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CONCERTS

Prices listed where available.

BEL CANTANTI OPERA Friday at 7:30 and Sunday at 3. The group presents Bellini's 'I Capuleti e I Montecchi.' Montgomery College, 51 Mannakee St., Rockville. 301-266-7546 or <http://www.belcantanti.com>. \$35, \$25 students.

WASHINGTON CONCERT OPERA Sunday at 6. Saverio Mercadante's 'Il Giuramento.' George Washington University, Lisner Auditorium, 730 21st St. NW. 202-364-5826. \$30-\$90.

NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Friday and Saturday at 8. The NSO Pops perform with the Temptations. Kennedy Center, Concert Hall, 2700 F St. NW. 202-467-4600, 800-444-1324 or <http://www.kennedy-center.org>. \$20-\$85.

BALTIMORE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Friday and Saturday at 8, Sunday at 3. Jack Everly conducts the BSO SuperPops in 'Disco Days and Boogie Nights.' Joseph Meyerhoff Symphony Hall, 1212 Cathedral St., Baltimore. 410-783-8000, 800-442-1198 or <http://www.bsomusic.org>. \$20-\$60.

MONTGOMERY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Saturday at 3. The orchestra performs works by Strauss, Franck, Leroy Anderson, Brahms and Wagner. Takoma Park Middle School, 7611 Piney Branch Rd., Silver Spring. 301-385-6438 or <http://www.montgomerysymphonyorchestra.com>. Free.

NATIONAL PHILHARMONIC Saturday at 8 and Sunday at 3. Piotr Gajewski conducts the group and violinist Soovin Kim in Mahler's 'Titan' and works by Wagner, Dvorak, Saint-Saens and Mahler. Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. 301-581-5100 or <http://www.strathmore.org>. \$39-\$79.

VIRGINIA GRAND MILITARY BAND Saturday at 8. The band performs a Memorial Day tribute. Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, Northern Virginia Community College, 3001 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria. 703-281-3331. \$20, \$10 children younger than 18.

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN PHILHARMONIC Sunday at 3. The group performs works by Ottorino Respighi, Jaromir Weinberger, Jennifer Higdon and Jean Pascal Beintus. Proceeds benefit Trees for the Future. Church of the Epiphany, 1317 G St. NW. 703-799-8229 or <http://www.wmpamusic.org>. By donation.

SYMPHONY OF THE POTOMAC Sunday at 3. The orchestra, directed by Joel Lazar, performs works by Leopold Mozart, Krommer, Koussevitsky, Sibelius and Elgar. Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School, 4301 East-West Hwy., Bethesda. 800-494-8497, 301-984-6390 or <http://www.symphonypotomac.org>. \$10, free for children 18 and younger.

AMERICAN YOUTH PHILHARMONIC Sunday at 3. George Mason University, Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Dr., Fairfax. 703-642-8051, Ext. 22, or <http://www.aypo.org>. \$14, \$10 students and seniors, free for age 5 and younger.

CAPITAL WIND SYMPHONY Sunday at 3. The group performs music from movies including the Star Wars trilogy, 'The Cowboys,' 'March from 1941,' 'Catch me if You Can,' 'The Sound of Music' and 'South Pacific.' Kenmore Middle School, 200 S. Carlin Springs Rd., Arlington. 703-938-3521 or <http://www.capitalwinds.org>. \$15, \$10 students and seniors.

DC YOUTH ORCHESTRA Sunday at 6. The orchestra performs classical works. Kennedy Center, Millennium Stage, 2700 F St. NW. 202-467-4600, 800-444-1324 or <http://www.kennedy-center.org>. Free.

U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY BAND Sunday at 7. The performance includes works by James Barnes and John Williams. Perry Hall High School, 4601 Ebenezer Rd., Baltimore. 410-293-0263 or <http://www.usna.edu/USNABand>. Free.

NATIONAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Wednesday at 6. Kennedy Center, Millennium Stage, 2700 F St. NW. 202-467-4600, 800-444-1324 or <http://www.kennedy-center.org>. Free.

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PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA Wednesday at 8. Charles Dutoit conducts the orchestra and pianist Jean-Yves Thibaudet in works by Ravel, Liszt and Rachmaninoff. Presented by the Washington Performing Arts Society. Kennedy Center, Concert Hall, 2700 F St. NW. 202-467-4600, 800-444-1324 or <http://www.kennedy-center.org>. \$42-\$97.

U.S. MARINE BAND Wednesday at 8. Colonel Michael J. Colburn conducts the band in selections by Henry Fillmore, Franz von Suppe, John Philip Sousa, John Williams, R.B. Hall, Gustav Holst and Edwin Franko Goldman. U.S. Capitol, East Capitol and First streets. 202-433-4011. Free.

BALTIMORE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Thursday at 8. Marin Alsop conducts the BSO and violinist Hilary Hahn in works by Beethoven, Jennifer Higdon and Dvork. Joseph Meyerhoff Symphony Hall, 1212 Cathedral St., Baltimore. 410-783-8000, 800-442-1198 or <http://www.bsomusic.org>. \$20-\$60.

U.S. MARINE BAND Thursday at 8. Colonel Michael J. Colburn conducts the band in selections by Henry Fillmore, Franz von Suppe, John Philip Sousa, John Williams, R.B. Hall, Gustav Holst and Edwin Franko Goldman. Washington Monument, 15th Street and Independence Avenue NW. 202-433-4011. Free.

FRIDAY MORNING MUSIC CLUB Friday at noon. A chamber group of club members performs works by Bach, Brahms, Ravel, De Falla, Montsalvage, Zaninelli, Florence Price and Gladys Rich. Sumner School Museum, 1201 17th St. NW. 202-333-2075 or <http://www.fmmc.org>. Free.

WEST SHORE PIANO TRIO Friday at 7:30. Oaklands Presbyterian Church, 14301 Laurel-Bowie Rd., Laurel. 301-776-5833 or <http://www.westshoretrio.com>. Free.

THE VIVALDI PROJECT Friday at 7:30. The group presents keyboard concertos by Bach. Pilgrim Lutheran Church, 5500 Massachusetts Ave., Bethesda. 301-229-2800 or <http://www.thevivaldiproject.org>. \$10 suggested donation.

AIR FORCE BAND CHAMBER PLAYERS Friday at 8. George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Dr., Alexandria. 202-767-5658 or <http://www.usafband.af.mil>. Free.

NAVA ENSEMBLE Saturday at 6. Iranian musicians ranging in age from 8 to 20 years old perform selections from Persian classical repertoire. Kennedy Center, Millennium Stage, 2700 F St. NW. 202-467-4600, 800-444-1324 or <http://www.kennedy-center.org>. Free.

SOPRANO DEBRA LAWRENCE AND VIOLINIST SONYA HAYES Sunday at 5. The duo performs chamber music by Handel, Vaughan Williams, Mozart and Brahms with oboists, violinists a cellist and pianist. Church of the Annunciation, 3810 Massachusetts Ave. NW. 202-323-3133. Freewill offering.

NATIONAL GALLERY CHAMBER ORCHESTRA Sunday at 6:30. Guest conductor Vladimir Lande and harpsichordist Stephen Ackert present a program of Bach, Schnittke and Tchaikovsky. National Gallery of Art, West Building Garden Court, 600 Constitution Ave. NW. 202-737-4215 or <http://www.nga.gov>. Free.

NOVELLA CHAMBER PLAYERS Tuesday at 6. Violinist Xi Chen, violist Uri Wassertzug and cellist Elizabeth Davis (members of the Kennedy Center Opera House Orchestra) and pianist Patrick O'Donnell perform works by Schumann and Brahms. Kennedy Center, Millennium Stage, 2700 F St. NW. 202-467-4600, 800-444-1324 or <http://www.kennedy-center.org>. Free.

AIR FORCE BAND through June 5. Wednesday at 8. Air Force Memorial, 1 Air Force Memorial Dr., Arlington. 202-767-5658, 202-767-5658 or <http://www.usafband.af.mil>.

UM SCHOOL OF MUSIC: NOI FACULTY CHAMBER RECITAL Thursday at 8. Chamber music faculty of the 2009 National Orchestral Institute, including the Left Bank Quartet, perform works by G.P. Telemann, David Van Vactor, Bla Bartk and Arnold Schnberg. Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, Gildenhorn Recital Hall, University of Maryland, Route 193 and Stadium Drive, College Park. 301-405-2787.

PIANIST ANDREY PONOICHEVNY Sunday at 4. Phillips Collection, 1600 21st St. NW. 202-387-2151 or <http://www.phillipscollection.org>.

NEW DOMINION CHORALE Saturday at noon. The group performs traditional Celtic music. St. Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. 703-536-4568, 703-356-0670 or <http://www.newdominion.org>. \$50.

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THE AMERICAN YOUTH CHORUS AND GREAT NOISE ENSEMBLE Saturday at 7:30. The group performs new works by young choral composers including Daniel Felsenfeld. Kennedy Center, Terrace Theater, 2700 F St. NW. 202-467-4600, 800-444-1324 or <http://www.kennedy-center.org>. \$35.

CONGRESSIONAL CHORUS WITH THE AMERICAN YOUTH CHORUS AND THE GREAT NOISE ENSEMBLE Saturday at 7:30. The choruses perform 'Fresh Currents: Songs of the New Millennium..' Kennedy Center, Terrace Theater, 2700 F St. NW. 202-467-4600, 800-444-1324 or <http://www.kennedy-center.org>. \$35.

POLYHYMNIA Saturday at 8. The a cappella chamber choir performs works by Strauss, Verdi and Libby Larson. Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 1125 Savile Lane, McLean. 301-565-0314 or <http://www.polyhymniasings.org>. Free.

THE WASHINGTON CHORUS Saturday at 8. The chorus performs Sergei Rachmaninoff's 'All-Night Vigil.' Saints Peter and Paul Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church, 10620 River Rd., Potomac. 202-342-6221 or <http://www.thewashingtonchorus.org>. \$25.

POLYHYMNIA Sunday at 2:30. The a cappella chamber choir performs works by Strauss, Verdi and Libby Larson. Temple Emanuel, 10101 Connecticut Ave., Kensington. 301-565-0314 or <http://www.polyhymniasings.org>. Free.

MEMBERS OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH CHANCEL CHOIR Sunday at 4. Six members of the choir perform works by Gabriel Faure, Giacomo Puccini, Victor Herbert, Giacomo Meyerbeer, Giuseppe Verdi and Frank Wildhorn. First Baptist Church of the City of Washington, D.C., 1328 16th St. NW. 202-387-2206. Free.

CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH-UCC AND MARVIN MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CHOIRS Sunday at 4. The choirs perform 'Lux Aeterna' by Morten Lauridsen and other sacred choral works. Christ Congregational Church, 9525 Colesville Rd., Silver Spring. 301-585-8010.

THE WASHINGTON CHORUS Sunday at 4. The chorus performs Rachmaninoff's 'Vespers.' National Presbyterian Church, 4101 Nebraska Ave. NW. 202-342-6221 or <http://www.thewashingtonchorus.org>. \$25-\$40.

NEW DOMINION CHORALE Tuesday at 7:30. The group sponsors a singalong to Mozart's 'Requiem.' Western Presbyterian Church, 2401 Virginia Ave. NW. 703-442-9404, 202-835-8383 or <http://www.newdominion.org>. \$10.

ZEMER CHAI Thursday at 8. Washington Jewish Choir performs folk songs of love in Hebrew, Yiddish, and Ladino. Ohr Kodesh Congregation, 8300 Meadowbrook Lane, Chevy Chase. 301-963-3462 or <http://www.zemerchai.org>. \$40-\$20.

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Thursday, May 28, 2009

Exhibitions

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

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College holds business, IT open house Gazette, The

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Wednesday, May 27, 2009

College holds business,

IT open house

Montgomery College will host a business and information technology career open house June 3 to discuss careers and educational training. Two sessions will be offered, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., on the fourth floor of the College's Gaithersburg Business Training Center, 12 South Summit Ave. in Gaithersburg. Free parking is available in the building's parking garage.

Sponsored by the College's Workforce Development and Continuing Education Division, the open house is designed for those interested in careers and training and certification programs in the fields of hospitality; human resources; information technology; management and supervision; real estate; transportation. Participants will meet instructors, get advice from professionals and tour the College's business training facility.

For more information about Workforce Development and Continuing Education at Montgomery College or the career open house at Montgomery College, visit www.montgomerycollege.edu/wdce or call 240-567-5188.

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Dishing out Kenyan cuisine in Washington DC The Standard, Nairobi kenya

05/28/2009

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Your Comments

Dishing out Kenyan cuisine in Washington DC

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In the heart of Washington DC a Kenyan restaurant that has hosted President Kibaki, Prime Minister Raila Odinga and Mama Sarah Obama among other dignitaries is giving Kenyans and other Africans a taste of Kenyan delicacy, writes Lucianne Limo

Armed with nothing but a paltry \$35 (Sh2,695) and ambition, William Mukabane boarded a plane 30 years ago to pursue the ever elusive American dream.

A barman at the President Obama shrine in the Safari DC restaurant.

He didn't know what lay ahead, but he got more than he bargained for.

Mukabane is now the proprietor of Washington DC's only Kenyan restaurant, Safari DC, which he co-owns with his wife, Alice.

I first heard of Safari DC on a recent trip to the US. Like my expectation of everything in the US, I imagined this trendy and classy place with revolving doors. I was disappointed though briefly. Apart from the Luhya tunes belting in the background the simplicity of the décor in the two-storey building is amazing.

The first floor, which is the dining area, was full with patrons from different African countries sampling Kenyan dishes.

It had been long since I had eaten an authentic Kenyan meal and the sight of chicken, chapati and ugali made my enzymes go crazy. There was absolutely no difference between my pals at Nerkwio in Nairobi and I. In the midst of the meal I could not help but wonder how the place came to be.

