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Thirteen students have been named winners of college scholarship grants by the Rockville Scholarship Foundation.

The scholarships, which the students may use at any academic institution, range from \$750 to \$2,000. The 2009 winners were honored Monday by Rockville's mayor and council and leaders of the Rockville Chamber of Commerce, Montgomery College-Rockville and the Rockville Scholarship Foundation.

Awards are granted on the basis of five criteria -- academic standing, integrity and character, community involvement, school activities and need. All honorees reside within the corporate limits of the city of Rockville, attend Rockville, Richard Montgomery or Wootton High Schools, or are college students attending Montgomery College at its Rockville campus.

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USA Today: Kansas City Royals sign 18 from draft
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Kansas City Royals sign 18 from draft USA Today

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The Kansas City Royals have signed their sixth-round pick and 17 other players from this year's draft, as well as three undrafted free agents.

The Royals on Wednesday announced they signed sixth-round pick Mathiew White, a pitcher from New Mexico, and seventh-round lefty pitcher George Baumann from Missouri State University.

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Ann Burnside Love Brit Lit at the beach Frederick News-Post, The

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Now for the novels that tell us how manners and society ruled English life in times gone by. " I'm a fan and collector of Georgette Heyer's novels laid in the Regency period. Writing in the early and mid-1900s, she has an unequalled command of the language and customs of all levels of society in Regency times. Her books are pure fun, her heroines ahead of their times in spunk, determination and independence, and very choosy about men in their lives. My favorites are 'Venetia' and 'The Nonesuch,' and I reread the whole collection every other summer till the pages fall apart. I prowled used bookstores for my collection until recently finding Heyer's books in fresh reprints at Amazon.com. " A gentleman friend set a goal last summer to read all of Thomas Hardy's books, and was still hard at work the last I heard. Another was rereading 'Jane Eyre' and Charles Dickens' works. " Alexander McCall Smith's delightful Botswana series No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency produces rereadable classics, as does his 44 Scotland Street series. " Back to the queen of British literature, Jane Austen. Her novels are delicious even with sand between the pages. After 'Pride and Prejudice,' my favorite is 'Persuasion.' I hope I've persuaded you to spend rewarding hours with Brit Lit this summer.

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

Ongoing

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

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

Thursday/June 18

Forum on the 2010 Census: Why Does It Matter? 7-8:30 p.m. Hosted by Congresswoman Donna F. Edwards, representing Maryland's 4th Congressional District. At the William H. Farquhar Middle School, (Multipurpose Room), 16915 Batchellors Forest Rd., Olney, Md. RSVP to 301-516-7601.

13th Annual Juneteenth Celebration. 7 p.m. Performances by musical prodigy Joshua Sommerville; soloist Caelyn Sommerville; the Emory Grove United Methodist Church Youth Choir; The Finest Youth Performance Troupe; Lincoln Park Historic Foundation; and storyteller Vernon Ricks. At the BlackRock Center for the Arts, 12901 Town Commons Drive, Germantown, Md. Call 240-777-5199.

Friday/June 19

Swing Dance. 8-9 p.m. beginner lesson. 9 p.m.-midnight dancing. With the Boilermaker Jazz Band. At the Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo Park. Contact dbarker@glenechopark.org, call 301-634-2231, or go to www.DanceDC.com. Glen Echo at 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo, Md.

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

June 19-28

'Don't Dress for Dinner.' A delicious, side-splitting farce presented by the Potomac Theatre Company. Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. At Bullis School, Flair Family Center for the Arts, 10601 Falls Road, Potomac. Adults \$20, seniors/students \$18. Pre-paid groups of 10 or more: 20% off. Reservations: 301 299-8571.

June 19-21

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

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

Saturday/June 20

American Red Cross Pet First Aid Class. 1-5 p.m. Potomac Community Center, 11315 Falls Rd., Potomac. Learn how to

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give temporary emergency care to your dog or cat. Instructor: Lynne Bettinger, Sundown Ridge (www.sundownridge.com). \$50 fee to cover materials. Register at www.yourdogsfriend.info or 301-983-5913.

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

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

Sunday/June 21

Father's Day Poetry and Prose Open Mic. 2-4 p.m. At The Writer's Center, 4508 Walsh Street, Bethesda, Md. Free. Sign-up for readers begins at 1:30 p.m. and the reading starts at 2 p.m. For details: www.writer.org or 301-654-8664.

Waltz Dance. 3-3:30 p.m. Introductory Waltz Workshop. 3:30-6 p.m. Dance with Trio Con Brio. At the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park. \$8 admission. Call Joan Koury at 202-238-0230 or Glen Echo Park at 301-634-2222, go to www.WaltzTimeDances.org or e-mail info@WaltzTimeDances.org. Glen Echo Park is located at 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo, Md.

Tuesday, June 23

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

June 24-28

Potomac River Ramble. Four-day paddling event, canoeing and kayaking expedition featuring riverside camping, catered meals, live music, restoration projects and environmental education. Experienced river guides will lead participants along the Monocacy Scenic River, under the Monocacy Aqueduct and down the Potomac River, ending at McKee-Beshers Wildlife Management Area near Potomac Falls, Va. Sponsored by the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin and by River and Trail Outfitters of Knoxville, Md. Visit www.potomacriver.org or call 301-984-1908.

Friday/June 26

'You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown' will open Friday, June 26 and continue through Saturday, Aug. 8 at Adventure Theatre, 7300 MacArthur Blvd, Glen Echo, Md. An American Sign Language (ASL) interpreted performance is Saturday, Aug. 8 at 4 p.m. \$12 for children, \$15 for adults, group discounts available. For tickets: Visit us online at www.adventuretheatre.org, or call the box office at 301-634-2270.

Starring in this production is 2008 Helen Hayes Award Nominee for Lead Actor in a Musical Andrew Sonntag (Charlie Brown), 2004 and 2008 Helen Hayes Award Nominee for Featured Actress in a Musical Lauren Williams (Sally), and DC (and Adventure Theatre) favorites Kurt Boehm (Snoopy), and Emily Levey (Lucy).

Saturday/June 27

Heritage Days Celebration. Noon to 4 p.m. As part of Montgomery County's Heritage Days celebration, the Spanish Ballroom will feature a display of panels that tell the story of Glen Echo Park's history from the late 1800s to 1960. Listen to a brief talk on the history of the ballroom, take a free dance lesson, and tour the entire park with a National Park Service ranger. The Park's historic Dentzel carousel will be open. Call 301-634-2222 or visit www.glenechopark.org.

Zydeco Dance Party. Introductory Zydeco Dance lesson from 8-9 p.m. Dancing from 9 p.m. to midnight. With the band Yankee Zydeco Company. At the Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo Park. \$15 admission. Call Michael Hart at 301-762-6730 or Glen Echo Park at 301-634-2222, or go to www.DancingbytheBayou.com. Glen Echo Park is located at 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo, Md.

Sunday/June 28

Thrift Shop Half Price Sales. Noon to 4 p.m. The Montgomery County Thrift Shop, 7125-27 Wisconsin Ave., in Bethesda,

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will hold two half price sale days on two Sundays June 14 and June 28, from noon to 4 p.m. Everything in the shop, with the exception of consignment merchandise, will be half price. Go to www.MoCoThrift.org.

Slow Blues and Swing Dance. Slow Blues lesson from 7-8:30 p.m. Dancing from 8:30-11 p.m. At the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, Md. Big Boy Little Band. \$17 for workshop and dance; \$12 for dance only. Call Donna Barker at 301-634-2231 or Glen Echo Park at 301-634-2222; send e-mail to dbarker@glenechopark.org or visit www.DanceDC.com. The Glen Echo National Park is located at 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo, MD 20812.

Saturday, July 4

Potomac 5K Run. 8 a.m. The ninth annual Autism Speaks Potomac 5K Run, 1-Mile Walk will benefit Autism Speaks. Last year, 104 teams helped raise \$250,000. Specifics: 7:30 a.m. Pre-race warm-up (with professional trainer Fred Foster); 8 a.m. 5K road race; 8:05 a.m. 1 mile walk. Starts at Potomac Library at the intersection of River and Falls Roads in Potomac, Md. Entry fee is \$30 in advance, \$40 on the day. Children ages 14 and under is \$15. Packet Pick-Up will take place on Friday July 3 from 4 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at the Potomac United Methodist Church (intersection of Falls and South Glen Road). Online registration and fund-raising tools are available at: www.potomac5K.org.

Sunday/July 5

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

July 6 to Aug. 15

'Pirates! A Boy at Sea.' At Imagination Stage. Performances on Saturdays and Sundays at 1:30 p.m. 4 p.m. Some Saturday 11 a.m. performances as well. Tickets from \$10-\$21. Visit <http://www.imaginationstage.org>.

Tuesday, July 7

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

Northwest Boychoir of Seattle. Forty singers ages 9-14. At 7:30 p.m. A 90-minute concert featuring sacred favorites as well as secular and patriotic songs. There is a free-will offering to benefit Community Ministries of Rockville. Under the direction of Joseph Crnko. At Christ Episcopal Church, 107 South Washington St., Rockville. Go to www.nwchoirs.org

Saturday/July 11

Artist's Reception. 4-6 p.m. New Photographs and Paintings by Ruth Neubauer and Karen Van Allen. At the Yellow Barn Gallery, Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Show runs July 10-12, noon to 5 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad Appreciation Night at Bethesda Big Train Baseball. 7 p.m. Meet firefighters and rescuers and explore fire and rescue trucks while enjoying a baseball game. Free kids' fire hats. \$2-\$7; kids 5 and under

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free. Gates open at 6 p.m. Shirley Povich Field, Cabin John Regional Park, 10600 Westlake Drive, Bethesda. Call 301-983-1006 or www.bigtrain.org for tickets.

July 11-12

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

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Navigating Over Land. 2-5 p.m. Clint Cosner, an expert surveyor with 25 years of experience, will lead an orienteering workshop for hikers and outdoor enthusiasts ages 8 and up. Meets in the parking lot of Old Angler's Inn, 10801 MacArthur Blvd., Potomac. RSVP to chapin@potomac.org by July 16.

Canoe Clean-up. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Help protect the waterway by taking a short canoe trip to Minnies island. After an island/river clean-up, enjoy a relaxing picnic lunch on the island, dessert will be provided. RSVP to chapin@potomac.org by July 16. Bring your own canoe or, if one is needed, reserve one when you send in your RSVP. River Center at Lockhouse 8, C&O Canal National Historical Park, 7906 Riverside Ave. Cabin John, Md.

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Conner takes over Urbana football program Gazette, The

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Former assistant steps up to replace Polce

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Three months before the inaugural contest of the 2009 season, newly-minted Urbana High head football coach Joe Conner is already drawing up plays.

There's no time to spare, as a lot remains to be accomplished for the recently introduced Hawks' front man.

'Right now I'm finalizing the staff and getting things together,' Conner said. 'I'm cranking on it already pretty hard.'

Introduced last Friday during an afternoon press conference at the school by athletic director Kevin Kendro, Conner replaces former Hawks' head coach Joe Polce who compiled a 32-15 mark while earning a postseason bid during each of his four years at the helm (2005-2008). Conner was one of more than a dozen potential candidates considered.

'What impressed us is that he was already a member of our football staff and our head lacrosse coach,' Kendro said.

'We feel he possessed both the knowledge of the game and what we, as an athletic department, try to teach our kids off the field. He has been a member of our coaching family here at UHS for a long time now.'

A familiar face within the Urbana community, Conner is perhaps best known as the school's highly successful lacrosse coach. For the past four seasons, he has also served as the Hawks' defensive coordinator.

