreHoward.com

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Montpelier Folk and Blues series -- Robin and Linda Williams and Their Fine Group, Friday, June 5, 8 p.m., Montpelier Arts Center, 9652 Muirkirk Road. \$20, \$18 for members and seniors (age 60 and over). 301-377-7800.

Montpelier summer concert series -- Free two-hour outdoor concerts on Fridays at 7:30 p.m. on the grounds of Montpelier Mansion, 9652 Muirkirk Road. June 26, oldies, top 40 and classic rock by Oracle Band; July 10, spirituals and patriotic music by Brass of the Potomac; July 24, Caribbean music by Sam 'O and the JFC Band; July 31, "The Taming of the Shrew" by Shakespeare in the Park; Aug. 7, contemporary country by Jay Henley & the Stone Broke Band. Bring friends, a picnic, blanket and or chair. Free public and handicapped parking available. South Laurel Recreation Council, 301-776-2805.

Jam session

Laurel jam session -- First and third Wednesdays from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Phelps Senior Citizens Center, 701 Montgomery St. Under the coordination of local musician Bob Bowman, interested experienced and novice musicians are invited to sit in for an open jam. Music includes folk, bluegrass, Celtic, jazz, ragtime, polka and traditional. Children must be supervised.

Theater

One Act Festival -- Laurel Mill Playhouse, 508 Main St., invites directors and playwrights to submit resumes and one act plays for this festival to be held from Sept. 4 through 20. Contact Maureen Rogers by Monday, June 15, 301-452-2557 or maureencrogers@gmail.com.

"Measure for Measure" -- Shakespeare's dark comedy of sex and repression meets the Victorian era in this production by the Laurel-based Rude Mechanicals, Fridays and Saturdays, through June 13, 8 p.m., St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, College Park. \$15 and \$12, www.rudemmechanicals.com.

"Father of the Bride" -- Comedy by Caroline Francke, directed by Michael Hartsfield and produced by Maureen Rogers, opens June 5 at 8 p.m. at Laurel Mill Playhouse, 508 Main St. Performances run weekends through June 28 on Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. and two Sunday matinees on June 14 and June 28 at 2 p.m. Tickets \$13 general admission, \$10 for students (18 and under) and seniors (65 and over). Reservations, 301-617-9906 and press 2. www.laurelmillplayhouse.org. maureencrogers@gmail.com, 301-452-2557.

Exhibits

Montpelier Arts Center -- 9652 Muirkirk Road, 301-377-7800, montpelier.arts@pgparks.com. Open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Main Gallery: "Printmaking and Beyond," through June 5, works by Wilfred Brunner, Joyce Jewell, Maureen Feely-Kohl, Carla Klevan, Nancy McNamara and Mary Staley, current and former faculty at the Takoma Park campus of Montgomery College. Main Gallery: New sculpture, Moving Towards Stillness, June 11 through Aug. 13. Resident Artist Gallery: New sculpture, June 5 through 25, Melissa Burley. Library Gallery: Fortron, mixed media, June 12 through Aug. 13, Suzanne Herbert. Luncheon/lecture on Thursday, June 11 at noon, reservations required, 301-377-7800. Reception for artists, June 12, 7 to 9 p.m.

"Children of the World: One Spirit, Many Faces" -- Photographs by Maryland artist Billy Michels, on display through Sept. 2 at the Himmelfarb Gallery on the Tai Sophia campus, 7750 Montpelier Road. Color and black and white photographs reflect the innocence, joy, compassion and energy found in children representing five continents and all socio-economic conditions. Gallery hours: Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Open to public, artist's reception will be on Tuesday, June 9 from 5 to 7 p.m. www.billymichels.com.

History

Tours -- 18th-century Georgian Montpelier Mansion, 9650 Muirkirk Road. Guided tours on Sundays at noon, 1, 2 and 3 p.m.; drop-in, self-guided tours Mondays through Fridays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Group tours of 10 or more by appointment. \$3

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adults, \$2 seniors and groups of 10 or more, \$1 ages 6-18, free ages 5 and under. 301-377-7817, montpelier.mansion@pgparks.com.

Historical reproduction kitchen -- Montpelier Mansion, 9650 Muirkirk Road. Learn about the skilled workers -- enslaved, free and indentured -- who enabled plantations like Montpelier to prosper. Sponsored by Friends of Montpelier and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. 301-953-1376. www.pgparks.com.

History tours -- Snow Hill Manor, late-Georgian plantation house built in 1755, 13301 Laurel-Bowie Road. Tours Tuesday and Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 301-725-6037. snowhill.manor@pgparks.com.

Laurel Museum -- "Shake, Rattle 'n' Roll: Laurel in the 1950s, A Community in Transition," 817 Main St. Open Sundays, 1 to 4 p.m., and Wednesdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Groups Monday through Friday by appointment. 301-725-7975. www.laurelhistoricalsociety.org.

Clubs

Sam's Bar and Restaurant -- 9994 Washington Blvd. North, 301-317-7796. Tues., June 9, 7 p.m.: Savage Bluegrass.

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Sweep At Justice? Imminent Exodus Of Several Officials

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Jun 04, 2009 (New Democrat/All Africa Global Media via COMTEX News Network) -- Sweeping changes are pending at the Ministry of Justice that will see the Minister and several lieutenants bow out for other alternatives, according to informed sources.

Cllr. Phillip A. Z. Banks, on the job for barely a year, will give way to Professor Christiana Tah, a professor of Sociology at Montgomery College in the US who was unsuccessfully nominated on the Supreme Court Bench. Cllr. Banks is currently out of the country after unsuccessfully defending the Government's position on the use of the US\$0.52 million seized from an alleged Nigerian drug trafficker arrested upon entry here in 2007. He is expected to come and meet his successor.

Sources told this paper that Prof. Tah had been promised the job months ago, but that she insisted on installing her own corps of officers at the Ministry. Mrs. Tah, an official in the William R. Tolbert administration, is already in town from the United States, sources say.

One of those in-coming corps of officers, sources said, is Cllr. Marcus Wright, expected to take over from Cllr. Tiawan Gongloe as Solicitor General. Cllr. Wright has served on the government's prosecution team in a number of cases as a hired lawyer.

Another in coming official is Mr. Lemeul Reeves, who is said to have worked in the Charles Taylor regime but is now outside government in foreign parts, is expected to be named Deputy Minister for Public Safety.

Deputy Justice Minister for Administration, Ms. Eva Mae Mappy Morgan, is expected to stay on.

Liberian National Police

Police Chief Mrs. Beatrice Munah Sieh-Brown is expected to bow out for Mr. Marc Amblah, Deputy Director for the National Security Agency, an intelligence collection group from its inception. Unconfirmed reports say Mrs. Brown is slated for the Presidential guards the Special Security Service, while similar reports hint that Mr. Fomba Sirleaf, currently chief of the National Security Agency, a spy service, could go to the army as Chief of Staff.

Efforts to officially confirm these at the Executive Mansion proved futile Wednesday.

There is yet no official reason for this shake-up at the Ministry, but sources say this could be the result of government losing major landmark cases that could have boosted its much touted fight against corruption.

The Government has been marred with legal setbacks in its declared war against corruption, losing nearly all landmark cases. It lost the National Social Security and Welfare Corporation (NASSCORP) case against the entity's former top Managers who were accused of stealing pensioners fund to the tune of over US\$1 million. The case which was described as the first major test of government's fight against corruption, was soon followed by the famous trason trial, with the latest being the Economy Sabotage case against former Transitional Chairman, Charles Gyude Bryant, Representative Edwin Snowe, Senator Richard Divne amongst several others linked to the transfer of monies from the coffers of the Liberia Petroleum Refining Company (LPRC).

But in a press statement issued over the weekend, expected outgoing Solicitor General Cllr. Tiawan Gongloe attempted defending his prosecution team, saying contrary to public criticism of their dismal performance they won more cases than have been perceived.

Cllr. Gongloe said the Prosecution Department has won more cases, saying since 2006, the government has obtained 286 convictions out of 357 cases tried, adding that the number of acquittals in three years have been 71 compared with 286 convictions. He said this means that the government has won 286 cases or 80.1% of the cases tried and lost 71 cases or 19.9% of the cases tried.

"Out of the cases won by government 31 were murder cases, 41 rape cases, 9 armed robbery cases and 27 aggravated assault cases, with the rest being other criminal cases. One of the murder cases won by government was the one in

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which a Ghanaian Bishop was Killed in Logan Town. There was also the River Gee murder case in which 14 young men killed 6 elderly persons by sassywood," he said.

Cllr. Gongloe: "In the case of rape, the case of the four little girls that were raped by three members of the Never Die Church was one of the cases won by the government. Another high profile case that the government won is the case of the half a billion dollars worth of cocaine that was seized by government. For theft of property, the famous, among the cases won were the theft cases involving Rechelieu David of LBDI who, through electronic fraud stole over United States two hundred thousand dollars from Liberia Bank for Development and Investment (LBDI) and that of Chris Eugene Taylor and others who, also by electronic fraud, stole over one hundred thousand United States Dollars from the Central Bank of Liberia."

"There was another theft case won by government, involving one Ernest Cholopray and others, employees of ECOBANK, who were accused of using their positions to steal over three hundred thousand United States dollars from ECOBANK," he said, adding, "It should be noted that this is the first time in the history of Liberia that prosecution has won this number of cases in three years. Prosecution challenges anyone to show that there has been a better record than this one on prosecution in the history of Liberia."

However, he conceded that the acquittal of Orishall Gould, the former Managing Director of National Social Security and Welfare Corporation (NASSCORP) and others indicted for Economic Sabotage, and the acquittal of Charles Gyude Bryant, former Transitional Head of State of Liberia, Edwin Melvin Snowe, Managing Director of the Liberia Petroleum Refinery Company (LPRC) along with Senator Richard Devine, his former deputy and others for also indicted Economic Sabotage, as well as the acquittal of Senator Roland Kaine who was charged with murder along with fifteen (15) others, have made some Liberians to disregard the gains made by the prosecution.

