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Gazette, The**

**05/15/2009**

Friday, May 15, 2009

NewsWatch:

Montgomery College program gets OK

Montgomery College's interior design program recently received accreditation by the National Kitchen and Bath Association. The standards for accreditation are divided into four categories: planning and design, construction/mechanical systems, business management and products/materials. The NKBA awarded accreditation to the college's A.A.S. degree, which features a specific track in kitchen and bathroom design.

In other news, Montgomery College and six other state community colleges are now offering specialized training classes for employees of construction companies who plan to work on sensitive or secure sites as part of the U.S. Base Realignment and Closure initiative.

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Washington Post

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PRINTMAKING AND BEYOND -- 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily, through June 5. 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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## **Largo names new head football coach Gazette, The**

**05/14/2009**

Thursday, May 14, 2009

Largo names new head football coach  
Athletic Director David Fant gets chance to run Lions' program

By Adam Rubenstein | Staff writer

After a long career as an assistant coach, David Fant was named the head coach of the Largo High School football team on April 20, replacing Delbert Hughes, who was not retained after last season.

Fant, in his first year as Largo's athletic director, will be taking his first varsity head coaching job.

"This is really exciting for me and exciting for the kids," said Fant. "They are very hungry. It's hard to keep their minds off of football."

Fant said 13 holdovers from last year's team have been among the players working out in the weight room. He added that he is in the process of assembling his varsity and junior varsity coaching staffs.

"I came in and we hit the ground running," said Fant, who was the offensive coordinator at 4A South Region champ Henry A. Wise last season. "The kids have been working out on their own and they've been studying. There hasn't been any dead time. My main thing at football is to bring out the best in the kids. We will do it through discipline and physical and aggressive play. I am very detail oriented and we will always be well prepared."

Fant is a 1991 graduate of Frederick Douglass High, where he played halfback for the Eagles under former head coach Bill Johnson, now an assistant to current Douglass coach J.C. Pinkney. Prior to spending the 2008 season on the staff at Wise, Fant took a year off from coaching after spending seven years as a varsity and junior varsity assistant under Pinkney at Douglass. His resume also includes a stint as wide receivers coach and offensive coordinator at Montgomery College-Rockville, and three years as the junior varsity head coach at Southern Durham High in Durham, N.C.

"David will be good for anyone's program, he was good for ours," said Pinkney. "He has the motivation and drive and he can get Largo moving forward and going in the right direction."

The Lions went 5-5 last season under Hughes, the best of his three seasons with the team..

"I knew what it was like to be at Largo for a 'Friday Night Lights' game," said Fant. "I want to bring back that mystique. We will take every game as is and expect to perform well each game."

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## In Brief

### Washington Post - Online

**05/14/2009**

#### College Program Targets Global Professionals

Montgomery College's High Technology and Science Center, 20200 Observation Dr. in Germantown, is presenting an information session and forum for international professionals from 6 to 8 p.m. May 26. The event will be in the center's Globe Hall, and registration is due by Monday.

The event is intended for 'international professionals who have completed college courses or earned degrees abroad and want to pursue new careers in the United States,' a college statement said. Keynote speaker E. Stephen Hunt, a senior international affairs specialist at the U.S. Network for Education Information, will discuss ways to navigate the complicated U.S. career system. Representatives from Montgomery College and county government will answer questions about careers, credentials, degree completion and career transition.

To register, professionals must e-mail [cims@montgomerycollege.edu](mailto:cims@montgomerycollege.edu) and indicate their field of interest. For information, contact Professor Ada Garcia-Casellas at 240-567-1801.

Rockville officials plan to revise the city building code this summer with an eye toward regulations that support green practices. A copy of the draft revised code is available at City Hall and on the Rockville Web site at <http://www.rockvillemd.gov/environment/built>.

Residents can express their opinions at two public meetings next week, from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday and from 1 to 3 p.m. next Thursday at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave. in Rockville.

Comments also can be submitted by phone to Nate Wall, environmental specialist, at 240-314-8872 or by e-mail to [greenbuilding@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:greenbuilding@rockvillemd.gov).

Nicolas Bolatto, a fourth-grade student at Ritchie Park Elementary School, was named last week as the winner of Rockville's 2009 'If I were mayor, I would . . . ' essay contest, sponsored by the Maryland Municipal League and the Maryland Mayors' Association.

Nicolas was one of 293 Rockville fourth-graders to participate in the contest, which asked students to 'encourage citizens to get on board and 'go green.' ' Nicolas was recognized Monday at a mayor and council meeting, toured City Hall and other facilities, went on a police ride-along and had lunch with Mayor Susan Hoffmann. He also will participate in the city's Memorial Day parade.

From Monday until June 1, Montgomery County Public Libraries will participate in a nationwide survey to determine how customers use the Internet and computer services in libraries and how the services can be improved.

Library customers can take the U.S. IMPACT survey by going to the libraries' home page, <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library>. The free survey will take 10 to 15 minutes to complete, and no personally identifiable information will be collected. 'We're pleased to have the opportunity to participate in this very important initiative,' libraries director Parker Hamilton said in a statement, 'and I encourage our customers to take a few minutes to complete the survey. The results will help us improve public Internet access and computer services.' The survey was developed by the University of Washington Information School. Montgomery libraries are among more than 635 library systems across the country and one of 13 systems in Maryland selected at random to participate. The results will be received in September.

For information on the survey, contact the information desk at the nearest Montgomery County Public Library or visit the project Web site at <http://impact.ischool.washington.edu>.

Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett recently announced a public education campaign to remind residents about Maryland's Safe Haven Law, which provides an alternative to abandoning an unwanted newborn.

Leggett (D) made the announcement at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital and was joined by Adventist Healthcare's



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president, William G. 'Bill' Robertson, and Gaurov Dayal, Shady Grove's chief medical officer and a pediatrician, as well as county child welfare officials.

The law permits the birth mother or a responsible adult to take an unharmed newborn to a hospital or a Montgomery or Maryland state police station within 10 days of a baby's birth without fear of criminal prosecution or civil liabilities. 'Not all women who get pregnant are prepared to raise a child,' Leggett said in the announcement. 'The Safe Haven Law provides a safe and healthy alternative for mothers who may feel frightened, alone and unable to care for a child.' The mother or adult leaving the baby with authorities is not required to provide information, although basic medical details about the child are helpful. If necessary, medical care will be provided to the child, who will be placed in a licensed foster home while the legal process of adoption begins.

In the past year, six infants have been placed for adoption in Montgomery's safe haven program. Several newborns were abandoned in the region in the past year.

For information, call Child Welfare Services at 240-777-4417. All calls are confidential.

-- Compiled by SARAH MARSTON

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## Montgomery College Graduation Is May 22 Washington Post - Online

**05/14/2009**

Montgomery College will conduct its commencement at 10 a.m. May 22 in a tent on the Rockville campus athletic field.

Graduates from the college's three campuses in Montgomery County -- Germantown, Rockville and Takoma Park/Silver Spring -- along with apprenticeship graduates in Workforce Development and Continuing Education programs will participate. More than 2,500 students have completed the requirements for associate's degrees, apprenticeships or certificate programs in the past year and are eligible for graduation.

CNN White House correspondent Suzanne Malveaux is scheduled to deliver the commencement address. She covered the 2008 presidential election for CNN, and in advance of the national conventions in the summer, she reported a 90-minute documentary on then-Sen. Barack Obama. 'We have students of all ages, all races and ethnic backgrounds, and literally, from all walks of life and areas of study,' Montgomery College President Brian K. Johnson said in a statement. 'Some will now transfer to four-year universities, some will go directly into the workforce, and some may have earned their diplomas simply for their own personal fulfillment.' The ceremony will be shown live on Montgomery College Television's cable channel 10. It will be podcast on the Montgomery College Web site beginning May 26.

During the commencement ceremony, four students will be recognized as the 2009 board of trustees scholars and will address their fellow graduates. College officials select one scholar from each of the three campuses and an apprenticeship scholar representing the College's Workforce Development and Continuing Education programs to receive a cash award to be applied to future tuition or education.

This year's scholars are:

- Douglas K. Baldwin -- Workforce Development and Continuing Education.
- Courtney Joy Minard -- Germantown campus.
- Germaine Y. Nendah -- Rockville campus.
- Awa A. Drame -- Takoma Park/Silver Spring campus.

Montgomery College benefactors Donald Day and his wife, Karen Gruner, will receive honorary degrees. Day is a professor emeritus in the Department of Physics and Engineering at the Rockville campus. He continues to work part time at the college, advising and mentoring engineering students.

Since joining the college faculty in 1967, Day has been instrumental in developing and implementing dynamic and advanced physics and engineering courses and has served as chairman of the college's Academic Assembly.

He received a bachelor's degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, a master's degree from the University of Maryland, and a PhD from American University.

Gruner is a high school physics, chemistry and mathematics teacher. She has been in the classroom for 20 years and teaches all levels of coursework. After she received an associate's degree from Montgomery College, she earned BS, MS and PhD degrees from the University of Maryland.

She enjoys farming and logging with draft horses and participates in the sustainable agriculture-slow food movement.

Day and Gruner have established an annual scholarship fund and the Donald Day and Karen Gruner Endowed Scholarship.

The scholarships will support students majoring in physics, engineering or mathematics at Montgomery College and students in those disciplines who are transferring to complete baccalaureate degrees. Day and Gruner reside on a small farm in Ijamsville.

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Douglas M. Firstenberg, a founding principal of Stonebridge Associates real estate investment and management firm, was recently selected as chairman of the Montgomery College Foundation board of directors.

He has worked on a number of Montgomery College initiatives. As chairman of the foundation board's real estate and entrepreneurial committee, he helped with bond financing for the purchase of property that has since been transformed to the Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation Arts Center. He also has contributed to the Germantown campus's development project.

Firstenberg lives in Bethesda with his wife and three children.

For information about commencement, visit <http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/commencement>.

-- FROM STAFF REPORTS

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## **MONTGOMERY COUNCIL APPROVES CREATING WORKFORCE INVESTMENT SCHOLARSHIP Federal News Service**

**05/14/2009**

ROCKVILLE, Md., May 13 -- Montgomery County issued the following City Council news release:

The Montgomery County Council on May 12 unanimously approved Bill 7-09 that will create an innovative Workforce Investment Scholarship program to provide tuition funding assistance for undergraduate students at Montgomery College and the Universities at Shady Grove who are pursuing degrees in fields of significant occupational need in Montgomery County. Students earning scholarships would agree to work in the County for at least the number of years equal to the number years for which they were awarded scholarships.

Councilmember Mike Knapp, chair of the Council's Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee, was the chief sponsor of Bill 7-09. Councilmember Valerie Ervin, chair of the Education Committee, and Councilmember George Leventhal, chair of the Council's Health and Human Services Committee, were co-sponsors.

The bill will establish a workforce investment scholarship program that will be administered by the County's Department of Economic Development. A workforce investment scholarship board will be created to develop guidelines to award scholarships in degree programs that prepare students for one of the County's 10 most-needed occupations; certification to teach mathematics or science in County public schools; a degree in engineering, mathematics or a natural science; or in childhood education and early childhood special education.

"I know it seems counterintuitive to create new programs when our economy is sagging," said Councilmember Knapp, "But in fact, this is when it's most crucial that we reaffirm our investment in our County's most valuable commodity: our students, and our future. I appreciate the Council's support for this important program."

Students who receive a scholarship would be required to agree to work in the County, in one of the County's 10 most needed occupations, for the number of years the student receives the scholarship.

The legislation would permit students to attend any campus of a university participating at the Universities at Shady Grove if the program is not available at the Gaithersburg campus. The Universities at Shady Grove host classes for nine universities in Maryland. After learning from the County Commission on Women that females make up only 13 percent of the students enrolled in advanced placement computer science courses, the Council amended Bill 7-09 to include language encouraging gender equity.