"Eat first, then we'll talk later," urged Mukabane, popularly known as Mzee Safari. Like the Nile, his story flowed as we washed down the heart meal with wine.

"I relocated to America on August 29, 1978, the day Mzee Jomo Kenyatta was buried," he said with a chuckle.

With no money all he had was a determination to succeed. His first stop was New York where he did odd jobs (he didn't specify), which enabled him to enroll at the State University of New York in Buffalo.

"I enrolled for Bachelor's in Business Administration and graduated in 1982," he says.

Armed with a degree, Mukabane thought the doors to achieving his American dream would automatically open. He was so wrong.

He later moved to Washington DC and like many others began working in restaurants. Doing manual jobs with a degree didn't appeal to Mukabane. In 1983 he joined the Culinary Institute of America (CIA) and graduated in 1985 with Diploma in Hotel Management and Classical French Cuisine.

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"I worked in many hotels and restaurants as a chef including The Hilton, Red Sage and the Intercontinental," he recalls. remembered mother's food

He even worked for a catering company that catered for movie star Will Smith's and Jada Pinkett's wedding.

"It was the highlight of my career. I enjoyed working for the company very much," he adds.

Mukabane who specialised in American, French and other delicacies from different continents, said after a day's work, he would retire to his house and cook his food 'the way my mother did'.

"At the end of the day, I yearned for my traditional food," he said.

As he thought about it, Mukabane realised many others like him wished for their traditional food.

"I figured I could open a place where they could enjoy some mbuzi choma (roast goat), chapati and chicken to give them a taste of home."

The pursuit to give others a taste of home gave birth to the Safari DC Restaurant.

With determination and a little apprehension, Mukabane bid farewell to a stable job and plunged into self-employment.

"I rented a restaurant that had gone out of business and with a staff of three people including my wife, I was in business," he says.

Patrons enjoy nyama choma at the Safari DC restaurant.

Barely making it, Mukabane struggled to keep the restaurant running for three years before it started picking up. For a marketing strategy, he relied on word of mouth, from one client to another.

As people talked about the authentic Kenyan joint, clients started streaming in and Mukabane's fortune changed for the better, forcing him to look for a bigger place.

The couple bought a rundown restaurant that had been closed five years earlier, which they renovated and renamed Safari DC.

The restaurant remains the only place that serves Kenyan food in a metropolitan area that has several Indian, Ethiopian, Chinese and Italian restaurants.

The menu at Safari DC includes nyama and mbuzi choma, chicken, tilapia, chapati, samosa, ugali and, of course, Tusker.

A corner of the restaurant is dedicated to Barack Obama, the US President.

"This place is called the Obama shrine," says Mukabane, pointing at a corner full of Obama's pictures, books, family photos, paintings and other portraits of the First family.

There is also a banner on the wall bearing several signatures of patrons who had wished Obama well during the US Presidential campaigns.

Next to it is a clean banner purposely left for President Obama to sign should he stop by the restaurant for a meal. Mukabane hopes against hope that one day he will.

"President Obama will one day dine here. He is a normal person and given time, he will stop by. It does not matter how long we will wait. There is no hurry, I will always be here," says an optimistic Mukabane.

hosted President Obama's kin

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During President Obama's inauguration, Safari DC hosted members of the Kenyan delegation headed by Sarah Obama.

"We had so many customers from all over Africa and in a day we could serve over 300 people. It was a blessing and we enjoyed every moment," says Alice

The couple still savours the visit by Obama's grandmother, Sarah.

"She came at 10am and left at 3pm. I served her and her friends tilapia, samosas, Kenyan sausages, chapatis and nyama choma," recalls Alice.

Sarah was like a mother to the Mukabanes. They toured the vast city, shopped and even made their hair together, recalls Alice.

The restaurant has been a must-visit for many VIPs, including President Kibaki, Prime Minister Raila Odinga, Vice-President Kalonzo Musyoka and former Member of Parliament Kenneth Matiba.

Mukabane says with the credit crunch, however, his greatest challenge is retaining his customers.

Steve Mwema, a Benefit Consultant for small and medium enterprises in Maryland, says he visits the restaurant at least twice a month.

"This place reminds me of home and gives me an opportunity to meet fellow Kenyans. We eat, dance, enjoy and replay the Kenyan environment at an affordable price," he says.

Mwema, who has lived in America for over 10 years, loves tilapia, kachumbari and ugali at Safari DC.

Across the table, Anyango Reggy, a PhD student at Howard University, is engaged in a hearty discussion in Kiswahili with her friends over a plate of fish and chapati. Looking at the expression on her face, she is not missing home, at least not culinary-wise.

She said the restaurant's food takes her right back to her favourite eating joint in Nairobi.

"The economy is tough here but I visit here as often as I can to sample my favourite meal of goat meat, ugali and chapati.

Mukabane and his wife, Alice.

She has met many Kenyans at the restaurant and feels at home whenever she is there. It is like being 'home away from home'.

Safari DC is not only patronised by Kenyans in Washington but also other Africans and a horde of African-Americans.

Pointing at the bar area, Mukabane says the bar is known as Bar ya Wazee (elder's bar), where African minds meet to discuss the day's politics and social issues from all over the continent.

Looking around there are many guests from Zambia, Nigeria, Zimbabwe and even Malawi. It is an African cocktail as far as patrons are concerned.

African treatment

A Consular official from Zambia, Everitus Kalaba said of the restaurant: "Once you walk in here, you are an African and we love to eat, talk politics and interact with each other."

Rose Kumsinda from Lilongwe loves the restaurant, as it is the only place she gets the African treatment.

Robert Okubo, who runs a travel consultancy in Maryland, says whenever he gets homesick, the Kenyan music at the restaurant's disco hall transport him back home.

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Apart from the meals, the restaurant acts as a meeting place whenever tragedy strikes.

"The restaurant also serves as a meeting place for Kenyans and others from Africa who might be bereaved," Alice says.

"Our families are miles away and this is the only place where we feel close to each other especially in times of sorrow," she explains.

Though the Mukabanes have been in the US for close to three decades, they have not forgotten their roots and every year, they visit the motherland and share in their countrymen's disappointments with the political leadership at home.

"President Obama should not give aid to Kenya until corruption is stamped out. The funds always end up in the pockets of the rich, leaving Kenyans who deserve it poorer," said Mukabane.

"We are recycling old leaders yet we have young educated Kenyans who have no jobs. We get frustrated when we see what is happening back home," he adds.

He believes much should be done to try and woo businessmen to the Kenya. His long-term goal is to open up a chain of Safari DC in Kenya's main towns.

Although they do not want to gloat over it, the Mukabanes have bailed out so many Kenyans who have been caught on the wrong side of the law.

Their seven bed-roomed house in Washington has also housed many Kenyans who are either new in the US or have been thrown out of their homes.

The couple have two daughters, Mariam, a teacher in Kenya, and Caroline, a student at Montgomery College in the US.

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By Shantella Sherman - WI Staff Writer

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Friends Valerie Rasheed-Dale and Vaiyyah Abdullah strike a move at the Fifth Annual Bellydancers of Color Association (BOCA) Expo held Memorial Day weekend in Silver Spring. Courtesy Photo
Friends Valerie Rasheed-Dale and Vaiyyah Abdullah found that among the many perks to bellydancing was looking and feeling better in midlife than they ever had in their 20s. In fact, this year's annual Bellydancers of Color Association Movement and Wellness Expo, brought thousands of African American women from around the country out to share their testimonies, demonstrate their moves, and fellowship with one another.

For Rasheed-Dale, a financial educator from Roanoke, Va. who makes the four-hour trip in to the District weekly for bellydancing classes, health concerns took the forefront in her decision to join classes. "Bellydancing is sensual, but it is also fun. It's about the healing and corrective power of the movements in bellydancing that help women physically and mentally," she said.

Rasheed-Dale said the movements are good for reproductive health, as well as a host of ailments brought on by poor diet and exercise.

"I had arthritis or the beginnings of it, inflammation in my joints, and also some issues with cholesterol and blood pressure. After a few weeks of consistent classes, the changes were overwhelming; the inflammation in my joints disappeared and my cholesterol went down 28 points," Rasheed-Dale said. Subsequent visits to her doctor since beginning bellydancing classes have charted lowered dosages for blood pressure medications, the loss of more than 60 pounds, and created a sense of empowerment in Rasheed-Dale, echoed non-stop by the women attending the BOCA Expo. Mused Rasheed-Dale, "I am in better shape now than my daughters."

Abdullah, who introduced Raheed-Dale to bellydancing, is not far behind. A college professor at Montgomery College, Abdullah said she was first encouraged to attend classes out of curiosity. Despite already taking several cardio and other exercise classes, none met the specific needs of Black women like bellydancing.

"I understood that any type of exercise classes would help get women into shape, but the focus at Mamasita Studio was specifically for women and dealt with a lot of the issues Black women struggle with in their health and exercise routines. These exercises tend to tone and strengthen a woman's feminine self and ward off things like uterine fibroids," Abdullah said.

Abdullah said that in addition to the comfortable all-female classes, there was no place she tried that had the type of energy as MamaSita's.

"I could not find that vibe anywhere. It is not only the fun of doing the exercises, but also the camaraderie and sisterhood you feel. This crosses all racial lines, there are no barriers, just a sisterhood of women learning how live healthy," Abdullah said.

Hosted by Dr. Sunyatta Amen, executive director of BOCA and owner of MamaSita Movement and Wellness Studio in Northwest, the event embraced Amen's naturopathic mission to "teach the world to live a natural, sexy life through movement." Using ancient forms of movement that incorporate Tai Chi, bellydance, and Kung Fu techniques, Amen's classes are designed to tone and revitalize internal and external troublespots of the female body.

Aside from the on-the-spot testimonials at BOCA, evidence supports Amen's claims that fibroids, cysts, long menstrual cycles, and fertility issues are positively affected or eliminated altogether without surgery or drugs, belly dance and proper eating habits.

For Kava Naphthali, belly dance has helped shrink fibroids, and now, five-months pregnant, will hopefully aid in the

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delivery of her second child. Napthali, a social worker from Delaware, said she came to support the event and connect with other pregnant dancers.

“I have known some of these women for years and they knew me before my son was born. They had seen me discouraged that I would ever have one child let alone be pregnant with a second baby. This is like a homecoming for us, but then we also get to put on our hip scarves and shake our hips,” Napthali said.

At least one international medical group took a page from belly dance as an ancient prenatal exercise in advising its customers. In a 2007 report from the Kaiser Foundation pregnant women were encouraged to consider belly dance as a means of strengthening uterine muscles for labor and delivery and as an alternative to drug therapies while in delivery.

Classes at MamaSita Movement and Wellness are open and do not require membership. To learn more go to www.gomamasita.com.

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Rams announce hoop-signing class

From staff reports

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SHEPHERDSTOWN - Shepherd men's basketball coach Justin Namolik announced Wednesday that four student-athletes have signed letters-of-intent to play basketball for the Rams for the 2009-10 season.

Dave Karlson Chengoue (Cameroon, Africa/Montgomery College-Germantown), a 6-foot-5 forward, gained honorable mention NJCAA All-American honors. He was also named first-team all-Region XX and second-team all-Maryland Juco. Chengoue averaged 14.6 points, 9.5 rebounds and 2.0 steals per game.

"Dave is an athletic forward that is very good 15 feet and in," Namolik said. "He is very good in transition and he will provide defense and rebounding for us in the frontcourt."

Sidney McCray (Baltimore/St. Paul's School), a 6-7 forward, helped lead his team to a 20-5 record (15-0 in MIAA B North Conference) by averaging 15 points and 11 rebounds per game. He was first team all-conference and played for the Baltimore County All-Stars in the Charm City Challenge.

"Sid is a long forward who is very comfortable on the perimeter," Namolik said.

"He fits our system both offensively and defensively. He also shot 49 percent from 3-point range (40-82) last season and he will provide an outside shooting threat from the forward position."

Chad Moore (Winchester/John Handley High School), a 6-4 guard, is a 2007 graduate of Handley High School. During his senior year, he helped lead the Judges to a 22-4 record by averaging 19.1 points, 11.5 rebounds, 3.1 steal, and 2.2 blocks. He was the Winchester Star Player of the Year, Northwest District Player of the Year and first-team Region II.

"Chad has matured as a person in the last two years and he is fully recovered from an ACL injury he sustained in the fall of 2007," Namolik said. "He is a long, athletic guard who is very good in transition. He also handles the ball well and is a very good passer."

Phil Wood (Suitland, Md./Dr. Henry Wise High School), a 6-2 guard, helped lead his team to a 21-6 record and a runner-up finish in the Maryland 4A final. He averaged 15.5 points with better than 6 rebounds, 6 assists and nearly 3 steals per game. He was named first-team all-Gazette in Prince George's County.

"Phil is a long guard who is very good defensively. He moves well laterally and contests shots," Namolik said. "Offensively, he is a smooth player who can create offense with the pass or dribble."

In addition to those four, the Rams welcome Matt Browna (Sinking Spring, Pa./Randolph-Macon College), a 6-8 center. He transferred to Shepherd in January and redshirted this past season. He appeared in all 26 games as a freshman at Randolph-Macon College for the 2007-08 season.

"Matt gives us size inside," said Namolik. "He will be counted on to defend and rebound for us. He has all the tools to become a solid center for us."

The Rams also welcome Brantley Osborne (Sunbury, Pa./Shikellamy High School), a 6-2 guard, who will redshirt next season. He averaged 18 points per game for the Braves and garnered first-team Heartland Athletic Conference and first-team Daily Item All-Star honors.

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"Brantley will become a very good shooting guard for us in the future,"

Namolik said. "He will redshirt next season, giving him the opportunity to learn from two very good shooting guards, Jonathan Motichka and Tyrone Roach."