"Let it be noted that in the Economic Sabotage cases that the government has lost, it was assisted by very highly qualified lawyers. In the case of Orishall Gould, NASSCORP retained the services of Counselors Beyan Howard, Charles Abdullai and Cyril Jones and in the case of Bryant, Snowe and others government retained the services of Cllrs. J. Emmanuel Berry, M. Wilkins Wright and Emmanuel James to assist the prosecution. Therefore, the issue of weakness of the prosecution has no factual basis when one considers the number of cases that have been won by the prosecution and the caliber of retained lawyers who participated in those cases that the government lost. Winning and losing cases are central to the judicial process.

Prosecution has dealt with four anti-corruption cases. It has won one and lost three. In a society in which corruption is almost an acceptable cultural norm, these results should not surprise anyone," he said.

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'ZING WINGS' CRAFTS -- 1-4 p.m. tomorrow. Create a glider out of Styrofoam and tour the museum. College Park Aviation Museum, 1985 Cpl. Frank Scott Dr. \$4; seniors, \$3; ages 2 to 18, \$2; age 1 and younger, free. 301-864-6029.

Concerts

NATIONAL ORCHESTRAL INSTITUTE -- 8 p.m. today. Performances by 2009 institute faculty members. Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, Gildenhorn Recital Hall, University of Maryland, Route 193 and Stadium Drive, College Park. Free. 301-405-2787.

JOHN GUERNSEY -- 6:30-8 p.m. tomorrow-Saturday. The jazz and blues pianist from Takoma Park will perform. New Deal Cafe, 113 Centerway, Roosevelt Center, Greenbelt. Free. 301-474-5642.

ROBIN AND LINDA WILLIAMS -- 8 p.m. tomorrow. The folk duo has made appearances on 'A Prairie Home Companion.' Montpelier Arts Center, 9652 Muirkirk Rd., Laurel. \$20. 301-377-7800 or 410-792-0664.

MAUREEN ANDARY -- 7-9 p.m. Tuesday. The folk artist performs. New Deal Cafe, 113 Centerway, Roosevelt Center, Greenbelt. Free. 301-474-5642.

MUSIC MARATHON -- 12:30 and 4:30 p.m. Sunday. Students from this year's National Orchestral Institute perform in small ensembles. Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, Gildenhorn Recital Hall, University of Maryland, Route 193 and Stadium Drive, College Park. Free. 301-405-2787.

JAZZ CONCERT -- 8-9:30 p.m. Saturday. R&B vocalist J.D., with special guest Marcus Johnson. Four Points by Sheraton, 8500 Annapolis Rd., New Carrollton. \$20, dinner not included; dinner seating starts at 6:30 p.m. For tickets, call 301-221-1096.

BLUES JAM SESSION -- 7 p.m. Wednesdays. Mike Baytop leads weekly sessions. Black Box Theatre, 4185 Indian Head Hwy., Indian Head. \$5. 301-743-3040.

Dance

LAUREL 'VARIETY DANCE FESTIVAL' -- 7:30-10:30 p.m. tomorrow. Dance to oldies, country, big band, line-dancing and modern music. Phelps Senior Services Center, 701 Montgomery St., Laurel. \$2.99. 301-937-2896.

BELLY DANCING -- 7-9 p.m. Wednesday. Performance by the Brena Belly Dance group. New Deal Cafe, 113 Centerway, Roosevelt Center, Greenbelt. Free. 301-474-5642.

Exhibitions

PRINTMAKING AND BEYOND -- 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily, through Friday. Works in printmaking processes by Montgomery College faculty artists Nancy McNamara, Joyce Jewell, Wilfred Brunner, Mary Staley, Carla Klevan and Maureen Feely-Kohl. Montpelier Arts Center, 9652 Muirkirk Rd., Laurel. Free. 301-953-1993 or 410-792-0664.

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Register for Montgomery College summer sessions

Register for classes at Montgomery College in person or online. Midsummer classes begin June 15 and Summer Session II classes begin July 6.

On-site registration at the Germantown campus is held in the Sciences and Applied Studies Building, 20200 Observation Drive; at the Rockville campus, in the Student Services Building, 51 Mannakee St.; and at the Takoma Park/Silver Spring campus, in the Student Services Center, located at the intersection of Fenton Street and New York Avenue.

Students from other colleges who wish to attend Montgomery College this summer and transfer their credits should follow these guidelines:

-Apply to Montgomery College and pay the \$25 one-time application fee.

-Submit documentation from your home institution showing that you have fulfilled the prerequisites(s) indicated in the current Montgomery College catalog for the course you wish to take. As proof of fulfillment, students may submit a "Permission to Enroll" form from their institution. The form must specify the course the student may take at Montgomery College; this will enable the College to waive the requirements for prerequisite checks and assessment tests.

-Permission documentation from the home institution may be faxed to the Records and Registration Office on the campus you plan to attend: 240-567-7815 for Germantown; 240-567-5037 for Rockville; 240-567-1497 for Takoma Park/Silver Spring. You may also mail documentation to Montgomery College, Office of Admissions, 20200 Observation Drive, Germantown, MD 20876.

-Once the college has received your permission documentation, register for your course.

Students are encouraged to register as soon as possible for the best choice of classes. Online registration closes the midnight prior to the first scheduled class meeting. Students registering the first day a class meets, or later, must do so in person and pay a \$35 late fee.

For more information about admissions and registration, visit www.montgomerycollege.edu or call 240-567-5000.

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Accentuate positives about Hispanics Gazette, The

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Accentuate positives about Hispanics

Jorge R. Urrutia | Commentary

I have seen front page news regarding crimes performed by Hispanics. Clearly, as a member of the Hispanic community, I am saddened to hear about these horrific crimes. I hope some of these articles serve as a deterrent to other people considering joining gangs or committing crimes.

Having said that, I also would like to say that while I understand that crimes usually take front page, I believe that more good news is also needed to bring balance in what we hear; this is especially true for minority groups, to avoid creating a negative image that gives fuel to anti-minority groups.

While Hispanics in this country are suffering the consequences of actions by various groups and are frequently portrayed in the news in negative terms, it is also true that Hispanics have been in the nation from the time of its origins.

Let's not forget that western civilization arrived in our country with the landing of the Spaniards in Florida in 1513. Ponce de Leon sailed with Christopher Columbus on his second voyage to the New World in 1493, and St. Augustine was founded in 1565, 42 years before Jamestown was founded by the first English settlers.

Hispanics have made significant contributions in terms of the military, medical advances, the arts and every area of progress in the United States. Just to mention a few of these accomplishments, Hispanics have been labeled a "first line of defense," given their unselfish commitment to national defense. In medicine, I can mention Dr. René Gerónimo Favalaro, a doctor from Argentina who was a pioneer in coronary bypass surgery, which has saved thousands, if not millions of lives. When it comes to job creation, Hispanics have created more businesses than any other ethnic groups, in the last several years.

On April 2, I was invited to speak at the Montgomery College Hispanic Student Academic Awards Ceremony. I was proud and happy to see almost 200 Hispanic students who had earned a grade point average of 3.5/4.0 or higher; 16 students had perfect scores GPAs of 4.0. Maybe I missed it but I don't remember seeing front page news about this magnificent accomplishment by members of our community.

Here is another opportunity to say something positive about Hispanics. The city of Gaithersburg recently announced the award of scholarships to four students; two of them are Hispanics: Veronica Henrique-Lopez and Francisco Cartagena.

Candace Kattar, executive director of Identity, a Gaithersburg-based non-profit organization, wrote the nomination for Francisco to get this scholarship. Here is some of what she said:

"During his four years at Gaithersburg High School, Francisco voluntarily appeared several times before the county Board of Education advocating for programming to support better academic outcomes for Latino youth. He volunteered as a tutor during Identity's 2005 summer sessions and during the fall of 2006. Throughout these past four years at Gaithersburg High School, Francisco has demonstrated academic excellence. He has been on the honor roll almost his entire high school career and is taking college credit classes through the College Institute Program, which includes business, criminal justice and college survival. He has already been accepted at Montgomery College with approximately six college credits under his belt."

It would be nice to see front page news about students like Francisco, Veronica or any of the students from Montgomery College. I believe that such an article would inspire thousands of Hispanics, who are eager to hear something encouraging and positive about their community.

Jorge R. Urrutia is founder and president of MSI Universal in Gaithersburg. He also is on the Montgomery College Alumni Association Board of Governors, 2008-09.

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Lessons in economics Students torn over following their passions or their pocketbooks Gazette, The

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Lessons in economics
Students torn over following their passions or their pocketbooks

by Gazette Staff

One year, 7,000 miles and a journal full of memoriesHis first cooking class in the Damascus High School restaurant management program three years ago convinced senior Carlos Ramirez, 17, that his calling was to be a chef.

He has been accepted into the four-year program at Johnson and Wales University in North Miami, where he hopes to earn a degree in culinary arts and a bachelor's degree in food service management.

But a \$5,000 scholarship he won from Whole Foods Market is only a small piece of the estimated \$32,000 annual cost of going to the school. The school has offered him some grant money, Ramirez said, but he worries that without more assistance, he will not be able to pursue his dream.

"If we don't get more help, it looks like I'd have to go to community college first," he said.

If he can get through school, Ramirez said he is not worried about the job market.

Damascus High School senior Andrew Bruch, 18, plans to study at L'Academie de Cuisine in Gaithersburg. He, too, has reassessed his future in light of the dismal economy, but feels confident he is making the right decision.

"I am worried about the economy, but I have made plans to secure an excellent future as a chef, which is a field that always needs good employees," he said. "Second to the government, the food and hospitality business employs the most people ... People need to eat"

Changing your plans

Trisha Avasthi, 18, a senior at Winston Churchill High School in Potomac who is bound for the University of Pennsylvania, had once hoped to study neuroscience, but not now.

The economic downturn motivated her to change her study plans.

She now plans to focus on biotechnology because she thinks it is a more "versatile" area of study that will help her in the job market.

"Biotech is on the rise," she said. "It's the next thing, supposedly."

Letting passion lead the way

Some senior members of The Rampage, the student newspaper of Rockville High School, say they want to pursue a career in journalism despite the impact the slumping economy has had on the print media. Several U.S. newspaper groups have declared bankruptcy and many continue to endure layoffs.

Molly Carey, director of photography, said she plans to major in communications journalism with an emphasis on photojournalism at Elon University in North Carolina.

"I have always enjoyed photography and it is something that I will never give up," the 17-year-old Rockville resident said. "If I can make money doing something I love, then why not do it? I don't believe that print journalism will ever go away completely, but there is always the Internet if that were to happen."