His son Joe was the starting quarterback on Urbana's undefeated 2001 state championship team and Conner fully realizes the expectations that go along with leading a program that's claimed four state titles and never suffered through a losing season.

'I think it comes down to the expectations, [which] are going to be high,' Conner said. 'I think that helps you in terms of preparation in the offseason.'

Lacrosse has been kind to Conner. He's guided the Hawks' to consecutive Class 4A-3A state championship games and has sent a series of players into the collegiate ranks. He plans on retaining the position.

Football, however, is Conner's first love.

Growing up, he played youth and high school ball in North Carolina and has prospered during a two-decade coaching career which has included stops as the head coach and defensive coordinator of the Washington Chiefs, a minor league outfit, defensive coordinator for the now defunct Montgomery College-Rockville program and defensive backs coach at Towson University.

Much of Conner's prosperity within lacrosse is centered on his creative scheduling of out-of-conference and out-of-county powerhouses such as Georgetown Prep and DeMatha.

Polce was known to follow a similar path for the Hawks' gridiron schedule, something Conner intends to continue.

Urbana opens by hosting Westminster on Friday September 4. It will be an evening decades in the making for Conner.

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'I'm excited to use all of the things I've accumulated over the past 20 years in coaching and making [the necessary] adjustments,' Conner said.

'I feel that the community is behind me and knowing that I do know a little bit about the tradition and where it needs to be and where it continues to be,' he added.

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Katherine Thomas School bids first full graduating class farewell Gazette, The

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The Katherine Thomas School in Rockville will celebrate its first full class of graduates today, and parents, staff and students are eager for the ceremony.

'It'll be a big celebration for us,' said Potomac resident Donna Dixon, whose son Alex is part of the class. 'We're very excited.'

Alex, 19, started at the Katherine Thomas School in first grade after teachers at the McLean School in Potomac pointed out that he appeared to have some learning issues. Dixon said she eventually learned her son has severe dyslexia, a language and processing disorder, and difficulties with problem solving.

Despite his learning challenges, Dixon said the Katherine Thomas School never made Alex feel different from any other child. He plans to take classes at Montgomery College and continue his part-time job at the Cabin John Ice Rink.

'They never looked at his issues as an encumbrance to him growing,' Dixon said of the staff at the Katherine Thomas School. 'They focused on his strengths and the consequence of that is Alex grew up to be a pretty self-confident kid instead of a self-conscious kid.'

Alex and 30 other young men and women will walk across the stage at Temple Beth Ami in North Potomac to celebrate their achievement at a 5:30 p.m. ceremony.

'I'm in awe of what these students have accomplished in such a short period of time, but I'm also a little sad because they're such a small group and we've worked so intensely with them,' said Rhona Schwartz, director of the Katherine Thomas School's high school program. 'I just know they'll go on to bigger and better things.'

The Katherine Thomas School, part of the Treatment and Learning Centers (TLC), is an independent day school for students in preschool through 12th grade with moderate to severe language and learning disabilities and high-functioning autism. The high school program first opened to ninth- and 10th-graders in 2005.

Last year, Katherine Thomas School bid farewell to its first two graduates.

Schwartz said this year's graduates are bound for classes at Montgomery College, vocational training and other paths. Some have even earned scholarships to four-year universities, such as George Mason and Shenandoah universities in Virginia.

Ron Suskind, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author, will be the keynote speaker at the ceremony. Schwartz said Suskind, whose son is a junior at Katherine Thomas School, was chosen because of his personal connection to the school.

'He's spoken to English classes, so the students know him very well,' she said. 'His book, A Hope in the Unseen: An American Odyssey from the Inner City to the Ivy League,' was also chosen last year for the One Maryland One Book' program, and its message is very relevant to our students. In it, he talks about hope and overcoming obstacles and that's a message we want our students to come away with.'

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Mixing it up Emerging artist wins award by thinking beyond colors Gazette, The

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Elena Hutchinson in front of 'Arethusa,' one of several pieces on display at the Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation Arts Center in Silver Spring.

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It's Tuesday afternoon at Montgomery College, and not many people have shown up for the opening of Elena Hutchinson's first solo exhibit. Maybe it's because a thunderstorm is sweeping in from the North, or perhaps, people are pattering through rush-hour traffic.

Still, the recent Richard Montgomery graduate is in good spirits. Dressed business-casual in a sleeveless black blouse and knee-length skirt, she politely poses for pictures and chats up members of the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County. Her father Mike watches in amazement.

<SW_Photo=8723> 'I was never an artist,' he says. 'The fact that my daughter is able to draw so well is unbelievable to me.'

Hutchinson can do more than draw well. Her paintings beg to be considered from all angles, and several mixed media works suggest that she's open minded about exploring new materials and textures. Her talent earned her the Ida F. Haimovicz Visual Arts Award, an honor given to a high school senior with plans of turning talent into a career. Hutchinson will also receive \$3,000. The family of the late Haimovicz, who began sculpting at age 64, established the honor to encourage emerging artists to pursue their passion at a younger age.

'It's really special to me because I haven't entered many art contests before,' Hutchinson says later that night by phone. 'It's really nice to have that kind of recognition and that kind of encouragement. It just sort of tells me that maybe I can make it in the art field.'

Haimovicz's son Joseph Hamer shakes hands with Hutchinson and tours the exhibit. He makes a point of looking over every piece.

'It's very nice,' he says. 'I think it's very strong for a high school girl. She's something.'

It has been a long time since Hutchinson created the dinosaur pictures that decorated her father's office. She now blends unconventional self-portraits with everything from charcoal to Prismacolor marker. Acrylics is her favorite medium because she can leave them thick to mimic oil paints or dilute the hues to look like watercolors. Although it's not her forte, Hutchinson dabbles in sculpture, too. 'Primordial Soup,' a concoction of screws, nails, wall hangers and a plastic vase, anchors the two walls that contain most of her work at the gallery.

'I'm definitely more of a 2-D person,' she explains. 'But I definitely like to experiment with sculpture a bit. I kind of find that it's not my thing, but it's fun.'

As an artist, one of Hutchinson's favorite activities is exploring new objects that can serve as a canvas. Using a pair of computer motherboards, she created 'Input-Output,' which reflects modern and ancient life on opposite sides.

'I just like using different surfaces that people haven't necessarily thought of before,' she says. 'I love the texture of the motherboard. I wanted to incorporate that into a piece. Lots of times, pieces are inspired by a texture I find.'

In the fall, Hutchinson will attend the University of Southern California on a partial scholarship. She'll major in art, but aims

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to earn a business degree as well.

'I don't want to be the starving artist stereotype,' she says. 'I kind of just want to be realistic about art. I know, as a painter, strictly selling your work in a gallery or on the street or whatever, isn't necessarily a stable, safe way to make money.'

Hutchinson, whose mother emigrated to the U.S. from Hong Kong, will spend the next few weeks visiting relatives in China. She may be missing a big chunk of her first major gallery display, but it probably won't be the last time the public will see what she has been working on.

Elena Hutchinson's solo exhibit runs through July 10 at the Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation Arts Center on the Takoma Park-Silver Spring Campus of Montgomery College, 930 King St., Silver Spring. Gallery hours are weekdays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 301-565-3805 or visit creativemoco.com.

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Montgomery County to hold Juneteenth celebration Gazette, The

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This year's celebration will include performances by musical prodigy Joshua Sommerville, soloist Caelyn Sommerville, the Emory Grove United Methodist Church Youth Choir, The Finest! youth performance troupe from Rockville, the Lincoln Park Historic Foundation and storyteller Vernon Ricks.

Juneteenth was first celebrated on June 19, 1865, to mark the liberation of African-American slaves in the United States by President Abraham Lincoln in 1863.

The program is sponsored by the County Executive's Office of Community Partnerships. Admission is free. For more information, call 240-777-5199.

Summer programs

at Damascus Library

The economy may be bad, but this summer there are lots of free activities for teens, elementary and preschool children at Damascus Library.

The programs include magic, music, puppets, science, songs and stories, and are sponsored by various agencies including the Damascus and Montgomery County chapters of Friends of the Library.

Children and teens can also join the Summer Reading Club to earn a prize for reading books during the summer months.

This year's themes are 'Be Creative at Your Library' for children and 'Express Yourself at Your Library' for teen readers.

The Washington National Opera will present a 'Madame Butterfly' workshop at 2 p.m. Saturday for children ages 4-10 and their families. Space is limited; online registration is available.

Participants will be introduced to the story and music of an opera and explore how music communicates plot, character and emotion through engaging musical activities and creative hands-on crafts.

Other activities include a preschool film festival at 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays and a shadow puppet workshop at 1:30 p.m. June 24.

Fliers with details about Summer Reading Club programs are available in each branch, at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library or by calling 240-773-9444. TTY users may call Maryland Relay at 711.

The Damascus Library is located at 9701 Main St.

UCAB ends year

with visit from Leggett

The Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board held its annual meeting and reception last week at BlackRock Center for the Arts in Germantown.

Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett (D) met with the board to discuss highlights from its year-end report, which makes recommendations on the Interstate 270 Multi-Modal Study, the Germantown Employment Sector Plan, the Gaithersburg West Master Plan and Leggett's 'Smart Growth Initiative.'

The meeting was followed by a reception for elected officials, county staff and upcounty civic leaders.

The report is available at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/upcounty. For more information about UCAB, contact the

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Upcounty Regional Services Center at 240-777-8000 or visit upcounty.citizen@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Become a junior ranger

For the first time in 10 years, Seneca Creek State Park is offering a Junior Ranger Summer Program for children and teens.

The program emphasizes conservation of natural resources, ecological concepts and recreational opportunities in state parks.

The Junior Ranger program consists of seven levels that can be achieved, some of which include naturalist, explorer and guide. Each level has a set of requirements that focuses on stewardship of natural resources, recreational activities in Maryland State Parks and investigations about nature.

Participants will be taught topics such as park history, boating skills, water ecology, plant ecology and issues relating to pollution. Hiking, bird watching and canoeing will be incorporated into the program, along with lessons involving science, social studies, math, art and English.

Seneca's six-week Junior Ranger Summer Program will begin June 25 and end July 30. The program is open to children ages 8 to 14. Participants will meet weekly with the program leader and volunteers at Seneca Creek State Park.

Registration packets are available at libraries and the park office. The cost for the program is \$20 per participant. Registration is due Thursday.

For details, contact program leader Katie Wong at 301-924-2127 or send an e-mail to SCSPNaturalist@gmail.com or Dave Powell at dpowell@dnr.state.md.us.

Audition for Little Women'

The Damascus Theatre Company will hold auditions for its fall production of 'Little Women: The Musical' this weekend.

The show will be directed by Kevin Kuchar and performed at the Olney Theatre Center Multz Gudelsky Theatre Lab weekends in late September and early October.

Performers age 12 through adult should come prepared to sing 32 bars of ballad music and read lines.

Auditions will be held 6-9 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday by appointment at Act Two Studio, 1321-A Rockville Pike in Rockville. Call 301-253-6210 for an audition time.

For character descriptions, see the Web site at www.damascustheatre.org.

Flea market opens Saturday

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

The market will be held 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 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.

Lions Club Flea Market

at Celebrate Damascus

The Damascus Lions Club will hold a flea market July 11, rain or shine, during Celebrate Damascus at the Park and Ride

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lot at the intersection of routes 124 and 108.

Spots cost \$20 and can be rented by filling out a form on the Damascus Lions club Web site, www.damascuslions.org.

Reservation deadline is June 30.