The basis of Bill 7-09 stems from the findings and recommendations of a national report, Rising Above the Gathering Storm-Energizing and Employing America for a Brighter Economic Future, which was developed by the National Academy of Sciences, with the help of some of the nation's most far-thinking scientists, engineers, academics and business leaders. The report was a driving factor behind many of the recommendations of the federal stimulus package approved by Congress earlier this year.

"The real work starts here at the local level," said Councilmember Knapp. "The federal government doesn't hire teachers or teach students to be nurses or child care providers or engineers. We do."

It is estimated that in its first year, the program would provide 25 scholarships of \$3,000 each. For more information please contact: Sarabjit Jagirdar, Email:- [htsyndication@hindustantimes.com](mailto:htsyndication@hindustantimes.com).

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## Annual NJCAA Division III World Series Returns To Mike Carter Field Tyler Morning Telegraph

**05/13/2009**

Wednesday, May 13, 2009  
College Sports

Annual NJCAA Division III World Series Returns To Mike Carter Field

By JOE BUIE  
Staff Writer

The eight teams for the NJCAA Division III World Series -- and the first Sara Murff Scholarship -- were announced Tuesday during a media luncheon at Mike Carter Field.

The national junior college baseball tournament, which starts Saturday, will have Richland College from Dallas; Niagara County Community College from Sanborn, N.Y.; Joliet Junior College from Illinois; Montgomery College from Germantown, Md.; Riverland CC from Austin, Minn.; Suffolk West CC from Brentwood, N.Y.; Brookdale CC from Lincroft, N.J.; and Manchester CC from Connecticut.

Joliet, the defending national champion, joins Suffolk and Montgomery as participants all three years that the national tournament has been held in Tyler.

The widow of Red Murff, a former professional baseball scout and Tyler resident, will be involved in the World Series through a \$500 endowed college scholarship from Austin Bank for a local baseball player. Murff passed away recently and the name of the scholarship will honor his wife of 30-plus years, Sara Murff.

"Mrs. Murff served humbly and behind the scenes in Red's life, but the World Series Committee and Austin Bank felt she was the perfect person to honor in naming this scholarship," according to a press release. "The scholarship is a tangible way that the World Series Committee can give back to the people of East Texas."

Mrs. Murff told the Tyler Morning Telegraph that she "will enjoy watching the games at the field where my husband played many years ago," said the former first-grade reading teacher of 28 years.

Teams will begin arriving in the Rose City today. The annual Little League Clinic, a free event, is scheduled for 6 p.m. Thursday at Mike Carter Field. Each team will supply one coach and two to three players in uniform for the clinic.

"I think that's the perfect way to start the whole thing off," said TJC athletic director Dr. Tim Drain. "All of us are kids at heart and ... yes it is great for the kids, I love watching them, but I also like the other side of it. I like the players looking down and realizing these kids are going to be in the stands watching me play and I better behave and act right."

Picture day for teams and individuals will be Friday morning at Mike Carter. A coaches/umpire meeting will be at 6 p.m. Friday, followed by the tournament banquet at 7 p.m. at the Apache Rooms of the Rogers Student Center at TJC.

Drain said the national tournament has been well-received from the East Coast and Midwest teams that have made the long trek to Texas the last two years.

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"They absolutely love coming to Tyler," Drain said. "They love the hospitality. Mike Carter Field is a great place to play and they love the (media) coverage. They feel like this is something special. It's not just a random tournament."

## Tourney Tidbits

The Division III World Series is a coordinated effort between SPORTyler, which is a branch of the Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce; and Tyler Junior College. Cindy Smoak is the assistant vice president of SPORTyler.

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## NJCAA Division III World Series

At Mike Carter Field

May 16-21

First Round

Saturday

Richland vs. Riverland, 9 a.m.; Joliet vs. Suffolk, noon; Niagara vs. Brookdale, 4 p.m.; Montgomery-Germantown vs. Manchester, 7 p.m.



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## Montgomery Hot Tickets Gazette, The

**05/13/2009**

Wednesday, May 13, 2009

Montgomery Hot Tickets

Advance dance

Maryland Youth Ballet's advanced students will perform the academy's annual spring concert at 1 and 7 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday in the Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center, Montgomery College, 51 Mannakee St., Rockville. On the program are Harriet Moncure Williams' "Pastel Encore," Alvin Mayes' "Tahquamenon Falls" and Act II "Kingdom of the Shades" from the full-length "La Bayadere." For tickets — \$20, \$15 for seniors and students — call 240-567-5301 or visit [www.montgomerycollege.edu/PAC](http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/PAC).

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## County News Gazette, The

**05/13/2009**

Wednesday, May 13, 2009

County News | Janel Davis

Workforce scholarships passed

Also Tuesday, the council unanimously passed a bill to establish a scholarship program for undergraduate students who are in degree programs for the county's 10 most needed occupations, and to be math and science teachers in the county school system.

The workforce investment program, sponsored by Councilman Michael J. Knapp (D-Dist. 2) of Germantown, would apply to students at Montgomery College or the Universities at Shady Grove. Students receiving the scholarships would be required to work in the county for the same number of years that they received the scholarship money.

The county's Workforce Investment Board would oversee the program.

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## Education Notebook Gazette, The

**05/13/2009**

Wednesday, May 13, 2009

Education Notebook |

Northwest to host education conference

Northwest High School will host the fifth annual Partners for Rigor Through Relevancy Conference on June 23.

Parents are invited to attend the conference, "Challenging 21st Century Learners — Connecting Classrooms," which will focus on challenging and engaging students and connecting classroom instruction to the global community. The conference will run from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Germantown school, 13501 Richter Farm Road.

The event is sponsored by Montgomery County Public Schools, Montgomery College, Montgomery County Business Roundtable for Education, the Universities at Shady Grove and the Montgomery County Council of Parent-Teacher Associates. Scheduled speakers include economist Ronald Ferguson; Montgomery County State's Attorney John McCarthy; Joshua Wyner, executive vice president of the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation; Michael Martirano, superintendent of St. Mary's County Public Schools; 2009 Maryland Teacher of the Year William Thomas; and 2006 National Teacher of the Year Kim Oliver.

For more information, contact conference coordinator Laura Grace at 240-632-6937 or [laura\\_r\\_grace@mcpsmd.org](mailto:laura_r_grace@mcpsmd.org) or visit [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/)

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## **Be part of a safer Silver Spring at inaugural summit Gazette, The**

**05/13/2009**

Wednesday, May 13, 2009

Be part of a safer Silver Spring at inaugural summit

People and Places | Jason Tomassini and Jeremy Arias

The first Safe Silver Spring Summit will be held in two sessions, from 8 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Saturday to give residents the latest information on crime and its prevention and to share ideas and solutions.

Registration should be completed by the end of today via e-mail at Safe

SilverSpring@gmail.com or by calling 301-431-4185, ext. 212. Volunteers are still needed to help with registration, room setups and organization. Contact the above e-mail to help in the days prior to the summit or during the day of the summit.

The first Safe Silver Spring Summit will bring together citizens and community leaders to develop an action plan that enables communities to reduce crime and keep our neighborhoods safer.

The summit will be held at Montgomery College, Takoma Park/Silver Spring campus. Sessions begin and end at the Science North Building room SN100 on Fenton Street, south of the intersection of Fenton and New York Avenue. Free parking is available at the East Campus Garage on Fenton Street

A campus map can be found at [www.montgomerycollege.edu/maps/tpcamp.html](http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/maps/tpcamp.html).

Both the morning and afternoon sessions are identical and attendees should sign up for one or the other and indicate their top two choices for workshops. Also note if a translator is needed. Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. for all participants.

The agenda includes registration, an overview of the event, six simultaneous workshops and then workshop reports. Youth will be given the opportunity to play a leadership role in the summit.

The workshops will include experts and residents and will focus on:

Making safe and civil public spaces.

Gangs and pack robberies.

Youth: schools, truants and kids hanging out.

Policing, security, resources and communication.

Why and how to start a Neighborhood Watch (to be conducted in Spanish).

Silver Spring Central Business District.

Residential neighborhoods adjacent to the CBD.

The lead sponsors include Prezco, Silver Spring Citizens Advisory Board, Silver Spring Regional Center and the Office of Councilmember Valerie Ervin (D-Dist. 5) of Silver Spring.

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## **Looming cuts to successful College Institute program lamented Gazette, The**

**05/13/2009**

Wednesday, May 13, 2009

### **Looming cuts to successful College Institute program lamented**

I have lived in the Gaithersburg area for the last 29 years and have seen things come and go. I learned that a number of teachers might have their time cut for programs that, although peripheral within their schools, have had a great impact on students.

I am speaking about the College Institute program, which is for high school seniors. It brings in professors from Montgomery College to teach accredited college classes to seniors at Gaithersburg, Wootton, Seneca Valley and John F. Kennedy high schools ("College Institute staffing cuts could stifle program," May 6 article).

The program is for the best and the brightest seniors, those who have met most of the criteria to graduate, and fill the time available to them while in high school by going to college classes, right in their high schools.

This program has been running successfully for the last five years and has continued to grow. From its inception, the program at Gaithersburg High School, for example, has grown from 15 to 20 students to a current 95-plus students who take advantage of the this unique, but rewarding program.

The good news is current applications have already reached 130-plus from juniors seeking to become part of College Institute in 2010.

The bad news is that the school system's proposed fiscal 2010 budget would cut by about half the time that the four College Institute coordinators spend managing the program at their schools.

Let's talk about the students. The program has grown from a small group of students to a widely diverse group of kids that a large percentage would not be there except for the help, drive, and knowledge of the program coordinator. A number of students who had the grades, but not the financial resources, in the past would have fallen by the wayside.

The Gaithersburg High School coordinator took those students and showed those bright but financially challenged students the way to use the system available to them be able to pay for their way to taking college courses. What a great success story. Isn't that what education for our youth is all about?

Many union members in the school system voted to turn down their annual raises in 2010, so the school system could save money. I understood this vote was to help maintain current programs and jobs throughout the county. Apparently this is not the case.

The College Institute program is one that is succeeding, with enthusiastic students looking to the future, to become a responsible part of our community and government. Do we really want to cut them off at the knees? That's what the school system is doing to our students.

The results: A program that has been a great success in GHS will slowly fall to the wayside, and probably be phased out. Why? I can see it now: "There just wasn't enough student participation to justify the program, so we have decided to cut College Institute."

Thomas E. Allen, Montgomery Village

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## State of the Arts 9 - Songs About Love YouTube

**05/13/2009**

To celebrate Valentine's Day, Montgomery College music professors Dr. Molly Donnelly and Dr. Jay Crowder perform a recital of classical voice and piano music, entitled "Songs About Love". Donnelly and Crowder tell of how such a combination of musicianship comes to fruition and give information about what the Montgomery College Rockville Music Department has to offer. ... State of the Arts Montgomery College classical piano voice concert valentine's day Molly Donnelly Jay Crowder repetoir ...

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**Irene Berkovich**  
**Gazette, The**

**05/13/2009**

Irene V. Berkovich, 44, of Rockville and Bethesda, formerly of Gaithersburg, died April 5, 2009, at Montgomery Hospice's Casey House following a long battle with Multiple Sclerosis.

Born Jan. 18, 1965, in Moscow, Russia, she was the daughter of Lidiya Kovarskaya of Moscow, and the late Vladimir Berkovich of Odessa, Ukraine.

Ms. Berkovich grew up in Moscow and graduated with honors from high school in 1982. In 1987, she earned a master's degree, with honors, from the Civil Engineering Institute as a systems analyst and a computer programming specialist.

She immigrated to the United States in 1989 and lived in Gaithersburg before moving to Rockville.

Ms. Berkovich attended Montgomery College to improve her English language skills. She worked for Bechtel Information Services Inc., Vista Counseling Service, Retrieval Systems Corp. and US Air. Her hobbies included drawing, sewing, knitting, writing and reading.

Survivors include her mother, Lidiya Kovarskaya of Bethesda, and a daughter, Kate Terskin, of Montreal, Canada.