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Polly Ingram, an associate editor, said there was never any doubt in her mind that she would major in journalism. She also plans to double major in history and minor in political science.

"Journalism is just what I love to do," the 17-year-old Rockville resident said. "The money doesn't really matter to me and I'm willing to be competitive."

Other students say they plan to major in a second subject in case they cannot find a journalism job when they graduate.

Jaishri Shankar, an editor-in-chief, said she wants to double major in journalism and pre-med because she enjoys both subjects and wants to keep her options open.

"Knowing that the economy is the way it is I'd rather know more about a lot of things than a lot about one thing because should it not work out for me in that one area, I'd have nothing to fall back on," the 18-year-old Rockville resident said.

Kyra Wood, a photographer, said she plans to double major in communications and environmental science at Elizabethtown College in Pennsylvania. Her dream job is to become a photographer for National Geographic magazine.

"Environmental science is a growing field, so I know I could probably get a job in that sector if I can't become a photographer for a magazine," she said.

A career you can love

A film class at Gaithersburg High School convinced Jessica DeLaRosa, 17, of her future career.

"Right after I took it, I knew it was something that I wanted to do for the rest of my life," said DeLaRosa, a graduating senior who will specialize in film at the New England Institute of Art in Boston.

"My mom's like all for it, she's never been like: Oh, art's not going to get you anywhere. But she's always been like: Try your hardest because it's just such a competitive field ... So many people are talented," the Gaithersburg resident said.

Her artistic roots took hold during a seventh-grade summer visiting family in Mexico, where she took painting classes from a professional artist, who taught her to mix paints, said DeLaRosa. In high school, she did a photography project on Mexican poverty for an AP Studio class, headed the school's Art Honor Society and combined her love of art forms with a love of reading and writing to make movies.

Sticking to your guns

Damascus High School senior Dennis Coleman, 18, wants to be a high-performance automotive technician, but he worried whether the economy would force him to change his mind.

He has decided to go with his plan.

There will always be those who drive high performance cars, he said, "but less and less as the years go by until the economy gets straight."

"It will be harder," said Coleman, who took auto technology classes at Damascus. "The harder it gets, the more determined I'll be because my parents won't be able to help anymore."

His plan is to attend Montgomery College for one year and then transfer to a technical school to study automotive engineering.

Staff Writers Melissa J. Brachfeld, Terri Hogan, Patricia M. Murret, Amber Parcher, Susan Singer-Bart, Jason Tomassini, Andrew Ujifusa contributed to this report.

Where the jobs are

Engineering is also a field in which most students are guaranteed jobs, experts say. Despite national defense cutbacks in spending, Bethesda-based defense giant Lockheed Martin will hire 5 percent of all college graduates in the field, said Lockheed engineer Mark Wells.

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Since he can pretty much count on a job, Wheaton High engineering student Alex Rodas said he first chose the field because of its stellar pay.

"I was thinking of a career that would make me a lot of money," he said.

Luckily for Rodas, he liked what he was doing as well, and he's made plans to study civil engineering at Montgomery College and eventually transfer to the University of Maryland.

Women and minorities have an added benefit to enter engineering — they're likely to receive favorable attention from a white-male dominated field, experts say.

By law, Lockheed has to hire a certain amount of women and minorities, Wells said. And Montgomery College's engineering department received a grant three years ago to fund the education of a group of underrepresented engineers, said Muhammad Kehnemouyi, the head of the school's engineering department.

Engineering scholarships were easy to come by as Hispanic women, said Wheaton seniors Karla Osario and Geimma Diaz.

"You barely see Hispanics in engineering," said Osario, who received a sizable chunk of money to study at the Pennsylvania State University. "I want to be the next Bill Gates."

Signs of the (economic) times

High school counselors have mixed opinions on whether the economic picture has played a role in shaping what students will study — and where they will study.

Joseph Hock, career information coordinator at Sherwood High School, said more students seem to be choosing in-state schools rather than out-of-state schools this year.

"The kids have been accepted to upper-tier schools but are choosing to attend the University of Maryland over out-of-state schools like Bucknell or Penn State, although we still have plenty that are going out of state," he said. "I do think finance is a key factor in their decisions, perhaps not the only factor, but more so than in other years.

"As far as choosing a career based on the economy, I don't think these kids are thinking four years in advance," he added. "That probably happens more in college."

Jill Kasprzak, college counselor at Our Lady of Good Counsel High School in Olney, agreed that many students have not yet decided their futures.

"I don't feel like the economy has impacted their decisions too much," she said. "Many of the students have an inkling as to what they want to do, but most are not sure. We figure out their interests and then match that with career options. I haven't really seen students changing their minds based on the economy. They are not really thinking about that, just where they will be able to get a job."

Montgomery Blair High School senior Logan Talbott will be paying his own way through college, just like his parents did. So the slumping economy has forced him to put college on hold.

When Talbott graduates from high school he will search for a job that will allow him to make enough money to enroll at Montgomery College in the spring.

He hopes that path will give him a better understanding of personal finance and allow him to finish college at an out-of-state school where he can focus on his passion, video production.

"I'm not trying to be in debt before I even have a credit score," Talbott said.

"When you graduate high school, it's time to grow up," he added. "But college isn't really growing up."

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by Gazette staff

One year, 7,000 miles and a journal full of memories For high school seniors around the county, graduation day marks both a beginning and an end. It's the beginning of what comes next, whether that means college in a new town, travels in a new country or a job close to home. But for many, it's the end of high school football games, lunch breaks with a familiar group of friends and the comfort of knowing where to find friendly faces at a favorite hang-out spot.

As seniors got ready for graduation day, they also took a moment to think about what they would miss most about high school.

Chanel Warren, 18, a Rockville resident and senior at Thomas S. Wootton High School, is planning a move to Miami to attend the University of Miami in the fall. She's not sure yet what she'll major in, but she's considering either fashion or business.

Warren said she'll miss the laid-back lifestyle in Rockville. "It's very calm here," Warren said. "I'm going to move to Miami and everything will be really exciting down there."

Warren said she doesn't play sports, but attending sports games with her friends is a favorite Wootton pastime she'll look back on fondly. "Especially volleyball — I love watching volleyball," Warren said.

Football games are another favorite, she said.

As for favorite hangouts, Warren said she will miss hanging out with her friends at the Chipotle and the Wing Stop in Fallsgrove — a favorite gathering spot for Wootton students. "You always run into someone there," she said.

Trisha Avasthi, a senior at Winston Churchill High School in Potomac, will miss teachers who she has grown close with over the years through extracurricular activities, such as the Science National Honor Society.

"In a sense, they've become friends," said Avasthi, 18, who is bound for the University of Pennsylvania in the fall.

Leaving school for Gillian Burz of Bethesda will mean the end of a truly intimate experience. A senior at the British School of Washington, in the District, Burz is one of about 15 members of her graduating class.

"I'm probably good friends with everybody," said Burz, 18.

In addition, Burz won't be able to see them easily in the near future, since many of her classmates are going to foreign countries after graduation, including England, Holland and Slovakia.

"Everybody's going to different parts of the world," said Burz.

Her next destination is the Savannah College of Art and Design in Savannah, Ga., where she wants to major in sound design or film.

When he heads off to Salisbury University in the fall to study music education, Myles McCool will probably do so with tunes he learned in honors jazz band at Albert Einstein High School flowing through his mind.

It's the band and some of the people that the graduating McCool, 18, said he will miss, as well as hanging out with his friends at the Wheaton Mall or in Downtown Silver Spring.

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"The dances, the prom, the homecoming, they were all pretty fun," McCool said of his high school experience. "Thank God I got this far!"

McCool said he is looking forward to college life now, but not too forward.

"I just take life one day at a time," he said. "I'm looking forward to more independence, more freedom, less cliques, less certain things like that."

Hanging out with his friends is what Santiago Galeas, 18, is going to miss most about Einstein.

"We go to each other's houses a lot and we're not going to be able to do that anymore," Galeas said. "Some of us are going to be going off to college and some will stay here. It's not going to be the same."

Galeas, a student in the Visual and Performing Arts program at Einstein, will follow in the footsteps of Ricki McKenzie, one of his favorite art teachers at who has "been really cool and helpful." Galeas said he plans to study art education at Montgomery College and then later at another university.

Patrick Palmer, 17, said he'll miss the sports he played, both lacrosse, which he played on the school team, and pickup basketball games with his friends at McKenney Hills Neighborhood Park in Silver Spring.

"We play basketball at night, under the lights," Palmer said. "I'll just miss the friends that I knew for a very long time."

Palmer said he plans to take some time off after high school and then go to school to learn to be a chef.

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Commercial burglary

-Campus Center of Montgomery College, 51 Mannakee St. in Rockville, between 11:53 p.m. May 14 and 1:28 a.m. May 15. Forced entry; property taken.

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GRADUATING LANCERS WILL MISS THEIR FRIENDS MOST OF ALL

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David Shugars will always remember the scattering of cockroaches when the gym lights were turned on at the old Linganore High School. Ethan Stansbury will always cherish the memory of William Bailey's math classes — or at least his funny stories. Evan Arsenault thought it was cool when someone dropped a couple of hundred dollars off a balcony on the last day of school for students to pick up. Lauren Draper will always remember the school spirit at Lancer football games.

But while their memories are diverse, the students lining up before graduation from Linganore High School on Tuesday night all said they will miss the same thing: Friends.

"I'll miss seeing my friends, having classes with them," said Draper, who graduated with highest honors. "I'll miss spending time with everyone I've grown up with."

Draper has been accepted into the honors program at the University of Delaware, where the aspiring physician plans to major in biology.

Evan Arsenault is headed to the University of Middle Tennessee, where he plans to major in music technology and recording. He plays several instruments, but said his main focus is live audio.

"The school offers a music tech class, and that's really where I got interested," he said.

David Shugars plans to become an astrophysicist and is starting his higher education at Montgomery College. He was one of many students who said he would miss the people most of all.

"I love you guys," he said with a laugh as he hugged a buddy.

In his speech to his fellow graduates, senior Robert Martin talked of Principal Marge Lyburn's mantra of, "To whom much is given, much is expected." He thanked the retiring principal for her many years of service and wished her a happy retirement.