Soccer camp

kicking off Monday

Damascus Soccer Club will hold its 11th annual summer camp next week at the Maryland SoccerPlex.

Half- and full-day sessions are available for children ages 5 and up.

The half day costs \$155, full day \$215. The price includes a T-shirt and ball.

Register on line at www.challenger

sports.com or send an e-mail to Chris Hughes as chrishughes55@verizon.net for more information.

Summer youth

programs available

Montgomery College Workforce Development and Continuing Education is offering more than 200 full- and half-day courses for students in grades kindergarten through 12.

The summer program will run eight weeks from June 22 to Aug. 14.

For brochures or registration information, call Workforce Development and Continuing Education at 240-567-7264 or 240-567-7917 or visit www.montgomerycollege.edu/youth.

On campus

-Nicholas Harper graduated cum laude from Elon University in Elon, N.C., with a Bachelor of Science degree in computer science with minors in math and computer information systems. Harper, a 2005 graduate of Damascus High School, is the son of Daniel and Betsy Harper of Damascus.

-Donita Adams of Damascus has been named to the Provost's Honor Roll for the spring semester at Glenville State College in Glenville, W.Va. To be named to the Provost's Honor Roll, a student must have a minimum 3.5 grade point average. Adams, a sports marketing major, recently completed her junior year and is a member of the GSC Lady Pioneer basketball team.

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.

Salvation Army

summer camp opens Monday

Sign up now for the Salvation Army Summer Day Camp.

Children in kindergarten through sixth grade can attend the camp at the Salvation Army headquarters, 20021 Aircraft Drive in Germantown.

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The camp meets 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays. The first session of the one-week camps starts Monday. Weekly sessions run through Aug. 14. Cost, which includes field trips, is \$100 for a week and \$90 for siblings.

For more information, call Chwight Olige at 301-515-5354, ext. 16.

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Officials Seek Alternative To Moratorium Washington Post - Online

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Montgomery County officials are scrambling to figure out a way to get around a building moratorium, required by the county's growth rules because of projected school crowding, which threatens to shut down development in downtown Bethesda.

The moratorium, invoked last week by the Planning Board, will take effect July 1 and will last a year. It could be renewed, depending on what the school system's next round of data project for the school-age population in the Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School cluster of schools, which serves residents of downtown Bethesda.

Planning Board Chairman Royce Hanson said that the agency, by law, has no choice in the matter. Instead, he said, it would be up to elected officials to do something, such as put more construction money in the schools budget to offset the crowding, which data show will occur by 2014.

Hanson noted the irony in the situation: On the one hand, the county planning agency and the executive branch are pushing for policies that would allow more development near Metro stations.

On the other hand, he said, schools cannot accommodate 50 kids in a kindergarten class or assign students to classrooms that do not have enough seats or breathing room. So, the officials' efforts could be stymied until the school crowding issue is resolved.

County Executive Isiah Leggett (D) had been publicly mum on the moratorium, but officials in his administration are looking into options.

Early this week, he offered this statement: 'The moratorium runs counter to what we are trying to do to enhance economic development activity and preserve and create jobs at a time of economic downturn. I want to look at different ways to address this issue. A moratorium should be our last resort, not our first.' One official who has not held back is the county's new economic development director, Steven A. Silverman, who ran against Leggett in 2006 and whom Leggett appointed recently to the post. Silverman promised the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chamber of Commerce on Friday that the 'moratorium will be lifted,' said Patrick O'Neil, who is in line to be chamber president next year. No details on how that might happen.

Two high-ranking Montgomery public schools officials announced this week that they are leaving their posts.

Heath Morrison, a rising star within the Montgomery public school system, was chosen last weekend to lead the school district in Reno, Nev.

Morrison, 43, was selected from a field of 22 applicants to lead the Washoe County School District, with 92 schools and 63,000 students. Washoe has the nation's 57th-largest school system, larger than that of the D.C. public schools.

Morrison started his career as a middle school social studies teacher in Waldorf in 1990. He rose to principal in 1997. He was named Maryland state principal of the year in 2004. In 2005, he took the job of director of school performance in Montgomery. The next year he was named community superintendent, overseeing the Down County Consortium of 34 schools and 23,000 students in greater Silver Spring.

As Superintendent Jerry D. Weast's chief administrator in the southeastern region of the county, Morrison oversaw an era of auspicious achievement: three of his high schools, Blair, Einstein and Kennedy, have been ranked consistently among the top in the nation on the Challenge Index, a measure of Advanced Placement testing created by The Washington Post's Jay Mathews, even though the three campuses serve large numbers of disadvantaged students. The fourth high school, Northwood, is not ranked because it is relatively new.

Morrison's elementary schools consistently outperformed other affected schools throughout Maryland on annual tests of reading and math.

In Reno, Morrison will replace Paul Dugan, a 26-year Washoe schools employee who will retire Aug. 1.

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Morrison said he had not expected to become a superintendent so soon. But the Washoe job presented the chance to work in 'a district that is committed to eliminating achievement gaps between races, like what we're doing here in Montgomery County.' He said meetings with the Washoe school board convinced him that the panel is serious about narrowing the disparities.

Steve Simon, a veteran public relations man in Montgomery, is relinquishing the public information director job for the Montgomery school system after a single year. Simon, 48, who started July 21, will leave July 3 to become an independent media, public relations and communications consultant.

Simon's is a familiar name to county leaders and gadflies. He served under three county executives as public information officer for the county government, then as director of communications for Montgomery College before crossing Hungerford Drive to take the schools position. People with long memories will recall that Simon served in the late 1980s as managing editor of the former Chronicle Express newspapers, once chief competition to the Gazette.

The schools job thrust Simon into the limelight in a busy year, punctuated with swine flu fears, budget politics and a handful of school security incidents. He also served as the public voice of the school system against increasingly bold attacks from the Parents' Coalition of Montgomery County, a group of loosely allied parent activists who have assailed school leaders on everything from curricular fees to taxpayer-funded lunches at Il Pizzico restaurant.

Why the short tenure? Simon said it was just time to move on. 'Going out on my own is something I've been wanting to do for a long time,' he said. The voice of the county's fire and rescue agency is moving to a job in the District.

Pete Piringer, who has served for eight years as spokesman for the county's emergency services, will join the District's fire and rescue agency as director of the communications office, working closely, he said, with spokesman and former radio reporter Alan Etter. Piringer, who turns 56 next Thursday, formerly was a spokesman for the Maryland State Police and the top spokesman for the fire and rescue service in Prince George's County. He grew up in College Park and keeps ties there as president of the College Park Volunteer Fire Department. He and his wife, Pat, who live in the Fallsmead area of Potomac, plan to move to the District.

Piringer begins his new job soon, probably around July 1, he said, after a long-planned trip to Greece.

He said it will be tough to leave Montgomery, where he thinks he has held 'the best job in the world. We have done a lot of good things here.' And he had only kind words for the department's new fire chief, Richard R. Bowers Jr., saying his departure has nothing to do with Bowers's recent appointment.

Piringer said it's a good time to leave because he's 'not bailing out on a sinking ship.' He added, however, 'It's a bad time to leave because things are pretty good.' But the job in the District, he said, poses new challenges, and he is eager for that, as well as the 'lifestyle change' of city living. 'I know this sounds corny, but I am a public servant, and I take that seriously,' he said. Montgomery County Council member Roger Berliner (D-Potomac-Bethesda) is hosting a forum tomorrow titled 'Housing Choices for Seniors: The Right Option for You.' The gathering will be from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad, 5020 Battery Lane, at Battery and Old Georgetown Road.

Participants will include speakers and representatives of organizations that provide services to seniors.

For information about the forum, call 240-777-7828.

Montgomery County's future growth, with a population projected to increase by 195,000 by 2030, should occur near transit and on surface parking lots, planners say in a draft 2009-11 growth policy report.

With less than 4 percent of the county left to develop, planners have drafted a growth policy that they say sets forth strategic and sustainable strategies to accommodate the growth.

The Planning Board has scheduled a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. Monday to solicit input on the report. It will be at Park and Planning Headquarters, 8787 Georgia Ave., in Silver Spring.

The board will review the growth policy draft in summer work sessions and then send it to the County Council for consideration. The policy document is accessible through links on the Planning Board's Web site, <http://www.montgomeryplanning.org>.

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Upcounty Girl Scouts receive awards for service Gazette, The

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The following members of in Girl Scout Senior Troop 3577 earned the Girl Scout Gold Award. The girls, whose projects are described below, were seniors at Northwest High School during the 2008-2009 school year.

Katherine Garvey A More Compassionate World: Creating Understanding and Socialization for People with Disabilities; Kara Loyd Back from the Brink: Helping Endangered Species; Nikita Mani Notable Goals: A Step Forward for Music Education; Amanda Parker Eat Healthy and Live Right!; Roma Patel The Science of Having Fun; and Katherine Ten Hagen Promoting Celiac Disease Awareness in Our Community. The Gold Award is the highest award that a Girl Scout Senior, ages 14-18, may earn, according to a statement.

The following girls in Girl Scout Cadette Troop 4688 earned the Girl Scout Silver Award: Jessica Ellis, an eighth-grader at Kingsview Middle School during the 2008-2009 school year, and Natalia Aguirre, Katie Nerud, Evelyn Norquist and Maggie Reed, who were freshman at Northwest High School. The Silver Award is the highest award that a Girl Scout Cadette, ages 11-14 may earn.

Kara Loyd of Girl Scout Senior Troop 3577 earned the Girl Scout Silver Trefoil Award. She was a Northwest High School senior during the 2008-2009 school year. The Silver Trefoil Award focuses on service to government, the international community and Girl Scouts.

For more information about Girl Scouts in the area, visit www.gscnc.org.

Juneteenth Celebration at BlackRock

Montgomery County's 13th Annual Juneteenth Celebration is 7 p.m. Thursday at BlackRock Center for the Arts, 12901 Town Commons Drive, Germantown.

The celebration will include performances by Gaithersburg High School senior Joshua Sommerville, soloist Caelyn Sommerville, the Emory Grove United Methodist Church Youth Choir, The Finest! Youth Performance Troupe, Lincoln Park Historic Foundation and storyteller Vernon Ricks.

Juneteenth was first celebrated June 19, 1865, to mark the liberation of black slaves by President Abraham Lincoln in 1863.

Admission is free and light refreshments will be served. For more information, call 240-777-5199.

Take a chance on Second Chance

Raffle tickets on two condominium apartments in downtown Hagerstown are being sold to raise money for Operation Second Chance, a nonprofit organization that helps wounded service men and women staying at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and their families.

Tickets are \$100 apiece. Order forms, rules and regulations available online at www.operationsecondchance.org.

If at least 4,251 tickets are sold by July 15, the drawing will be held that day; otherwise, the raffle will be postponed until Sept. 15. A maximum of 5,000 tickets will be sold. Money will be returned if enough tickets are not sold.

Roger, roger: Field day at MC

'Ham' radio operators will host a training field day where they will set up stations in obscure locations to see how many other stations around the world they can talk with.

There is a 24-hour period in which to make these contacts using emergency power generators, solar power, wind power or other forms of energy, according to a statement from the Montgomery Amateur Radio Club. Operators will use certain frequencies using HF, VHF and UHF radio signals to talk to others stations, satellites and the possible contact with the

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International Space Station and space shuttle.

All amateur radio operators and the public are invited to attend the Montgomery field day. The field day is 2 p.m. June 27 to 2 p.m. June 28 at Montgomery College-Germantown, 20200 Observation Drive.

Are you a poet and know it?