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## **Pell grants, other student aid can help older college students** **WBIR-TV**

**05/13/2009**

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 may seem like an unaffordable luxury. 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, says 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](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). If you plan to attend college this fall, Gregory says, complete the application as quickly as possible.

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 says.

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 says.

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.

- 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, says 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 says.

- 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, says Kevin Walker, chief executive officer of SimpleTuition, a loan comparison website.

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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**USA Today - Online**

**Mc Lean, VA**

**Sandra Block**

**05/13/2009**

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## State of the Arts 9 - Seasons YouTube

**05/12/2009**

Montgomery College graphic design and illustration professors Martha Vaughan and Patricia Johannsen provide illustrations for the "Seasons" exhibition of seasonal-themed artwork in the Communication Arts Technologies gallery. Curated by Vaughan, the exhibition includes works by a variety of illustrators throughout the Washington DC area. ... State of the Arts Montgomery College Communication Technologies CAT department gallery graphic design illustration Martha Vaughan Patricia Johannsen Seasons ...

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## State of the Arts 9 - Paper Scraps & Scribbles YouTube

**05/12/2009**

Sketches, paintings, collage, and etchings combine to form Montgomery College art professor Michael Sellmeyer's "Paper Scraps and Scribbles" exhibition in the Sarah Silberman Art Gallery. Sellmeyer explains his artistic processes and inspirations, and what he and his students get out of their classroom interactions. ... State of the Arts Paper Scraps Scribbles Michael Sellmeyer art foundations line form Sarah Silberman Gallery Montgomery College Rockville department gallery exhibition fine ...

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## **Bender, Civetti at home in Germantown Gazette, The**

**05/12/2009**

Tuesday, May 12, 2009

Bender, Civetti at home in Germantown  
-Duo resurrects baseball careers for Gryphons

by James Peters | Staff Writer

Bender and Matt Civetti traveled far and wide in pursuit of their dreams of playing college baseball. But it was not until they returned to Montgomery County that those aspirations were fulfilled.

Both players transferred away from their original college choices. Looking to resurrect their baseball careers quickly and catch the attention of a different top-notch four-year school, Bender and Civetti joined Dan Rascher at Montgomery College-Germantown, which annually boasts one of the country's best National Junior College Athletic Association Division III programs.

Bender, an All-Gazette first-team selection in 2007, took his heavy bat, strong arm and fast legs to Morgantown, W.Va., to join the Division I West Virginia University program. Not long after, Bender discovered his chances of a lengthy playing career at the school were not good.

"West Virginia is historically known for over-recruiting: Bringing in a bunch of recruits and then cutting down," Bender said. "I didn't believe it until I saw about 60 kids on the first day of fall practice. Earning a Division I scholarship was my goal, and then having the opportunity taken away, it was definitely disappointing."

To retain his four years of playing eligibility, Bender redshirted during the 2007-08 season before deciding to leave West Virginia altogether following the spring 2008 semester.

Civetti, meanwhile, headed south to Limestone College (S.C.) after graduating from Clarksburg High in 2008. Not long into his stay, the slugging right fielder decided a change needed to be made.

"Just things didn't work out with the team," Civetti said. "I really didn't like the organization of the whole program. I thought, 'I can transfer out of there and into a different school and get more playing time.'"

Bender began his tenure with the Gryphons last fall, while Civetti joined at the start of this spring semester. Their arrivals helped Germantown (28-17) reach the NJCAA Division III World Series, to be played this weekend in Tyler, Texas, for the fourth straight season.

The team locked up its trip south with a 9-2 win over CCAC South (Pa.) in the Region XX final Sunday in Germantown. It won three regional games by a combined 38-4 score for the program's eighth Region XX championship.

"Sam has been a catalyst since being moved to No. 1 [in the batting order]," Gryphons assistant head coach John Silk said. "He's getting on base ... and he is incredibly quick on the base paths. Civetti is our top RBI leader. He has given a lot of power at the plate. He can hit one out anywhere. He's got a real quick bat and he's a nice kid. He works hard just like Sam. We're very, very happy with both these kids."

Bender, who played wideout on the Bullis football team as a senior before transferring back to Wootton for the spring, started the 2009 season in left field and without a permanent location in the batting order. But Rascher moved Bender to the top of the order and back to his natural position in center field during the team's spring break trip to Florida in March, and the player has excelled ever since.

Through Sunday, Bender was batting .382 with a team-high 47 runs, six doubles, four triples, four home runs, 19 runs batted in and 28 stolen bases, tops on the team by far. He had also produced a .459 on-base percentage.

"He comes every day ready to play and he's having a great season," Civetti said. "A lot of my RBI are from him. I love



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playing beside him."

Bender fared well in the championship win, collecting two hits with three stolen bases and an RBI.

"They're known as a winning program ... and a couple of Wootton kids have been to Montgomery College-Germantown," Bender said. "[Wootton and Germantown graduate] Marty Cornish said it was a great place and it was close to home. It was a perfect fit."

Civetti has added the pop to go with Bender's finesse, posting team highs of nine home runs and 45 RBI. He was also batting a solid .333 with seven doubles and a slugging percentage of .591. He also collected two hits against CCAC South with two RBI.

"I think things work out for a reason," Civetti said. "I think it worked out a lot better than it would have [at Limestone]. I like it at MC. I'm happy."

Bender added that Civetti's arrival could not have come at a better time, as one of the team's starting outfielders was deemed ineligible prior to the second semester.

"He came right in and started hitting really well the first week of the season," Bender said. "He's been a solid 3-4 hitter. He's an RBI machine. We really have to credit him with a lot of our success."

Germantown will travel to Texas on Thursday and open World Series play Saturday night. The double-elimination tournament could be Bender's last games in a Germantown uniform. Having kept up his grades and course work, Bender could graduate from Montgomery College and play baseball at a four-year school next year.

Or he could stay for another year while continuing to explore his options. Bender said Virginia Tech, George Mason, Middle Tennessee State and Indiana have expressed interest.

"I'll really have to visit the school and talk to the coaches and talk to the players and to get in detail [what the program is about]," he said. "If it's the right fit, I'll go."

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## **COUNCILMEMBER VALERIE ERVIN TO OPEN FIRST 'SAFE SILVER SPRING SUMMIT' ON MAY 16** **Federal News Service**

**05/12/2009**

ROCKVILLE, Md., May 11 -- Montgomery County issued the following City Council news release:

Montgomery County Councilmember Valerie Ervin, whose district includes Silver Spring, will be the opening speaker on Saturday, May 16, at the first "Safe Silver Spring Summit" to be held at Montgomery College's Takoma Park/Silver Spring campus at 7600 Takoma Avenue. The meeting of community leaders, residents, public safety officials and other organizations is scheduled for 8 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. in the Science North Building (Room 100).

The summit is being convened by representatives of SSCAB (Silver Spring Citizens Advisory Board) and Prezco (Presidents' Council of Silver Spring Civic Associations). Prezco neighborhoods include East Silver Spring, Indian Spring, Linden, North Hills of Sligo Creek, North Woodside/Montgomery Hills, Park Hills, Seven Oaks-Evanswood, Sligo Branview, South Silver Spring, Woodside, Woodside Forest and Woodside Park.

Silver Spring is a dynamic and diverse urban and suburban community. The mission of Safe Silver Spring is to develop strategies, partnerships and goals to keep Silver Spring a community where people can live, work, travel, shop and play safely.

"I want to commend the leaders of Safe Silver Spring for convening our residents in an open and constructive discussion of public safety issues," said Councilmember Ervin. "As a 22-year resident of Silver Spring, I know that our community's safety is paramount and it is one of my top priorities as your Councilmember."

The first Safe Silver Spring Summit will bring together residents, community leaders, non-profit organizations and public officials to develop an action plan that enables communities to prevent and reduce crime and keep neighborhoods safe.

"Prezco and our partners all believe that law enforcement, the community, businesses and other organizations need to work together to address our concerns with crime and safety in Silver Spring," said Andrew Kleine of Prezco.

The summit will consist of overview presentations and seven workshops that will be held in the morning and then repeated in the afternoon. Introductory remarks will be made by Lt. Liquorie of the 3rd Police District and State's Attorney John McCarthy. The seven workshop topics are:

- \* Making Safe and Civil Public Spaces
- \* Gangs and Pack Robberies
- \* Youth: Schools, Truants, and Kids Hanging Out
- \* Policing, Security, Resources, and Communication
- \* Por que y Como Comenzar una Vigilancia Comunitaria (Why and How to Start a Neighborhood Watch) NOTE: Workshop will be in Spanish
- \* Silver Spring Central Business District (CBD)
- \* Residential Neighborhoods adjacent to the SSCBD

Resource experts and community residents will participate in the workshops to develop action plans to address issues in each of these areas. Other organizations participating in this Summit include:

- \* Office of County Councilmember Valerie Ervin
- \* 3rd District Police District

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- \* State Attorney's Office
- \* Northwest Park Oakview Weed and Seed
- \* International Corridor C-Safe
- \* Downtown Silver Spring
- \* Safe Takoma
- \* CASA de Maryland
- \* USDOJ/COPS
- \* Maryland Office of Crime Control and Prevention
- \* Montgomery County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
- \* Maryland Community Crime Prevention Institute
- \* Montgomery County Public Schools Safe and Drug Free Schools
- \* Impact Silver Spring
- \* Montgomery County's Department of Health and Human Services, Youth Violence Prevention Coordinator and the Street Outreach Network

To register to attend the Summit, send an email to [SafeSilverSpring@gmail.com](mailto:SafeSilverSpring@gmail.com) or call 301-431-4185 (ext 212).

When registering, attendees should specify the morning or afternoon session, provide their first two workshop choices and indicate if there is a need for language (e.g., Spanish, Amharic, or sign) language translation or other special needs. For more information please contact: Sarabjit Jagirdar, Email:- [htsyndication@hindustantimes.com](mailto:htsyndication@hindustantimes.com).

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## **MARCH 2009 MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION GOVERNOR'S REPORT Federal News Service**

**05/12/2009**

ANNAPOLIS, Md., April 3 -- The Maryland Higher Education Commission issued the following news release:

March 1-2009: Communications director and administrative aide sent out more than 100 congratulations and thank you letters from Governor O'Malley to constituents throughout the State.

March 3, 2009: Communications director, working with MHEC and DNR IT staff, officially posted link on Smart Green and Growing website. Communications director had been working on developing projects with his colleagues from two- and four-year public and independent colleges and universities and private career schools collecting their green initiatives to add to MHEC link along with a message from Secretary Lyons praising the Governor's green initiatives.

March 4, 2009: Secretary Lyons participated in Governor's P-20 Leadership Council meeting.

March 4, 2009: Assistant Secretary for Finance Policy met with Senator Ed Kasemeyer to discuss the Nurse Support II (NSP II) program and the Department of Legislative Services' budget recommendation to transfer the program from MHEC to the State Board of Nursing and the reasons MHEC is opposed.

March 4, 2009: Assistant Secretary for Finance Policy testified before the House Ways and Means Committee on HB 948 - Part Time Grant Program - Eligibility. This legislation, if enacted would allow students taking between three and six credits to be eligible for the program.

March 4, 2009: Communications director participated in Governor's Delivery Unit meeting with colleagues from various State agencies in StateStat room.

March 5, 2009: Secretary Lyons attended Governor's Workforce Investment Board legislative breakfast.

March 5, 2009: Secretary Lyons, communications director and director of MHEC's Office of Student Financial Assistance attended Governor's Town Hall meeting at Frederick Douglass High School in Baltimore City. Materials such as how to obtain scholarships through MHEC and other questions about colleges, universities in Maryland were handed out and questions were answered as needed.

March 5, 2009: Assistant Secretary for Finance Policy testified before the Education and Economic Development Subcommittee of Appropriations on MHEC's scholarship program budget.