Also, the following student-athletes have decided to continue their basketball careers for the Rams:

Justin Bryan (Charles Town/Jefferson High School), a 6-3 forward, averaged 5.0 points and 4.5 rebounds for the Cougars.

"Justin is a strong kid who can shoot the basketball," Namolik said. "I think his best basketball is still to come."

Sal Conti (Weirton/Weirton Madonna High School), a 6-1 guard, missed the majority of his senior season with an ACL injury. During his junior year, he averaged 16.6 points and 2.4 assists and was second-team all-state and first-team all-conference.

"Sal is a combo guard who can shoot the 3," Namolik said. "We are going to bring him along slowly to make sure he fully recovers from his knee surgery this past spring."

Stefan Pearson (Baltimore/Mount St. Joseph), a 5-11 point guard, helped lead the Baltimore Catholic League school to a 21-13 record by averaging eight points and five assists per game.

"Stefan is a very quick point guard who is very good in transition," Namolik said.

"He also comes from one of the best high school basketball programs on the East Coast."

Overall, Namolik, who served as the interim coach last season, is pleased with the group.

"Basketball is a team game that requires a group effort," Namolik said. "Recruiting at the collegiate level is no different and it requires a total team effort. Assistant coach Jim Bechtel and I worked very hard on putting this class together, and we are very excited about the potential of this class."

Minor League Baseball

Kannapolis 7, Hagerstown 5

HAGERSTOWN -Spoiling a pair of huge hits by first baseman Tyler Moore that gave the Hagerstown Suns (20-22) leads of 3-2 and 5-4, the Hagerstown bullpen let the Kannapolis Intimidators (21-24) tie Wednesday morning's game in the ninth inning and surge ahead in the 11th for a win.

Moore drove in all five of the Suns' runs, crushing a three-run home run to left field in the bottom of the fourth to pull Hagerstown out of a 2-0 deficit and giving the Suns a 5-4 advantage in the eighth with a two-run single. But closer Osvaldo Rodriguez could not wrap up the win for Hagerstown in the top of the ninth, blowing his first save of the season on a game-tying Justin Greene solo homer.

Two innings later, the Intimidators tagged Suns reliever Chris Lugo (3-1) for two more runs, and Dan Remenowsky sent Hagerstown down 1-2-3 in the bottom of the 11th to secure the win for Kannapolis.

The Intimidators more than doubled up the Suns with 15 hits next to Hagerstown's seven, as seven of the nine Kannapolis batters had at least two hits. Moore was nearly the only offensive bright spot for the Suns, hitting his third round-tripper of the season and raising his RBI total to 19 in exactly that many games played.

Right-hander Marcos Frias started the game for the Suns, allowing just one earned run and exiting the game with a 3-2 lead after five innings. Frias lowered his season earned-run average to 2.66, tops in the Hagerstown rotation.

The Intimidators snatched back the lead in the top of the seventh when cleanup hitter Sergio Morales hit a two-run double off Suns reliever Patrick Arnold. The Hagerstown bullpen surrendered five runs over the game's final six innings, one shy of the season-high six runs Suns relievers allowed on Saturday against Hickory.

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Hagerstown and Kannapolis continue their four-game series with a doubleheader at 5:30 p.m. today.

Youth track & field

Hershey meet today

MARTINSBURG - The Hershey Track & Field Meet will be held today at Martinsburg High School's Cobourn Field.

The meet is open to any girl or boy who live in Berkeley County and are age 9 to 14 as of Dec. 31, 2009. The event is free. Participants may register prior to the meet from 5-6 p.m. The meet begins at 6 p.m.

Local meet winners of each running and/or field event will advance to the District 7 Meet to be held June 4 at Cobourn Field in Martinsburg. That meet will also start at 6 p.m.

Age divisions for boys and girls are 9-10, 11-12 and 13-14. Events include the 50-meter dash (9-10 only), 100, 200, 400, 800, 1,600, 4X100 relay, standing long jump and softball throw.

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Across Montgomery County, It's Caps and Gowns All Around Washington Post - Online

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high school students and students in alternative programs are graduating and receiving diplomas from Montgomery County public schools this spring.

Thirty-one schools and programs have scheduled graduation ceremonies through June 12. Graduating seniors at several schools chose teachers, administrators and students as graduation speakers.

The following list, organized alphabetically by school or program, includes the time, date and location of each commencement and the featured speaker.

- Alternative Programs, took place Tuesday at the Rockville Civic Center. The speaker was actor Gbenga Akinnagbe.
- Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School, 10 a.m. Tuesday, at DAR Constitution Hall. Chet Culver, governor of Iowa and a B-CC alumnus, is scheduled to speak.
- Montgomery Blair High School, 9 a.m. Wednesday, at University of Maryland's Comcast Center. Daniel Cohen, lecturer at Cornell University and a Blair alumnus, is scheduled to speak.
- James Hubert Blake High School, 10 a.m. June 10, at DAR Constitution Hall. Washington Post columnist John Kelly is scheduled to speak.
- Winston Churchill High School, 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, at DAR Constitution Hall. White House press secretary Robert Gibbs is scheduled to speak.
- Clarksburg High School, 1 p.m. June 8, at Mount St. Mary's College. Science teacher Jacqueline Bragg is scheduled to speak.
- Damascus High School, 10 a.m. June 5, at the school. Edith Mayer Cord, author of 'Becoming Edith, the Education of a Hidden Child,' is scheduled to speak.
- Albert Einstein High School, 10 a.m. June 5, at DAR Constitution Hall. Members of the Class of 2009 are scheduled to speak.
- Gaithersburg High School, 2:30 p.m. June 5, at DAR Constitution Hall. Herbert Tolbert, a former member of the Gaithersburg High School faculty, is scheduled to speak.
- Gateway to College Program, 5 p.m. June 11, at Montgomery College Music Center Recital Hall. Graduating students are scheduled to speak.
- Walter Johnson High School, 2:30 p.m. June 4, at DAR Constitution Hall. Michael McCurry, White House press secretary to President Bill Clinton, is scheduled to speak.
- John F. Kennedy High School, 10 a.m. June 4, at DAR Constitution Hall. Thomas E. Perez, Maryland's labor secretary, a former member of the Montgomery County Council and President Obama's pick to head the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Justice Department, is scheduled to speak.
- Stephen Knolls School, 1 p.m. June 11, at the school. Elizabeth Kruger, parent of a Knolls graduate, is scheduled to speak.
- Longview School, took place April 16 at the school.
- Col. Zadok Magruder High School, 5 p.m. Wednesday, at University of Maryland's Comcast Center. Mitchell S. Ornstein, an English teacher, is scheduled to speak.

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- Richard Montgomery High School, 10 a.m. June 8, at DAR Constitution Hall. Rep. Chris Van Hollen (D-Md.) is scheduled to speak.
- Northwest High School, 10 a.m. June 11, at DAR Constitution Hall. Liz Murray, author of 'Homeless to Harvard, an Extraordinarily Inspiring Story,' is scheduled to speak.
- Northwood High School, 2:30 p.m. June 12, at DAR Constitution Hall. Frank Warren, founder and curator of the PostSecret Project, is scheduled to speak.
- Paint Branch High School, 2:30 p.m. Monday, at DAR Constitution Hall. Freeman Hrabowski III, president of the University of Maryland Baltimore County, is scheduled to speak.
- Poolesville High School, 10:30 a.m. June 4, at Strathmore Music Center. Jonathan Leong, a social studies teacher, is scheduled to speak.
- Quince Orchard High School, 10 a.m. Monday, at DAR Constitution Hall. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas is scheduled to speak.
- RICA Program, 10 a.m. June 5, at the school. Montgomery County Police officer Terry Gloster is scheduled to speak.
- Rock Terrace School, 9:30 a.m. June 5, at the school. Gail Pennybacker, reporter for WJLA (Channel 7) news, is scheduled to speak.
- Rockville High School, 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, at Strathmore Music Center. Rene Lilly, a resource teacher in social studies at Gaithersburg High School, is scheduled to speak.
- Seneca Valley High School, 2:30 p.m. June 7, at DAR Constitution Hall. Motivational speaker Sandy Queen is scheduled to give the address.
- Sherwood High School, 1 p.m. Wednesday, at University of Maryland's Comcast Center. Tyree Foreman, Temple University football coach and a 1997 graduate of Sherwood, is scheduled to speak.
- Springbrook High School, 2:30 p.m. June 8, at DAR Constitution Hall. Principal Michael A. Durso is scheduled to speak.
- Watkins Mill High School, 10 a.m. June 12, at DAR Constitution Hall. David Sampsel, an English teacher, is scheduled to speak.
- Wheaton High School, 10 a.m. Wednesday, at DAR Constitution Hall. Jordan Steffy, quarterback of the University of Maryland football team, is scheduled to speak.
- Walt Whitman High School, 2:30 p.m. June 11, at DAR Constitution Hall. Scott McClellan, White House press secretary under President George W. Bush, is scheduled to speak.
- Thomas S. Wootton High School, 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, at DAR Constitution Hall. The speakers scheduled to address the graduates include Christopher P. Lu, presidential adviser and Cabinet secretary, and Cmdr. Christopher P. Thomas, Executive Office of the President, Office of Drug Control Policy.
- Summer School Program, 2 p.m. Aug. 13, at Richard Montgomery High School. Speaker to be announced.

For information, visit <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/graduation/>.

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CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARDS TO HOST ANNUAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM BUDGET FORUMS IN JUNE **Federal News Service**

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ROCKVILLE, Md., May 27 -- Montgomery County issued the following press release:

Individuals and groups are invited to provide input into the County's next six-year capital construction budget by attending public forums that will be held in June by local citizen advisory boards. The forums will help define construction and planning priorities for the various regions in the County as officials begin developing the Fiscal Years 2011 to 2016 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) budget.

The CIP includes the costs for new or renovated major construction projects such as roads, public schools, Montgomery College facilities, water and sewer lines, parks, libraries, health and recreation facilities, and other public buildings. The schedule for forums in each regional area is listed below:

* Silver Spring - Monday, June 8, 7 p.m. at the Silver Spring Library, 8901 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, 301-565-7300.

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

* Bethesda-Chevy Chase - Monday, June 15, 7 p.m. at the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center, 4805 Edgemoor Lane, Bethesda, 240-777-8200.

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

* Upcounty - Monday, June 22, 7 p.m. at the Upcounty Regional Services Center, 12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown, 240-777-8000.

Suggestions and comments from participants will be considered by the regional citizen advisory boards for inclusion in the funding priority lists they submit to the County Executive. The lists will also be shared with County departments and agencies. For more information please contact: Sarabjit Jagirdar, Email:- htsyndication@hindustantimes.com.

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College community rallies around Germantown forest Gazette, The

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Students will collect data on carbon impact of trees

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Faculty and students at Montgomery College-Germantown are planning to collect data to show that the trees in the campus' 50-acre forest are valuable, not just the land they sit on.

The move comes after the college proposed to clear 18 acres of the forest to make room for an extension of Observation Drive that would serve a planned bioscience park. A compromise between county planners and the college reduced the proposed clearing to 5 acres, but environmental advocates say Germantown can't afford to lose any of its tree cover.

A group of science professors have formed an environmental advisory committee after hearing from students concerned about the deforestation plans, and the students will collect data on how much carbon the forest absorbs.

'With this new carbon economy, we can see how much every tree is worth,' said Student Senate Vice President Sohayl Vafai. 'We're putting in a state-of-the-art biotech park but destroying the environment in the process that's a bad long-term investment by any measure.'

The students will compile a report on their findings, and the committee, which has the support of the college's administration, will provide a science-based perspective on the forest and other environmental issues, according to science professor Amanda Truett. The project is in its beginning stages, and local environmental groups have expressed interest in partnering with the group.

The school encourages faculty and student involvement on environmental issues, college spokeswoman Elizabeth Homan said. College planners are still working with the county on the details of the campus' long-range plan, including the Observation Drive extension, she said.

The group is soliciting donations of materials such as disposable cameras and cloth measuring tapes.

The faculty uses the forest as a living classroom and became aware that it was in jeopardy this spring when they noticed trees marked with orange spray paint, Truett said.

'We want to be available to the college to make recommendations on moving toward a green curriculum and practicing what we preach,' she said.

County planners are working on a sector plan for a 2,400-acre area of Germantown that includes the 334-acre campus and have stressed that the entire forest be preserved. The nonprofit American Forests recommends that metropolitan areas have 40 percent tree cover in order to maintain the health of their watersheds, but only 14 percent of the sector plan area is forested, according to the draft sector plan. A 2003 study of the county determined that good stream health correlated with 45 percent tree cover, according to the plan.

'It's not just a tree, it's what that tree does,' said Margaret Schloap of the 210-acre Dayspring church and silent retreat center, which connects spirituality and nature and is less than a mile from the college. Schloap has advocated for the forest as a member of the sector plan's Community Advisory Committee.

There's enough room on campus for both development and the forest, but college officials must change the way they value the environment, Truett and Vafai said.

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'Things were done differently a decade ago and there's a new wealth of information available,' said Vafai, 17, of Bethesda. 'It's ridiculous to suggest that one tree of the forest can be razed, and if we make an exception now we'll make an exception in five years and in a few years we won't have anything left.'

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Green Neighbors to Unveil Eco-Friendly Bag Sunday

Green Neighbors, a group seeking community solutions to environmental problems, is sponsoring a kickoff event Sunday for the organization's Bring Your Own Bag project.

The gathering is scheduled from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Old Firehouse parking lot at MacArthur Boulevard and Seven Locks Road in Cabin John. It will take place rain or shine, organizers said.

At the event, Green Neighbors will unveil a reusable tote bag made in the United States of 100 percent recycled plastic bottles. Other activities planned for the afternoon are kid-designed eco-displays, informational slide shows, vendor tables and educational programs.