Martin talked of recent events that have shaped the world, including the U.S. electing its first black president. He lamented Pluto's loss of planet status and said he took great pleasure in being able to tell a freshman, "When I was your age, Pluto was still a planet."

Jokes aside, Martin implored his classmates to always be kind, compassionate and have mercy for other human beings.

"One random act of kindness can make the biggest difference in someone's life," he said. "The smallest things can have the biggest impact."

A highlight of the evening was the awarding of the Golden Lance Award, given each year to one student and one faculty member who best exemplify the six pillars of character. Senior Jimmy Clark, celebrating his birthday on graduation day, and faculty member Marsha Thompson were named this year's recipients.

The awarding of 406 diplomas started on a poignant note when Barry and Sara Hubble, parents of the late Jacob W. Huddle, accepted his diploma. Jacob was killed in a car accident Aug. 25, the first day of his senior year.

Principal Lyburn told her students that they were surrounded by the faculty members who had been with them every step of the way in their journey toward this night.

"We love you, we have loved working with you and you will always have a special place in our hearts," she told the soon-to-be Lancer alumni.

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ROBERT MARTIN WAS THE STUDENT SPEAKER AT LINGANORE HIGH SCHOOL'S GRADUATION CEREMONY
TUESDAY NIGHT AT KNOTT ARENA AT MOUNT ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY.

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GHS streakers and 'clean fun'

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"I'm going to miss all of the funny stuff that happens every year," said Vanyssa Wyman, a senior at Gaithersburg High School, who said senior traditions start with streaking at the Homecoming Pep Rally.

Two seniors drop their clothes and race across the school's football field as Trojan spirit cheers them on, said Wyman,

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who said days and weeks before the homecoming football game are filled with dares and whispers: "Oh I'm going to do it."

Anh-Hao Dinh, 18, of Gaithersburg, another GHS senior said that Freshman Hell Week is a longstanding rite of passage for incoming Trojans.

The challenges? Seniors stop freshmen in the hallways and write F's on them or send the high school newbies in wrong directions when they ask for help finding their classrooms.

One or two freshmen are usually stuffed in a trash can, he laughed, saying that Trojan spirit never dies. Dinh attended every girls' basketball game this year, joined by a group of friends wearing T-shirts that said: "We're the Gaithersburg junkies."

"We go to the girls' basketball games and cheer obnoxiously, cheer for our Lady Trojans," he said. "It's always good clean fun."

QOHS' pranking poms

Jodi Schneibolk and Rachel Sorra are best friends joined hand-and-foot.

The varsity cheerleaders make human pyramids nearly 20 times during each varsity football game at Quince Orchard High School, said Sorra, 18, of North Potomac, where she is captain of the squad. As base spot, Schneibolk, 17, of Gaithersburg and two other cheerleaders, lift Sorra, "the flyer," who stands held by her ankle with one leg extended then falls into the arms of her squad.

"The thing is: I'm really scared of heights," said Sorra.

Grueling practices make for strong friendships, said Schneibolk, who said that cheerleading is what she will miss most about QOHS. The squad's 23 girls bonded during summer cheer camp and a sleepover.

"Everyone brought 50 rolls" of toilet paper, Schneibolk said. "We t.p.'d all the football players houses." The secret mission had five carloads of cheerleaders roaming all over Gaithersburg, the girls said. They wore all black and blackened their cheekbones with face paint, Cougar style.

"Football players aren't as organized as cheerleaders," said Sorra, who said cheerleaders denied allegations. "So they can't get us back."

So-long gridiron

Watkins Mill seniors say they will miss pajama days, miss-match days, the team dinners, the pep rallies and homecoming and those dismissal-time drumline performances by TNT, with their enthused contagion.

"It's like the end of the day, everyone's ready to go home, and then you have TNT just busting out, the drum line just going crazy, and everyone just misses their bus just to follow and party, right behind," said Livida Rivera, 17.

But Northwest senior Grady Garrett, 17, will chase academic dreams next year.

Garrett of Germantown, a member of the football team's defensive line, hasn't chosen where he will attend college, but he knows he wants to study political science.

"I want to focus on my major," Garrett said. "I don't think football has anything to do with political science."

For four years, two on junior varsity and two on varsity, Garrett was a member of the Jaguars football program. He said he's "going to be lost" without having to structure a schedule around football and will miss the camaraderie most when he graduates.

Watkins Mill senior Ray Pryphun knows the feeling.

"Just playing for everybody, knowing that you represent the school on the field and in the classroom and in the community," said Pryphun, 17, of Montgomery Village, who played football, lacrosse and swim. "Especially those of us in

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sports for four years: We ate, slept, breathed, bled for blue-and-orange for four years. I love it. I wouldn't go anywhere else."

Jazzin' it up

As a child, Imani Palmer of Gaithersburg was introduced to jazz. For two years, she was a member of the Northwest High jazz band. Now, the senior class vice president is headed to the University of Pittsburgh to study biology. She plays guitar, alto sax, piano and some percussion.

"It's a group of special kids in the jazz band," Palmer said. "I was brought up with it, so I figured I might as well try it out."

Palmer, 17, a member of the National Honor Society, Tri-M Music Society, science and math honor's societies, said she will miss the jazz band when she graduates, but she has plans to fill the void.

"I really want to try out for Pitt's jazz band," Palmer said.

No more drama

Diana Sisson of Darnestown said she isn't acting when she says she will miss the drama club.

Since she was a freshman at Northwest High, Sisson, 17, has been a member of the drama club. Before that, she was a middle school student spending her allowance to see her older brother perform with the same drama club.

"I was hooked," Sisson said of seeing her brother perform.

"It's really a close knit family in drama," Sisson said. "It's a definite closeness you don't find outside extracurricular activities."

Now one of the student theatre directors responsible for helping organize productions, Sisson has performed in eight shows and one encore in the school's production of "Dreamgirls", her personal favorite.

"It connected a lot with the audience and really hit home," Sisson said.

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What other schools might — and do, says Ray Pryphun, 17, — call "ghetto," students at Watkins Mill celebrate as a diversity that dispels the usual high school headaches of this-clique and that-clique. The result: What they called that certain Wolverine "spirit."

"Just that all-around feeling you get when you walk through the doors in the morning, and the moment you walk out ... the adrenaline is always there, no matter what," said Andrea Harmon, 17, of Gaithersburg. "Even if I wake up at 7:30, roll out of bed, get here by 7:35, still, walking in by myself, there's an adrenaline I get just from the teachers and the staff and just seeing someone you know in the hallway and saying 'Hey.'"

Even on the eve of their last day of school, Student Government Association members were too preoccupied with the next day's elections. Keiry Rodriguez, 17, fretted over whether next year's class leaders will be up to the task and Livida Rivera, 17, struggled with the paradox that the school — gasp! — will be just fine without them.

It wasn't until Rodriguez, 17, of Montgomery Village, was passing around her freshly minted yearbook to get signed — as editor, "That was, like, my baby" she said — a couple weeks back that the finality started to dawn on her. That opened

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the floodgates.

"I wasn't going to be editor of the yearbook anymore, which I totally loved. I wasn't going to be in SGA anymore. I wasn't going to be vice president anymore," she said. "I wasn't going to be planning homecoming anymore, or planning those pep rallies that meant everything to everybody."

A look back

Even a few of the jocks are getting a bit nostalgic about leaving high school.

Wheaton High School senior Travis Marcus, who is captain of the basketball team, said although the going was rough at times, "Wheaton shaped me into an all-around person."

As a freshman, Marcus was not eligible to play his beloved sport because of poor grades. He worked hard to improve his game and his grades and as a sophomore made the junior varsity team.

Marcus said that mentality of working hard has stayed with him throughout high school.

It's paid off, and now, "You could say I'm the star of the Wheaton basketball team," he said.

Northwood High School senior Cameron Tyree is a bit blunter about how sports motivated him in school.

"The only reason I'm as into school as I am is because football carries me," he said. "It's the basis of my education."

But, despite all his ambitions, Tyree admits graduation from Northwood is bittersweet.

"I'm going to miss that school eventually," he said.

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Advisory boards to host capital budget forums Gazette, The

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Citizens advisory boards will collect public input regarding the county's next six-year capital construction budget in a series of public forums in June. The forums will help define construction and planning priorities for the various regions in the county as officials begin developing the fiscal years 2011 to 2016 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) budget.

The CIP includes the costs for new or renovated major construction projects such as roads, public schools, Montgomery College facilities, water and sewer lines, parks, libraries, health and recreation facilities, and other public buildings.

All forums will be held 7 p.m. The schedule in each regional area is listed below:

-Silver Spring - 7 p.m. Monday at the Silver Spring Library, 8901 Colesville Road. Call 301-565-7300.

-East County - 7 p.m. June 10 at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center, 3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring. Call 240-777-8400.

-Mid-County - 7 p.m. June 16 (staff will be available with informational material on various proposed projects at 6:30 p.m.) at the Park Police Headquarters-Training Room, 12751 Layhill Road, Silver Spring. Call 240-777-8100.

Suggestions and comments from participants will be considered by the regional citizen advisory boards for inclusion in the funding priority lists they submit to the county executive. The lists will also be shared with County departments and agencies.

Summer concert series

in downtown Wheaton

Downtown Wheaton's TGIF Summer Concert Series is back, starting off with a concert by Washington Area Music Association winners The Nighthawks from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. June 12. The free public concerts will take place every second and fourth Friday from June to August in the Wheaton Triangle, at the corner of Grandview Avenue and Reedy Drive in downtown Wheaton. They are sponsored by the Wheaton Urban District. Upcoming shows to mark on the calendar are: Wayna, a Grammy nominated R&B soul band, on June 26; Brooks Tegler Band on July 10; WAMMIE winner funk and hip hop band Higher Hands on July 24; WAMMIE winner New Orleans R&B band Junkyard Saints; and WAMMIE salsa winner Bio Ritmo on Aug. 28. For more information visit www.wheatonmd.org.

International Buddhist Assembly set for Wheaton Thai temple

More than 200 Buddhist monks from around the world will assemble this week at Wat Thai Washington, 13440 Layhill Road in Silver Spring, for a weeklong series of events commemorating the 84th birthday of the abbot of Wat Thai, the Venerable Dr. Chao Khun Pra Dhammarangsi. Thais consider the 84th birthday especially significant because it represents the completion of seven cycles of the 12-year Buddhist calendar. The abbot is the oldest serving Thai monk in the country.