March 5, 2009: Assistant Secretary for Finance Policy met with DLS Director Warren Deschenaux and DLS staffer to discuss the NSP II Program and DLS' budget recommendation to transfer the program from MHEC to the State Board of Nursing. The recommendation by DLS was revoked.

March 5, 2009: Communications director participated in meeting with John Ratliff, David Costello, Patrice Cromwell and two representatives from the Maryland State Department of Education in Governor's Delivery Unit office to discuss how MHEC and MSDE should coordinate inter-agency deliverables.

March 6, 2009: Secretary Lyons testified before the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee on two key bills important to MHEC. Senate Bill 275 -- Higher Education - Higher Education Investment Fund - Funding - would require the Comptroller to continue to distribute specified income tax revenue from corporations to the Higher Education Investment Fund. Governor O'Malley created the HEIF during the 2007 Special Session of the General Assembly. House Bill 789/SB 861 -- Higher Education Funding Model for Maryland Act of 2009 - would set funding, performance, and financial aid goals for specified Maryland higher education institutions; repealing specified State funding goals; requiring funding proposals for regional higher education centers to be calculated using a specified funding strategy; providing that a program should be developed that promises to cover a specified percent of financial need for specified students. This law was the result of the extensive work completed by the Commission to Develop the Maryland Model for Funding Higher Education of which Lt. Governor Brown and Secretary Lyons were members.

March 6, 2009: Secretary Lyons met at MHEC building with Executive Director and board members of The Commission

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on African American History and Culture.

March 9, 2009: Secretary Lyons participated in Governor's Read Across Maryland initiative by reading to first-grade students at Rockledge Elementary School in Bowie. Communications director took pictures of the event and circulated them to staff and MHEC commission members and explained the Governor's initiative in an e-mail.

March 9, 2009: Secretary Lyons and communications director attended a roundtable discussion and press conference at Bowie State University. Governor O'Malley, U.S. Senators Barbara Mikulski and Ben Cardin, USM Chancellor William E. "Brit" Kirwan, Bowie State President Mickey Burnim and Prince George's County Executive Jack Johnson participated in the roundtable discussion with students from Bowie State. The students talked candidly about what concerns they face in college. A press conference followed and was covered by various media outlets such as WJLA Channel 7 which ran the story on their evening newscast.

March 10, 2009: Members of MHEC staff attended the NAACP's centennial celebration and seminar entitled "New Definitions of Civil Rights: Bridging the Generations." NAACP President Benjamin Todd Jealous was the keynote luncheon speaker. Secretary Lyons delivered remarks on behalf of MHEC and Governor O'Malley during the breakfast session. Dr. Jealous praised Secretary Lyons as a national leader in education during his remarks. MHEC was a sponsor of the event along with the Maryland Attorney General's office, the University System of Maryland (USM) and the Maryland State NAACP.

March 10, 2009: Assistant Secretary for Finance Policy testified before the House Ways and Means Committee on HB 937 - Higher Education - Student Financial Assistance - Retention of Unused Funds. This bill would allow MHEC to transfer carry forward funds to veteran scholarship programs.

March 11, 2009: MHEC's Education Policy Committee met. Items discussed included Loyola College in Maryland's request for a name change to Loyola University, Maryland; final action on requirements for authorization of out-of-state degree granting institutions to operate in Maryland regulations; status report on the minimum requirements for degree-granting institutions; appeal by TESST College of Technology of one of its programs submitted for approval that was denied; the integration of Baltimore Hebrew University with Towson University; report on programs reviewed from October 1, 2008-February 20, 2009 and report on private career schools; approval actions from January 1-February 28.

March 11, 2009: Assistant Secretary for Finance Policy met with Delegate John L. Bohanan, Jr., to discuss the NSP II Program and DLS' budget recommendation to transfer the program from MHEC to the State Board of Nursing.

March 11, 2009: Assistant Secretary for Finance Policy testified before the Senate Finance Committee on SB 627 - Loan Assistance Repayment and Practice Assistance for Physicians which will expand the Loan Assistance Repayment Program to include physicians in State designated health shortage areas and for-profit settings.

March 12, 2009: Director of Finance Policy met with Delegate Susan Aumann to discuss HB 710 - Edward T. Conroy Tuition Waiver Program and worked out amendments with sponsor, legislative staff and higher education segments to keep the program as a scholarship and change the administration of the program to ensure students are no longer placed on a waiting list.

March 13, 2009: Assistant Secretary for Finance Policy testified before the Health, Education and Human Resources Subcommittee of Budget and Taxation on MHEC's scholarship program budget.

March 12-14, 2009: Secretary Lyons participated in the entire "Improving Retention at HBCUs (Historically Black Colleges and Universities): Everybody's Business: Assessment, Accountability, and Retention Summit" at the Clarion Hotel in Ocean City. The Summit drew HBCUs from Maryland, Washington, D.C., Delaware and Virginia. Secretary Lyons was the luncheon keynote speaker on March 13, delivering a speech on the theme: "The Higher Education Commission and Student Retention."

March 15, 2009: Secretary Lyons spoke to the First Generation College Bound Supporters Reception where he mentioned how Governor O'Malley is strongly committed to higher education in the State.

March 16, 2009: MHEC's Segmental Advisory Committee met. Items discussed including Maryland's Promise (in which Maryland colleges and universities will join in a covenant to agree to pay full tuition for low-income students who complete college in four years), the Nurse Support Program II, guiding principles for unnecessary duplication, the progress of the Associate of Science in Engineering (ASE) progress report and next steps, an update on legislation before the General Assembly, an update on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and status of the 2009 State Plan for

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March 16, 2009: Assistant Secretary for Finance Policy testified before the Education and Economic Development Subcommittee of Appropriations on MHEC's Community Colleges Construction Grant Program.

March 17, 2009: Secretary Lyons testified on behalf of Senate Bill 544 -- Historically Black Institutions - State Funding - Blount-Rawlings-Britt HBI Comparability Program. This bill would establish the Blount-Rawlings-Britt Historically Black Institutions (HBI) Comparability Program to provide supplemental funding assistance to the State's public four-year historically black institutions (HBIs); stating the purpose of the program; require MHEC to adopt specified standards and procedures; require the Governor to provide funds for the Commission to distribute to HBIs and provide for the calculation of the annual operating budget distribution to each of the HBIs.

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March 17, 2009: Communications director and associate director of workforce development participated in conference call with colleagues from various State agencies to discuss what they are doing in regards to home energy cost-cutting measures (weatherization).

March 17, 2009: A webmasters meeting for all the State agencies was held. MHEC was heralded at the meeting for being the first agency to get their website to meet the minimum web branding standards required by the Governor's office.

March 18, 2009: Communications director and associate director of workforce development participated in a conference call with officials from the Community College of Baltimore County to discuss the procedures they are undertaking to coordinate the Governor's weatherization effort with agencies such as DHCD and DHR. CCBC is taking the lead on working with community colleges throughout the State to provide weatherization training courses to students who want to enter the workforce as auditors who visit homes to define where weatherization work or repairs need to be done and to students who will do the actual hands-on work. This is one of the Governor's top priorities as much of this effort receives American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and other federal funding as well as State funding.

March 19, 2009: Secretary Lyons participated in Governor's Read Across Maryland initiative by reading to kindergarten and third-grade students at Tulip Grove Elementary School in Bowie.

March 19, 2009: Communications director revised and improved MHEC link to Smart, Green and Growing website including initiatives MHEC staff is doing to EmPower Maryland. MHEC has more than reached Governor O'Malley's goal of a reduction of 15 percent in energy usage at State agencies with a 16.1 percent reduction.

March 23, 2009: MHEC's 2009 State Plan for Postsecondary Education editorial board and facilitators met to discuss the latest draft of this very important publication which will serve as a blueprint for improving higher education in the State for the next five years.

March 23, 2009: Assistant Secretary for Finance Policy participated in meeting with Delegate Addie Eckardt and later with House Health and Government Operations Committee chairman Peter Hammen regarding HB 1319 - Family Medicine Rural Health Commission and why it is not necessary because it duplicates legislation that was signed into law by Governor O'Malley two years ago.

March 24, 2009: Assistant Secretary for Finance Policy testified on SB 973/HB 1518 - Student Financial Assistance - Eligible Institutions of Higher Education which would have allowed Kaplan College located in Hagerstown to maintain its in-state tuition status once it merges with Kaplan University, an out-of-state, for-profit, corporate entity setting a precedent for all future mergers with out-of-state, for profit institutions as well as opening the State's financial aid program to these out-of-state institutions. MHEC successfully worked with the sponsor to continue State financial aid for all students who are receiving financial assistance prior to the effective date of the merger, July 1, 2009.

March 25, 2009: The second public meeting was held at MHEC building to hear feedback about the latest draft of the 2009 State Plan for Postsecondary Education. Feedback was excellent and some of the comments will be discussed by the State Plan editorial board for possible inclusion in the final document.

March 25, 2009: Full Commission met. Items discussed included TESST College of Technology's appeal of a program denied by Secretary Lyons; Loyola College in Maryland's request to be renamed Loyola University of Maryland; final

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action on requirements for authorization of out-of-state degree-granting institutions to operate in Maryland; status report on the minimum requirements for degree-granting institutions; integration of Baltimore Hebrew University with Towson University; 2008 Student Outcome and Achievement Report; Report on the 2008 Follow-Up Survey of 2007 Bachelor's Degree Recipients at Maryland Four-Year Institutions; report on programs reviewed from October 1, 2008-February 20, 2009 and report on approval action for private career schools from January 1-February 28, 2009.

March 25, 2009: Communications director participated in kickoff campaign for Governor's Census 2010 State Outreach Coordinating Team with colleagues at various State agencies and the University System of Maryland.

March 26, 2009: Secretary Lyons participated in Latino Success meeting.

March 27, 2009: Secretary Lyons attended inauguration of Dr. Barbara Viniar, new President of Chesapeake College.

March 30, 2009: Secretary Lyons continued his participation in Governor's Read Across Maryland initiative by reading to students at Kenilworth Elementary School in Prince George's County.

Maryland 30, 2009: Director of communications represented MHEC at the groundbreaking of the new library at the Catonsville campus of the Community College of Baltimore County (CCBC) where Governor O'Malley, Lt. Governor Brown, CCBC President Dr. Kurtinitis and County Executive Jim Smith delivered remarks.

March 31, 2009: Secretary Lyons and senior staff members met with the Swiss State Secretary for Education and Research. The presentation centered on Maryland's funding and support of independent institutions.

March 31, 2009: Secretary Lyons was keynote speaker at Montgomery College Career Congress where among other items, he discussed Governor O'Malley's strong, unwavering support for higher education in general and community colleges specifically as well as his Smart, Green and Growing initiative.

March 31, 2009: Assistant Secretary for Planning and Academic Affairs observed the Middle States Self Study visitation process at Goucher College.

## Private Career Schools:

- \* Dean Kendall, Associate Director for Workforce Development and PCS Education Analyst, performed four school site visits (Chesapeake Real Estate Academy - 3/4, Medix School-South - 3/16, CSB School of Broadcasting - closing - 3/9 & 3/27).

- \* Counseled one school regarding an orderly close (Building Specs - 3/19).

- \* One new school approval (Chesapeake Real Estate Academy).

- \* One new program approval (Medix School-South, Pharmacy Technician).

## Community College Continuing Education:

- \* Dean Kendall, Associate Director for Workforce Development, with data entry by Administrative Assistant Alice Legum, processed 240 continuing education course applications for FTE funding.

- \* ONGOING: Mr. Kendall, in conjunction with MHEC IT staff, continues to develop a process for continuing education course applications for FTE funding to be available online. On 3/10, a practice CC10 Word form was developed and provided to community colleges. On 3/25, a practice web form was developed for online use. Ultimately, this online process will allow the MHEC inventory of continuing education courses to be publicly viewable online. Target implementation date October 1, 2009.

- \* ONGOING: The continuing education manual is being updated as the above process evolves. It will be put online when the electronic online application process is complete. Target implementation date: October 1, 2009.