The Green Neighbors group is made up of residents of Cabin John, Carderock Springs and surrounding Potomac River communities.

Members of the organization say recent stream cleanups prompted the effort to reduce the use of disposable plastic bags. 'At least 350 pounds of plastic bags and other trash was collected in just three cleanups in Minnehaha Creek along Goldsboro Road,' the group said in a statement.

People attending Sunday's event will receive one of the reusable bags for a minimum \$3 donation.

The Montgomery County Department of Economic Development has expanded its Summer Youth Jobs Program, and it is looking for businesses and organizations that can offer teenagers and young adults, ages 14-24, meaningful paid work experiences.

Funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will pay the summer workers \$7.25 per hour. Employers are not expected to pay participants.

The program is a component of the department's Workforce Services-Youth Services. Services aimed at building the future workforce include providing pre-employment and job-readiness training for youths and screening workers to ensure that those recommended to employers are prepared to become productive employees.

Owners of businesses that can offer summer work experience from July 12 to Aug. 21 should contact Janelle Cauthen at 301-495-0441, Ext. 223, or janelle@layc-dc.org.

To be eligible, workers must live in Montgomery County, have a low family income and have a legal right to work in the United States. They can register for the program at http://montgomeryworks.org/programs_services_youth.asp.

The Montgomery County Office of Human Rights and Human Rights Commission will present a public forum, 'Transitioning to Digital Television: Are You Ready?' from 6:45 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Rockville Library, 21 Maryland Ave.

The forum will feature Sherry Dawson, deputy chief of the Federal Communications Commission's Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau, and a demonstration showing how to convert analog television sets to digital.

TV stations must stop broadcasting in analog format June 12. People who have paid service such as cable or satellite will not need to do anything. Those who receive free, over-the-air television broadcasts will need to do one of three things: buy a converter box that will convert the digital signal to analog, buy a television set that is digital or subscribe to a paid service.

Forum participants may ask questions about the transition, and light refreshments will be served. For information, call 240-777-8450.

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Metro and the Maryland and Montgomery County transportation departments have scheduled two public meetings to discuss recommended service improvements on Metrobus's Q2-Veirs Mill line.

The meetings will run from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on the following dates:

-- June 10 at First Baptist Church of Wheaton, 10914 Georgia Ave. in Wheaton.

-- June 11 in the Campus Center's faculty dining hall at Montgomery College, 51 Mannakee St. in Rockville.

The events will include an open house at 6:30 p.m., a presentation at 7 p.m. and a group exercise at 7:20 p.m.

The sessions are part of a public outreach program, which has included the distribution of more than 3,000 surveys to Q2 bus riders in December and public meetings in January and March. For information on the program, visit <http://www.metrobus-q2.com>.

Montgomery County officials will host a celebration in honor of Caribbean American Heritage Month, featuring a panel discussion and community reception with Caribbean art, music and food from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday.

County Executive Isiah Leggett (D) is scheduled to proclaim next month Caribbean American Heritage Month, and members of his Caribbean American advisory committee will participate in a discussion of Caribbean culture and concerns. The event will include an exhibit of paintings by former St. Lucian ambassador and artist Joseph Edmunds.

The event, which is sponsored by Howard University's Institute of Intellectual Property and Social Justice and Zane Networks of Silver Spring, will be in the lobby-level auditorium of the Executive Office Building, 101 Monroe St. in Rockville. For information, call the Office of Community Partnerships at 240-777-2504.

Montgomery County Community Foundation officials announced this month that they will award \$440,000 in new grants to 46 nonprofit organizations that help disadvantaged children, families and seniors in the county.

The grants, created through the foundation's Neighbors In Need Montgomery, Sharing Montgomery and Nonprofit Advancement funds, are part of \$5.3 million in overall giving in Montgomery during the current fiscal year by the family, business and leadership funds housed at the foundation, officials said in a statement.

-- Grant recipients from the Neighbors in Need Montgomery fund, which was established in January to support county residents affected by the recession, include: IMPACT Silver Spring, Interfaith Works (formerly Community Ministry of Montgomery County), Manna Food Center and the Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless.

-- Recipients of grants from the Sharing Montgomery Fund, which was established 13 years ago to serve low-income county residents, include: A Wider Circle, Action In Montgomery, Asian American LEAD, Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center, Caribbean Help Center, CASA of Maryland, Child Center and Adult Services, Chinese American Senior Services, CollegeTracks, Community Bridges, Community Ministries of Rockville, Court Appointed Special Advocate of Montgomery County, Crossway Community, the Dwelling Place, Family Services Agency, George B. Thomas Sr. Learning Academy, Housing Unlimited, Identity, IMPACT Silver Spring, Interfaith Works, Latino Economic Development Corp., Liberty's Promise, Literacy Council of Montgomery County, Long Branch Athletic Association, Maryland Multicultural Youth Centers, Maryland Vietnamese Mutual Association, Mental Health Association of Montgomery County, Metropolitan Community Development Corp., Mobile Medical Care, Montgomery Housing Partnership, National Center for Children and Families, Passion for Learning, Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan Washington, Primary Care Coalition of Montgomery County, Rebuilding Together Montgomery County, Red Wiggler Community Farm, St. Joseph's House, St. Luke's House and Today's Family. -- Recipients of grants from the Nonprofit Advancement Fund, which serves the county's most diverse neighborhoods, include: Chinese Cultural and Community Service Center, Community Bridges, Gandhi Brigade, Maryland Vietnamese Mutual Association, Mercy Health Clinic, Metropolitan Community Development Corp., Nonprofit Montgomery! and Nonprofit Village.

For information, visit <http://www.mccommunityfoundation.org>.

A panel discussion featuring three Kiplinger's Personal Finance editors is scheduled at 7 p.m. Monday at Adas Israel Congregation, 2850 Quebec St. NW, near the Cleveland Park Metro station. The free program, 'Financial Planning in an Economic Mess,' is organized by the Adas Israel Men's Club.

The panelists are Janet Bodnar, editor of Kiplinger's Personal Finance, who has written about money management and

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the economy; Manny Schiffres, executive editor of the magazine, who oversees investment coverage; and Mary Beth Franklin, a senior editor who covers retirement and tax planning.

Topics to be addressed include issues affecting a wide range of age groups and income levels .

For information, call 301-229-4141.

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Scholars Honored at Montgomery Graduation Washington Post - Online

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Montgomery College conducted its commencement Friday under an outdoor tent on the Rockville campus athletic field, recognizing graduates from the college's Germantown, Rockville and Takoma Park/Silver Spring campuses, as well as apprenticeship graduates in workforce development and continuing education programs.

More than 2,500 students were eligible for associate's degrees or had completed apprenticeships or certificate programs in the past year.

Three who strode across the stage together to pick up degrees Friday morning were Chris Bernstein of Silver Spring and her two sons. Bernstein received an associate's degree in business.

Her younger son, Andrew, 20, received two degrees, one in math and another in science. Bernstein's older son, Timothy, 23, a student at the University of Maryland at College Park, was unable to attend his Montgomery College graduation last year, when he completed an associate's degree program in environmental science, so officials gave him the chance to do so this year with his mother and brother.

CNN White House correspondent Suzanne Malveaux delivered the commencement address.

Also during the ceremony, four students were recognized as board of trustees scholars and addressed fellow graduates.

This year's board of trustees scholars, all of whom maintained 4.0 grade-point averages:

- Douglas K. Baldwin, workforce development and continuing education, completing a four-year apprenticeship as an HVAC technician.
- Courtney Joy Minard, Germantown campus, completing a general studies degree.
- Germaine Y. Nendah, Rockville campus, completing a pre-med program.
- Awa A. Drame, Takoma Park/Silver Spring campus, completing a pre-med program.

The college awarded honorary degrees to the following:

- Donald Day -- Joining the faculty in 1967, Day was instrumental in developing dynamic and advanced physics and engineering courses at Montgomery College. Day, a professor emeritus of physics and engineering, has been a mentor to many engineering students.
- Karen Gruner -- A high school physics, chemistry and mathematics teacher, Gruner has been in the classroom 20 years. She is married to Day, and they have established an annual scholarship fund at the college, as well as the Donald Day and Karen Gruner Endowed Scholarship.
- Douglas M. Firstenberg -- The founding principal of Stonebridge Associates, a real estate investment and management firm, Firstenberg was recently selected chairman of the Montgomery College Foundation board of directors.

The ceremony is available as a podcast on the Montgomery College Web site:
<http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/commencement>.

-- TOM LANSWORTH

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State to compare hospitals Gazette, The

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Conflict leads to procedure change at health commission

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The state will conduct a comparative review of two hospitals that have been proposed in the upcounty.

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

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

Holy Cross said last month that it would be willing to participate in a comparative review under certain conditions, and the commission agreed to the proposed solution in a May 18 letter from Commissioner Reviewer Marilyn Moon. Moon will review both projects at the same time and determine which hospital, if any, should be built. She will consider cost-effectiveness, the financial viability of the proposed hospital and impact on existing health care providers.

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

Adventist and Holy Cross officials said they were satisfied.

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

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

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

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

Replacement hospitals, new construction or renovation and increases in acute care bed capacity at existing hospitals are

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still subject to the commission's review schedule, Barclay said.

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Takoma Park report honored for excellence Gazette, The

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The City of Takoma Park has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2008. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting. Its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management, according to a news release from CAFR.

Silver Spring man wins Toastmasters contest

Silver Spring resident Clarence Featherson won Toastmasters District 36 Evaluation Contest on May 16, at the district's spring conference at the Hilton Hotel in Silver Spring. District 36 has approximately 200 clubs with more than 4,000 members in Montgomery County, Prince George's County and Washington, D.C. Evaluation contestants are judged on their ability to provide suggestions for improvement to a test speaker, using constructive evaluations and positive feedback. Toastmasters' evaluation contests begin at the club level and winners then proceed through area, division and district contests.

College holds business,

IT open house

Montgomery College will host a business and information technology career open house June 3 to discuss careers and educational training. Two sessions will be offered, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., on the fourth floor of the College's Gaithersburg Business Training Center, 12 South Summit Ave. in Gaithersburg. Free parking is available in the building's parking garage.

Sponsored by the College's Workforce Development and Continuing Education Division, the open house is designed for those interested in careers and training and certification programs in the fields of hospitality; human resources; information technology; management and supervision; real estate; transportation. Participants will meet instructors, get advice from professionals and tour the College's business training facility.

For more information about Workforce Development and Continuing Education at Montgomery College or the career open house at Montgomery College, visit www.montgomerycollege.edu/wdce or call 240-567-5188.

Items appropriate for Business Notes may be mailed to The Gazette, 13501 Virginia Manor Road, Laurel, MD 20707. They may also be sent by fax to 240-473-7501 or by e-mail to flewis@gazette.net.

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Notable commencement address speakers will mark this year's series of high school graduations. Current White House press secretary Robert Gibbs will speak at Winston Churchill High School's graduation ceremonies at DAR Constitution Hall Tuesday, June 2, while Scott McClellan, who served as President George W. Bush's press secretary for three years and author of the controversial 2008 memoir 'What Happened,' will speak at Walt Whitman High School's graduation from Constitution Hall on Wednesday, June 3. The graduation speaker for Thomas S. Wootton High School had not yet been announced by The Almanacs deadline.

2010 County Budget Approved

The Montgomery County Council last week approved a \$3.73 billion tax-supported, all-agencies operating budget for Fiscal Year 2010, which begins July 1. The budget is 1.1 percent less than the approved budget for 2009, marking the first decrease in a Montgomery budget since 1992.

The approved budget for county government, which includes the Police Department, the Fire and Rescue Service, and Health and Human Services, but does not include Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS), is \$1.25 billion a decrease of \$28 million (2.2 percent) from FY09.

The budget was approved 7-1. Council President Phil Andrews, Council Vice President Roger Berliner and Councilmembers Marc Elich, Valerie Ervin, Nancy Floreen, George Leventhal and Duchy Trachtenberg voted to approve the budget. Councilmember Mike Knapp was opposed.

The budget includes a \$690 property tax credit for owner-occupants of principal residences and does not fund cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs) for 33,000 employees of county government, Montgomery County Public Schools, Montgomery College and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, saving \$125 million. Employees agreed to forgo COLAs in FY10.

Cabin John Farewell

With Cabin John Middle School slated for modernization this summer, current and former students, parents, staff, and neighbors are invited to a farewell visit to the original school building on Thursday, June 4. The open house will include self-guided tours and light refreshments on from 3:00-5:00 pm. Cabin John Middle School is located at 10701 Gainsborough Road. For more information call the school at 301-469-1150.

Navarro Elected to Council

Democrat Nancy Navarro, the former president of the Montgomery County Board of Education, on May 20 defeated Republican Robin Ficker and Green Party candidate George Gluck in unofficial results of a special election to fill the vacant Montgomery County District 4 (Eastern County) County Council seat. The results are unofficial until they are certified by the County Board of Elections on May 29.

District 4 includes all or parts of Aspen Hill, Burtonsville, Calverton, Cloverly, Colesville, Derwood, Fairland, Olney, Sandy Spring, Silver Spring, Spencerville, Wheaton and White Oak. The District 4 Council seat has been vacant since the January death of Councilmember Don Praisner.

There are 119,484 registered voters in District 4. Votes were cast by 10,496 (8.78 percent of registered voters). Navarro had 6,637 votes (63.36 percent). Ficker had 3,423 votes (32.68 percent). Gluck had 372 votes (3.55 percent). There were 43 write-in votes cast.

In addition, absentee ballots and provisional ballots have yet to be counted.

A date has not yet been determined for a swearing-in ceremony for the new councilmember, but it will be sometime between May 29 and June 9 the first meeting of the Council following a two-week scheduled recess that begins on May 22.

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The nine-member County Council, which is composed of five members elected to represent defined districts and four at large members, was elected in November 2006. Each councilmember was elected to a four-year term. Navarro was elected to fill out the remaining District 4 term.