As part of the weeklong event, a special seminar on Buddhism will be held all day Friday and Saturday at Wat Thai and is open to the public. The seminar will follow a meditation retreat at the Wat held last week.

On Sunday, the abbot's birthday will be celebrated with religious services beginning at 7 a.m. and a special ceremony at 10:30 a.m., presided over by Her Serene Highness Princess Vuthichalerm Vudhichai. Lunch will be provided for all participants. All activities are free and open to the public.

Wat Thai is the Thai Buddhist temple and community center serving some 2,500 Thai and Thai-American families in the greater Washington area.

Swim club open for summer

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The Kemp Mill Swim Club will hold an open house from 2 to 6 p.m. June 14 at the pool, 11805 Stonington Place in Wheaton, to discuss pool and swim team memberships for everyone in the community. Visitors will learn about pool memberships for summer 2009, the swim team for ages 5 to 19, the new Masters Swimmer program and its two pools, diving board, slide, kiddie playground, shuffleboard and basketball court. For added fun, there will be swim relay competitions at 4 p.m. with prizes for the winners. Visitors must sign in at the pool's front desk. Children must be accompanied by an adult age 21 or older. Call 301-593-5936.

Public meetings

for Veirs Mill bus line

Several public meetings on the Metrobus Q2/Veirs Mill Line will be held in the area next week. The first meeting will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. June 10 at the First Baptist Church of Wheaton, 10914 Georgia Ave. in Wheaton. The second will be June 11 at Montgomery College, Campus Center, Faculty Dining Hall at 51 Mannakee St. in Rockville. The meetings are part of a comprehensive public outreach program to discuss recommended service improvements to the bus line. The first phase of the program was a rider survey that was administered in December, which featured the distribution of more than 3,000 surveys to riders on Q2 buses and at selected stops along the corridor. Two sets of public meetings were also conducted in January.

They are hosted by the county and state departments of transportation. There will be an open house at 6:30 p.m., presentation at 7 p.m. and group exercise at 7:20 p.m.

Takoma Park JazzFest

is almost here

The wait is almost over. Dust off your trumpet, break out your favorite Coltrane tracks and get ready for the 14th Annual Takoma Park JazzFest from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. June 14 on Carroll Avenue in Old Town.

Headliners at the event will include the Eric Felton Jazz Orchestra, Echoes of Brazil and the winners of 2009 JazzBrawl, the Tairona Jazz Project. The event will be free and open to the public and will take place along Carroll Avenue from the Willow Avenue intersection up to Tulip Avenue.

In keeping with the theme of this year's festival, 'Swing's the Thing,' a dance stage will be set up at Willow and Carroll avenues from 3 to 6 p.m.

For more information, including a detailed map of the event and volunteer information, visit the festival Web site, www.tpjazzfest.org/.

Final Elder Law series workshop at Holiday Park on funerals

The final workshop in Holiday Park Senior Center's Elder Law series, held from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday at Holiday Park, 3950 Ferrara Drive in Wheaton, will discuss funeral industry practices. Funerals are one of the three biggest purchases that most families make, often during a time of emotional overload. Speakers Joanne Hamilton, an extension educator for the Family and Consumer Sciences program at The University of Maryland Cooperative Extension, and Nancy J. Herin, a funeral consultant, will give advice on how to approach the topic of your own funeral and your final wishes.

Registration is \$5 per workshop. Registration brochures are available at Holiday Park by calling 240-777-4999 or visiting www.holidaypark.us. For more information about Senior Law Day, call Helen Abrahams at 301-468-4449 or send an e-mail to Helen.abrahams@montgomerycountymd.gov.

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Humane Society benefit

coming to Wheaton

Montgomery County Human Society is holding its 11th annual charity fundraiser Paws in the Park, at noon Sunday at the Wheaton Regional Park, 11751 Orebaugh Ave. in Wheaton.

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Walkers and their dogs will be led by NBC Channel 4 reporter Jackie Benson in the 1K, 3K and 5K walks, starting at 1 p.m.

More activities for dogs and their people are scheduled until 4 p.m. Paws in the Park features pet games, dog demos, a petting place, kitty corner, face painting, a 'flealess' market for pet-friendly vendors, food, music, prizes, raffles, rescue zone and more.

Registration is free. But walkers are encouraged to collect donations by walking as an individual or forming a team. To register in advance and start fundraising online, visit www.firstgiving.com/mchsmc, or download an individual registration form from the event Web site at www.mchumane.org/Paws09

intro.shtml.

This year MCHS is partnering with Critters For the Cure, a nonprofit that supports uninsured and underinsured women battling all types of women's cancer by providing help with wigs, prosthetics, medical bills, transportation, rent, vet bills and even dog walkers.

Proceeds from Paws in the Park benefit the homeless animals under the care of the Montgomery County Humane Society and Critters for the Cure. Walkers may specify the organization of their choice.

For more information visit www.mchumane.org.

Items for People and Places may be sent to Amber Parcher, The Gazette, 13501 Virginia Manor Road, Laurel, MD 20707. The fax line is 240-473-7501; or e-mail aparcher@gazette.net. Call 240-473-7563. Deadline is one week prior to publication.

Have you taken a photo at an event or in your community that you'd like to share with your neighbors? Attach the photo as a JPEG and e-mail it to editor Fred Lewis at flewis@gazette.net. Please include the name of the person who took the photo and the names of people in the picture, and we will consider running them on this page in a future edition.

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Considering going back to school? Low-interest loans are available Poughkeepsie Journal

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The good news: Financial aid isn't just for the young. Even if you use Facebook to share pictures of your grandkids, there's a good chance you qualify for direct grants or low-interest loans.

Here's a look at what's available for adult learners:

Federal grants. Federal Pell grants are available for undergraduate students of all ages who can demonstrate economic need. For the 2009-10 academic year, the maximum Pell grant is \$5,350.

Pell grants also are available for part-time students on a pro-rated basis, said Melissa Gregory, director of student financial aid for Montgomery College, a community college based in Rockville, Md.

To qualify for a Pell grant, you must fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA. You can find an online version of the application at www.fafsa.ed.gov. If you plan to attend college this fall, Gregory said, complete the application quickly.

This year, the FAFSA includes a question asking the student if he or she is a dislocated worker - for example, laid-off workers who are unlikely to find new jobs in their field. If you answer in the affirmative, you may qualify for more aid, Gregory said.

Talk to your school's financial aid office if your economic circumstances have deteriorated since last year. The FAFSA is based on the previous year's income - a problem if you recently lost your job. Financial aid administrators have the discretion to consider major changes, such as job loss or a reduction in your hours, and recalculate your eligibility for aid, Gregory said.

The Obama administration is also encouraging states to change their rules so aid-off workers can enroll in college without giving up unemployment benefits. Ordinarily, states require individuals who are collecting unemployment to look for a new job, which is difficult to do if you're attending college.

Institutional grants. Some scholarships are specifically targeted at older students. For example, the Osher Re-entry Scholarship offers \$2,500 for students who dropped out of college at least five years ago and want to finish their degrees, said Saskia Knight, vice chancellor for enrollment at Chapman University College, an Orange, Calif.-based college that focuses on adult education. Columbus State Community College in Ohio is offering scholarships of up to \$1,000 for students 25 or older.

The best way to find out about such programs is through the financial aid office of the schools you're interested in attending, Chapman said.

Student loans. Most adult learners can't rely on Mom and Dad to pay their tuition. The upside to this is you're eligible to borrow a larger amount of federal student loans than dependent students, said Kevin Walker, CEO of SimpleTuition, a loan comparison Web site.

Undergraduate independent students can borrow up to \$9,500 in Stafford loans during their freshman year, \$10,500 during their sophomore year, and \$12,500 for each of their junior and senior years. That compares with maximums of \$5,500 to \$7,500 a year for dependent students. Limits are higher for graduate students.

For the academic year beginning July 1, the interest rate for unsubsidized Stafford loans is 6.8 percent. For the 2009-10 academic year, the rate for subsidized Stafford loans, which are available to students who can demonstrate economic need, is 5.6 percent.

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You'll also have to fill out some paperwork to demonstrate to the Department of Education that you're an independent

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student, he said.

If you must borrow, it's worth the effort, because federal student loans carry lower interest rates and more favorable repayment terms than most private loans. In addition, he said, private lenders have tightened their lending standards considerably in recent months. If you're out of work, you probably won't get a loan unless you have a co-signer with good credit, Walker said.

The Obama administration has launched a Web site targeted at unemployed workers who want to go back to school. You can find it at www.opportunity.gov.

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Sitting around in the dark watching homemade movies is what Jessica DeLaRosa, 17, will miss most about Gaithersburg High School, where a film class has launched her future career.

DeLaRosa, president of the school's Art Honor Society, is headed in September to the New England Institute of Art in Boston, where she will specialize in film. 'I'll miss classes being short,' she laughed. In art school, 'most classes are like, six hours long.' Patricia M. Murrett WMHS spirit

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Oshaine Hewitt, 18, lines up to graduate with his classmates before Quince Orchard High School's graduation at DAR Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C.

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More than 10,000 students will stride across the stage this month for their diplomas from Montgomery County Public Schools. As they leave their high school lives, The Gazette asked the class of 2009 to reflect on what they will miss most. Their answers ran the gamut sports, music, theater, clubs and the all-around antics of adolescence. But many came back to the realization that as time passes, what they will long for most are the friends and teachers who shaped those four unforgettable years.

GHS streakers and clean fun'

Some things in high school never change. There are pep rallies, prom, football, drama (theater and otherwise), yearbook and parties. And at Gaithersburg, to the chagrin of school administrators, there is something else: The streakers.

'I'm going to miss all of the funny stuff that happens every year,' said Vanyssa Wyman, a senior at Gaithersburg High School, who said senior traditions start with streaking at the Homecoming Pep Rally.

Two seniors drop their clothes and race across the school's football field as Trojan spirit cheers them on, said Wyman, who said days and weeks before the homecoming football game are filled with dares and whispers: 'Oh I'm going to do it.'

<SW_Photo=8707> Anh-Hao Dinh, 18, of Gaithersburg, another GHS senior said that Freshman Hell Week is a longstanding rite of passage for incoming Trojans.

The challenges? Seniors stop freshmen and write F's on them or send them in wrong directions when they ask for help finding their classrooms.