Sign up now to enter the 17th annual National Senior Poets Laureate Poetry Competition a competition for American poets age 50 and older. The contest, open to U.S. citizens, is sponsored by Amy Kitchener's Angels Without Wings Foundation, a nonprofit literary society. Winners of the state and territorial poet laureate prizes will compete for the title of National Senior Poet Laureate and \$500. Residents may submit either published or unpublished poems of any form, subject, or style or presentation. The entry fee is \$3 per poem, and there is a one-page per entry limit. Each poem must be titled. For more information, visit the Senior Poets Laureate Contest Web site www.amykitchenerfdn.org. The postmark deadline is June 30.

Furniture ministry is back in business

The St. Rose of Lima Parish in Gaithersburg has re-established its furniture ministry. The volunteer-run donation and community aid program closed in November after a storage facility where the ministry operated asked the popular program to leave when it could no longer accommodate long lines and numerous visitors.

'It was a drop-off, drop-in kind of operation,' said Mike Wallerstedt, a parishioner who has taken charge of the program. 'We're doing it now by appointment.'

The ministry re-opened for business on June 6, providing six families living room, bedroom or kitchen and dining room furniture, Wallerstedt said. Furniture is available to families in need. It is stored at The East Diamond Storage Facility, located at 501 E. Diamond Ave. in Olde Towne Gaithersburg near the old grain mill.

The biggest need is for beds, sofas, loveseat, dining room furniture, kitchen tables and dressers, Wallerstedt said.

To schedule an appointment to receive furniture at a Saturday morning distribution, e-mail clients@strosefurniture.com or call 301-482-2947.

To make tax-deductible donations of furniture in good condition, e-mail donations@strosefurniture.com to schedule drop-off or free pickup (within a limited service area).

For more information, visit www.strosefurniture.com.

Are you a Survivor?

Sign up now for a chance to showcase your wilderness savvy during a day-long, family-friendly adventure known as Survivor: Potomac Islands, organized by the River Center at Lockhouse 8. The River Center, run through the conservation group the Potomac Conservancy, is located at 7906 Riverside Ave., along the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal in Cabin John.

The action-packed day will take place from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday on Minnie's Island and along the Potomac River, and will feature canoeing, orienteering, fire building and knot tying. The day will include team-based competitions and children ages 8 and older, along with their parents, can attend workshops. A lunch of hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided, though participants should bring other refreshments, along with necessities like sun screen and bug spray. Canoes will be available. Space is limited! RSVP to chapin@potomac.org by Thursday.

Dump the Pump

Ride On is joining with other public transportation systems across the country to participate in the fourth annual National Dump the Pump Day, which encourages people to ride public transportation to save money, safeguard the environment, reduce the nation's dependence on foreign oil and improve overall quality of life.

According to Montgomery County, Washington-area residents can save an average of \$9,000 each year by taking public transportation instead of driving and by dropping one car. Six dollars in economic returns to communities is generated by every one dollar invested in public transportation, and nationwide, using public transportation saves 900,000 automobile

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fill-ups or 4.2 billion gallons of gasoline a year, according to the county. The county is encouraging residents to check out other alternative means of transportation including carpooling, walking and cycling.

Share your good news! Send submissions to Melissa A. Chadwick via e-mail at mchadwick@gazette.net, fax at 301-670-7183 or mail to The Germantown-Boys-Poolesville Gazette, 9030 Comprint Court, Gaithersburg, MD 20877.

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Paul Dougherty

'Paul Lewis Dougherty, 65, of Germantown died of cancer on June 7, 2009, in Holy Cross Hospital, Silver Spring.

Born Oct. 15, 1943, in Charleston, W.Va., he was a son of the late Holden M. Dougherty and Gerial Dougherty Eberhart.

He was the husband of Barbara A. Dougherty for 18 years.

Mr. Dougherty attended Charleston High School and Montgomery College. He served in the U.S. Army for three years and moved to the Washington metropolitan area in 1967. He retired from Safeway after 39 years of service. He volunteered with Gaithersburg Help for more than 15 years and played drums in the Montgomery Village Community Band for 25 years. He was a member of Fairhaven United Methodist Church and their Gospel choir and also attended Grace United Methodist Church.

Survivors in addition to his wife include three stepchildren, Eddie Demory of Germantown, Aaron Demory and wife, Holly of Boonesboro, and Nancy Bolhoff and husband, Rob of Frederick; three brothers, Thomas Dougherty of Austin, Texas, Holden Dougherty and wife, Janice of Brockport, N.Y., and Charles Dougherty of South Deerfield, Mass.; and five grandchildren.

Memorial services will be 11 a.m. June 20 at Fairhaven United Methodist Church, 12801 Darnestown Road, Gaithersburg. Burial will be at a later date in Rehoboth Beach, Del., in the Epworth Methodist Church Cemetery.

DeVol Funeral Home in Gaithersburg handled arrangements.

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On campus

-Nicholas Harper graduated cum laude from Elon University in Elon, N.C., with a Bachelor of Science degree in computer science with minors in math and computer information systems. Harper, a 2005 graduate of Damascus High School, is the son of Daniel and Betsy Harper of Damascus.

-Donita Adams of Damascus has been named to the Provost's Honor Roll for the spring semester at Glensville State College in Glensville, W.Va. To be named to the Provost's Honor Roll, a student must have a minimum 3.5 grade point average. Adams, a sports marketing major, recently completed her junior year and is a member of the GSC Lady Pioneer basketball team.

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Salvation Army

summer camp opens Monday

Sign up now for the Salvation Army Summer Day Camp.

Children in kindergarten through sixth grade can attend the camp at the Salvation Army headquarters, 20021 Aircraft Drive in Germantown.

The camp meets 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays. The first session of the one-week camps starts Monday. Weekly sessions run through Aug. 14. Cost, which includes field trips, is \$100 for a week and \$90 for siblings.

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Art student gets scholarship in memory of teenager Gazette, The

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Driver who killed Solomon King is still unknown

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Wendy Kaufman (center) receives the Solomon King art scholarship at Thomas S. Wootton High School on Monday. The scholarship is given in memory of Solomon King who was a Wootton junior at the time he was killed in a hit-and-run accident in 2004. Also pictured are (from left) art teach Grace Buas; Mieko King, Solomon's mother; Wootton Principal Michael Doran and Wendy Kaufman's parents, Jeff and Rhonda Kaufman.

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It has been almost five years since Solomon King was killed in a hit-and-run collision in November 2004.

Yet the memory of the 16-year-old Thomas S. Wootton junior lives on in the Solomon King scholarship given annually to a rising senior art student at the high school.

This year's winner is Wendy Kaufman, 16, of Rockville who will use the money to take a two-week portfolio building class at Montgomery College, beginning in July.

Art is a large part of Kaufman's life, as it was in Solomon's. 'It was my passion ever since I was young,' Kaufman said.

'Ever since she could talk,' added Rhonda Kaufman, Wendy Kaufman's mother, after a presentation to award the scholarship on Monday.

'I'm just so thankful for everything, it's just an honor to represent Solomon,' Wendy Kaufman said.

Kaufman's parents were also excited about the scholarship.

'I was thrilled, not only to mention it helps us financially, but it's such an honor,' said Rhonda Kaufman.

'It really encourages her to believe in herself,' Wendy's father, Jeff Kaufman, said.

The Kaufmans said they were also grateful to Mieko King, Solomon King's mother and scholarship organizer.

'It makes you really appreciate how rare people like Ms. King are,' Jeff Kaufman said.

'I want other kids to have hope,' Mieko King said on Monday. 'You don't have to have straight A's to get a scholarship, you are good at something.'

The scholarship is given to a student who demonstrates a passion and skill in art as Solomon King did, regardless of their academic record, said Mieko King said.

Though it has been more than four years since her son's death, Mieko King still sheds tears in his memory.

'I did not expect anything from Solomon, I told him to go to college, to get a job,' said King. 'My dream was playing with

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his kids.'

That dream was taken from her, and King said she still does not have any information as to the identity of her son's killer. Despite raising money for a reward fund of more than \$20,000, King said she has not heard any new information from police.

According to Cpl. Stephen Galloza, a Montgomery County Police spokesman, the case is still open and there are no new leads. Police are still searching for the driver of a black 1998 to 2000 Honda Accord that they believe struck and killed Solomon King.

'Any information we can get is information we can follow up on,' Galloza said. 'We implore the community if they have any information on this to call us up and we can follow up on it.'

Grace Buas, an art teacher at Wootton who taught Solomon King, helps Mieko King to pick a scholarship recipient every year.

'He was a very kind person, he had a hello for everyone,' Buas said of Solomon King.

Buas said she also admired his courage. Solomon King had limited mobility in his right hand, due to extensive third-degree burns he suffered in middle school.

'Wendy was the perfect choice to honor him,' Buas said. 'She loves art and she works hard.'

Kaufman hopes to pursue graphic design in the future. In addition to art classes at school and the class she will take at Montgomery College, Kaufman will be pursuing a graphic design internship with Clear Channel, a radio broadcasting corporation.

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Bob Kiebler - Chef of Morton's
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Bob Kiebler - Chef of Morton's

When you order a cappuccino at any branch of that ubiquitous Seattle-based coffee

house, you know you'll get the same drink. Does the same apply to prime rib from Morton's? There are, after all, 76 restaurants in this venerable high-end steakhouse chain worldwide.

Absolutely, says Bob Kiebler, executive chef at the downtown D.C. branch of the legendary Morton's chain. He's been with the company 12 years, about half of them at the Georgetown branch, and he should know.

Besides, he graduated from the Morton University in Chicago. It's not, obviously, a college of academe, but it has the same goal: to turn out people who know everything in their subject — in this case, how best to cook different cuts of beef the Morton's way.

Kiebler gets deliveries of 2,000 pounds of the stuff each week, for the Connecticut Avenue restaurant alone. It comes, like all Morton's steaks eaten everywhere in the nation, from two vendors in Chicago, in massive refrigerated trucks.

The corporation identifies just how the steaks should be handled, from the moment of delivery on. In the training, Kiebler says, aspiring chefs are taught to maintain consistency and learn standard company recipes. The 10-day course is followed by six to eight weeks of hands-on work at a Morton's that puts them through every station in the kitchen. Chefs are never coached at the restaurant they're destined to run.

It all promotes what Kiebler describes as "the Morton vision, the Morton philosophy: Always use the best products any time, anywhere, no matter what the cost." There's even a cookbook, for sale to the public, called "Morton's Steak Bible." If a chef, once established in his own branch, wants to cook off-message, then, says Kiebler, there's the opportunity at the two meals a day prepared for employees.

Arnie Morton and his first chef, Klaus Fritsch, started the chain in 1978 in Chicago. They went into business together, Kiebler explains, "to open a saloon for the rich, a neighborhood bar for the rich." From the beginning, "The place served only the finest ingredients. Nothing too complicated, but excellent — U.S. prime cuts, lobsters" — food for the affluent, who make up most of Morton's clientele, he said.

"Steak has a lot of pull for everyone," said Kiebler, with filet mignon the best seller "in most all places." His own favorite, though, is the rib-eye steak. "It's got a lot more flavor: more marbling, more fat."

Kiebler came to Morton's with experience already as a chef at different locations around the capital area. Raised in Takoma Park, he had started young in cooking, when his father, an engineer with NASA, and his mother, a court reporter, sent him away to preparatory school in New England. There the boys were put into teams to take turns working in the kitchens and making meals for the students.

When he graduated, he went to Montgomery College to study hospitality management, working throughout his studies at restaurants in the area. It wasn't quite his first pick. "I would much rather have been like Richard Branson, a captain of industry," he says with a grin, referring to the head of the Virgin companies.