Cleanup in Cabin John

On Sunday, May 31 from 2 to 5 p.m. the Cabin John-based environmental group Green Neighbors is holding a kickoff event for a new initiative called Bring Your Own Bag (BYOB) that is intended to promote the use of reusable bags. The event will include eco-displays designed by local children, vendor tables, educational activities, and continuous footage of environmental degradation caused by plastics. Participants can get a reusable BYOB tote bag with a minimum donation of \$3.

The purpose of BYOB is to change how consumers shop and use bags. The average plastic bag is used for 12 minutes, according to Green Neighbors, yet remains in the environment for decades to come.

Green Neighbors unites several communities in Potomac and Bethesda who strive to find community solutions to environmental problems in creative ways. The group was formed last year during a recycling competition between the Cabin John and Carderock Springs communities. The kick-off event will be Sunday, May 31 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the old Firehouse Building parking lot at the corner of Seven Locks Road and MacArthur Blvd. in Cabin John.

County Board Vacancies

Currently, there is an opportunity to serve on the following: Animal Matters Hearing Board; Citizens Review Panel for Children

The deadline for application is June 5.

For more information on vacancy announcements for boards, committees, and commissions visit the following link:

http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/exec/vacancies/pr_list.asp

No Firewood in C&O

As overnight camping picks up with the warming weather, the National Park Service issued a statement this week to remind visitors that bringing firewood from outside the park to use in campgrounds or picnic areas in C&O Canal National Historical Park is prohibited. Firewood may contain non-native insects such as Emerald Ash Borer and Asian Longhorned Beetle. Bringing firewood into the park from other areas may accidentally spread pest insects and diseases that threaten the health of the forest.

Planning Candidates Include Potomac Residents

The Montgomery County Council has 18 applicants to choose among as it seeks to fill an upcoming vacancy on the Montgomery County Planning Board. Three of those candidates are Potomac residents. The deadline for filing applications to serve on the board that oversees growth and development in the county was Monday, April 22. The Council has yet to decide who it will interview. A tentative date for interviews is Tuesday, June 9.

No more than three members of the Planning Board may be from the same political party, and all members must be residents and registered voters of Montgomery County when appointed. Members serve four-year terms and are limited to two full terms. The position can be filled by a Democrat; a Republican; a voter who declines to affiliate with a party; or by a member of another party officially recognized by the Montgomery County Board of Elections.

Applications for the open position were received from: Alan S. Bowser (Democrat) of Silver Spring; Jay A. DeFranco (Democrat) of Olney; Carol Van Dam Falk (Democrat) of Gaithersburg; Benjamin W. George (Republican) of Boyds; Robert Gooding (Democrat) of Silver Spring; Ilaya Rome Hopkins (Democrat) of Bethesda; Earl L. Kendrick (Republican) of Potomac; Patricia H. Lee (Democrat) of Olney; Philip Litman (Unaffiliated) of Rockville; Don O'Neill (Democrat) of Montgomery Village; Chris Paladino (Democrat) of Silver Spring; Donna Mandel Perlmutter (Democrat) of Potomac; Roberto R. Piero (Democrat) of Silver Spring; John R. Pobiak (Unaffiliated) of Potomac; Cynthia Rubenstein (Democrat) of Silver Spring; Christopher Schauer (Republican) of Derwood; Joav Steinbach (Democrat) of Rockville; and Marye Wells-Harley (Democrat) of Silver Spring. In addition, Wendell M. Holloway (Democrat) of Potomac submitted an

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application, but later withdrew.

In addition to the seat to be vacated by Commissioner John Robinson, the current board members are Chairman Royce Hanson, a Democrat; Joseph Alfandre, a Democrat; Jean B. Cryor, a Republican; and Amy Presley, a Republican

Wootton Student Elected to Board of Education

Thomas S. Wootton High School junior Timothy Hwang has been elected student member of the Montgomery County Board of Education for 2009-2010.

According to a statement from Montgomery County Public Schools, Hwang was chosen by 56 percent of the secondary students who cast ballots in the April 29th election, conducted by the Montgomery County Region of the Maryland Association of Student Councils. The overall voter turnout was 63,384 or 85 percent of secondary students.

All high schools and middle schools submitted election results, along with several special schools and alternative programs.

Hwang's opponent, Jiayi Yang, is a junior at Richard Montgomery High School.

Hwang will begin his term as the 32nd student member of the Board on July 1. He has been active in student government for several years and currently is the vice president of the Montgomery County Region of the Maryland Association of Student Councils (MCR).

Gaithersburg West Master Plan Work Sessions

The Montgomery County Planning Board will take up a series of work sessions in the coming months to discuss the proposed Gaithersburg West Master Plan. The focal point of that plan is a science city that is designed to be a hub of scientific research and production and a semi-urban area where many of those who work there also live there. The proposed development would greatly increase the density of the area where the Belward Farm is located on Darnestown Road and adjoining properties, and will have significant implications for the surrounding areas, including Potomac. The first work session was held last week. Below is the schedule of remaining work sessions.

Work session #2, May 14, 2009: Environmental Analysis, Corridor Cities Transitway (CCT), LSC Districts, LSC Zone, LSC Design Guidelines.

Work session #3, May 18, 2009: Continuation of Issues from Work session #2 (evening session)

Work session #4, May 28, 2009: Economic Analysis, Implementation, Staging

Work session #5, June 11, 2009: Continuation of Implementation and Staging

The general times for these sessions will be posted on the Planning Boards agenda, which is at www.montgomeryplanningboard.org/agenda.

Staff reports for the Gaithersburg West work sessions will be posted on this site as part of the Planning Boards weekly agenda. Staff reports encompass a set of topics for the Planning Board to consider during each work session. The Board, however, may not complete all items identified for a specific work session. All Planning Board meetings are open to the public and are held at the offices of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) at 8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring. Planning Board meetings can also be viewed live on the Boards Web site. Past Planning Board meetings can also be accessed from this Web site. If there are any changes to the schedule outlined above, the Gaithersburg West Master Plan Web page will provide updated information at www.montgomeryplanning.org/community/gaithersburg/index.shtml. All written testimony received while the public hearing record was open has been posted on this Web site.

Help the U.S. Census Bureau

With the U.S. Census Bureau preparing to conduct a national census in 2010, the bureau is looking for part-time employees to serve as numerators and supervisors. So far the bureau has gotten a weak response from the Bethesda and Potomac areas and is looking to ramp up their efforts. Salaries are advertised as being competitive, and hours as flexible. Numerators check addresses on file to determine if the addresses still exist, an essential task to be performed

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this year to ready the census for next year. To learn more about the upcoming census and how to help, visit <http://2010.census.gov/2010censusjobs/>.

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Youth sports, May 28 Gazette, The

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The Dynamo FC Classic U-12 boys team, coached by Lance Van Winter, will be holding tryouts on June 2, 4, and 5 from 6:30-815 p.m. at Hadley/Falls Rd. Local Park in Potomac. Players must be born between August 1, 1998 and July 31, 1998. For more information contact Lois Kramer at 301-758-0888 or email loiskramer@msn.com.

The OBGC Rangers Blue and White U-8 and U-9 boys teams will be holding tryouts for players born Aug. 1, 2000 to July 31, 2001 or younger. For more information contact coach Pete Wood at peteshew@verizon.net or manager Dan Giffin at DGiffin@dcunited.com or 202-587-5479.

The OBGC Tornadoes White rising U-12 boys team will be holding tryouts 6-8 p.m. May 28-29 and June 4-5 for boys born Aug. 1, 1997 to July 31, 1998. For more information contact manager Cora Horst at 301-529-3047 or email cora1214@verizon.net.

The Dufief Dragons U-15 boys team will be holding tryouts for players born Aug. 1, 1993 to July 31, 1994. For more information contact coach Chris Metellus at 240-432-7949, email ChrisMetellus@gmail.com, Luis Rodriguez at 240-421-5029 or email luisgrsoccer@aol.com.

The Olney Cyclones White U-13 WAGS Div. 3 and Olney Cyclones Blue U-13 WAGS Div. 5 teams will be holding tryouts. For more information visit www.eteamz.com/olneycyclones or contact coach Steve Kenel at coachkenel@aol.com or 301-252-7893.

The Storm U-14 Div. 1 boys classic champions, for players born after July 31, 1995, will be holding tryouts for goalie/field players. For more information contact coach Tim Francis at 301-576-1898 or email TFsoccer@yahoo.com.

The MSC Xcel rising U-14 WAGS team will be holding tryouts for players born after Aug. 1, 1995. For more information visit www.eteamz.com/mscxcel or contact coach Kathleen Kerins at 240-676-5893.

BASEBALL

The Montgomery County Nats U-10 team will be holding tryouts for the fall U-11 season. For more information contact Chris Rommel at 301-633-8426.

Registrations

BASKETBALL

Coach Harwood Basketball Camp held at Magruder High School and sponsored by OBGC, is holding registrations for boys and girls. For more information visit www.obgc.com, call 240-839-0580 or e-mail coachharwood@verizon.net.

BASEBALL

Montgomery College-Rockville will host a Junior Baseball Showcase, 8 a.m. to noon on June 14, for seventh and eighth-graders. For more information and to request a registration form email Eric.Halo@MontgomeryCollege.edu or visit leaguelineup\acbaseball.

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HERALD DEMOCRAT

TYLER -- Richland College entered the NJCAA Division III World Series as the top-ranked team in the nation and lived up to its billing after sweeping all four of its games for the championship, including a 7-5 victory against Montgomery-Germantown Junior College on May 20.

The Thunderducks (47-13), who won their fourth title in the past seven years, opened the tournament with a 14-7 win against Riverland Junior College on May 16, with Howe's Steven Richardson entering in relief of Phillip Clinard and ending a two-out threat with a pair of runners in scoring position.

Richardson allowed only one hit in 3 1/3 innings, as Richland later shut out defending national champion Joliet Junior College 12-0 to set up a showdown with Montgomery-Germantown. Richardson held Germantown to six hits and two runs in four innings of a 17-2 run-rule win to finish 9-0

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Rollin Stanley, the director of planning for Montgomery County's Planning Board, argued that when land use and transportation infrastructure decisions succeed in encouraging pedestrian traffic and "activating" the ground level of commercial buildings and MDUs, the surrounding area becomes less attractive to criminals as it becomes more attractive to people looking for places to live, work, and shop. In other words, the principles of smart growth are good for public safety as well as economic development, environmental sustainability, and other goals of planners.

In many ways, Stanley's arguments were compelling. Muggers are less likely to approach a victim on a street where heavy foot traffic makes it likely they will be observed and maybe even confronted by passersby. The same goes for thieves who steal or break into automobiles.

Not everyone, however, was convinced. Jonathan Jay, a neighborhood activist, said smart growth is not a panacea for public safety problems in the Silver Spring central business district, where neighboring residents have complained about large numbers of disorderly (and sometimes violent) teens and young adults who gather in the Fenton and Ellsworth area.

I argued that it is not enough to just attract lots of people; for Silver Spring's redevelopment to succeed over the long term, the central business district has to attract people across the spectrum of age and income. Adults often complain that they do not feel comfortable there. Many feel as though it has been taken over by large crowds of rowdy teenagers, especially during the later hours of weekend nights.

Some might say that complaints about misbehavior by teens hanging around in downtown Silver Spring have been blown out of proportion. One woman suggested in a hallway conversation at the summit that tensions between adults (mostly white and more affluent) and teens (including proportionately more minorities from families with less money) largely reflect of racial and class tensions.

The debate reignited recently when an anti-violence concert sponsored by Mixed Unity, a group of local teens who organized in response to the killing of Blair High School student Tai Lam, ended with the arrests of several audience members who started a fracas during the final musical performance.

Peterson Cos., which manages the retail development along Ellsworth (but not the City Place mall), brought in a new private security team in 2008. They've given "stay-away orders" to people who repeatedly engage in disruptive behavior and other tactics. By many accounts, this has curbed much of the worst behavior.

On the other hand, Veterans Plaza, currently under construction, will bring an ice skating rink and other amenities to the intersection but displace "The Turf," the astroturf lawn where teens had previously congregated. That will make the question of how crowds of kids fit into the future of downtown Silver Spring more pressing. When Live Nation, a major concert venue, eventually opens just two blocks away, some residents are concerned that the problems associated with unruly crowds will get worse.

Complaints about out-of-control teenagers in downtown Silver Spring may be overstated, but they are not baseless. When I visit the CBD after dark, I sometimes (not always) encounter teens who walk four or five abreast to force pedestrians they encounter off the sidewalk, gather at the intersection of Fenton and Ellsworth to settle scores with fistfights, curse and make lewd remarks to both acquaintances and strangers, or show obvious signs of intoxication.

All of this is not enough to keep me away from the area, but it makes me think twice about bringing my wife and kids. Few

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people in Silver Spring want to see the area become another Bethesda, but does living in a vibrant urban area mean having to tolerate behavior that would be considered unacceptable west of Rock Creek Park? I hope we do not have to choose between gentrification and an environment that those of us on the cusp of middle age (or beyond) try to avoid.

The answer is not to run the kids off, but to create an environment that discourages uncivil behavior by (among other things) bringing more adults into the mix.

The health of downtown Silver Spring, and other redeveloping urban and suburban business districts, depends on drawing older adults and families as well as the stereotypical urban pioneers, and this means a retail and programming mix that caters to a wider range of people. The Pyramid Atlantic art store in the Fenton and Ellsworth development is a good example of the kind of retail that can pull in adults. Restaurants alone are probably not enough.

This issue is not just important to the quality of life in Silver Spring. New Urbanism needs an answer to critics who say it is fine for people in their twenties who don't have kids, but doesn't offer an appealing or realistic opportunity for families>. Leaving aside the knotty question of how to improve urban schools, we won't succeed in remaking our urban and suburban centers without addressing this issue.