## Workforce Development / WIA:

- \* Dean Kendall, Associate Director for Workforce Development and acting as 2009 State Plan for Higher Education Goal 5 Facilitator, attended three meetings on the draft State Plan (3/4, 3/23 & 3/25).

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\* Attended two CTE related meetings, one for the Governor's CTE Task Force (3/16) and the other as a member of the CTE Perkins Monitoring team (3/26).

\* Participated in one GWIB Interagency Workgroup Committee meeting (3/20).

\* Attended the GWIB Board meeting (3/11).

Records from Closed Institutions of Postsecondary Education:

\* Alice Legum, under Dean Kendall's signature, responded to 25 requests for transcripts from closed schools and 3 education verification request

Academic Common Market:

Alice Legum responded to 58 calls concerning Academic Common Market.

Office of Grants Report:

March 5 Along with the Maryland State Department of Education, facilitated, the CPIP Technical Assistance/GEAR UP Statewide Joint Partnership Meeting. Developed and presented a new session on program assessment and evaluation.

March 4-12 Met with several Senators, Delegates, and/or their aides to discuss the Department of Legislative Services analyst recommendation that the administration of the Nurse Support Program II be transferred to the Maryland Board of Nursing.

March 6, 13 Attended the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) Go Alliance Marketing and Outreach Course.  
20 & 27

March 13 Attended the Governor's Office American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) workshop for local government officials and staff to help them better understand and access the stimulus funds coming to the State

March 18 Maryland College Access Challenge Grant Program Applications deadline passed.

March 18 Participated in a Governor's Policy Fellows seminar along with the Department of Housing and Community Development Neighborhood Revitalization Office

March 19 Participated in a conference call with Catherine Crowley of the Maryland Hospital Association (MHA) and Oscar Ibarra of the Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC) regarding cooperation between Who Will Care? and Nurse Support Program II (NSP II).

March 24 Met with Department of Budget and Management chief of staff to discuss the future of the Governor's Policy Fellows program

March 25 Proposals for FY 2010 NSP II deadline passed.

March 26 Provided the Governor's Office of Grants with fiscal data for the 2008 Annual Report.

March 27 NSP II Grant reviewer training meeting and distribution of proposal packets.

Over the course of the month:

Wrote second draft of the MHEC Grant Reviewer Handbook and implemented use of a new reviewer conflict of interest agreement as part of ongoing efforts to improve the quality of the grant review process.

Monitored the progress of and provided project director assistance to Maryland College Access Challenge Grant Program grantees at site visits as follows:

\* March 13 - Baltimore City Community College/Booker T. Washington Middle School, Liberty Heights, Baltimore



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\* March 19 - In Reach, Inc./Charles Carroll Middle School in New Carrollton

\* March 30 - Age of Awareness/G. James Gholson Middle School, Landover

Monitored the progress of and provided project director assistance to NSP II grantees at site visits as follows:

\* March 5 - Towson University

\* March 23 - College of Notre Dame of Maryland

\* March 24 - Wor-Wic Community College

Worked with Morgan State University, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, University of Maryland College Park and Coppin State University faculty grantees to close five expired Improving Teacher Quality grant projects and collect final reports and unspent grant monies.

Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) Report:

\* Presentation by Ms. Linda Asplin to the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board addressing funding opportunities for future Maryland teachers. Financial Aid promotional and outreach activities completed at Oxon Hill High School, Job Corps in Hyattsville, and Bowie State University.

\* OSFA completed its annual Portfolio Review with the Department of Information Technology on the new financial aid processing system (MD CAPS). MD CAPS currently under development will replace a 20 year old legacy system. The Portfolio Review is one of four points used by the State in its oversight methodology to improve IT projects. The SDLC documents and project management approach from MD CAPS are being shared with other agencies and Peer Review Committees as good examples to follow according to the Department of Information Technology Project Management Office.

\* OSFA has downloaded approximately 130,000 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) results that have met the March 1st deadline to apply for State financial aid. This is nearly 30,000 more FAFSAs than were submitted last year.

MHEC BRAC Coordinator's Report:

March 2, 2009: BRAC Coordinator Dr. John Stephenson and communications director attended a Subcabinet meeting on BRAC Internships.

March 4, 2009: BRAC coordinator chaired a meeting of the University Park Committee at MITRE headquarters in Bel Air.

March 5, 2009: BRAC coordinator attended the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between Harford Community College and Towson University at Harford Community College.

March 11, 2009: BRAC coordinator spoke to members of the Maryland Association of Private Colleges and Career Schools on BRAC grant funding.

Mar 12: BRAC coordinator attended a presentation on "Building the Pipeline of Workers for Anne Arundel County's Defense Industry" at Anne Arundel Community College.

March 12, 2009: BRAC coordinator and members of the University Park Committee met with David Craig, County Executive, Harford County to discuss developing a research park in the county.

March 16, 2009: BRAC coordinator attended the Fort Meade Alliance meeting in Linthicum.

March 19, 2009: BRAC coordinator attended the meeting of the Army Alliance at Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG).

March 19, 2009: BRAC coordinator attended a meeting of the APG Science and Technology Board at the HEAT Center.

March 23, 2009: BRAC coordinator represented MHEC at the DISA Groundbreaking.

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March 26, 2009: BRAC coordinator served on a panel at the Baltimore County Executive's Regional Advisory Board for Business and Education at Loyola College.

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## Obituaries

### Washington Post - Online

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William M. 'John' Jarboe Printing Business Owner William M. 'John' Jarboe, 91, who owned and operated his self-named commercial printing business in Washington for the past 75 years, died May 4 at his home in Darnestown of cancer.

In addition to his work at Jarboe Printing, he was a former president of a Lions Club chapter in Southwest Washington and the Printing Industry of Washington, an industry organization that gave him its distinguished service award. He was a board member of Ford's Theatre and a member of the Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind.

He started a scholarship fund for students studying printing at Montgomery College and donated printing equipment to the school.

William Maynard Jarboe was a third-generation Washingtonian and learned the printing trade in middle school. He graduated in 1937 from McKinley Technical High School, where a teacher lent him \$50 to buy his first printing press.

Survivors include his wife of 66 years, Kathleen McDermott Jarboe of Darnestown; seven children, John Jarboe of Ohiopyle Pa., Kathleen Jarboe of McLean, Robert Jarboe of Darnestown, Stephen Jarboe of Clarksburg, Nancy Harold of Raleigh, N.C., Linda Soles of Dunbarton, N.H., and Loretta Eby of North Potomac; 12 grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

-- Adam Bernstein

Csilla Luckett, 64, an Alexandria resident and retired literacy and teacher-training specialist for D.C. public schools, died April 22 in a car accident on Interstate 495 in Prince George's County.

A spokesman for the Maryland State Police said Mrs. Luckett was a passenger in a southbound pickup truck driven by her husband when a southbound car struck the pickup near Ritchie Marlboro Road.

The Lucketts' truck tumbled into a ditch, and Mrs. Luckett was pronounced dead at the scene, a police spokesman said. The preliminary investigation showed that the driver of the other vehicle was under the influence of alcohol, he said. The crash investigation is continuing.

Mrs. Luckett spent 27 years working for District schools. Starting about eight years ago, she began a consulting career that included working with the federal Reading First initiative. She was a teacher trainer at the Early Childhood Leadership Institute, an affiliate of the University of the District of Columbia, and an adjunct faculty member at UDC.

Csilla Pulvari was born in Budapest and raised in Washington, where she was a 1962 graduate of St. Anthony's High School. She was a 1966 elementary education graduate of Catholic University, where she received in 1968 a master's degree in early childhood education and curriculum development. She did all but her dissertation for a doctorate in educational technology at Catholic.

She did volunteer work with the Boy Scouts and at Holy Redeemer Catholic School in Washington.

Survivors include her husband of 37 years, Edward H. Luckett of Alexandria; two children, Charles E. Luckett of Washington and Christina C. Luckett of Portland, Ore.; a niece she helped raise, Elizabeth Montgomery of Alexandria; her mother, Josephine Pulvari in Alexandria; and two sisters, Ildiko McDonnell of Landsdale, Pa., and Gyongyver Beuchert of Hughesville.

-- Adam Bernstein

Cecilia H. Gonzalez, 53, a partner at the Washington law firm of Howrey LLP who specialized in intellectual property litigation and disputes before the International Trade Commission, died May 4 at Georgetown University Hospital. She had breast cancer.

Ms. Gonzalez represented large corporations, including Samsung, Qualcomm and Amgen. According to Howrey, she

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was lead counsel in more than 50 successful actions before the ITC, an independent federal agency that monitors unfair trade practices, including patent, trademark and copyright infringement cases.

At the law firm, she served as vice chair of the executive committee and co-chair of the intellectual property practice and the business affairs committee, and she was a managing partner of practice development. In 2008, the National Law Journal named her one of the 50 most influential minority lawyers in America and in 2003, Legal Times named her one of the top intellectual property litigators in Washington.

Cecilia Hildegard Gonzalez, a native of Caracas, Venezuela, grew up in the Washington area and graduated in 1972 from Winston Churchill High School in Potomac. She was a 1976 graduate of McGill University in Montreal and a 1979 graduate of Georgetown University's law school.

She became a partner at Plaia and Schaumberg, a small international trade law firm, until it merged with what was then known as Howrey and Simon in 1986.

She was well known for cooking elaborate meals at her Washington home for friends and family, including weekly Sunday dinners.

Survivors include her husband of 30 years, Stephen M. Foster of Washington; her mother, Cecilia Horwitz of Washington; her father, Dr. Rene Gonzalez of San Jos, Costa Rica; a sister, Claudia Robinson of Cabin John; and four brothers, Alfonso Gonzalez of Caracas, Alvaro Gonzalez of Odenton, James Gonzalez of Gaithersburg and Felipe Gonzalez of Washington.

-- Lauren Wiseman

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## Parents maintain legacy of sons killed by drunken driver Gazette, The

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Jim Korte (from left), Bill Brown, Sam Kelvie, Chad Wheeler (sitting), Stephanie Bonte-Lebair, Lee Rosenthal, Celia Blitzer, Michelle Boizelle rehearse a scene from the musical 'They're Playing Our Song.' The Damascus Theatre Company production opened last weekend and will play for the next two weekends at the Gaithersburg Arts Barn.

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<SW\_Photo=8710>This story was corrected on May 6, 2009.

Ronald and Gloria Murad of Germantown, who lost their sons, Michael, 42, and Matthew, 31, when their car was struck in 1999 by a vehicle driven by a 17-year-old who ran a red light, will hold a bicycle race this month in Poolesville.

The All American Bicycle Club, a competitive biking organization based in Damascus, will sponsor the Michael P. Murad Memorial Road Race on May 23 in Poolesville. The Murads also sponsor events at Montgomery College's Germantown campus in memory of Matthew.

The event will include six races along a rolling 8-mile loop, beginning at 12800 Hughes Road at the intersection of with Sugarland Road. Prizes include \$4,000 in cash and merchandise. Races for men and women will start at intervals from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and vary from 32 to 72 miles. Races are limited to 50 to 75 participants.

Participants must be members of the U.S. Cycling Federation.

For more information, visit All American's [www.aabikes.com](http://www.aabikes.com), click on the 'club' page and go to the link for Murad Memorial Road Race.

For information related to local competitive bicycle racing, visit [www.mabra.org/](http://www.mabra.org/).

Relay for Life fundraiser

Do some spring cleaning and support cancer research at a community yard sale hosted by the Poolesville Relay for Life on Saturday.

The sale will run 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the corner of Routes 28 and 109 in Beallsville. Local nonprofit Hands of Love will pick up all unsold items.

Vendors who want to reserve a spot should call Kirsten Lewis at 301-330-5128. A \$10 donation to Relay for Life is required. For more information, visit [www.poolesvillerelay.org](http://www.poolesvillerelay.org).