One or two freshmen are usually stuffed in a trash can, he laughed, saying that Trojan spirit never dies. Dinh attended every girls' basketball game this year, joined by a group of friends wearing T-shirts that said: 'We're the Gaithersburg junkies.'

'We go to the girls' basketball games and cheer obnoxiously, cheer for our Lady Trojans,' he said. 'It's always good clean fun.'

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They enjoy watching the new breed of freshmen girls who try to earn a spot in the 'big kids' club.

QO's pranking poms

Jodi Schneibolk and Rachel Sorra are best friends joined hand-and-foot.

The varsity cheerleaders make human pyramids nearly 20 times during each varsity football game at Quince Orchard High School, said Sorra, 18, of North Potomac, where she is captain of the squad. As base spot, Schneibolk, 17, of Gaithersburg and two other cheerleaders, lift Sorra, 'the flyer,' who stands held by her ankle with one leg extended then falls into the arms of her squad.

Grueling practices make for strong friendships, said Schneibolk, who said that cheerleading is what she will miss most about QOHS. The squad's 23 girls bonded during summer cheer camp and a sleepover.

'Everyone brought 50 rolls' of toilet paper, Schneibolk said. 'We t.p.'d all the football players houses.' The secret mission had five carloads of cheerleaders roaming all over Gaithersburg, the girls said. They wore all black and blackened their cheekbones with face paint, Cougar style.

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What about your friends?

At Seneca Valley High School, seniors said it was the relationships they've formed that they would miss the most.

Cande Chavez and Thalia Neri, both 18 and from Germantown, became friends while at the Germantown school and plan to continue their studies at Montgomery College. They said it was the little, everyday things they would look back fondly on the teachers who always went the extra mile, hanging out and talking with friends, showing their school spirit at pep rallies.

'It's sad because everyone's like, I'm going to miss you' Neri said. 'I'm happy because we're done, but'

'These four years have finally passed, but now I'm going to miss it,' Chavez finished.

Kiana Chamberlain of Germantown said she would miss the support and guidance she received from teacher Natasha Ezerski. Chamberlain has an 8-month-old daughter, Lakiya, and a road map for the future she plans to get her associate's from Everest College, a career training school, and become a medical assistant.

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'She has helped me through all my problems all through the years she's helped me with everything,' said Chamberlain, 18. 'I would not have graduated if not for her.'

'She is an amazing young lady that has accepted responsibility for her actions, but is doing all she can to succeed and be a role model for her daughter,' Ezerski wrote to The Gazette. 'And she does all of this with a positive attitude and smile.'

Deandre Davis of Germantown said his time at Seneca Valley was a period of growth for him as well.

'It's been a lot of ups and downs. I've learned a lot, I've grown and changed a lot overall it's been good,' said Davis, 18, who said he's become more outspoken and wants to study chemistry or computer science at Montgomery College. 'I've become more mature and concerned about my grades. I didn't know what I wanted to do for college so I'm thinking about that now.'

Davis said some of his best times were spent joking around with friends at school, whether it be walking the hallways during periods taught by substitutes or the time they snuck into the auditorium during lunch and sang made-up raps and beats into the microphone.

'It was fun, especially when my friend tripped up the stairs,' he said with a laugh.

The best part about Seneca Valley for Stephon Jennings was discovering his passion for photography during an art class.

'That's why I want to go to art school,' said Jennings, 19, of Germantown. 'I like taking pictures of nature things, and when people tell me they like my pictures it inspires me to do more.'

Small town, no cliques

At Poolesville High School, the smallest public high school in the county, students said they would miss the close-knit community.

'I just love how we don't have the cliques everybody just knows everybody,' said senior class President Caitlin McKelvey, 17, who will study marketing at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va. 'I'm going to miss the closeness because I'm going to a really big school next year.'

The Poolesville resident was on the varsity swim team for four years and was captain the last two years. McKelvey said she would miss pasta and waffle dinners before home meets and an initiation for freshmen called 'The Gauntlet' where newcomers swim while the rest of the team kicks the water to create waves.

'It's a great way for us to spend our Saturday mornings with each other,' she said. 'Even though it's an individual sport, we all cheer each other on.'

Many of Rebecca Winch's favorite memories are from Poolesville's Global Ecology Studies Program, she said, such as a field trip to West Virginia's Canaan Valley in October.

'It snowed in October, which was so unexpected. We hiked through a foot of snow and it was so much fun,' said Winch, 17, of Rockville, adding that the five-mile hike included a few snowball fights.

Winch plans to attend Hood College in Frederick in the fall. Her fraternal twin Gretchen Winch, also in the global ecology program, will enter Montgomery College's scholars program.

'We're actually going to be separated for the first time,' Rebecca Winch said. 'It might be a little hard not having her there, but it's exciting too.'

Gretchen Winch, who wants to become a teacher, said she would miss performing and working behind the scenes with Poolesville's Midnight Players. Older students would mentor new arrivals on working with sound, props or other areas of production, she said, and they cut loose with cast parties and late-night meals at IHOP.

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On the eve of moving forward, seniors look back Gazette, The

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Daniel Garcia, assistant principal at Rockville High School, helps Eric Frazier, 17, straighten his tie before the Rockville High School graduation ceremony Tuesday morning at The Music Center at Strathmore in North Bethesda.

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As she waited for her coffee at Starbucks in Town Square, Alexa Warncke, a 17-year-old senior at Richard Montgomery High School in Rockville, said she will miss spending afternoons with her friends when she graduates in a few days.

'I'll miss hanging out with them because a lot of them are going to out-of-state colleges,' the Rockville resident said. 'Sometimes we'll play Frisbee after school or walk around Town Square or go to each other's houses.'

<SW_Photo=8707> Warncke said she plans to major in international cuisine at Montgomery College.

Sonya Nasimov, also a 17-year-old senior at Richard Montgomery, said it will be difficult not seeing all of the friendly faces she has become accustomed to seeing every day.

'Mostly I'll miss a lot of the teachers,' the Rockville resident said. 'It's really a once-in-a-lifetime chance you get to be in high school and I'm going to miss all of my friends and the fun.'

<SW_Photo=8708> She also will attend Montgomery College in the fall.

When asked what they will miss the most after graduation, most area students agreed it would be their friends and teachers.

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<SW_Photo=8710> Davis said she remembers the first time the two ventured off to McDonald's together after school as freshmen. She said she still remembers her mom yelling at her for not getting permission before she decided not to come home on time.

'We came the first week of freshman year,' Davis said. 'We wanted to be like the big kids.'

Since then, the two girls can be found sitting around McDonald's after school with classmates enjoying French fries and iced coffee, or whatever Sillah decides to order. Davis said she 'usually copies what Zainab orders.'

Though the two will be separated by more than 700 miles, Davis said they plan on staying in touch through Facebook and phone calls, and she said she wants Sillah to visit in Atlanta.

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'I'm going to come back to visit her too,' Davis said. 'It's going to be mutual.'

And the feeling about friends and teachers was mutual in Olney and Sandy Spring, where Sherwood and Our Lady of Good Counsel seniors talked about who they would miss after high school.

'I will miss all the teachers; they have been very supportive,' said Raenique Brewton, a Sherwood senior heading to Towson University. 'Joe Hock, the career counselor, really pushed me and helped me to get grants and scholarships; otherwise I wouldn't be going to college basically for free. The support system here has been great.'

Sherwood senior Patrick Sullivan, who will take classes at Montgomery College in the fall, agreed.

'I will miss the teachers who have been my mentors,' he said. 'They really got me into gear and helped me to figure out what direction I should go for college and what I might want to do for a career. I may be a teacher or an artist and do radio broadcasting on the side. I will also miss my younger friends who aren't graduating. Most of my buddies who are seniors are staying here going to Montgomery College or Maryland, so I know that I will see them.'

It is all about the friendships for Good Counsel senior Tommy Martinson, who is heading to Salisbury University.

'I spent four years here trying to work on making friends and I will only know a handful of people at college, so I will have to work on making new friends,' he said. 'I plan to definitely keep in touch with my friends from Good Counsel.'

Other seniors talked of missing classes, sports, life in the community and the carefree aspect of being a teenager.

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Sherwood senior Barbara Lynn Bustamante, who will attend Towson University, said she will miss the small size of the school and how it 'offered the opportunity to be involved in so many things.

'I will miss the flexibility that allowed me to work at Allstate while I was in school,' she said. 'That helped me to be independent and kind of prepared me for college.'

Her twin sister, Barbara Lynna Bustamante, who also will attend Towson University, said she will miss her senior class, being in comfortable surroundings and the connections with the teachers.

'I will also miss the football games, the school spirit and the pride we have in our school,' she said.

Jack Higgins of Good Counsel, who is heading to the University of South Carolina, also said football is something he would miss.

'I will miss my friends and family and the sporting events, especially playing football,' he said. 'I am just going to miss Good Counsel in general I love it here.'

That was echoed by classmate Victor Alonso, a senior at Good Counsel who will attend Virginia Wesleyan College.

'I will miss being in this environment that allows me to do my best,' he said.

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Damascus High School senior John Jimenez, 17, a student in the automotive technology program, said he will miss having fun after he leaves high school.

His plan is to get an associate's degree at Montgomery College and then go into the military to be a mechanic.

'Eighteen to 20 is going to be my years having fun, being a kid,' he said. 'The military is not going to be so fun.'

Fellow student Beau Whitman, 18, agreed.

'I'm going to miss feeling like a little kid,' he said. 'I miss the high school life and Mr. [auto technology teacher Raul] Ortiz.

Chanel Warren, 18, a Rockville resident and senior at Thomas S. Wootton High School, is planning a move to Florida to attend the University of Miami in the fall. She's not sure yet what she'll major in, but she's considering either fashion or business.

Warren said she'll miss the laid-back lifestyle in Rockville. 'It's very calm here,' Warren said. 'I'm going to move to Miami and everything will be really exciting down there.'

Staff Writers Nathan Carrick, Terri Hogan, Susan Singer-Bart and Andre L. Taylor also contributed to this report.

Remaining commencement exercises at area public high schools are as follows:

Sherwood, today, 1 p.m., Comcast Center

Col. Zadok Magruder, today, 5 p.m., Comcast Center.

Springbrook, Monday, 2:30 p.m., DAR Constitution Hall, Washington, D.C.