Casey Anderson is a lawyer and community activist who lives in Woodside, just outside of the Silver Spring central business district, with his wife and two children. He is a member of the Silver Spring Citizens Advisory Board and the board of directors of the Washington Area Bicyclist Association, but in contributing to Greater Greater Washington he is speaking only for himself.

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Comments

well, I have been to this area many many times. I have seen the many teenagers but I have not had the same bad impression or experience as Casey Anderson. I LIKE seeing the teenagers. I interpreted the scene as very positive - a sign of a society showing acceptance of teenagers and providing a place for them to gather. They NEED some place to go. Teenagers NEED a "third" place. This complaint sounds fuddy-duddy even though CA is making a point not to sound that way. If anything this complaint underscores the need for more gathering places for teenagers. Furthermore on hot summer evenings teenagers are not the predominant demographic hanging about as they are in colder months. All those 12 and under playing in the fountain are going to be teenagers very soon. by Bianchi on May 27, 2009 1:29 pm

Interesting and well written article.

Why doesn't Silver Spring hire cops or rent-a-cops to hang out and keep these thuggy kids from misbehaving? And before anyone cries "racism," I support the same treatment for the (white) belligerent fratboy punks who overrun Adams-Morgan on weekend nights.

I live near the Ballston Mall; it's not as bad as Silver Spring but does have a high scuzz factor--people selling all manner of junk on the sidewalk, some loitering and littering. I can walk there in 10 minutes but never, ever shop there or eat there. We'll drive to Shirlington or Friendship Heights first.

There have, sadly, been a couple of rapes in the nearby townhouses in the last few years.

Love transit; hate Transitional-adult OverDevelopment.

by JB on May 27, 2009 1:31 pm

Few people in Silver Spring want to see the area become another Bethesda

-What's wrong with Bethesda? Isn't that the Ideal TOD?

by Local on May 27, 2009 1:59 pm

For what it is worth, it is this activity that helped tip the balance against Silver Spring when my fiance and I were recently house shopping. We are moving to Arlington. by Eric H. on May 27, 2009 2:08 pm

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Very slightly off-topic, but can we admit how horrific American parenting is? It's bad, and getting worse. And regular citizens are literally scared to do or say anything to punk teens. Worse yet, many of these kids are from middle class families but have no respect for anyone and craze street cred by acting "tough" and even mean. Yes, kids will be kids, but confronting and intimidating random strangers is more prevalent than ever...by SG on May 27, 2009 2:20 pm

wait, whats wrong with turning silver spring into another bethesda?by skinsfan on May 27, 2009 2:51 pm

@ JB

You live by Ballston and drive to Friendship Heights to shop? Because Ballston is too scuzzy? That seems crazy to me. What am I missing?

by Eric H. on May 27, 2009 3:01 pm

Eric, that's only part of it. It's also because F. Heights has a Borders, a Filene's, and a Loehmann's. Ballston just has that full-retail Macy's and no bookstore. Going the back way (Glebe/Chain Bridge/Western Ave), F. Heights is about 15 minutes. If Ballston had all those things and wasn't indoors, in a hideous beige indoor mall, we'd probably go there despite a few skeezy loiterers.by JB on May 27, 2009 3:07 pm

The kids congregate there because there are too few places like this to go to. It's similar to suburban car-dependent malls back in the 1980's and the modern day in car-dependent environments. No different. It is good to hear that local security is identifying troublemakers and asking them to stay away.

The differences are between adults and kids. It's not too dissimilar from other generational conflicts.

I wrote a post about this in the past. The large population of teenagers congregating there tells me that there needs to be more real towns with things to do that don't involve drinking and/or driving.

@skinsfan, I think the author was talking about super-local culture. Those of us who live on the eastern Red Line enjoy the subtle differences in social atmosphere on our side of the park. With respect to urban form and infrastructure, Silver Spring is comparably well laid out as Bethesda. It's just older and was built around a streetcar terminus rather than a Metro station. Its streetgrid and connectivity is every bit as walkable as Bethesda.

by Cavan on May 27, 2009 3:37 pm

Maybe Montgomery County could hire this guy for the summer and see if he and his colleagues can help:
<http://www.scientificamerican.com/article.cfm?id=taming-the-madness-of-crowds>

And if it works with the teens, maybe it could be used during next year's Law Enforcement week downtown.

I go over to SS a couple of times a month -- usually daytime or early evening on the weekend -- and my experience personally is that drivers are a much bigger threat than the average teenager there. Simply getting from the Metro up to "Downtown Silver Spring" is a challenge; if I were older, had small kids with me, or had a disability, I would probably not go at all, because the crossing at Georgia and Colesville takes only the needs of drivers into account.

by Eileen on May 27, 2009 3:39 pm

You'll need to find a better source to highlight critics who say new urbanism doesn't offer an appealing or realistic opportunity for families. First of all, Greenhut is just wrong when he says new urbanists are opposed to single family homes with garages. Where's the evidence? The point is that we need a full diversity of housing types to create complete neighborhoods -- single family homes should not be isolated in vast monocultures -- and there are many excellent examples in the DC area, old and new. There are dozens of new urban developments in DC region that families are delighted to locate in. In fact, the most common criticism is that new urbanism is not gritty and edgy and urban enough to attract people in their twenties without kids.

Second, most of the examples Greenhut gives of successful suburban development in Orange County, like East Orange and Rancho Mission Viejo, have been spectacular failures in the collapsing housing bubble. Greenhut quotes Jim Kunstler to demonstrate what a kook Kunstler is, but Kunstler's prediction looks downright conservative from today's perspective.

As for teens behaving badly, that happens in lots of places whenever there's a lack of age diversity. Out on the suburban arterials teens drag race and die in fiery crashes. Near college campuses there's public drunkenness and vandalism. As someone once said, misbehaving is a teen's job description. Urban places have the advantage of being able to attract a more diverse population of families, children, seniors -- with the help of good management, knowledgeable security staff, and the right mix of goods and attractions. On warm sunny days, Silver Spring is packed with families and children

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playing in the fountain.

by Laurence Aurbach on May 27, 2009 5:25 pm

Casey - very nice post.

I lived in SS in the early 90s, about a ten-minute walk from what's now the CBD. It's nearly unrecognizable to me, and mostly in a good way. One of the things I always loved about SS was the diversity - income, age, and ethnicity - and I'm glad to see that despite the redevelopment and encroaching Bethesdification, it's retained much of its former character.

That said, the few times I've been back in the evenings, I've felt less than comfortable. Part of it is that I'm no longer at ease around crowds of rowdy teenagers (oh, the horror of getting older), and part of it is that it's now overly commercial. It is great, though, to see the families and children interacting in an urban environment. It seems to me that good policing, especially in areas where teenagers gather to drink and fight, should take care of many of the behavioral concerns.
by AJ on May 27, 2009 5:30 pm

The full age spectrum sounds sensible and should go both ways. We likely wouldn't have so many teens congregating in any given spot if there were more youth friendly places to gather around the county. Even Silver Spring has a rather mixed record on this. As the article notes, the turf has been displaced but hasn't yet been replaced with anything. Prior to that there was actually a skate park but that was also displaced by development. With the completion of the community center there should be amenities once again, but until that point there's teens gathered but not that much to do.

Basically, I support Bianchi's idea that teens do need a third place and hope that wider adoption of full age spectrum amenities could help with that.

by Greg Sanders on May 27, 2009 5:45 pm

I'm glad to see this post, as it's an issue I've written about a lot on Just Up The Pike over the past few years. To me, the issue comes down to diversity of age. If adults are around to set the example and make it clear (simply by their being there) that bad behavior is not tolerated, kids will act out less. Otherwise, it's just going to be the high school cafeteria, and no one wants to go back there.

Silver Spring is a place that provides families an urban (or semi-urban, depending on how you look at it) environment with the added upside of good schools and a healthy dose of culture and diversity that you won't find in a Bethesda or Clarendon. You might have to get your hands a little dirtier, but I think it's worth it.

by dan reed on May 27, 2009 5:45 pm

Yeah, that Greenhut article is seriously ignorant and otherwise full of vague, inane arguments that don't actually reflect practice. Moreover, one doesn't have to be New Urbanist to support the principles of good urban design, considering that the Congress for New Urbanism has dues and a board and a charter.

I think Cavan's also on it, and it picks up an error in Greenhut's argument. There need to be more centers for people to hang out. Automobile development encourages bigger clusters, and bigger clusters drive up prices in those areas. Consequently, developers only rent to high-paying tenants like banks and Starbucks(es?) or simply put offices in the first floor.

by architect on May 27, 2009 5:48 pm

They need to get Time-Out back in City Place. Seriously. That's where a bunch of teens used to hang out - separate from where adults congregated.

Get Time-Out back in City Place, stick a bowling alley or a mini-golf course somewhere, or find another business that has figured out how to monetize loitering teens, and the problem is solved.

There have to be a bunch of businesses that have figured this out, since the loitering-teen population is so vast.

FWIW, I have never seen actual rowdiness in beautiful Downtown Silver Spring, just teens being idiots, as they are wont to do. It's better than in '96 when every fifth person down there seemed to be dealing.

by Lindemann on May 27, 2009 9:29 pm

Laurence wrote: "You'll need to find a better source to highlight critics who say new urbanism doesn't offer an appealing or realistic opportunity for families."

Well, I'm one. The "new urbanism" I see along the Orange Line means townhouses and condos--not single-family homes, and never in a quiet neighborhood but among a lot of businesses. Most families want at least a couple of bedrooms; condos offering this are either pushing \$1 million or far from transit--and of course offer little privacy, a lot of noise, no yard, and no storage space. (Someone else here had a really great post about this last week or so.)

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Maybe some new urbanists aren't opposed to SFHs with garages--but the housing policies they're promoting end up reducing the stock of such homes anywhere near a Metro. I think and hope that the pendulum will swing back once the general public realizes that new urbanism really just means lining the pockets of fat-cat developers while the rest of us watch our trains get more crowded.

Someone here recently made the case that SFHs take up land that could house more people who would otherwise live outside the Beltway. True. But where does that end? If the goal is maximum density (because that's the greenest), then we should have only very tall skyscraper apartments.

"There are dozens of new urban developments in DC region that families are delighted to locate in." Well, sure--if the families are lower-income. I don't think you mean that middle- and upper-income families are delighted to live in TOD. Maybe a young couple with a baby as a stepping stone to the SFH they *really* want. But you don't see many parents in their late 30s or older with more than one kid living in condos/townhouses as their first choice.

As to gathering places for kids: I think it's the kids who are the problem. When I grew up, we hung out at each other's houses or at the mall. We didn't try to pick fights with anyone. A separate place for troublemakers to hang out will just mean more violence among themselves. Which I suppose is some improvement.

by JB on May 27, 2009 9:54 pm

SS is in "no danger" of becoming another Bethesda. Downtown Bethesda followed a different path--it was never dead, it developed a large store of restaurants, but only gained life after it drew more residents. Bethesda's recent development has been chain heavy, but the downtown has many local stores and restaurants and a number of relatively "one of a kind" stores like the Apple store. SS has followed a more generic path with more chain merchants and less variation in the income levels they attract. This kind of development isn't very imaginative and it has diluted the variety that once existed in a downtown that was underutilized, but also quiet. A place that's a bit more funky and also one which draws people to something more than a chain store or a chain restaurant would build more diverse pedestrian traffic.

The "rowdy teenager" problem has several dimensions. The kids are largely African-American. The people who are put-off are largely White. It's much like the phenomenon around Gallery place at night. The model for kids with nothing to do being annoying to adults predates carbound suburbia. It goes back to the inner city neighborhoods depicted in ethnographies like "Street Corner Society". The kids were White, although in ethnicity they often represented an older version of "the other". The prescriptions are pretty well known--providing meaningful activities for youth, although the remedy is often diluted by lack of funds or lack of imagination. By itself, law enforcement will make little difference--seeing a lot of cops patrolling (as I have in SS in the evening) may reassure some, but it signals a lack of safety to others. Young people need things to do and places to go.

by Rich on May 27, 2009 10:46 pm

I appreciate all of the comments. Maybe it is asking too much for new urbanism/smart growth to solve every problem. Or to put it another way, good transportation infrastructure and land use planning decisions are necessary but not sufficient to make a community or neighborhood livable.

Still, advocates of walkable urbanism are asking people to take a leap of faith in embracing higher density, more limited accommodation of automobile travel, and other aspects of walkable urbanism that seem counterintuitive. In effect, we say, "Trust us, this will improve your quality of life, even though it runs counter to many of your assumptions about what makes an appealing place to live."

In this regard, Bianchi is missing the point: the question is not whether it is good or bad for teens to congregate in the Silver Spring CBD. I, for one, am happy to have them there, and as others point out, they need a place to go. If we don't take the problem of disorderly behavior in public spaces seriously, though, the resulting backlash will come at the expense both of the kids and the progressive ideas about building more livable communities that most readers of this blog (even us fuddy duddys) support.

BTW, I agree completely with Dan Reed's observation that the presence of a significant number of adults is vital to creating a climate where kids learn the standards of behavior that the community expects while remaining free to enjoy themselves. Most of the kids who hang out around Fenton and Ellsworth are not looking for trouble, but the few who are can make things unpleasant for their peers as well as adults -- that's why the issue of civility in the CBD is not about kids vs. grown ups but about people of all ages who treat others with respect vs. a small group of people (mostly but not all teens) who do not.

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by Casey on May 27, 2009 11:15 pm

I wish there was a way to object to this:

does living in a vibrant urban area mean having to tolerate behavior that would be considered unacceptable west of Rock Creek Park?

without being accused of making it a black-white thing.