They're Playing Our Song'

in Gaithersburg

The Damascus Theatre Company spring musical, 'They're Playing Our Song,' will continue this weekend at the Arts Barn, 311 Kent Square Road in Gaithersburg.

The show opened last weekend and will continue the weekend of May 15.

The musical is based on the real-life relationship of Marvin Hamlisch and Carole Bayer Sager. A wisecracking composer finds a new, offbeat lyricist, but initially the match is not one made in heaven. The two undergo a series of trials and overcome a number of hurdles before finding true love by the final curtain.

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'It's a really fun show,' co-producer Elli Swink said. 'It's really a play with music as opposed to a full musical.'

Performances are 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$16 general admission or \$14 for Gaithersburg residents. To purchase tickets, call 301-258-6394 or use RecXpress online at [www.gaithersburgmd.gov/RecXpress](http://www.gaithersburgmd.gov/RecXpress).

Bake sale to raise money

for cancer research

The American Cancer Society's Relay4Life Too Youth Team will hold a bake sale to raise money in the fight against cancer from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Giant Food, 18331 Leaman Farm Road in Germantown.

Raffle tickets for a new Saturn Aura will be on sale. For more information, visit [www.rockvillereley.org](http://www.rockvillereley.org).

Plant and flower sale continuing through May 10

Damascus and Friendship United Methodist churches will continue their tradition of selling bedding plants to benefit their missions and outreach programs through Sunday.

The sale will continue beyond that date if a good selection remains, organizers said.

The plant sale, now in its 14th year, will be held at the Damascus United Methodist Church pavilion, 9700 New Church St.

Perennials, herbs, vegetables and annuals used for flower beds and pots will be on sold.

A portion of the retail price will be reflected as a tax-deductible contribution to the mission program.

Hours of operation are typically 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekends and 6-8 p.m. weekdays.

Chamber to host wine tasting

The Gaithersburg-Germantown Chamber of Commerce will celebrate its sixth annual Wine Tasting 5:30 to 7: 30 p.m. May 14 at the Kentlands Mansion, 320 Kent Square Road.

Chef Bryan of Chef Bryan's Kitchen in Gaithersburg's Kentlands neighborhood will provide food to complement fine wines provided by PB Dye Golf Club in Ijamsville.

The Gaithersburg Hilton Hotel will hold a charity bake sale to benefit the Give Kids the World Foundation. Cakes by Leslie and Custom Cake Design and homemade goodies by Hilton employees will be sold.

Cost is \$25 for members and \$50 for nonmembers. To register, visit [www.ggchamber.org](http://www.ggchamber.org).

Flea market to open May 16

The Clarksburg Historical Society will hold monthly flea markets on the third Saturday of each month.

The first will be held 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 16 on the corner of Route 355 and Clarksburg Road on the grassy lot across from the bank in Clarksburg's Historic District.

A space costs \$10. Set-up starts at 8 a.m.

For information or to reserve a space, call 301-253-3807 or 301-916-3899.

Signup for adult softball

The Damascus Sports Association's Adult Co-Ed Softball League is gearing up for another season of Friday night fun.

Starting in early June and running through July, the league will play one game a week (eight games) at Damascus

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Regional Park. The league is reverse adult slow-pitch softball for players 30 years of age or older. One exception is that one man or woman may be between the ages of 25 and 30.

A team fee is required to participate and includes team jerseys. If interested in fielding a team for the 2009 season, call Scott Scates at 301-748-8065.

Yard sale coming May 9

Wesley Grove United Methodist Church, 23640 Woodfield Road, will hold its spring yard sale 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

Spaces are available for \$10 by calling 301-253-0044.

The United Methodist Men will sell cooked-to-order breakfast sandwiches and fresh-baked cinnamon rolls during the morning and a variety of grilled items at lunchtime. Proceeds will benefit various church programs.

Masters of the garden available to field questions

Montgomery County Master Gardeners from the University of Maryland Cooperative Extension are offering their popular plant clinics at the Germantown Library from April through September.

Gardeners will answer gardening questions 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the library, 19840 Century Blvd.

For more information on the Maryland Master Gardener Program, call the University of Maryland's Home and Garden Information Center at 410-531-5556 or visit

[www.mastergardener.umd.edu/](http://www.mastergardener.umd.edu/).

Have a heart for senior pets

House with a Heart, a nonprofit sanctuary for senior pets, will hold several fundraising events this month.

Professional photographer Beth Lightbody will take pictures of pets and their families at the Laytonsville sanctuary, 6409 Stream Valley Way, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Prices vary and half of the money raised will go to House with a Heart. To set up an appointment, call 240-631-1743.

Outta the Way Caf in Derwood, 17503 Redland Road, will host a benefit concert 1-5 p.m. Saturday. Donations will be accepted at the door. Performers will include The Janglebachs, Mike Westcott and Roger Edsall and Boomerang. For more information, send an e-mail to [chagypeen68@yahoo.com](mailto:chagypeen68@yahoo.com).

House with a Heart will hold a spring yard sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 16 at the sanctuary. The rain date is May 17. To donate items or learn more, contact [hsackler@comcast.net](mailto:hsackler@comcast.net).

For more information on House with a Heart, visit [www.housewithaheart.com](http://www.housewithaheart.com).

Run for the animals

at Poplar Spring

Poplar Spring Animal Sanctuary will hold its sixth annual Run for the Animals in May at Wheaton Regional Park, 2002 Shorefield Road.

The event will kick off at 8:30 a.m. May 17 and include food and raffles with prizes for dogs and humans. The event is a fundraiser for the Poolesville-based nonprofit.

Registration for the 5K Run and Fun Walk is \$20 before Friday, \$25 beginning Friday or \$28 on the day of the race. Walkers can choose to hoof it for one mile or 1.7 miles, and dogs are welcome to join but are not permitted in the 5K run.

For more information, contact [poplarspringrun@yahoo.com](mailto:poplarspringrun@yahoo.com) or visit [www.animalsanctuary.org](http://www.animalsanctuary.org).

Planning for Oktoberfest

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in Germantown

Springtime weather is finally here, but some are already planning for the fall.

The Germantown Oktoberfest is seeking vendors and businesses to participate in the Oct. 3 event at Ridge Road Recreational Park.

Food vendors, crafters, business vendors and business sponsorship opportunities are available. The Oktoberfest raises money for local charities.

Thousands of people celebrate with live music and performances, food, children's games and a biergarten. The event is capped off with fireworks.

For more information, call 301-840-1400, ext. 15, e-mail [Hans@germantownoktoberfest.com](mailto:Hans@germantownoktoberfest.com) or visit [www.germantownoktoberfest.org](http://www.germantownoktoberfest.org).

Items appropriate for People and Places must be received by 5 p.m. Thursday for consideration for the following week. They can be mailed to The Damascus-Clarksburg Gazette, 9030 Comprint Court, Gaithersburg, MD 20877; sent by fax to 301-670-7183; or e-mailed to [ssingerbart@gazette.net](mailto:ssingerbart@gazette.net).



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**Pell grants**  
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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 may seem like an unaffordable luxury. 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. CHART: Federal grants available to adult learners

Here's a look at what's available for adult learners: "Federal grants. Federal 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, says Melissa Gregory, director of student financial aid for Montgomery College CHART: Federal grants available to adult learners 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](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). If you plan to attend college this fall, Gregory says, complete the application as quickly as possible.

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 says.

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 says.

The Obama "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, says Saskia Knight, vice chancellor for enrollment at Chapman University College, an Orange, Calif

The best way to find out about such programs is through the financial aid office of the schools you're interested in attending, Chapman says. "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, says Kevin Walker, chief executive officer of SimpleTuition, a loan comparison website.

Undergraduate independent students can borrow up to \$9,500 in Stafford

For the academic year beginning July 1, the interest rate for unsubsidized Stafford loans is 6.8%. 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%.

While unsubsidized Stafford loans are available to all students, regardless of income, you must fill out a FAFSA to qualify, Walker says.

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

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 says, 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 says.

The Obama administration has launched a website targeted at unemployed workers who want to go back to school. You can find it at [www.opportunity.gov](http://www.opportunity.gov).

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**You ' re never too old to learn, and grants are there to help pay for it**

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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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Students and parents at Gaithersburg and Thomas S. Wootton high schools are pleading with the county school board not to cut staffing for the College Institute program, in which Montgomery College professors teach courses at the high schools for college credit.

The school system's proposed fiscal 2010 budget would cut by about half the time that the four College Institute coordinators at Gaithersburg, Wootton, Seneca Valley and John F. Kennedy high schools spend managing the program. The coordinators would spend the rest of their time in regular classroom instruction to help make up for a lack of teachers.

At Gaithersburg and Wootton, the coordinators focus on the program full-time, organizing professors' schedules, helping with applications and financial aid and recruiting underclassmen, many of whom would be first-generation college students, said Joanne Allen, who has been Gaithersburg's College Institute coordinator for six years.

Cutting the coordinators' focus will cripple a program that paves the way for academic life in college, students and parents told the school board at two hearings last month.

'We've got a real success story here. The goal of MCPS is to make students college-ready. The lesson that we learned here is College Institute is college readiness,' Steve Augustino, parent coordinator for the Gaithersburg school cluster, said in an interview. 'You wouldn't cut an AP course; it would be inconceivable to cut the [International Baccalaureate] program. Here they've got another program that's similar to that, and they are cutting it.'

The \$2.13 billion school budget approved by Superintendent Jerry D. Weast and the school board in February puts \$1.975 billion toward personnel costs, a 2 percent increase over this year. It cuts 275 positions, saving \$35 million, according to the budget proposal.

Acknowledging that the staffing cut may squeeze the number of College Institute courses Gaithersburg offers next year, Gaithersburg Principal Christine Handy-Collins said that she and school leaders are working out how to best support the program.

'We will make it happen. We may have to support it with other teachers,' Handy-Collins said.

The County Council is expected to approve school funding on May 21. The school board and Superintendent Jerry D. Weast are set to finalize how to allocate the money June 9.

Under the proposal, Gaithersburg's coordinator would be pared back to two-fifths of her time, while the Wootton coordinator would be three-fifths, according to Genevieve Floyd, the school system's coordinator for partnerships with Montgomery College. The coordinators for Seneca Valley and Kennedy are already at two-fifths, and would scale back to one-fifth.

Wootton has the largest program, with 101 students this spring and 160 applications so far for next fall. Gaithersburg has 99 students enrolled, and 135 have applied for next year. Kennedy has 47 and 62; Seneca Valley has 42 and 75, according to Floyd.

Through the county school system's College Institute program a partnership with Montgomery College seniors can earn up to 30 college credits on their high school campus. Any school that accepts Montgomery College credits accepts credits earned in CI. To qualify, students must have completed most of their graduation requirements, scored at least a 550 on each section of the SAT and have at least a 3.5 weighted GPA at the end of their junior year.

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Event set for Saturday at Longwood Community Center

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Longwood Community Center in Brookeville will be the site on Saturday of a program designed to educate teenagers about safe driving and raise money for a 20-year-old woman who was seriously injured in a car crash last year.

Kimberley Allen, a 2007 alumna of Col. Zadok Magruder High School in Derwood and Montgomery College student at the time, was driving towards Damascus along Woodfield Road on Feb. 10, 2008, when she lost control of her car, which hit a telephone pole on someone's front lawn, said Janie Allen, Kimberley's mother. The impact spun the car around and shot it straight back into another tree, she said.

Allen said a report by Maryland State Police said skid marks on the road indicated her daughter, who was the only one in the car, was driving very fast and was not wearing a seat belt. Police reported there was no evidence of drugs or alcohol, Allen said.

'The car was totaled and it was a miracle she even survived the accident,' Allen said, adding Kimberley cannot remember where she was traveling at the time of the crash.

Organizers are hoping Saturday's event, call Love-a-Palooza, will 'send a message to the community to make smart decisions and value your life,' Allen said.