After college he worked in restaurants and small country clubs in the Washington area, until arriving at Morton's in Georgetown.

The branch there was the chain's second. Kiebler was sent to run it following his schooling at Morton's University and his eight weeks of training, which took place at the Morton's in Tysons Corner.

Wanting to spend more time with his son, who is now 8, Kiebler requested in 2001 a transfer to the downtown location. The Georgetown restaurant isn't open for lunch, so it draws the dinner crowd, which kept him at work late. And then came the drive home to Howard County.

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Although it's open for dinner, the focus at the Morton's near Farrugut Square is primarily lunch, for the business-suited crowd. So Kiebler can be home not long after school lets out. His son, he says, "is a rib-eyechicken- meat-kinda kid."

As for himself, Kiebler says he'll eat anything that doesn't eat him first. If it's a meal out with the family, it'll probably be Mexican or Italian. But given the time, he would head down to New Orleans and tuck into a dish from Antoine's or Brennan's. "I really love classic food."

He and his wife like to give big parties where Kiebler will don the apron and demonstrate his skills, happy to show off for those not used to cooking for quantities of people.

He's laid-back about what it takes to pull off a successful Thanksgiving dinner. "There's no special secret. I use convection to transfer heat from fuel to turkey, then I transfer turkey to my mouth."

Morton's of Chicago (<http://www.mortons.com>) is located at 1050 Connecticut Ave. NW (202-955- 5997) and 3251 Prospect St. NW (202-342-6258). Main courses cost \$26 to \$46.

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Former assistant steps to take over for departed Polce at Urbana High School

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Three months before the inaugural contest of the 2009 season, newly-minted Urbana High head football coach Joe Conner is already drawing up plays.

There's no time to spare, as much work remains for the recently introduced Hawks' front man.

'Right now I'm finalizing the staff and getting things together,' Conner said. 'I'm cranking on it already pretty hard.'

Introduced last Friday during an afternoon press conference at the school by athletic director Kevin Kendro, Conner replaces former Hawks' head coach Joe Polce who compiled a 32-15 mark while earning a postseason bid during each of his four years at the helm (2005-2008). Conner was one of more than a dozen potential candidates considered.

'What impressed us is that he was already a member of our football staff and our head lacrosse coach,' Kendro said.

'We feel he possessed both the knowledge of the game and what we, as an athletic department, try to teach our kids off the field. He has been a member of our coaching family here at UHS for a long time now.'

A familiar face within the Urbana community, Conner is perhaps best known as the school's highly successful lacrosse coach. For the past four seasons, he has also served as the Hawks' defensive coordinator. His son Joe was the starting quarterback on Urbana's undefeated 2001 state championship team and Conner fully realizes the expectations that go along with leading a program that's claimed four state titles and never suffered through a losing season.

'I think it comes down to the expectations, [which] are going to be high,' Conner said. 'I think that helps you in terms of preparation in the offseason.'

Lacrosse has been kind to Conner. He's guided the Hawks' to consecutive Class 4A-3A state championship games and has sent a series of players into the collegiate ranks. He plans on retaining the position.

Football, however, is Conner's first love. Growing up, he played youth and high school ball in North Carolina and has prospered during a two-decade coaching career which has included stops as the head coach and defensive coordinator of the Washington Chiefs, a minor league outfit, defensive coordinator for the now defunct Montgomery College-Rockville program and defensive backs coach at Towson University.

Much of Conner's prosperity within lacrosse is centered on his creative scheduling of out-of-conference and out-of-county powerhouses such as Georgetown Prep and DeMatha. Polce was known to follow a similar path for the Hawks' gridiron schedule, something Conner intends to continue.

Urbana opens by hosting Westminster on Friday September 4. It will be an evening decades in the making for Conner.

'I'm excited to use all of things I've accumulated over the past 20 years in coaching and make adjustments,' Conner said. 'I feel that the community is behind me and knowing that I do know a little bit about the tradition and where it needs to be and where it continues to be.'

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'They never looked at his issues as an encumbrance to him growing,' Dixon said of the staff at the Katherine Thomas School. 'They focused on his strengths and the consequence of that is Alex grew up to be a pretty self-confident kid instead of a self-conscious kid.'

Alex and 30 other young men and women will walk across the stage at Temple Beth Ami in North Potomac to celebrate their achievement at a 5:30 p.m. ceremony.

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE WINS NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES AWARD FOR WALK SAFE Federal News Service

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ROCKVILLE, Md., June 16 -- Montgomery County issued the following press release:

Montgomery County's Public Information Office (PIO) has won a National Association of Counties Achievement Award for a pedestrian safety video it developed to reduce pedestrian injuries and deaths among non-native English speakers (NNEs), one of the groups at highest risk of being involved in pedestrian collisions. Survey results show that 76 percent of viewers now cross the street more carefully; 45 percent more always obey walk signals; 93 percent more know what the pedestrian signal button does; 50 percent more rarely or never cross the street mid-block; and about 50 percent more practice safer walking behaviors.

More than 1,300 "Walk Safe: Keeping Pedestrians Safe in the Danger Zone" videos have been distributed to adult English-as-a-Second Language (ESOL) teachers at Montgomery College and in Montgomery County public schools, as well as to non-profit groups, churches and employers. Although aimed at adult non-native English speakers, the video is also appropriate for students and young adults who are not necessarily ESOL students and can be used to increase new drivers' awareness of pedestrians.

"Montgomery County is taking aggressive steps to prevent needless deaths and injuries when our residents simply cross the street," said Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett. "We are reaching out to everyone and particularly those at the highest risk of being involved in these collisions. Education is vital and effective, and the Walk Safe! video has proven that instructional campaigns can make a difference. Those who have viewed the video are changing their behavior as they adopt the Walk Safe! rules that will keep pedestrians safe."

Overall, the goal of the video is to encourage residents to walk defensively, dispel common misperceptions about pedestrian safety and emphasize that safety is the responsibility of the pedestrian. The free, 24-minute English-language Walk Safe! video and teacher's guide is a powerful and flexible teaching tool that consists of five self-contained modules, each of which can be viewed independently, covering basic pedestrian safety concepts.

"Public education is a vital component of the County's efforts to improve pedestrian safety," said Patrick Lacefield, director of the Montgomery County Public Information Office. "We are reaching out to both pedestrians and drivers to raise awareness and change behavior."

Non-native English speakers are disproportionately involved in pedestrian collisions, but with more than 140 languages spoken in Montgomery County, the challenge was to find a cost-effective way to reach these residents. Translating materials into Spanish would only reach about 13 percent of non-native speakers, and even translating into the top 10 languages spoken in the county only addresses the needs of about 25 percent of the county's non-native English speakers (based on 2006 American Community Survey data). Therefore, the challenge remained to find the best way to distribute information in each language to the intended audiences.

Rather than using brochures, ads or other traditional outreach materials to reach NNEs, PIO chose a video format for the campaign because:

- * It can be used in a wide variety of situations;
- * It can be used to educate individuals and groups;
- * It is relatively inexpensive to duplicate; and
- * It is easy to distribute.

Staff from the County's Latino Health Initiative program was instrumental in helping PIO develop the concept of producing a video aimed at adult ESOL learners. ESOL teachers from Montgomery College endorsed the idea of using instructional materials in their classes, and officials, teachers and students from the college worked closely with PIO staff on development of the video.

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PIO determined that incorporating pedestrian safety training in ESOL classes has a number of advantages over translating written materials into multiple languages:

- * No language group is excluded from the outreach effort.
- * The classes reach tens of thousands of residents in the target audience every year.
- * The classes are taught in English, so there is no need to translate instructional materials into multiple languages.
- * A typical ESOL curriculum item may be taught during several classes, an intense level of instruction that paid advertising or other conventional outreach methods would be hard pressed to match in effectiveness.

Eight public service announcements of varying lengths have also been produced from the video to promote pedestrian safety concepts to the general public. These spots were provided to broadcast television, cable and radio stations in the region and ran on the County's cable channel, County Cable Montgomery (Channel 6 for Comcast and RCN subscribers and Channel 30 for Verizon).

The video is accompanied by a Teacher's Guide that suggests activities and comprehension checks for each module to help instructors use the video as a teaching tool for both pedestrian safety and English-as-a-Second Language.

The goal of the video is to teach viewers to:

- * Understand eight basic pedestrian safety concepts -
 - Take responsibility for your own safety
 - Pay attention and be alert
 - Cross carefully
 - Be patient when crossing the road
 - Obey traffic signs and signals
 - Cross the street at crosswalks
 - Move fast to cross the road when it's safe, but don't run
 - Be visible so you can be seen
- * Communicate basic pedestrian safety concepts to others
- * Identify the risks of being a pedestrian
- * Interpret common traffic and pedestrian signs and signals and
- * Identify risky situations.

Everyone who received the video also received a survey that allowed PIO to assess whether the video increased knowledge about pedestrian safety and changed pedestrian behavior. Video recipients were asked to voluntarily administer the "pre-survey" to viewers before they saw the video. About a week or two after the video lessons were completed, the "post-survey" was administered to allow viewers the opportunity to practice their new Walk Safe rules before answering the questions. Survey results exceeded expectations.

A summary of the results is shown below:

- * One of the key messages in the video is that the road is a "danger zone" and pedestrians should always be alert and aware when crossing the street. After viewing the video, over 50 percent more respondents stated that they sometimes, rarely or never feel safe crossing the street.

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- * "Don't assume cars will stop for you," was also emphasized in the video. After viewing the video, nearly 50 percent fewer residents now expect cars to always or often stop for them.
- * Lack of nighttime visibility is a cause of many collisions. Residents are urged in the video not to assume that drivers can see them, even if vehicle headlights shine on them. Sixty-five percent more video viewers agreed that drivers can now see them sometimes, rarely or never.
- * Part of the defensive walking lesson emphasized the importance of continually looking around to see if cars are coming when crossing the street. Eight percent more residents said they now always or often keep looking around.
- * Video lessons included discouraging the unsafe practice of crossing mid-block. Fifty percent more respondents now rarely or never cross mid-block.
- * Ninety-three percent more video viewers now understand that pushing the pedestrian button on a traffic signal provides the pedestrian more time to cross the road.
- * The video helped viewers reduce distracted walking, with twenty-seven percent more saying they now rarely or never listen to music or talk on a cell phone when crossing.
- * Forty-five percent more viewers no longer jay-walk, saying they always obey the walk signals.
- * Seventy-six percent of respondents said that after watching the video, they now cross the street more carefully always and 17 percent said they cross more carefully sometimes.

Another key objective of the video was encouraging viewers to share what they learned with their families. After viewing the video, 86 percent said they talked to family or friends about ways to walk safely.

The video, teachers guide, resource materials, survey and public service announcements are available on the County's website at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/walk. For more information, call Esther Bowring at 240-777-6507. For more information please contact: Sarabjit Jagirdar, Email:- htsyndication@hindustantimes.com.

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Rockville groups to help county celebrate Juneteenth Gazette, The

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Two Rockville organizations will take part in the county's 13th annual Juneteenth celebration at 7 p.m. Thursday at BlackRock Center for the Arts, 12901 Town Commons Drive in Germantown.

This year's celebration will include performances by The Finest!, a performing troupe from Rockville, and the Lincoln Park Historic Foundation, as well as performances by musical prodigy Joshua Sommerville, soloist Caelyn Sommerville, the Emory Grove United Methodist Church Youth Choir and storyteller Vernon Ricks.