I'll try this: As a fuddy who is just as duddy as anyone else on this thread, and just as old, I can say that if I see something I don't like in the public space, I either give the jerk perpetrating the problem a wide berth and ignore them, or if there's no ignoring it, tell them, in a nice way that does not invite argument, that I don't like it.

That's right, if a group of teens stroll down the street in a way that seems like it's an intentional provocation, I'll say, "Awww, cut it out," and go on my way. Works for me. Works better than a crybaby culture that says, "I'm calling the cops" over every little thing.

Everybody's got equal claim on the public space. Saying, "We don't tolerate that on this side of Rock Creek Park" is offensive to me. Give everybody their space.

I'm not talking about tolerating illegal behavior--in that case, please do call the cops, pronto. I'm talking about live and let live when someone else hangs out in a different way than you like to see them hang out, without making a criminal case out of it.

by Trulee Pist on May 28, 2009 12:53 am

The talk of getting many ages in downtown silver spring and the relationship between free standing houses vs condos misses a point. Families don't need free standing houses. They do need a bit more space and they value some nearby space, preferably with grass where they can let kids run without parents needing to worry about traffic.

The townhouses at Falkland Chase in Downtown Silver Spring fit this criteria and are much more dense than free standing houses, though not as dense as apartments. These were built in the 1930's. The new urban Blair townhouses have their front doors opening onto a huge parking lot. Every modern townhouse seems to be built to maximize the house size and number of houses per lot without any regard to places for children to play outside on the property. Many of the new condos in the area don't even have 3 bedroom units (or those are not designed with families in mind (i.e. huge master bedroom and two rooms that are more offices than bedrooms)

This isn't new urbanism vs suburban living. It's community planning while thinking about families or ignoring them.

by dd on May 28, 2009 9:09 am

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College holds business,

IT open house

Montgomery College will host a business and information technology career open house June 3 to discuss careers and educational training. Two sessions will be offered, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., on the fourth floor of the College's Gaithersburg Business Training Center, 12 South Summit Ave. in Gaithersburg. Free parking is available in the building's parking garage.

Sponsored by the College's Workforce Development and Continuing Education Division, the open house is designed for those interested in careers and training and certification programs in the fields of hospitality; human resources; information technology; management and supervision; real estate; transportation. Participants will meet instructors, get advice from professionals and tour the College's business training facility.

For more information about Workforce Development and Continuing Education at Montgomery College or the career open house at Montgomery College, visit www.montgomerycollege.edu/wdce or call 240-567-5188.

Items appropriate for Business Notes may be mailed to The Gazette, 13501 Virginia Manor Road, Laurel, MD 20707. They may also be sent by fax to 240-473-7501 or by e-mail to flewis@gazette.net.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For more information about admissions and registration, visit www.montgomerycollege.edu.

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Brookdale teams shine on diamonds News Transcript

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Baseball team is third, softball team is sixth at national tournaments
BY TIM MORRIS Staff Writer

It has become a rite of spring. As sure as April showers bring May flowers, the Brookdale Community College baseball and softball teams play in the junior college national championships.

The two teams — which over the years have become national powers — were at it again in 2009.

Coach Johnny Johnson's baseball team finished third at the National Junior College Athletic Association Division III World Series in Tyler, Texas.

Coach Bo Scannapieco's softball team finished sixth at the NJCAA Division III Women's Fastpitch National Championship in Rochester, Minn.

During the regular season both teams won the Garden State Athletic Conference championship and then went on to win the Region XIX Tournament and the trip to the national championships that goes with it.

The Jersey Blues' baseball team and softball team were each ranked No. 5 in the country in the final national polls.

Ocean Township High School graduate Keith Weinkofsky, who put together an All-American season, took the World Series by storm. In Brookdale's five games he was 11-18, good for a .611 batting average. He smacked three home runs (tops in the tourney) and six doubles and had a slugging percentage of 1.278. Weinkofsky's on-base percentage was .704 and his 23 total bases were easily the best of anyone. He led the tournament in RBIs (11) and runs (9) as well.

Several other Brookdale players played well at the World Series. Ed Martin (Raritan) batted .500 and had five RBIs and four runs scored. Brian Seres (South Amboy) batted .429 with five RBIs. Nicholas Scarillo (South Amboy) hit .385; Andy Vega (Queens, N.Y.), hit .381 with nine runs scored; Kevin Mager (Middletown North) hit .333 with four doubles, and Frank Mormino (Howell) hit .300 and scored seven runs.

Ryan Casey (Manchester) was Brookdale's ace on the mound. He was 2-0 with a 1.32 ERA. Freehold High School graduates Matt Yuhas and Jeff Frost both pitched to a 2.70 ERA.

Connor Smith (Monmouth Regional) earned Brookdale's third win in the World Series in relief.

Brookdale opened the World Series on May 16 with a 12-3 win over Niagara County Community College, N.Y., as Weinkofsky went deep and drove in three runs. Martin and Ivan Rodriguez (Newark) also had three RBIs.

Montgomery College-Germantown, Md., put the Jersey Blues in the loser's bracket by winning a 13-7 slugfest on May 17.

Brookdale bounced back with wins over Suffolk County Community College-Grant, N.Y., 20-7, on May 18 as Weinkofsky went 4-4, including a home run and five RBIs, Rodriguez had three doubles, and Joe Talerico (Toms River) had three RBIs; and on May 19 over Joliet Junior College, Ill., 6-2, as Casey went the distance, striking out nine.

In the late game on May 19, Montgomery Germantown ended Brookdale's bid for the national championship, 7-4, one game shy of the final.

In the championship game, Richland College, Texas, defeated Montgomery-Germantown, 7-5, on May 20.

Brookdale finished the 2009 season with a 40-9 record.

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The Brookdale softball team opened play in the NJCAA Division III Women's Fastpitch National Championship with a 10-0 win over Suffolk County Community College, N.Y., on May 14.

Samantha Deixler (Southern Regional) was 1-3 with three RBIs and two runs scored.

Samantha Wagner (Manalapan) and Brianne Faynor (Manchester) each went 2-4 with two RBIs. Danielle Davenport (Matawan) went 3-4 with three runs scored.

Jessica Carroll (Keyport) pitched a three-hitter in the five-inning game and won her 15th game of the season. Carroll was 15-7.

Brookdale lost to Tompkins Cortland Community College, N.Y., 14-9, in the second game on May 14, and ended its tournament by losing the fifth/sixth-place game to Suffolk County, 5-4, on May 15.

Deixler was named to the All-Tournament Team. She was 7-13 and hit .538. Her slugging percentage was .769 and her onbase percentage was .647. She led the team in RBIs (six) and runs scored (five).

Davenport hit .429; Faynor hit .438 with five RBIs; Kara Kelsey (Middletown North) hit .400; and Kelly Mormino (Howell) hit .462 with four runs scored.

The Jersey Blues finished the season 35- 16 with the promise of a bright future with a host of starters returning and a strong recruiting class coming in.

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Montgomery College vs Cardinal Gibbons - The tale of two teams Dreamcricket, NJ

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Montgomery College vs Cardinal Gibbons - The tale of two teams

by DreamCricket USA

May 27, 2009

By Lloyd Jodah & Jamie Harrison

Two American School Teams - one, its members born in America and moved to cricket, the other Team's members were born in cricket and moved to America. Together they are symbols of what could be the future of Cricket in America.

On May 31st 2009, they come together in a day of firsts - the first American College Cricket Champions Montgomery College will play Cardinal Gibbons High School in a Cricket Match (20 overs) in Maryland.

Montgomery College won the American College Cricket Spring Break Championship, which took place March 2009 in Florida and garnered American mainstream Media attention from the New York Times and Sports Illustrated as well worldwide including India, England, Australia, and Pakistan.

The Cardinal Gibbons High School is made up of Americans whose families are NOT from the major cricket-playing countries. Started by 19 players, none of whom had played cricket before last year. Most of the players are honor students, and some had not played a high school sport before this. Though new to the game, the players have learned much; and are a very committed group, having each paid \$100 to cover the team's start-up expenses. They sometimes must endure the taunts of their friends, but truly believe in the mission of spreading youth cricket in the U.S. Recently, the American-born players were joined by two new players, one from South Africa and another from Jamaica.

Jamie Harrison of Cardinal Gibbons School is the program director, and two former international players from Barbados, Gregory Alleyne and Trevor Roberts, coach the squad. The school is very supportive of cricket, with the sport beginning to be taught in P.E. classes this school year.

The team began playing on May 16 in a brand new area youth league. League matches are held in Baltimore, Prince George's County and in Northern Virginia.

On the other hand National Champions Montgomery College is made up of players whose families immigrated from major cricket playing countries such as Pakistan, India and Bangladesh. Though comprised of experienced players, it did not even exist before the Championship.

Maryland reporters contacting the College after the victory were told by surprised college officials that they were not aware of the existence of a cricket team. Once the school found out about the team, Montgomery College has been supportive and celebratory.

Captain Adil Bhatti was invited to address students about his teams' victory, and according to Bhatti the school is encouraging the creation of a Cricket Club. Montgomery College wants to repeat as champions at the 2010 American college Cricket Spring Break Championship, "Many students have contacted me, wanting to play cricket," Bhatti said.

The road to the championship was difficult for the Montgomery team whose members were "all from Gaithersburg, Rockville, Germantown and Silver Springs," Bhatti said. "We couldn't find places to play and were constantly being chased from tennis courts and any open space where we tried to play cricket. Mostly we played with MRI tennis balls to avoid causing damage."

The match will be very interesting and meaningful, pitting players with cricketing pedigree (Montgomery College) against athletes who are relative newcomers to the game (Cardinal Gibbons).

Montgomery showed its batting firepower in the recent American College Cricket Championship by accumulating scores

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of 223 for 5 off 20 overs, 216 for 7 off 19 overs, and 175 for 3 in 20 overs. Stylish and consistent Danish Ashgar, Series MVP Mohamed Khamran, Captain and all-rounder Adil Bhatti, Ankit Sehgal and Sadiq Naseer were outstanding. Their batting, even on rain-slick outfield made it easy for their Bowlers as batting first MC always put up a daunting total. It would probably be better for Cardinal Gibbons to bat first. But the College's bowlers are not to be underestimated, bowling out the strong University of South Florida Team in the Finals for only 120 runs.

Cardinal Gibbons' best players are talented athletes some of whom also excel in other sports: The Captain Jon Marshall RH batsman is on the school's baseball team. Will Berkey, vice Captain and RH batsman is on the school's golf Team. Will Foy RH batsman is a member of the school's Lacrosse team. Don Erdman, RH is a Pace bowler who can also bat and Justin Bruchey, RH batsman and wicketkeeper.

However it will be tough for the Cardinal Gibbons guys, after all the Montgomery guys looked like a professional machine in the American College Cricket Spring Break Championship. When asked what he thought of the upcoming match the ACC Championship MVP Khamran was appreciative of the attention he and the MC Team has been receiving, saying 'I'm so thankful that the American College Cricket Championship happened, to give us the chance and I think its great what's happening at Cardinal Gibbons so when Lloyd suggested giving them a shot at us, we were all for it.'

Suchit Laheri, a key Montgomery player said "I admire the fact that the Gibbons guys are willing to take us on."

The game is a significant event in American sports as it's another step in cricket's return to the American sports landscape which it abdicated over 100 years ago. Also coming as it does just after the National Under 19 Tournament to select a Team to represent the US in the in Canada this July, the Cardinal Gibbons players have the opportunity to catch the eye of USA Cricket.

For their part the Montgomery College players are enjoying being the American College Cricket Champions as they embark on a series of matches over the coming months. Next is a game against the NYC Public High Schools All Stars on June 20, at Gateway Park in Brooklyn.

"I read that the ICC is allowing the US to take part in the World T20 Qualifier in October so this is a very exciting time for a young American cricket player." Adil Bhatti said.

The Game starts at 11 am at Kenmoor Middle School, 2500 Kenmoor Drive, Landover, MD 20785.

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College rallies around Germantown forest Gazette, The

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Students will collect data on carbon impact of trees

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Faculty and students at Montgomery College-Germantown are planning to collect data to show that the trees in the campus' 50-acre forest are valuable, not just the land they sit on.

The move comes after the college proposed to clear 18 acres of the forest to make room for an extension of Observation Drive that would serve a planned bioscience park. A compromise between county planners and the college reduced the proposed clearing to 5 acres, but environmental advocates say Germantown can't afford to lose any of its tree cover.

A group of science professors have formed an environmental advisory committee after hearing from students concerned about the deforestation plans, and the students will collect data on how much carbon the forest absorbs.

'With this new carbon economy, we can see how much every tree is worth,' said Student Senate Vice President Sohayl Vafai. 'We're putting in a state-of-the-art biotech park but destroying the environment in the process that's a bad long-term investment by any measure.'

The students will compile a report on their findings, and the committee, which has the support of the college's administration, will provide a science-based perspective on the forest and other environmental issues, according to science professor Amanda Truett. The project is in its beginning stages, and local environmental groups have expressed interest in partnering with the group.

The school encourages faculty and student involvement on environmental issues, college spokeswoman Elizabeth Homan said. College planners are still working with the county on the details of the campus' long-range plan, including the Observation Drive extension, she said.

The group is soliciting donations of materials such as disposable cameras and cloth measuring tapes.

The faculty uses the forest as a living classroom and became aware that it was in jeopardy this spring when they noticed trees marked with orange spray paint, Truett said.

'We want to be available to the college to make recommendations on moving toward a green curriculum and practicing what we preach,' she said.

County planners are working on a sector plan for a 2,400-acre area of Germantown that includes the 334-acre campus and have stressed that the entire forest be preserved. The nonprofit American Forests recommends that metropolitan areas have 40 percent tree cover in order to maintain the health of their watersheds, but only 14 percent of the sector plan area is forested, according to the draft sector plan. A 2003 study of the county determined that good stream health correlated with 45 percent tree cover, according to the plan.