The program, set for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., will feature driver safety and awareness displays and activities such as a disc jockey, karaoke, a raffle and a silent auction. It is being sponsored in part by Funfit Family Fitness Centers, the county's Department of Recreation, Herron Printing & Graphics and the Sant Group, nonprofit organizations throughout the state that provide mental health treatment, rehabilitation and support services.

Kimberley was in a coma for seven weeks and suffered multiple brain injuries, a laceration to her liver, damage to her spleen and a collapsed lung, Allen said. She was initially taken to the R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center in Baltimore, but received a majority of her care at the Bryn Mawr Rehabilitation Hospital in Malvern, Pa.

Allen said her daughter endured several surgeries and is still undergoing physical, occupational and speech therapy three hours a day, three times a week in Bedford, Pa., where she relocated with her father to receive the care she needs. She mostly uses a cane to get around and also has an in-home caregiver.

Allen continues to live and work in Gaithersburg to keep what is left of Kimberley's health insurance benefits active, she said. She visits her daughter at least once a week.

'She's continuing to make strides, but still have quite the journey ahead of her,' Allen said.

Love-a-Palooza, a fundraiser for Kimberley Allen, will be held 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Longwood Recreation Center, 19300 Georgia Ave. in Brookeville. The program will feature a bake sale, raffle, silent auction, face painting, DJ, karaoke, music, driver safety and awareness displays, and other activities. It is being sponsored in part by Funfit Family Fitness Centers, the county's Department of Recreation, Herron Printing & Graphics and the Sant Group.

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Suburban guitar slinger influenced by the legends of the South to perform at Silver Spring Blues Festival

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On the surface, Jon Musgrave was never supposed to be a blues musician.

Despite the ever-present cowboy hat, guitar strapped to his back and his stage name 'Jonny Grave,' the 21-year-old lifelong Silver Spring resident's day job as a guitar repairman at Dale Music store on Georgia Avenue and anthropology studies at Montgomery College don't exactly conjure up images of legends like B.B. King and Buddy Guy. Neither does fighting for the attention of beer-drinkers and diners during his regular sets at Quarry House Tavern and McGinty's Pub in downtown Silver Spring.

But Musgrave, a slender guy with a neat beard, says a deeper look will prove he has every right to play music steeped in African-American tradition and originated hundreds of miles away from Silver Spring.

'There's a lot folks that will say, Wow, you're good for a white kid from the suburbs,' Musgrave said Thursday night at the Quarry House, where two nights later he would play a set for his 21st birthday.

'It's kind of awkward being white and from the suburbs, it's just weird, but I think if people give me a chance and let me play and let the music speak for itself, it doesn't matter.'

That music will be on display 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday at the first Silver Spring Blues Festival on Ellsworth Drive in Silver Spring. Musgrave will take the stage at 2:25 p.m. and play a set of acoustic blues for his hometown audience.

Most of the songs Musgrave performs are covers of traditional blues songs. Even at age 21, Musgrave is an encyclopedia of blues history, rattling off classic songs and anecdotes about his idols such as R.L. Burnside, Robert Johnson and Howlin' Wolf.

He had a childhood spent mostly in the company of musicians and artists: His mother, Julie, is a painter and photographer and his father, Reuben, is a longtime folk musician. Both would hold parties with their artist friends. Along with his father's extensive record collection, a wealth of global music knowledge was available at Grave's Silver Spring home.

'He was around a lot of adult friends of the family and a lot of them were musicians,' said Reuben Musgrave, who for years has performed with his son at the annual Washington Folk Festival, held this year May 30 and May 31 in Glen Echo. 'A normal activity was to sit around and play music.'

While Musgrave's childhood was full of musical enlightenment, an education, a supportive family and a budding music career, he described himself as a 'bad kid' who was affected by various school changes and alcohol abuse within his family.

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Much of Musgrave's love for blues comes from relating to the musicians from the traditional blues era, not because of the severe racism or poverty they went through, but simply because they used blues as he does: as a diversion.

'Music was a lifesaver, it was an escape, a drug, a hallucinogen,' Musgrave said. 'You become a rock star for a half hour or more and you go back to normal life.'

It was music and a Gateway to College program at Montgomery College that 'saved his life' from poor grades and problems he would only describe as 'not drugs or anything.' He eventually enrolled at the University of Maryland for a year but struggled and returned to Montgomery College.

Now earning money as a musician he only plays on the weekends so gigs won't interfere with his job or studies Musgrave has found a way to support himself and stay grounded. He hopes to re-enroll at the University of Maryland and become a teacher.

He stays practical but dedicated to his passion, aided by the acceptance he received at recent gigs in Alabama, which he said helped break down the perceived outsider status. He opened for and played with Kenny Brown, a longtime blues musician who played with R.L. Burnside, one of Musgrave's idols.

'That was the real thing,' he said, noting that being flown to Alabama by the concert promoter added to the trip's authenticity.

The headliner of the Silver Spring Blues Festival, Tennessee-born Chester Chandler, aka Memphis Gold, even touted Musgrave as a throwback to past eras.

'[Musgrave] does a lot of old traditional stuff. He is keeping some of the old blues alive,' said Chandler, 54, who lived in Silver Spring from 1995 to 2000 and is known for saving a group of kids in a train derailment off Lyttonsville Road in 1996.

But some aren't ready to hand over traditional blues music to a new wave of performers.

'Everybody wants to be B.B. King and Buddy Guy, real blues artists, the originators,' said Barbara Chandler, Memphis Gold's wife and a longtime blues and soul music industry veteran raised in Silver Spring. 'There will never be any more of them.'

Regardless of how he's viewed by those within blues, Musgrave expects Saturday's festival to be another high. After all, he'll be on stage again in Silver Spring, the place that unexpectedly inspired an unlikely blues talent.

'Look around, isn't this a great atmosphere for writing a song?' said Musgrave, referring to the diversity of Silver Spring and the many quirks of Bonifant Street and Fenton Village. 'This place shaped a lot of how I grew up.'

The first Silver Spring Blues Festival will be held 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday on Ellsworth Drive between Fenton Street and Georgia Avenue in Silver Spring. The event is sponsored by Silver Spring Town Center Inc., the D.C. Blues Society, Downtown Silver Spring and Three Keys Music. It will feature music, food, face painting, clowns and a 'musical petting zoo' where children can try out musical instruments.

The music lineup, which is subject to change, is as follows:

-2 p.m. to 2:20 p.m. Three Chords and the Truth

-2:25 p.m. to 2:55 p.m. Jonny Grave

-3:05 p.m. to 3:55 p.m. Capital Blues Ensemble

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A young student uses a microscope to look at a brine shrimp Friday during an Earth Day event at Montgomery College Takoma Park/Silver Spring.

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At Montgomery College in Takoma Park anatomy labs were filled on Friday with lizards, turtles and beetles. Biology lab microscopes displayed hydra eating brine shrimp. And young student scientists were making edible landfills of s'mores and chocolate syrup in plastic cups.

In observation of Earth Day, the college opened its labs and greenhouse Friday to elementary school students from Piney Branch Elementary School and Sligo Adventist School, and their daycare students, for a day of hands-on science.

College students took over the classes, teaching young pupils about natural history and the environment.

Instead of lectures, there were viewings of the 'Magic School Bus' television show. Instead of regular walks between classes for the elementary school students, there were trips beyond the atmosphere in the campus's planetarium.

Eight-year-old Piney Branch Elementary School student Laurielle Johnson, who made a necklace and snacked on popcorn and juice, said the Montgomery College students who volunteered at the fifth-annual event inspired her to take care of the Earth.

'Earth Day seems really important and really cool. It seems helpful to not cut down trees and do a lot of bad things to the Earth,' she said.

Nelly Kouame, a biological sciences student from Gaithersburg, said it was important for students to learn the lessons 'in a fun way.'

Karen Benn-Marshall, a professor and chairwoman of the biology department at Montgomery College, said the event gets 'kids excited about the Earth in the way they can relate to.'

'We want them to get some hands-on activity that they'll probably remember,' she said.

Jaime Hess, a full-time biology student from Carroll County, said she was having a blast showing students a variety of turtles and insects and a thorny lizard that never left her hand.

'It's a good experience for our animals to get socialized' by being near the students, she said.

Michael Darkwa, 9, of Piney Branch Elementary, said he learned an interesting lesson about some kinds of beetles.

'I learned that insects have different eyes and that beetles eat their poop!' he said, referring to how certain beetles digest wood and then reprocess it to grow a fungus that they eat.

Saving the trees seemed to be a common theme among the students, who said they were hopeful about the Earth. 'We should save the trees,' said Maya Clarke, 9, of Piney Branch Elementary. 'They are kind of cool and everything. I feel that we're actually trying to help the Earth.'

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Ken Alleyne, another 9-year-old from Piney Branch Elementary, said he loved the environment and the event.

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Gail McCorkle, a fourth-grade teacher at Sligo Adventist, said the event was part of a great partnership between the college and county schools.

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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 may seem like an unaffordable luxury. 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. CHART: Federal grants available to adult learners

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, says Melissa Gregory, director of student financial aid for Montgomery College CHART: Federal grants available to adult learners 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](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). If you plan to attend college this fall, Gregory says, complete the application as quickly as possible.

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 says.

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 says.

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Blues musician and lifelong Silver Spring resident Jon Musgrave, 21, who works at Dale Music in Silver Spring, will perform Saturday in the first Silver Spring Blues Festival under the name Jonny Grave.

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On the surface, Jon Musgrave was never supposed to be a blues musician.

Despite the ever-present cowboy hat, guitar strapped to his back and his stage name 'Jonny Grave,' the 21-year-old lifelong Silver Spring resident's day job as a guitar repairman at Dale Music store on Georgia Avenue and anthropology studies at Montgomery College don't exactly conjure up images of legends like B.B. King and Buddy Guy. Neither does fighting for the attention of beer-drinkers and diners during his regular sets at Quarry House Tavern and McGinty's Pub in downtown Silver Spring.

But Musgrave, a slender guy with a neat beard, says a deeper look will prove he has every right to play music steeped in African-American tradition and originated hundreds of miles away from Silver Spring.

'There's a lot folks that will say, Wow, you're good for a white kid from the suburbs,' Musgrave said Thursday night at the Quarry House, where two nights later he would play a set for his 21st birthday.

'It's kind of awkward being white and from the suburbs, it's just weird, but I think if people give me a chance and let me play and let the music speak for itself, it doesn't matter.'

That music will be on display 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday at the first Silver Spring Blues Festival on Ellsworth Drive in Silver Spring. Musgrave will take the stage at 2:25 p.m. and play a set of acoustic blues for his hometown audience.

Most of the songs Musgrave performs are covers of traditional blues songs. Even at age 21, Musgrave is an encyclopedia of blues history, rattling off classic songs and anecdotes about his idols such as R.L. Burnside, Robert Johnson and Howlin' Wolf.

He had a childhood spent mostly in the company of musicians and artists: His mother, Julie, is a painter and photographer and his father, Reuben, is a longtime folk musician. Both would hold parties with their artist friends. Along with his father's extensive record collection, a wealth of global music knowledge was available at Grave's Silver Spring home.

'He was around a lot of adult friends of the family and a lot of them were musicians,' said Reuben Musgrave, who for years has performed with his son at the annual Washington Folk Festival, held this year May 30 and May 31 in Glen Echo. 'A normal activity was to sit around and play music.'

While Musgrave's childhood was full of musical enlightenment, an education, a supportive family and a budding music career, he described himself as a 'bad kid' who was affected by various school changes and alcohol abuse within his family.

Much of Musgrave's love for blues comes from relating to the musicians from the traditional blues era, not because of the severe racism or poverty they went through, but simply because they used blues as he does: as a diversion.

'Music was a lifesaver, it was an escape, a drug, a hallucinogen,' Musgrave said. 'You become a rock star for a half hour or more and you go back to normal life.'



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It was music and a Gateway to College program at Montgomery College that 'saved his life' from poor grades and problems he would only describe as 'not drugs or anything.' He eventually enrolled at the University of Maryland for a year but struggled and returned to Montgomery College.