Juneteenth was first celebrated on June 19, 1865, to mark the liberation of African-American slaves in the United States by President Abraham Lincoln in 1863.

The program is sponsored by the County Executive's Office of Community Partnerships. Admission is free. For more information, call 240-777-5199.

Wootton students

to travel to Pinneberg

A group of 11 students and one teacher from Thomas S. Wootton High School will spend three weeks in Rockville's sister city, Pinneberg, Germany, in the coming weeks to continue the friendship that has developed between the communities in its more than 50-year relationship.

The trip, set for June 19 through July 9, will be sponsored by the Rockville Sister City Corporation and the German American Society Rockville-Pinneberg, corporation board member Rotraut Bockstahler said.

The students will live with German families and have some time to attend classes in Pinneberg schools. Wootton students and their parents played host to students from Pinneberg last year.

Since the 50th anniversary of the Sister City relationship with Pinneberg in 2007, exchanges are happening on a yearly basis again and providing for real bonding of friends, Bockstahler said.

Wootton is the only public high school in Montgomery County that offers a comprehensive German language program.

A full program of events, including excursions to Hamburg, Luebeck and Berlin, is planned.

RSF awards

13 college scholarships

The Rockville Scholarship Foundation has awarded scholarship grants to 13 students for their academic careers and extracurricular involvement.

This is the largest number of students the foundation has honored since 1986, when it began distributing the awards to students in need in the community.

The scholarships range in amount from \$750 to \$2,000.

The 2009 winners were honored Monday by the Rockville City Council and members of the Rockville Chamber of Commerce, Montgomery College and the Rockville Scholarship Foundation at a 6 p.m. reception and at the council's televised public meeting at 7 p.m.

'This year, because of the current economic distress facing so many families in Rockville, the foundation was able to support a record number of young adults who are looking to pursue their higher education degrees,' John Moser, president of the foundation for five years, said in a prepared statement. 'We are very proud of these 13 youth and know

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they will make great contributions to our community.'

Applications were reviewed by a panel of judges in five categories: academic standing, integrity and character, community involvement, school activities and need.

All honorees reside within the corporate city limits of the City of Rockville, attend Rockville, Richard Montgomery or Wootton high schools, or are college students attending Montgomery College's Rockville campus.

The scholarship recipients are Daniela Jan Pila of Rockville, Kara J. Karpman of Silver Spring, Molly Chinray Li of Gaithersburg, Paul Higgins Rosiak of Rockville, Rachel Larkin Wagner of Rockville, Shuxin Zhang of Rockville, Rebecca Joy Koutsandreas of North Potomac, Ali Razjooyan of Rockville, Kiegan Ann Montgomery of Rockville, Nery Estuardo Ochoa of Silver Spring, Li Peng Liang of Derwood, Henry Q. Bonilla of Silver Spring and Patrick Damian Wisda of Rockville.

The foundation, created in 1985, is a partnership of the Rockville Chamber of Commerce, the City of Rockville and Montgomery College. Since its inception, it has granted more than 150 scholarships in excess of \$160,000. For further information or to contribute, visit www.rsfoundation.net.

Local Lions participate

in Memorial Day Parade

Members of area Lions clubs took part in the National Memorial Day Parade in Washington, D.C., on May 25, marking the first time Lions have participated in the event.

Lion Phil Wilk marched with the Olney banner and Bill Thomas with the Sandy Spring banner. Lion Halsey Smith marched behind the Lions International float with about 30 other Lion veterans.

Jeff Robertshaw marched with the Derwood Lions Club banner and Chris Arqueta, president of the Shady Grove Middle School Leo Club, a youth club sponsored by Lions, also participated.

Navy Lt. Dr. Andy Baldwin and Olympic Gold Medalist gymnast Dominique Dawes highlighted the Lions Clubs Float with a number of military Lion Veterans.

More than 100 military veterans and volunteers from the Lions Clubs in Maryland, Washington, D.C., Delaware and Virginia marched along Constitution Avenue in the parade.

UCAB ends year

with visit from Leggett

The Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board, which represents Derwood issues, held its annual meeting and reception last week at BlackRock Center for the Arts in Germantown.

Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett (D) met with the board to discuss highlights from its year-end report, which makes recommendations on the Interstate 270 Multi-Modal Study, the Germantown Employment Sector Plan, the Gaithersburg West Master Plan and Leggett's 'Smart Growth Initiative.'

The meeting was followed by a reception for elected officials, county staff and upcounty civic leaders.

The report is available at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/upcounty. For more information about UCAB, contact the Upcounty Regional Services Center at 240-777-8000 or visit upcounty.citizen@montgomery

countymd.gov.

Leisure World Kiwanians

hand out 17 scholarships

The Kiwanis Club Foundation of Leisure World presented \$5,000 scholarships to four seniors at Albert Einstein High

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School in Kensington and three at Rockville High School during a program May 22.

Five seniors at Einstein and four at Rockville also received \$200 achievement awards and one student earned a \$1,000 music scholarship.

Kiwanis Club President Leonard H. Teitelbaum, former senator from District 19, introduced Jim Hummel, chairman of the Scholarship Committee, who presented the awards.

Albert Einstein \$5,000 scholarships went to Erin Glickman, Yueting Lei, Tracey Gearhart and Phuong Ngo.

Rockville High \$5,000 scholarships went to Shuxin Zhang, Alexa R. Kline and Theresa Sintetos.

Einstein students who received \$200 Achievement Awards included Alex Curro, Rongzhen Li, Sarah Chan, Dawn Zewdie and Alex Grant.

Rockville students who received \$200 Achievement Awards included Jacqueline Memenza, Marielle A. Briones, Parisa Moghaddam and Alex Smith.

The \$1,000 Music Award went to Eliot Seppa of Einstein High School.

Since 1978, the Kiwanis Foundation of Leisure World has awarded 163 scholarships of varying amounts to outstanding students at Einstein and Rockville.

The club recently marked the 42nd anniversary of its charter as a member of Kiwanis International, an organization that began in 1915. The club, which meets weekly for lunch and a business meeting, has 91 members.

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County Sheriff Raymond M. Kight, the longest-serving sheriff in the county's history, will not seek re-election in 2010 for the position he has held for almost 24 years.

Kight, 68, who was first elected sheriff in 1986, plans to retire next December. 'I have been fortunate and honored' to serve as sheriff, Kight said. 'I will be 69 when I retire. I think me and my wife would like to see more of the United States.' Chief Deputy Sheriff Darren Popkin plans to run for the position next year with Kight's support. Kight is the county's 73rd elected sheriff. Under his command, the office became the first in the state to receive federal accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. Kight's leadership is most recognized with the department's work on domestic violence, said Council President Philip M. Andrews, who heads the council's Public Safety Committee. 'Because of his commitment to that area, the sheriff's department was designated to lead the [newly opened] Family Justice Center for domestic violence victims. He's going to leave the department in very good shape,' said Andrews (D-Dist. 3) of Gaithersburg.

Before joining the sheriff's office, Kight served with the county's police department from 1962 to 1966.

Kight beat out Edward A. Clarke, the former head of security for the county school system and retired state police sergeant Robert Moroney for the Democratic nomination for the sheriff's position in the 2006 primary election before going on to easily defeat Republican challenger, Dave Stultz, a retired county police officer, in the general election.

Speed hump changes

A decision on whether to expand the county's existing rules governing where to install speed bumps on county streets heads next to the full council for a vote.

County Executive Isiah Leggett (D) recommended loosening the rules to allow for the bumps on streets with less traffic than is currently required. His proposal would also require fewer neighbors in a certain area to approve the bumps. About 46 added speed bumps would have been installed in the county over the past 10 years under Leggett's proposals. 'I think speed cameras are the better alternative to speed humps,' Andrews said Monday.

He does not plan to 'rush' a council vote on 'anything that would make it easier to install speed humps.' But the proposed changes are 'fairly mild,' and were done to align the speed hump rules with the county's road code passed last year by the council, said Patrick Lacefield, Leggett's spokesman Law firm hired for union talks

On Tuesday the County Council agreed to appoint Robert Ames, a labor attorney with well-known law firm Venable LLP, to represent the county in the fall in negotiations with the county's employee and police unions.

Ames will work in place of Sarah Miller, the county's former lead contract negotiator who left the county about two months ago for a similar position at Montgomery College, Lacefield said. Ames' discounted hourly rate for the county is \$400; less than his usual \$485 hourly rate.

The county begins full negotiations with both unions for the full term of the next contracts, which are usually three-years. The police union negotiations will involve compensation issues, including wages, benefits and cost-of-living adjustments.

To help balance the county's budget and close a \$550 million deficit, all of the county's unions including the school systems three unions gave up their COLAs for fiscal 2010, which begins in July.

Horse allotments

Also Tuesday, Councilman Michael J. Knapp (D-Dist. 2) of Germantown introduced a bill that would change the laws limiting the number of horses that may be allowed in rural neighborhood clusters.

The bill would allow one horse per acre to be boarded and raised on lots larger than two acres. More than five horses, including on lots larger than five acres, would require a special exception.

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The current rules require a special exception to board one horse.

A public hearing on the bill is set for July 21.

Youth jobs program at capacity The county's summer youth jobs program, which uses federal stimulus money to pay salaries, has reached capacity, according to the county's Department of Economic Development.

Last month the department advertised for companies in the county to hire extremely disadvantaged youth, ages 14 to 24, for summer jobs. Since then, more than 90 companies have signed up for the program, and 220 youth have applied for one of the 150 slots. '[Leggett's] initiative was to expand the summer jobs budget for the county, but with the fiscal problems, that didn't happen,' said Cassandra Boyd, who is overseeing the program. 'To have this many youth respond who are eligible, imagine if we did a countywide program.' A kickoff event for the employment program is scheduled for July 7 before a two-day worker training session. The program runs through Aug. 21.

Coming next

- Councilman Roger Berliner hosts 'Housing Choices for Seniors' free forum featuring local housing experts and county officials at 2 p.m. June 19 at Bethesda Chevy Chase Rescue Squad at 5020 Battery Lane in Bethesda. For more information call 240-777-7828.

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Students win Beacon awards Gazette, The

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Eight Montgomery College students, including three from Silver Spring, won Beacon student scholar awards this month at a conference hosted by the Takoma Park/Silver Spring campus.

This year, the conference staff received 107 research papers from 18 member colleges in the north east. Impartial judges are assigned anonymous papers to read and the best three are selected for the conference. The top three students are notified in May, and a fourth is invited to present a poster display of their work, according to Montgomery College Beacon representative Roxanne Davidson.

'At the conference, the judges look at each presentation in terms of scholarship, thoroughness of research, originality and approach to the topic,' she said. 'Some of the judges spent more than an hour in the judging room re-reading the papers [this year].'

The winner of each of the 15 categories, which include history, social justice, the sciences and gender studies, are awarded \$100. The professor who sponsored the student is also given \$100, Davidson said.

Holly Berardi and Brian Barrett, both residents of Silver Spring, were the first students from the Takoma Park/Silver Spring campus to win awards at the conference, now in its 16th year, according to Dr. Lucy Laufe, an anthropology professor at the college and a conference organizer.

Judges are usually chosen from the faculty of non-member colleges and universities or institutions related to the subject field, including museum curators and medical doctors.

Berardi won the communications award for her presentation on negative campaign advertisements in political elections.

'I chose negative campaigns because I didn't like them and I didn't know why they existed,' she said.

Her presentation featured clips of attack ads by candidates John McCain (R-Ariz.) and Barack Obama (D-Ill.) in the 2008 presidential election, allowing her to highlight the subtle changes in tone, text and music that strategists use to demonize one candidate while promoting another.