James Hubert Blake, June 10, 10 a.m., DAR Constitution Hall, Washington, D.C.

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Mrs. Jean Eberhardt
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Jean Louise Eberhardt, 57, of Harpers Ferry, W.Va., passed away on Sunday, May 31, 2009, at the Kline Hospice House in Mount Airy, Md.

Born Aug. 7, 1951, in Bethesda, Md., she was the daughter of Carmen McPherson of Shepherdstown, W.Va.

She was an executive secretary with the High Energy Physics Division of the Department of Energy and also worked for Sears as a bookkeeper, J.C. Industries in Gaithersburg, Md., and the Appalachian Trail Conference in Harpers Ferry.

She was a member of the St. Agnes Catholic Church in Shepherdstown, W.Va. Jean was a graduate of Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School and attended Montgomery Community College in Rockville, Md. She also volunteered in the Civil Air Patrol and the Good Shepherd Care Givers in Shepherdstown. She was a soccer coach for the Jefferson County Youth Soccer League, president of the Parents-Teachers Student Organization at Jefferson High School, secretary for the Homemakers Extension Club and enjoyed quilting and taking flying lessons. In her earlier years, she was a Campfire Girl and gave the Pageant of Peace Speech to Lady Byrd Johnson and presented her with a bouquet of flowers.

In addition to her mother, she is survived by her husband, James Joseph Eberhardt, at home; two sons, Matthew James Eberhardt and Mark Philip Eberhardt, at home; and one sister.

A mass of Christian burial will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 4, at the St. Agnes Catholic Church in Shepherdstown, W.Va., with the Rev. Fr. Matthew Rowgh as the celebrant. Entombment will be in the Mt. Olivet Cemetery mausoleum in Frederick, Md.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday evening at the Eackles-Spencer and Norton Funeral Home, U.S. 340 at Halltown Road, Charles Town/Harpers Ferry, W.Va.

Condolences to the family may be left at her obituary at Eackles-SpencerFuneralHome.com.

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BOOSTING THE POPULARITY OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES. LOCAL COMMUNITY SCHOOLS SAY THEY'VE SEEN A STEADY INCREASE IN NEW STUDENTS AND EXPECT THE NUMBERS TO RISE EVEN MORE IN THE FALL. NORTHERN VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SAW A 4 PERCENT ENROLLMENT JUMP LAST FALL, A 6 PERCENT JUMP THIS SPRING AND A 10 RISE FOR THE SUMMER SESSION. MONTGOMERY COLLEGE SAYS ITS SPRING ENROLLMENT IS UP 5 PERCENT OVER A YEAR AGO. LOWER TUITION COSTS ARE A DRAW, BUT EXPERTS ALSO SAY COMMUNITY COLLEGES ALSO OFFER TRAINING AT A TIME THE ECONOMY IS FORCING PEOPLE INTO NEW INDUSTRIES. AND AS MANY WORKERS CONSIDER MAKING CAREER CHANGES, NORTHERN VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS SPONSORING THE "PLUS 50 AGELESS LEARNING RESOURCE SYMPOSIUM. " THE EVENT IS DESIGNED TO INCREASE THE CURRENT SKILLS AND MARKETABILITY OF INDIVIDUALS OVER THE AGE OF 50. TONIGHT WE HAVE KEITH WYNN, A REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE SYMPOSIUM. HE CURRENTLY SERVES AS THE EVENING ADMINISTRATOR AT THE COLLEGE AND HAS FACILITATED DIVERSITY WORKSHOPS ACROSS THE COUNTRY. WE'LL BE RIGHT BACK.

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MONTGOMERY COLLEGE'S SPRING ENROLLMENT WAS UP ABOUT FIVE PERCENT. Afternoon Report - NewsChannel 8

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THE WASHINGTON POST SHOWS NORTHERN VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S SPRING ENROLLMENT WAS UP SIX PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR. MONTGOMERY COLLEGE'S SPRING ENROLLMENT WAS UP ABOUT FIVE PERCENT. THE LAST KNOWN SURVIVOR FROM THE TITANIC HAS DIED. 97 YEAR OLD, MILLVINA DEAN DIED IN HER SLEEP SUNDAY AT HER NURSING HOME IN ENGLAND. SHE HAD BEEN SELLING HER TITANIC MOMENTOS IN RECENT MONTHS TO RAISE MONEY FOR BILLS. ACTORS LEONARDO DICAPRIO AND KATE WINSLET EVEN DONATED MONEY SO DEAN COULD STAY IN HER NURSING HOME. DEAN WAS TWO MONTHS OLD WHEN THE TITANIC SUNK BACK IN 19-12. NEXT ON THE AFTERNOON REPORT, HOW YOU CAN PREPARE YOURSELF FOR THIS SUMMER'S HURRICANE SEASON. AND JOE WITTE IS BACK WITH A FULL CHECK OF OUR WORK WEEK FORECAST AFTER THIS.

She needs medical care. She needs clothes and shoes to protect her feet. She needs to go to school. Instead, she crouches here, covered in dust, breaking rocks for pennies a day, day after day, after day. And she's not alone. Children International has identified thousands of desperately poor children, like Loveness - begging in the streets, lonely, hungry, sick and dying from diseases that we can easily prevent. But there is hope. Because when you sponsor Loveness, or a child like her, you'll change her life completely. Your sponsorship will give your child access to emergency food, medical and dental care, clothing, and the opportunity for the education she desperately needs. In return, you'll receive personal letters, updated photos and, of course, her love and gratitude. And now, you can find out if sponsorship is right for you, with absolutely no cost, no risk and no obligation. Simply call and we'll rush you the photo and family history of a special boy or girl who desperately needs your love and help. Then, if you decide to become a sponsor, your gift will be only 72 cents a day. That's only 22 dollars a month. You can help stop the suffering of a child in poverty right now. Please don't delay. Please call now. Find out if sponsorship is right for you, with absolutely no cost, no risk and no obligation. Call now and we'll rush you your free information kit. Call the number on your screen right now. Or visit us online. A child who needs you is waiting. Please call. OFFICIALLY UNDERWAY.

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Considering going back to school? Low-interest loans are available Poughkeepsie Journal

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The good news: Financial aid isn't just for the young. Even if you use Facebook to share pictures of your grandkids, there's a good chance you qualify for direct grants or low-interest loans.

Here's a look at what's available for adult learners:

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To qualify for a Pell grant, you must fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA. You can find an online version of the application at www.fafsa.ed.gov. If you plan to attend college this fall, Gregory said, complete the application quickly.

This year, the FAFSA includes a question asking the student if he or she is a dislocated worker - for example, laid-off workers who are unlikely to find new jobs in their field. If you answer in the affirmative, you may qualify for more aid, Gregory said.

Talk to your school's financial aid office if your economic circumstances have deteriorated since last year. The FAFSA is based on the previous year's income - a problem if you recently lost your job. Financial aid administrators have the discretion to consider major changes, such as job loss or a reduction in your hours, and recalculate your eligibility for aid, Gregory said.

The Obama administration is also encouraging states to change their rules so that laid-off workers can enroll in college without giving up unemployment benefits. Ordinarily, states require individuals who are collecting unemployment to look for a new job, which is difficult to do if you're attending college.

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The best way to find out about such programs is through the financial aid office of the schools you're interested in attending, Chapman said.

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The Obama administration has launched a Web site targeted at unemployed workers who want to go back to school. You can find it at www.opportunity.gov.

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Financial aid can help older college students Reno Gazette-Journal

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As the labor market becomes increasingly competitive, millions of Americans who are out of work or worried about their jobs are trying to learn marketable skills. But when money is tight, going back to school might seem like an unaffordable luxury. The good news: Financial aid isn't just for the young. Here's a look at what's available for adults:

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Juvenile inmate escapes from new facility

LAUREL, Md. (AP) _ An inmate has escaped from a \$46 million juvenile detention center the day after it opened.

D.C. Department of Youth and Rehabilitative Services says in a statement that the youth fled Saturday evening from its New Beginnings Youth Center in Laurel, Md.

Officials say they are conducting an internal investigation and that D.C., Anne Arundel County and National Park police are searching for the youth.

The 30-acre campus opened Friday and houses 60 young offenders in units of 10 beds each. It replaces Oak Hill Youth Center a half mile away.

D.C. Council member Tommy Wells says he will hold a hearing to determine how the youth escaped and whether New Beginnings can contain its young inmates.

COMMUNITY COLLEGES-ENROLLMENT

Enrollment at community colleges grows

WASHINGTON (AP) _ School officials say they're seeing an unprecedented boom in applications and enrollments at Washington area community colleges, especially those with honors programs.

Driven largely by the economic downturn, officials have seen a steady rise in student numbers and expect an even greater influx this fall.

At Northern Virginia Community College, enrollment last fall was up 4 percent from last year. In the spring, it was 6 percent higher, and this summer, 10 percent more than in 2008.

Montgomery College has experienced similar growth with spring enrollment more than 5 percent higher than a year ago.

While lower tuition costs remain the primary factor, experts say students also are choosing community colleges because they offer training at a time when the economy is pushing people into new industries.

TODDLER DROWNING

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DALE CITY, Va. (AP) _ Prince William County police are investigating the drowning of a 3-year-old boy.

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OVERLOADED CLINIC

Montgomery County Council approves more funding for overloaded STD clinic

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County Councilwoman Duchy Trachtenberg pushed for the extra money and got \$100,000 to pay for an additional nurse

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practitioner at the Silver Spring clinic. The funding may also allow the county to open a satellite office.

A spokeswoman for the county's department of Health and Human Services says the economy is driving more people to seek low-cost treatment. Private testing and treatment for STDs can cost \$700.

An administrator at the clinic says hundreds of people had been turned away each month because they haven't been able to get appointments. The appointment desk opens at 8 a.m., and on most days, the clinic filled every available slot within 15 minutes.

POLICE-INVOLVED SHOOTING

Authorities probe police-involved shooting

WASHINGTON (AP) _ Authorities are investigating a police-involved shooting in southeast D.C.

Police say officers with the gun recovery unit tried to make contact with a suspect at about 7:30 p.m. Saturday while they were investigating the area of the 3800 block of First Street southeast. When they did so, the suspect ran away and broke into a nearby residence.

Officers chased him and got into the residence, where gunfire was exchanged.