Now earning money as a musician he only plays on the weekends so gigs won't interfere with his job or studies. Musgrave has found a way to support himself and stay grounded. He hopes to re-enroll at the University of Maryland and become a teacher.

He stays practical but dedicated to his passion, aided by the acceptance he received at recent gigs in Alabama, which he said helped break down the perceived outsider status. He opened for and played with Kenny Brown, a longtime blues musician who played with R.L. Burnside, one of Musgrave's idols.

'That was the real thing,' he said, noting that being flown to Alabama by the concert promoter added to the trip's authenticity.

The headliner of the Silver Spring Blues Festival, Tennessee-born Chester Chandler, aka Memphis Gold, even touted Musgrave as a throwback to past eras.

'[Musgrave] does a lot of old traditional stuff. He is keeping some of the old blues alive,' said Chandler, 54, who lived in Silver Spring from 1995 to 2000 and is known for saving a group of kids in a train derailment off Lyttonsville Road in 1996.

But some aren't ready to hand over traditional blues music to a new wave of performers.

'Everybody wants to be B.B. King and Buddy Guy, real blues artists, the originators,' said Barbara Chandler, Memphis Gold's wife and a longtime blues and soul music industry veteran raised in Silver Spring. 'There will never be any more of them.'

Regardless of how he's viewed by those within blues, Musgrave expects Saturday's festival to be another high. After all, he'll be on stage again in Silver Spring, the place that unexpectedly inspired an unlikely blues talent.

'Look around, isn't this a great atmosphere for writing a song?' said Musgrave, referring to the diversity of Silver Spring and the many quirks of Bonifant Street and Fenton Village. 'This place shaped a lot of how I grew up.'

The first Silver Spring Blues Festival will be held 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday on Ellsworth Drive between Fenton Street and Georgia Avenue in Silver Spring. The event is sponsored by Silver Spring Town Center Inc., the D.C. Blues Society, Downtown Silver Spring and Three Keys Music. It will feature music, food, face painting, clowns and a 'musical petting zoo' where children can try out musical instruments.

The music lineup, which is subject to change, is as follows:

-2 p.m. to 2:20 p.m. Three Chords and the Truth

-2:25 p.m. to 2:55 p.m. Jonny Grave

-3:05 p.m. to 3:55 p.m. Capital Blues Ensemble

-4 p.m. to 4:50 p.m. D.C. Blues Society Band

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Anabel Friedman, 89, a retired editor for a technical publisher who also taught literature and writing in Montgomery County, died April 20 at Suburban Hospital of respiratory failure. She lived in Chevy Chase.

Dr. Friedman, who was born Anabel Helen Schulman in Brooklyn, N.Y., graduated from Brooklyn College and came to Washington in the 1940s. She entered graduate school at the University of Maryland in the 1960s and received a master's degree in English in 1967 and a doctorate in 1971.

After working as a teaching assistant at the university, she became a technical editor for the Bureau of National Affairs, a publisher of specialized publications about business and government. While working at BNA, she taught English literature and composition at Montgomery College. She retired from both positions in 1984.

For eight years, beginning in 1986, Dr. Friedman gave lectures on a voluntary basis at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington in Rockville. The topics included poetry, classical literature, stories from the Bible and other literary subjects.

Interested in exercise before it became a popular trend, she bicycled throughout Washington and swam almost every day. She also wrote poetry in the style of Emily Dickinson.

Her marriage to Jesse Friedman ended in divorce.

Survivors include two children, Dr. Jaime Friedman of Seattle and Sura Wood of Kensington, Calif.; and three grandchildren.

-- Matt Schudel

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## **Largo names new head football coach Gazette, The**

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After a long career as an assistant coach, David Fant was named the head coach of the Largo High School football team on April 20, replacing Delbert Hughes, who was not retained after last season.

Fant, in his first year as Largo's athletic director, will be taking his first varsity head coaching job. 'This is really exciting for me and exciting for the kids,' said Fant. 'They are very hungry. It's hard to keep their minds off of football.' Fant said 13 holdovers from last year's team have been among the players working out in the weight room. He added that he is in the process of assembling his varsity and junior varsity coaching staffs. 'I came in and we hit the ground running,' said Fant, who was the offensive coordinator at 4A South Region champ Henry A. Wise last season. 'The kids have been working out on their own and they've been studying. There hasn't been any dead time. My main thing at football is to bring out the best in the kids. We will do it through discipline and physical and aggressive play. I am very detail oriented and we will always be well prepared.' Fant is a 1991 graduate of Frederick Douglass High, where he played halfback for the Eagles under former head coach Bill Johnson, now an assistant to current Douglass coach J.C. Pinkney. Prior to spending the 2008 season on the staff at Wise, Fant took a year off from coaching after spending seven years as a varsity and junior varsity assistant under Pinkney at Douglass. His resume also includes a stint as wide receivers coach and offensive coordinator at Montgomery College-Rockville, and three years as the junior varsity head coach at Southern Durham High in Durham, N.C. 'David will be good for anyone's program, he was good for ours,' said Pinkney. 'He has the motivation and drive and he can get Largo moving forward and going in the right direction. He's been around enough football at this level and he knows what he is doing.' The Lions went 5-5 last season under Hughes, the best of his three seasons with the team. Largo was 3-7 in both of his other two years. 'I knew what it was like to be at Largo for a 'Friday Night Lights' game,' said Fant. 'I want to bring back that mystique. We will take every game as is and expect to perform well each game.' Largo Notes: Fant said the school also is seeking head coaches for cheerleading, girls' soccer and volleyball. Candidates may contact Fant at [david.fant@pgcps.org](mailto:david.fant@pgcps.org). School's athletic director Fant preparing to guide football program in 2009

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## Giving Back to Community through Valor Awards CapitalWirePR

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Washington, DC [CapitalWirePR] May 8, 2009 – Celebrating over a year of service by giving back to the community, CapitalWirePR [CWPR] formally launched its first annual Valor program on Cinco de Mayo at the National Press Club in Washington, DC. The start up communications company serves the nation's multi-cultural community with reach to specialty media and a national newsmaker and opinion maker network. CWPR provides civic leaders with top line news important to sustaining informed communities of diversity, particularly the nation's rapidly emerging Hispanic market.

Acknowledging traditions of Hispanic valor and achievement, Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton encouraged the Valor Fellows to aspire to the highest levels of achievement.

Addressing "Creating Wealth & Growing Careers in a Tough Economy" Celinda Pena moderated a panel that sounded both alarms for change and opportunities to excel. With Hispanic population growth likely to continue for decades, Roberto Ramirez of the US Census, sees enormous opportunities for development in the Hispanic market. In tandem with that growth, alarming trends have emerged with too many Hispanic families failing to prepare their youth for careers. Frank Gomez of Educational Testing Service sounded a call for action with statistics showing vocabulary and esteem issues fundamentally out of line with critical, nourishing child development in many disadvantaged minority households.

Rewards for diligence were also highlighted. Scholarships are available, particularly in critical areas such as science, math and engineering, The National GEM Consortium was identified as a first rate resource, <http://www.gemfellowship.org>. Underscoring the reward education provides, Verizon's human resources representative announced positions are open for bilingual employees, as did the U.S. Census. The Census is seeking more than 30,000 new staff to undertake and complete the 2010 count of every American residing in the U.S.A. The accuracy of that count is vital to the deployment of funding from every level of government to address and remedy the challenges our society faces.

Key among these is facilitating educational attainment through an enriching, not negative, family environment. Mr. Gomez call for change was underscored with Hector Barreto's own vision for small business prosperity, hinging on the ability to manage and plan. He went on to outline career and skill development through service in the U.S. Army. With discipline and career training, Army service has been a route for countless thousands of Hispanics to learn a trade and build a career, <http://www.goarmy.com>.

"Having just completed the Gallup strength finder's leadership development program, I think these kids are so lucky to have access to this program at such a young age," said Laura Esquivel a member of the Honorary Host Committee. More information on the Gallup program can be found at <http://www.gallup.com/consulting/61/Strengths-Development.aspx>.

The 2009 Valor Fellows honored during the luncheon were: Ana Cristina Lima, Carlos Diaz and Alex Sanchez from the University of the District of Columbia; Alessandra Clara, Angelica Jinkins, Diego Sanchez Cauty, Fatima Granados, Nivana Campos, Rocio Daniela Rossi and Yesenia Cruz-Ramos from Montgomery College; Cristobal Fernandez from the Universities of Shady Grove; Maximilian Cascante, Paola Urgiles, and Valeries Lopez-Salazar from Georgetown University; Enrique Lopez from Manhattanville College; Taylor Jones from the University of Florida; George Zamora from the University of Maryland Baltimore County and Manuel Perez from Princeton University.

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Cuts to half-time teachers would cripple growing program, they say

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Students and parents at Gaithersburg and Thomas S. Wootton high schools are pleading with the county school board not to cut staffing for the College Institute program, in which Montgomery College professors teach courses at the high schools for college credit.

The school system's proposed fiscal 2010 budget would cut by about half the time that the four College Institute coordinators at Gaithersburg, Wootton, Seneca Valley and John F. Kennedy high schools spend managing the program. The coordinators would spend the rest of their time in regular classroom instruction to help make up for a lack of teachers.

At Gaithersburg and Wootton, the coordinators focus on the program full-time, organizing professors' schedules, helping with applications and financial aid and recruiting underclassmen, many of whom would be first-generation college students, said Joanne Allen, who has been Gaithersburg's College Institute coordinator for six years.

Cutting the coordinators' focus will cripple a program that paves the way for academic life in college, students and parents told the school board at two hearings last month.

'We've got a real success story here. The goal of MCPS is to make students college-ready. The lesson that we learned here is College Institute is college readiness,' Steve Augustino, parent coordinator for the Gaithersburg school cluster, said in an interview.

The \$2.13 billion school budget approved by Superintendent Jerry D. Weast and the school board in February puts \$1.975 billion toward personnel costs, a 2 percent increase over this year. It cuts 275 positions, saving \$35 million, according to the budget proposal.

Acknowledging that the staffing cut may squeeze the number of College Institute courses Gaithersburg offers next year, Gaithersburg Principal Christine Handy-Collins said that she and school leaders are working out how to best support the program.

'We will make it happen. We may have to support it with other teachers,' Handy-Collins said.

The County Council is expected to approve school funding on May 21. The school board and Superintendent Jerry D. Weast are set to finalize how to allocate the money June 9.

Under the proposal, Gaithersburg's coordinator would be pared back to two-fifths of her time, while the Wootton coordinator would be three-fifths, according to Genevieve Floyd, the school system's coordinator for partnerships with Montgomery College. The coordinators for Seneca Valley and Kennedy are already at two-fifths, and would scale back to one-fifth.

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## Staff reduction in College Institute program could limit effectiveness Gazette, The

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At Gaithersburg and Wootton, the coordinators focus on the program full-time, organizing professors' schedules, helping with applications and financial aid and recruiting underclassmen, many of whom would be first-generation college students, said Joanne Allen, who has been Gaithersburg's College Institute coordinator for six years.

Cutting the coordinators' focus will cripple a program that paves the way for academic life in college, students and parents told the school board at two hearings last month. 'We've got a real success story here. The goal of MCPS is to make students college-ready. The lesson that we learned here is College Institute is college readiness,' Steve Augustino, parent coordinator for the Gaithersburg school cluster, said in an interview.

The \$2.13 billion school budget approved by Superintendent Jerry D. Weast and the school board in February puts \$1.975 billion toward personnel costs, a 2 percent increase over this year. It cuts 275 positions, saving \$35 million, according to the budget proposal.

Acknowledging that the staffing cut may squeeze the number of College Institute courses Gaithersburg offers next year, Gaithersburg Principal Christine Handy-Collins said that she and school leaders are working out how to best support the program. 'We will make it happen. We may have to support it with other teachers,' Handy-Collins said.

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