After Berardi's speech, Caroline Harper, a University of Maryland communications professor, asked Berardi if she thought television ads would be overshadowed by newer mediums like Twitter messaging.

'I think they are capable of reaching the largest audience,' Berardi said in her reply. 'Not everybody is on Twitter, and not everyone can make it out to rallies.'

Barrett and fellow Silver Spring resident Wendolyn Sandoval had presentations in the natural and physical sciences session. Barrett won the award for his presentation on the evolution of the thyroid gland.

'I think I used every second they gave me,' Barrett said after his speech. 'If they'd given me an hour I could have stayed up there and taught all day.'

Barrett, who is studying mathematical approaches to evolutionary biology, said he would love to stay in school and earn

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the degrees he would need to teach college courses himself someday.

'We'll see how long my wife lets me stay in school before she says, Get a job!' he said with a laugh.

Both Sandoval and Barrett were sponsored by Montgomery College biology professor Dr. Carole Wolin, who encouraged them to submit their research papers to the conference. Wolin was also a lead organizer for the conference this year.

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private funeral service in his honor will be held graveside at Daytona Memorial Park. John was born in Manila, Philippines to Mr. and Mrs. John C. and Lourdes Brick. He dedicated his talent to his Alma Mater, as a Foreign Language Instructor at Montgomery Community College in Maryland. John was a member of a rare breed; brilliant, creative, driven by a desire for knowledge and the written word. He was a social gentleman and enjoyed a good conversation, sports, both as a participant and fan, but his greatest love was reading. He leaves behind to cherish his memory; his beloved parents; three brothers: Merrill and his wife, Sherry, C. Victor and his wife, Lynne, and Robert Brick; one sister, Marilyn and her husband, Winfield Keller; seven nieces and nephews; and a great many more family and friends. In lieu of flowers please send donations in John's name to the Basilica of the National Shrine, 400 Michigan Ave NE, Washington, DC 20017, (202) 526-8300. Arrangements are under the careful direction of Lohman Funeral Home Daytona Beach. Condolences for the family may be shared at www.lohmanfuneralhomes.com.

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BARBARA BARDOL, 56, Ormond Beach, a homemaker, died Friday.

JOHN W. BRICK, 61, Port Orange, a foreign language instructor at Montgomery Community College in Maryland, died Friday.

MARIE COSTELLO, 76, South Daytona, a community volunteer, died Friday.

KAITLYN GRACE DAVIS, 24, Daytona Beach, who loved the ocean, died June 6.

MARY ELIZABETH DONEY, 92, Holly Hill, a homemaker, died June 5.

MARGARET E. HANSON, 94, Daytona Beach, a homemaker, died Friday.

LILLIAN H. KARNES, 84, DeLand, a retired teacher, died Friday.

AARON C. LYON, 76, Deltona, an interior designer for yachts, died Monday.

JOHN MARTIN, 83, Deltona, a retired machinist with the British Navy, died June 6.

EDNA E. PYTOSH, 87, Orange City, an office clerk, died Sunday.

FRANCES JEANETTE HARRIS STOUT, 87, Palm Coast, a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Post 8696, died Saturday.

NANCY JO WOOD, 72, New Smyrna Beach, who co-owned Beachside Photo, died Friday.

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Finding love late in life Something to celebrate at all ages Gazette, The

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Jun. 14--Marie Knappe wasn't looking for love.

"I think the last thing in the world a woman thinks about is being attracted to a person at this age," said Marie, who's 92. Then a man approached her during lunch at Cottage Grove Place and asked her to go for a walk. Marie was so surprised, she told him she'd think about it. She walked away, stopped, then turned. "I said yes," she said.

They talked through the whole walk. When they returned, he pulled a blanket from his car, and they stayed outside to watch the sky. Marie didn't know what she would say if anyone saw them together. She still giggles to think about it.

Six months later, Marie married Herman Knappe. They celebrated their fourth wedding anniversary on May 30.

"It's heaven, absolute heaven," Marie said. "It can't be any better." "We walk down the hall hand in hand," said Herman, 88. "If we don't, some people complain." Love is everywhere, or so it seems, when you consider the number of couples who've found each other at Cottage Grove Place, a retirement community in Cedar Rapids.

"Hanky-panky at the old folks' home," joked resident Skippy Atherton, 82. "It's not something you'd think about, is it?"

Growing numbers

In the United States, population 306 million, more than 10 percent of the population is 65 and older -- around 37.9 million people in 2007, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. That percentage is expected to

more than double by 2030 as the baby boomers age.

Despite those numbers, love in the twilight years doesn't garner a lot of attention. "As a culture, we tend to underestimate the role of romance later in life," said Amanda Barusch, a professor in the Department of Social Work and Community Development at New Zealand's University of Otago and author of "Love Stories of Later Life." "These couples meet the same way most couples meet, through friends and family introductions or shared interests," she said. "They feel the same way new couples feel -- excited, alive -- and enjoy spending time together." But their love isn't regarded the same.

"We unfortunately live in a culture where we think, as people grow old, they become asexual," said Susan Milstein, a certified sexuality educator who is an associate professor at Montgomery College in Maryland and lead consultant for Milstein Health Consulting.

It's an unfounded assumption, she said.

The National Council on the Aging says people 60 and older enjoy sexual relations at least once a month. The AARP study, "Sexuality at Midlife: 2004 Update of Attitudes and Behaviors," found that sexual health continues to be an important part of general health in aging people.

Both studies included tame forms of contact, such as hugging and kissing, under the umbrella of sexual relations.

"Being physically touched by someone, regardless of your age, makes you feel alive," Milstein said. "Touch is so powerful. For seniors whose bodies have aged, diseased, it could be the best medicine."

'You're not 18'

Jim Atherton, 81, believes age isn't a factor in dating. "You have to remember you're not 18 -- you're 80," he said.

"Other than that, it's the same." Boy meets girl, there's an attraction. A date is arranged.

Leone Gray, 89, and David Hodgins, 86, have dated for more than four years. The couple, both residents at Cottage Grove Place, were brought together by their love of dancing.

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"My wife told me several times before she died that she wanted me to find a new dance partner," Hodgkin said.

He waited months after her death before asking Gray to a dance, who said she "never intended to be associated with a man again." But as they danced, they discovered more shared interests. The couple maintain separate apartments but spend most of their time together, dancing, sharing meals, watching TV, playing pool. Marriage was discussed, but both agree it isn't something they need.

"We both enjoy our life the way it is," Hodgkin said. "We basically have committed the rest of our lives together without a formal ceremony."

'I am very lucky'

Duane and Virginia Means of Iowa City celebrated their eighth wedding anniversary in March -- and 99th monthly anniversary June 10.

"We try to do something special on or near the 10th of every month," said Virginia, 82.

"We'll go to 100 months, then start over again," added Duane, 88.

The two met through their love of music. Both play percussion instruments in the Iowa City/ Johnson County Senior Center's New Horizons Band. They'd talked to each other over the years, but dating didn't occur to either one. Then Duane asked Virginia to a concert.

"He's just so kind, so gentle and so thankful for everything I do," she said. "I am very lucky to have him in my life." "I like the whole package," Duane said, smiling at his wife. "I'm very fortunate to have this gal." The Meanses aren't the only relationship that began at the Iowa City/ Johnson County Senior Center. The same can be said of the Witwer Senior Center in Cedar Rapids.

"People often come to the center because they lost a spouse and they are looking for socialization," director Myrt Bowers said.

But then they make a friend and sometimes, through friendship, love blooms. "We just feel so good when we see that relationship beginning to form," Bowers said. "We haven't experienced the loss that they have, so when you witness a new beginning, you see couples enjoying that new relationship, you feel so good."

'Life is a lot more fun'

Not every relationship leads to long-term happiness. Some couples break up or health issues arise.

Sometimes individuals aren't prepared to play the role of caregiver again. Some worry how their adult children will react. Milstein and Barusch agree that if the subject was discussed more, both among families and in the media, some of the worries holding couples back would subside.

Pete Wickham and Eva Stark haven't faced any of those issues. The couple met a few months after Stark, 72, moved into Cottage Grove Place.

"Well, as the song goes, I saw Pete across the crowded room and wanted to get to know him better," Stark said.

The pair had dinner together a few times. Then Wickham, 74, asked Stark to go bird-watching with him.

"Bird-watching is a passion of Pete's, so I knew he was interested," Stark said.

The two read poetry together. They go to the movies, walk Stark's dog and dine with friends.

"Life is just a lot more fun," Wickham said.

"Before, a lot of days were, I don't want to say boring, but just routine.

Eva doesn't let things become routine." Companionship, Milstein said, is as important for the older population as it is for anyone.

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"People in love feel better about themselves," she said. "They have a happier outlook on life." At 81, Jim Atherton is a newlywed. He and Skippy married less than a year ago, after about six months of dating. Neither wanted a relationship.

Both were content. Then they met and things changed. She missed him when he wasn't around. He discovered his life wasn't as full as he thought. "I realized," he said, "how much happier I was when we were together."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Where are they now? Past DE standouts in college Examiner.com

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I will be updating my lists of former Delaware high school basketball players and their college destinations. As you can see, there are players from the First State spread out through all divisions. For the few that are D1, they have and are looking to make an impact. Middletown graduate Paris Horne has solidified himself as one of the better scorers in the Big East for the St. John's Red Storm, while Brian Oliver looks to be a huge contributor at ACC school Georgia Tech. Look for the girls list soon.

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Mark Williams/Glasgow HS/Mt. San Jacinto College/So.

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Eric Williams-McKean/Salem Community College/Fr.

Ladaye Johnson-Hodgson Vo-Tech/Lincoln University/Jr.

Edwin Santiago-Sanford/University of Delaware/So.

D.J. Boney-Tatnall/University of Delaware/So.

Jawan Carter-Tatnall/University of Delaware/So.-r

Eric Boateng-St. Andrew's/Arizona State/Jr.

Justin Mann-Middletown/Del-Tech/So,

Rakee Anderson-Glasgow/Del-Tech/So.

Marque Edouord-Seaford/Del-Tech-So.

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Tim Steed-Christiana/Highland Community College/So.

Lovell Kosh-Christiana/CCBC-Catonsville-So.

Kory Belle-Sussex Tech/Hagerstown Community College/Fr.

K'yan Andrews-Wodbridge/Hagerstown Community College/Fr.

Kyle Trent-Howard/Montgomery College-Rockville/So.

Issa Mase-Archmere/Columbia University/Fr.

C.J. Brown-Caravel/St. Joseph's/Jr.

Paris Horne-Middletown/St. John's/So.

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Shemik Thompson-Cape Henlopen/Central Connecticut/So.

Josh Thornton/Caesar Rodney/Towson University/Jr.

Erique Gumbs/Caravel/Towson/Incoming Fr.

Jarrett Mann-Middletown/Stanford/Fr.

Nafis Richardson-Hodgson/Paris Junior College/Fr.

Jabril Bailey-Delcastle Vo-Tech/Campbell/So.

Brian Oliver-William Penn/Georgia Tech/Incoming Fr.

James Stratton-Caesar Rodney/Wesley/Jr.

Alphonzo Wright-Polytech/Wesley/Jr.

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Major Reshuffle at Liberia's Justice Ministry Voice of America

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There have been major changes at the justice ministry of Liberia. President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf has relieved Justice Minister Philip Banks of his post, replacing him with Christiana Tah, a professor of sociology, anthropology and criminal justice at Montgomery College in the U.S. state of Maryland.