Police say the unidentified man was shot, and then barricaded himself for several hours.

They say the suspect eventually surrendered and was admitted to a hospital in stable condition.

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Officials say school boundaries would not change, but students in each building would be split into different sections with their own teachers and administrators. Students at each school would participate in a British academic program built on eight subjects, including technology and a foreign language.

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Man's body pulled from James River

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) _ Richmond police say a 36-year-old man has apparently drowned in the James River after he fell while trying to swing from a rope on a tree.

Police Capt. Harvey Powers says a rescue team found the body about 6:45 p.m. Saturday. The victim's identity has been withheld pending notification of relatives. The body has been sent to the state medical examiner.

Witness Tucker Matthews says the man climbed the tree and tried to swing from the rope but fell in the water. Powers says the water was up to 10 feet deep in the spot where the victim fell in.

Information from: Richmond Times-Dispatch, <http://www.timesdispatch.com>

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Information from: The Washington Examiner, <http://www.dcxaminer.com/>

FISHING PIER

New pier opens; Isabel destroyed old one in '03

HAMPTON, Va. (AP) _ The new Buckroe Fishing Pier in Hampton is open for business.

The 706-foot pier officially opened to anglers Saturday. It replaces the old structure, which was destroyed by Hurricane Isabel in September 2003.

The pier features restrooms, a snack bar, a bait shop, two shelters, two fish-cleaning stations and a parking lot. The city says that at least for the time being, it will be open around the clock.

Admission fees for a 24-hour pass range from \$6 for children to \$8 for adults. Monthly and seasonal passes also are available.

Information from: The Virginian-Pilot, <http://www.pilotonline.com>

HISTORIC MANSION

Preservationists aim to save Va. mansion

LEESBURG, Va. (AP) _ The 107-year-old mansion with its three, stucco-covered stories is nestled against Catocin Mountain and is a charming reflection of the Old South.

But inside the house known as Selma, there are signs of neglect, such as peeling paint and a leaky rooftop.

The nonprofit group Preservation Virginia recently placed the mansion on its Historic Endangered Sites List. It's a symbolic gesture that doesn't protect the house from being demolished or decaying further, but conservationists are hoping the move will shine a spotlight on the mansion.

Ideally, they say they'd like someone to acquire the property, assessed at \$3.5 million, and restore it.

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MONTGOMERY COLLEGE'S SPRING ENROLLMENT WAS UP ABOUT FIVE PERCENT.

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THOUSAND SQUARE FOOT COMPLEX. THEY SAY THEY EXPECT THE BATTLE TO CONTINUE OVER THE PROJECT WITH MORE PUBLIC HEARINGS AND CHANGES TO THE PROPOSAL. ONE OF THIS COUNTRY'S MOST PROMINENT AND CONTROVERSIAL ABORTION DOCTORS IS DEAD TONIGHT. DOCTOR GEORGE TILLER ONE OF THE FEW PHYSICIANS PERFORMING LATE TERM ABORTIONS WAS FATALLY SHOT THIS MORNING WHILE ATTENDING CHURCH.

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Washington Post Staff Writer
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At Montgomery College, fall 2008 credit enrollment was 24,452 students, up more than 2 percent from the previous fall, and spring 2009 enrollment was more than 5 percent higher than it was a year ago. Twenty new sections of math courses have been added at the Rockville campus for summer sessions, an increase of nearly 50 percent from past summer sessions.

"We purposely added classes in the upper levels, because we know we are attracting students who normally would have gone to four-year colleges but turned to Montgomery College because of our affordability," said media relations director Elizabeth Homan.

For fall, Montgomery County residents will pay \$102 per credit hour in tuition. The costs are similar at other community colleges -- and contrast sharply with four-year colleges, especially private schools.

Tuition alone for incoming freshmen at George Washington University is \$41,610 (total cost more than \$52,000); at Georgetown, it is \$38,616 (total cost more than \$51,000). At the University of Maryland at College Park, tuition is a little more than \$8,000.

Enrollment at Prince George's Community College -- where county residents will pay nearly \$100 per credit hour -- has increased 5 percent from fall 2008 to spring 2009, which a spokesman described as an unusual jump. The numbers for this fall are expected to be even higher.

Experts say more students are looking for training that community colleges offer at a time when the changing economy is forcing many people into new industries.

But cost remains the central factor for many families. Although average tuition increases for four-year schools are at near-historic lows -- one survey by the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities puts it at 4.2 percent, the lowest in at least 37 years -- the cost at some places is still staggering for many families.

A growing number of Americans are more worried than ever that their children will be priced out of the college experience. A new nationwide poll by Oppenheimer Funds found that nine in 10 Americans agree that if tuition costs keep rising, college will be unaffordable for most families. It also showed that 43 percent of Americans have saved less than \$5,000 for college.

Financial aid applications at Montgomery College are up 20 percent for 2009-10 over a year earlier, with more than 10,000 already submitted for fall. The Maryland Higher Education Commission experienced growth in applications as well, and ran out of need-based grants faster this year than in the past, Homan said.

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Community Colleges See Influx in Bad Times

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The troubled U.S. economy is driving more students than ever to Washington area community colleges and prompting some private four-year schools to dip into their waiting lists to meet fall enrollment targets, according to school officials.

Tens of thousands of students here and across the country are choosing community colleges for the first time. One-quarter of the enrollment growth at all two- and four-year colleges in Virginia over the past year occurred at Northern Virginia Community College, officials said.

Across the country, students are rethinking plans to attend expensive private colleges and universities. High unemployment rates and decimated stock portfolios have driven families to find less-expensive alternatives. 'Anybody who says the economy is not having an impact is kidding you or themselves,' said Charles Deacon, Georgetown University admissions dean.

Erica Espinosa, 18, who is graduating from Northwest High School in Germantown, was accepted at the University of Maryland at College Park, which costs \$21,163 for tuition, fees and housing. She also got into several other four-year schools.

But she chose a full scholarship honors program at Montgomery College, where she can attend for free and live at home. Twin sister Ivone will study there, too. 'It's a way to save money and have money to pay for the next two years and not come out with a big debt,' she said. 'It's too risky now to try anything else.' More students are asking schools for financial aid -- and colleges and universities are increasing its availability. A survey of several hundred schools across the country by the nonprofit National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities showed an average 9.2 percent boost in aid for 2009-10, with 92 percent of schools saying they would increase financial aid budgets.

At some schools, including highly selective universities, fewer students are deciding to attend.

Georgetown, for example, has accepted 120 students from its waiting list for a freshman class of 1,580 and expects to admit about 150 as families reassess their financial situations over the summer. (In a normal year, as many as 100 may come off the waiting list, Deacon said.) Catholic University also found its rate of acceptance slightly lower than usual, and officials there said they believe it is because of the economy.

Meanwhile, less-expensive public four-year universities are having no difficulty meeting their enrollment goals. Shannon Gundy, admissions director at the University of Maryland at College Park, said anyone still hoping to move off the freshman waiting list for fall should give up.

Community colleges, especially those that have honors programs and that are considered steppingstones to four-year colleges, are seeing an unprecedented boom in applications and enrollments, school officials said. They cost much less than a four-year school. 'We are predicting a student tsunami for next fall,' said Robert Templin, president of Northern Virginia Community College.

Community colleges do not get the public attention of Ivy League schools, but they educate nearly half of the undergraduate students in the United States, according to the American Association of Community Colleges. The majority of black and Hispanic undergraduates study at these schools, and the overall student population is majority female. 'We are often so focused with four-year institutions that we don't look to community colleges, but they are getting a tremendous flow of people,' said American University Provost Scott A. Bass. 'They keep doing the job day in and day out, educating the generation of students who have the most trouble affording four-year private colleges.' At Northern Virginia Community College, enrollment last fall was up 4 percent from the previous year. In the spring, it was 6 percent higher than it was a year ago, and this summer it has increased 10 percent over the previous year. School officials are expecting a huge jump in fall. Annual enrollment is 67,000, but Templin said officials are expecting more than 70,000 students next year.

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Both Adventist, Holy Cross want new facilities in Montgomery County

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The state will conduct a comparative review of two hospitals that have been proposed in northern Montgomery County.

Adventist HealthCare of Rockville, which has been planning a hospital in Clarksburg for several years, has been petitioning lawmakers and the Maryland Health Care Commission for a comparative review since Holy Cross Hospital's announcement in August that it had begun the formal review process to build a hospital on Montgomery College's Germantown campus.

Holy Cross officials opposed a bill that would have required the commission to conduct a comparative review of the hospitals. The reversal came because Holy Cross, of Silver Spring, was concerned that Adventist would benefit by seeing Holy Cross' proposal before filing its application, according to Holy Cross officials. The bill, also opposed by the commission, stalled in committee.

Holy Cross said last month that it would be willing to participate in a comparative review under certain conditions, and the commission agreed to that proposal in a May 18 letter from commission Chairwoman Marilyn Moon. Moon will review both projects together and determine which, if either, should be built. She will consider cost-effectiveness, financial viability and impact on existing health care providers.

"We're happy we have a good consensus and can move forward with the comparative review," said Pamela Barclay, director of the commission's Center for Hospital Services. Building a new hospital "is an important issue, and we'll have a lot of discussion throughout the review."

Adventist and Holy Cross officials said they were satisfied.

"Any time you're making a major decision about building a hospital, you should look at multiple options," said Robert Jepson, vice president of government relations and public policy for Adventist.

Commission officials have changed their procedures for soliciting letters of intent from health care providers interested in building hospitals. The commission previously accepted letters of intent only twice a year, and Adventist officials argued that the system discouraged competing projects.

Adventist filed its letter of intent in February, putting it six months behind Holy Cross, which also plans to expand its Silver Spring hospital. Adventist also submitted a letter of intent in February to build a new Washington Adventist Hospital in the White Oak area of Silver Spring. Also, Montgomery General Hospital in Olney filed to expand an addition that is under construction.

The commission now accepts letters of intent, the first step in the review process, for new hospitals year-round as long as it determines there is a need for additional hospital capacity, according to Barclay. Once the letter is published by the commission, health care providers have 30 days to file their own letters if they want to participate in a comparative review.

Replacement hospitals, new construction or renovation and increases in acute care bed capacity at existing hospitals are still subject to the commission's review schedule, Barclay said.