National Police Inspector General Munah Sieh was also relieved of her post but not reassigned. The president also fired the minister of national security and the director of the bureau of investigation.

Solicitor General Tiawon Gongloe was moved to the ministry of labor, replacing Samuel Kofi Woods who is now the new minister of public works.

Information Minister Lawrence Bropleh said President Sirleaf made the sweeping changes because the justice ministry has not done enough to execute the president's war on corruption.

"The Justice Ministry is the prosecutorial arm of government. Those who are suspected of corrupt activities in government and are dismissed are forwarded to the justice ministry for further investigation and be prosecuted," he said.

But Bropleh said the justice ministry has not been able to fully get up to capacity in order to do its prosecutorial job.

As a result, he said many cases have been stuck at the justice ministry and have not been brought to court.

He said President Sirleaf made the changes in order to reinvigorate the justice ministry to move corruption cases forward.

Bropleh denied the delay in prosecuting corruption cases had been due to the lack of political will by President Sirleaf to refer alleged corrupt officials for prosecution.

"To the contrary, the President has dismissed many, many persons, from deputy ministers on down in government. But the president cannot automatically forward them to the court for prosecution," Bropleh said.

He said corruption allegations must first be investigated and only then can the chief prosecutor and the solicitor general prosecute the cases.

Inspector General of Police Munah Sieh was also relieved of her duties but not reassigned.

Bropleh said the changes were necessary because the police have done a poor job in fighting crime.

"I have to say...that the police department has not fare very well. The main reason for that has been the vetting process. But the police also lacked leadership," he said.

Christiana Tah, the new minister of justice-designate was once nominated by President Sirleaf to the Supreme Court but rejected by the Senate.

Bropleh said this time around Tah would be confirmed. He said her rejection to the Supreme Court was not due to her lack of qualification but rather a political decision.

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Montgomery County, Baltimore vying for bio Gazette, The

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The historical competition between Montgomery County and Baltimore for state budget funds, political clout and bank deposits is extending into another arena: bioscience companies.

<SW_Photo=8707> With federal assets such as the National Institutes of Health and the Food and Drug Administration headquarters in its backyard, Montgomery has long been dominant in the life sciences sector. But there are some chinks in Montgomery's armor. The county's share of bioscience companies across Maryland declined from 58 percent in 2002 to 55 percent in 2006, according to the latest survey by industry group MdBio. New Baltimore bioparks have attracted some businesses from Montgomery and Northern Virginia lately.

'There is some competition between us,' said Scott Levitan, senior vice president and development director for the Science + Technology Park at Johns Hopkins, developed by the Forest City-New East Baltimore Partnership. The first of five planned buildings in that biopark near medical giant Johns Hopkins opened about a year ago, and the 280,000-square-foot, \$100 million facility is 50 percent occupied, with an additional 20 percent committed to leases, he said.

'Montgomery County is more established as a location for standalone bioscience companies in Maryland,' Levitan acknowledged. 'We've won some and lost some.'

Others say the competition aspect is overplayed.

'We're not really that far from Baltimore,' said Elaine Amir, executive director of Johns Hopkins University's Montgomery County campus in Rockville. 'We like to take the view that there is enough for all of us.'

J. Thomas Sadowski, president and CEO of the Economic Alliance of Greater Baltimore, a public-private partnership that markets the region, also downplayed the competitiveness between Baltimore and Montgomery.

'The institutional relationship can drive a company's decision on where to open,' he said.

The criteria for considering whether to open in Baltimore or Montgomery County are different, developers say.

'Some tenants evaluated us against Montgomery County based on labor force or other considerations,' Levitan said. 'Or others say that it's best to be where the chief scientists are.'

Richard A. Zakour, executive director of MdBio, a division of the Tech Council of Maryland, said he believes Baltimore's bio community is 'synergistic' with Montgomery's. Gov. Martin O'Malley (D) spoke about how the bio communities in both areas need to be nurtured in a recent news conference at Aeras Global TB Vaccine Foundation in Rockville.

Still, while Baltimore's bio community may be growing, Montgomery is still the dominant player in the state, said Steven A. Silverman, Montgomery County's economic development director.

'There are many more biotech companies in Montgomery County, and bigger ones, than other areas of the state,' he said.

MdBio's 2006 survey showed 198 companies in Montgomery to 54 in Baltimore City and 43 in Frederick County.

Other officials, including Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett (D) and Rep. Christopher Van Hollen Jr. (D-Dist. 8) of Kensington, recently highlighted the importance of Montgomery not standing pat in the bio arena. 'The future for us is in the life sciences,' Leggett said.

Baltimore bioparks adding tenants

Baltimore-area officials say the number of bio companies there has grown considerably in the past couple of years, with the development of bioparks near Johns Hopkins and the University of Maryland campuses. The Greater Baltimore Committee has a list of 85 biotechs in the Baltimore area, and it does not include all bio-related jobs such as those with

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health care institutions, said spokesman Gene Bracken. But none of the companies approaches the size of MedImmune and Human Genome Sciences in Montgomery and Frederick counties.

Recent tenants at the Hopkins biopark include Champions Biotechnology, which moved from Arlington, Va., and Cangen Biotechnologies, which moved from Bethesda.

A key reason for Champions' move was to be closer to its board chairman and co-founder, David Sidransky, a Hopkins oncology professor, said CEO Douglas Burkett. Co-founder Manuel Hidalgo is also an oncology professor at Hopkins.

Executives reviewed other bioparks in the Baltimore area as well as in Montgomery County, Burkett said. 'We were also looking at access to some of the facilities that the biopark offers,' he said.

Leasing costs were lower in the Baltimore area, and there was some competition between the bioparks that helped the company negotiate a good price, Burkett said.

The University of Maryland, Baltimore BioPark on the west side of campus opened its first 120,000-square-foot building in 2005. That was fully leased by the following year, and a second 240,000-square-foot structure was unveiled in 2007. A third building and a new Maryland Forensic Center are expected to open in 2010, with seven more buildings planned.

The UMB park has lured the headquarters of Biomere LLC from Worcester, Mass., among others.

The University of Maryland, Baltimore County, also has a research park, with additions that include a former Greenbelt company.

The development of the bioparks in Baltimore, along with the life science expansions in Montgomery and other areas, may be enough to push Maryland past Massachusetts and California as the nation's top biotech state in the near future, according to Baltimore economic consulting firm Sage Policy Group.

Settling in Montgomery

Some companies have headed west from the Baltimore area. Last fall, Lentigen Corp., which develops vehicles for the delivery of genes into cells and proteins for clinical applications, transferred from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County's TechCenter to a 26,000-square-foot facility in Gaithersburg.

The move was a 'significant step forward in our evolution as a biotech company,' Tim Ravenscroft, Lentigen's CEO, said in a statement. He declined an interview request.

RNL Biostar, a subsidiary of Korean biotechnology company RNL Bio, looked throughout the region for a site for its stem-cell research and manufacturing facility, including Baltimore, before settling on the Germantown Innovation Center incubator. The company is investing \$6 million on equipment and facility improvements and plans to create 50 new, full-time positions within the next four years after moving from the Shady Grove Innovation Center next month. Most new jobs will be cell manufacturing technicians with an average salary of \$50,000.

'We kept our options open,' said Donna Lee, director of business development for RNL Biostar. 'Cost was a key factor. So were the work force, in being able to find good employees, and being close to partners we work with.'

Baltimore's lower leasing costs than Montgomery was a consideration, but the incubator at Montgomery College's Germantown campus made a good offer, she said. 'Cost-wise, the Germantown incubator was competitive with Baltimore,' Lee said.

The Germantown Innovation Center, which opened less than a year ago, is almost fully leased, said John Korpela, manager of the county's business innovation centers.

Aeras also chose Rockville for a \$12 million tuberculosis vaccine manufacturing plant that recently opened. Montgomery County offers an 'excellent environment for us to recruit talented staff,' president and CEO Jerald Sadoff said.

Baltimore area an anomaly

Until recently, the Baltimore area has been an anomaly of sorts, as in many parts of the country, bioparks have already grown around universities, said Lawrence Mahan, acting executive director of the Maryland Biotechnology Center, which

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is under the state Department of Business and Economic Development.

'Baltimore has Hopkins, UMB, UMBC and others, but it hasn't been much of a home for bioscience companies so far,' he said. 'That is changing with the recent developments at the bioparks around those universities.'

Issues keeping Baltimore from becoming a top-tier bio area include duplication of efforts by state and local agencies, a narrow economic development focus and the lack of space for startups, according to a 2007 report by the Greater Baltimore alliance.

'Firms in the market are confused by who does what,' the report said. 'They do not view economic developers as a unified team with specific roles working toward common goals.'

Some are more skeptical about the future of biotech in Baltimore, according to a 2007 report by the University of Baltimore's Jacob France Institute.

'While the key informants interviewed believe that the two new biotech parks will create positive opportunities for biotech growth, they expressed the belief that the region will be unable to provide the skilled workforce needed to support growth,' the report said. 'Another limiting factor was considered to be the lack of a mass transit linkage to the Washington suburbs.'

Champions has had few problems finding qualified employees in the Baltimore area, Burkett said. The company has six employees in Baltimore and seeks to hire more, he said.

The Baltimore area has churned out many college graduates with advanced degrees in the life sciences, Sadowski said: 'There is a good pool of talent being generated every year.'

The alliance report called for a greater effort by the state to help Baltimore attract bio companies, including by increasing funds in key economic development programs. Others have criticized state programs for not being backed with adequate funding. Although O'Malley last year pledged to boost the popular \$6 million biotechnology investment tax credit program, his 2010 budget did not do so, as he cited the state budget crunch and recession. Biotech companies had to lobby legislators hard not to reduce funding for next year.

Mahan said he, too, does not look at the situation as a competition among Montgomery, Baltimore and Frederick, which has seen a fairly substantial number of private bio companies emerge near Fort Detrick. 'Now, we have more places to put companies,' he said.

Report calls for new initiatives

A recent report by the Maryland Life Sciences Advisory Board criticized the level of venture capital investment in Maryland bioscience companies, saying it has declined 'consistently' since 2006, while the nation and benchmark states saw increases.

The state needs to do more to speed commercialization of products to the market in Maryland, and the report called for increasing biotech employment in Maryland to at least 20 percent more than the national average, up from the present level of 7 percent more than the national average.

A key Maryland bio research center could be in for some changes after Jennie Hunter-Cevera, who has been president of the University of Maryland Biotechnology Institute for almost a decade, leaves to join a research institute in North Carolina this month. The University System of Maryland Board of Regents in March appointed a committee to review the structure of the bio institute, which opened in 1985 and has two research centers in Baltimore and one each in Rockville and College Park.

The committee held a public meeting in May but has yet to release any formal findings, Anne Moultrie, a university spokeswoman, said Thursday.

One project the new state bio center is working on is a directory of companies. Mahan doubted the percentages had changed much from MdBio's 2006 report, except that the number of companies had likely grown 10 percent or so. The center will have co-headquarters in the Shady Grove Innovation Center in Rockville and World Trade Center in Baltimore next month, with about 10 employees split between those offices, Mahan said.

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A mason works Sunday on the brick chimney that rises above the roof of MCCC's North Hall building on High Street in Pottstown. POTTSTOWN PA – With temperatures in the 80s and a bright sun overhead, the weather Sunday (June 7, 2009) was perfect for a bicycle race (the TD Bank Philadelphia International championships), casual swimming at a local pool (Beulah Land in Sanatoga) or, for the really industrious, pointing the mortar in a brick chimney. To find the latter, travelers through dow