'It's not just a tree, it's what that tree does,' said Margaret Schloap of the 210-acre Dayspring church and silent retreat center, which connects spirituality and nature and is less than a mile from the college. Schloap has advocated for the forest as a member of the sector plan's Community Advisory Committee.

There's enough room on campus for both development and the forest, but college officials must change the way they value the environment, Truett and Vafai said.

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'Things were done differently a decade ago and there's a new wealth of information available,' said Vafai, 17, of Bethesda. 'It's ridiculous to suggest that one tree of the forest can be razed, and if we make an exception now we'll make an exception in five years and in a few years we won't have anything left.'

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County to hold public hearing on White Oak Transit Center Gazette, The

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Pelecanos, a Silver Spring resident, has published 16 novels set in suburban Washington, D.C., including 'The Turnaround,' 'The Night Gardener' and 'Hard Revolution.' He has produced feature films and recently was a producer, writer and story editor for HBO's 'The Wire.'

The Friends of the White Oak Library is sponsoring Pelecanos' appearance. The group will offer 'The Way Home' and some of his other books for sale. Pelecanos will answer questions and sign books. For more information, call the library at 240-773-9555.

Area schools to host

spring celebration

The Benjamin Banneker Middle School and Burtonsville Elementary School PTSA's will host a free Spring Fling and Carnival Celebration 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at Banneker, 14800 Perrywood Drive in Burtonsville.

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Food includes hot dogs, hamburgers, cotton candy, popcorn, soft drinks and more. Live music, dancing and a limbo contest will also take place.

Business and private sponsors are needed. Wristbands that will support the PTSA's are available for sale. For more information, contact Larry Edmonds at 240-381-3984 or larry-edmonds@comcast.net.

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Group for parents of multiples celebrates 50 years Gazette, The

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Fifty years ago, a group of parents with twins and triplets got together and formed a group where they could go for support, to share ideas and socialize with other families facing the same unique challenges of having multiples.

Today, that group, Montgomery Parents of Multiples has grown, but the mission to provide support and socialization for families with twins, triplets and more remains the same, said group President Lisa Reichmann.

'The purpose and the benefits that members get are really the same as 50 years ago,' she said. 'Parents of multiples face unique challenges and it really helps to have people who have been there, done that, or to talk to people who are going through the same thing.'

At 7:30 tonight, the group is set to celebrate its 50th anniversary at 7:30 at Tragara restaurant, 4935 Cordell Ave., in Bethesda. The guest of honor is Chef Geoff Tracy of the Chef Geoff restaurants in Washington, D.C. and Lia's in Chevy Chase. Tracy and wife, Norah O'Donnell, MSNBC news chief Washington correspondent, are parents of twins plus one.

When the group first started in 1959, about 30 people came to the first meeting. By the end of that year, the membership had grown to over 100, said Reichmann, a Gaithersburg resident and mom of twins and a singleton. Today, there are 489 member families, with 90 percent of them from Montgomery County and about 10 percent from the District.

Several alumni and past presidents of the group are expected to attend tonight's celebration, including the 1965 group president who was also a founding member.

'The club has grown with more multiples around, for a number of reasons,' Reichmann said, 'but the need for the club hasn't really changed.'

Veterans Appreciation Day

is Saturday

Military Veterans from World War II through Iraq and Afghanistan will have the opportunity to enjoy the comradeship of fellow veterans and their families in friendly atmosphere of the Izaak Walton League of America Wildlife Achievement Chapter.

A full day of activities is planned from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the chapter home, at 26430 Mullinix Mill Road in Mount Airy.

World War II reenactments, including live fire presentations, will take place throughout the day. Education, demonstration and interactive displays, including presentations by the U.S. Marine Corps Historical Company, will be available.

The day will also feature displays, including military vehicles, equipment, combat gear and gadgets.

Veterans will also have the opportunity to shoot firearms used in wars from World War II through Iraq on the rifle and pistol ranges. Caliber .22 rifles and pistols will also be available for use by the veterans and their families. All necessary

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hearing and eye protection will be available.

Food and refreshments will also be available throughout the day at no cost for veterans.

For more information call Mike Gugulis at 301-947-2447 or send an e-mail to veterans.day@verizon.net.

She's got gifts

Heather Books, a student at Fox Chapel Elementary School in Germantown, was recently honored at a statewide awards ceremony for gifted children held by The Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth.

She was invited to the ceremony based on her performance on the SCAT, an above-level test scaled for younger students. About 30 percent of the second and sixth graders who tested this winter earned an invitation to the ceremony.

Students receive

IWLA scholarships

Seniors from Poolesville High School's Global Ecology Studies Program won six \$900 Conservation Scholarship Awards from the Poolesville-based Bethesda Chevy Chase Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America.

Jackie Carpenter and Julie Stout teamed up with Project WILD, an interdisciplinary conservation and education program, to create global ecology lessons. They taught students at John Poole Middle School on Poolesville using a rap they wrote to help the class remember the topics.

Chelsea Glowacki and Kristyn Kirschbaum created a Poolesville Environment Activity Book that will be distributed to new residents in the town's official welcome bags and to incoming Global Ecology students.

Kelsey Montgomery, Emily Stubbs and Elaine Wang created a film about Montgomery County's efforts to go green that took top honors at the Montgomery County Public Schools Environmental Film Festival.

Lisa Webb modified her car's engine to run on HHO, a mixture of pure hydrogen and oxygen created by electrolyzing water that is burned along with gasoline. Proponents say the technology can increase a car's fuel efficiency.

Katherine Conner created a micro-lending club and has made two loans to women in developing countries. She helped create and sell a senior Global Ecology T-shirt to get seed money for the project.

Carly Gayle worked on a stream restoration project in Seneca Creek State Park. She began the project when she was a sophomore.

Gone fishin'

Seneca Creek State Park, 11950 Clopper Road, Gaithersburg, is offering fishing lessons for parents and their children.

The one day clinic, called 'Take Me Fishing' will be held at the park's boat center Saturday and June 13, 27, July 11 and 25. The 2-1/2 hour program starts at 8:30 a.m and will go over fishing basics, such as knot tying, how to cast, and baiting your hook. The program will be guided by Seneca Creek State Park's boat center supervisor, Ted Manley.

'This program will hopefully introduce a lot of people to the basics of fishing, a pastime strongly tied in with our parks,' said park ranger Chris Czarra in a statement. 'It is a great activity for parents to learn and share with their child, and is extremely inclusive of age and ability'

This program is free, but requires reservations. Rods and reels are available for participants. All other fishing supplies will be provided by the park.

To register, call 301-963-8788, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. from Wednesdays to Sundays.

Summer fun at camp

Sign up now for the Salvation Army Summer Day Camp! Children in kindergarten through sixth grade can attend the

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camp at the Salvation Army headquarters, 20021 Aircraft Drive, Germantown.

The camp is 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays, June 22-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.

Campus Congratulations

-Cadet First Class Alexander Eames of Poolesville graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy with a Bachelor of Science Degree in marine environmental science. Eames is a 2005 graduate of Poolesville High School and the son of Seth and Sandy Eames. His first tour of duty will be as a deck watch officer on the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Bear in Portsmouth, Va.

-Margaret 'Margie' Renee Bivans of Darnestown, daughter of Laura and David Bivans, was named to Omicron Delta Kappa at Mary Baldwin College in Staunton, Virginia.

-Mary Ahan graduated with a Juris Doctorate degree from the Washington College of Law at American University in Washington, D.C. Mary is the daughter of Michael and Ellie Ahan of Poolesville.

-John T. Barotti of Darnestown, son of John and Beth Barotti, was named to the spring dean's list at North Carolina State University.

Race postponed

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

The All American Bicycle Club, a competitive biking club based in Damascus, will sponsor the Michael P. Murad Memorial Road Race on June 14 in Poolesville. The race had been scheduled for May 23.

The Murads also sponsor events in memory of Matthew at Montgomery College's Germantown campus.

The June 14 event includes six races along a rolling eight-mile loop, beginning at 12800 Hughes Road, at the intersection of Hughes and Sugarland roads. Prizes include \$4,000 in cash and merchandise. Races for men and women start at intervals from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. They vary from 32 to 72 miles. The races are limited to 50 to 75 participants per race.

Participants must be a member of the U.S. Cycling Federation.

For more information, visit All American's www.aabikes.com, click on the 'club' page and 'see the link for Murad Memorial Road Race.' For information related to local competitive bicycle racing, visit www.mabra.org.

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. Photos will be considered.

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Humane Society benefit coming to Wheaton Gazette, The

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Montgomery County Humane Society is holding its 11th annual charity fundraiser Paws in the Park, noon June 7 at the Wheaton Regional Park, 11751 Orebaugh Ave. in Wheaton.

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

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

Registration is free. But walkers are encouraged to collect donations by walking as an individual or forming a team. To register in advance and start fundraising online, visit www.firstgiving.com/mchsmc, or download an individual registration form from the event Web site at www.mchumane.org/Paws09intro

.shtml.

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

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

For more information visit www.mchumane.org.

Summer concert series

at Brookside

Brookside Gardens is gearing up for its Summer Twilight Concert Series, free music from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesdays in June at the gardens. The first concert, June 2, will feature Washington Area Music Association Award Winners J.P. McDermott & Western Bopa fun mix of rockabilly, classic honky-tonk and the great songs from the earliest days of rock 'n' roll.

June 9 will be the high-energy reggae group Shango Band; June 16 is the provocative and poppy composer Suzanne Brindamour; jazz and blues music will be in full swing June 23 with the Bobbe Shore Trip; and D.C.-based surf and rockabilly band Monsters from the Surf will round out the series June 30.

Visitors are welcome to bring chairs or blankets on which to sit in the grass. Rain location will be the visitors center.

Brookside Gardens is located at 1800 Glenallan Ave. in Wheaton. For more information, visit www.brookside

gardens.org or call 301-962-1400.

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Brookside Gardens' nest

while shopping at Nest in June

Shop at Nest Earth-Friendly Clothing and Gifts in Clarksville on June 14, and 10 percent of your purchase will be donated to Brookside Gardens. And on any other day in June, shoppers will receive a 10 percent discount at Nest for mentioning Brookside Gardens.

The promotion is to show appreciation for the environmental work the gardens does, said Anastasia MacDonald, the managing partner for Nest, in a news release.

Nest, or Natural Elements Selected Thoughtfully, is an environmentally-friendly shop that offers products that support independent artist, fair-trade importing, organic farming and recycling. Many products are handmade and one-of-a-kind. The Nest opened in October 2003 and is located off Route 108, just east of Route 32 in the Clarksville Square Shopping Center at 5809 Clarksville Square Drive. Visit [www.nestnaturalhome](http://www.nestnaturalhome.com)

.com for store hours or call 443-535-0212.

Women's rights to be discussed at local meeting

MCMDNOW, the county's chapter of the National Organization for Women, will discuss the history and future of the Equal Rights Amendment in the U.S. Constitution at their chapter meeting, 7:30 p.m. Monday at Wheaton Library, 11701 Georgia Ave. Join guest speaker Carolyn A. Cook, ERA campaign network's Washington, D.C., representative and strategist for a discussion of what work is still needed to achieve equality. Refreshments will be available. For more information visit www.mcmdnow.org or send an e-mail to info@mcmdnow.org.

Shop Local Guide' now available throughout Wheaton

Local First Wheaton, an alliance of local business owners and nonprofit leaders working toward keeping Wheaton a sustainable place for small business, released a local business guide at the Taste of Wheaton festival Sunday. The Shop Local Guide has a map of Wheaton and listings of more than 50 member businesses to help residents and visitors find local sources for goods and services. If you didn't pick one up Sunday, visit local businesses and information centers in Wheaton to grab the free publication.

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Yard sale to benefit sellers and Kennedy High

Get your spring cleaning done and bring the clutter to John F. Kennedy High School's yard sale, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday in the large parking lot at the school, 9201 Randolph Road in Silver Spring. 'Swaptopia,' a community partnership that helps raise money for schools and charity organizations, is looking for sellers at the event. Forty percent of seller fees will support the school and help fund college scholarships while the rest will go to the seller. Sellers who

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register in advance online at www.swaptopia.net pay a discounted fee of \$30. Sellers can also pay \$40 cash on the day of the sale, but are encouraged to make an advance reservation by e-mail. For more information, visit Swaptopia

.net or send an e-mail to [gretchen@](mailto:gretchen@swaptopia.net)

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Flea market to be held

at Wheaton Regional Park

Start cleaning out those closets and basements in preparation for the 'Flea Market in the Park,' to be held 8 a.m. to noon the second Saturday of each month June 13, July 11 and Aug. 8 at the Wheaton outdoor skating rink at the Wheaton Regional Park, 11717 Orebaugh Ave.

Vendors, crafters, artisans and artists are all welcome to set up a booth. The fee for a 10-by-10-foot space is \$20. Bring tables, crates, blankets, chairs and whatever else to display the wares. The Wheaton outdoor rink is completely covered on top and partially covered on the sides and there are indoor restroom facilities and vending machines on site.

Load in begins 7 a.m. Vendors, visit www.parkpass.org to register. The 'course' numbers are: 76800 for June 13, 76801 for July 13 and 76802 for Aug. 8. Registration opens Friday. For questions, call the Wheaton Ice Arena manager at 301-649-3640.

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Have you taken a photo at an event or in your community that you'd like to share with your neighbors? Attach the photo as a JPEG and

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[@twgemail.com](mailto:lmiliszauskas@twgemail.com) or go to www.rockville

relay.org.

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Adventist HealthCare, which has been planning a hospital in Clarksburg for several years, has been petitioning state lawmakers and the Maryland Health Care Commission for a comparative review since Holy Cross Hospital's announcement in August that it had begun the review process to build a hospital on Montgomery College's Germantown campus. The commission reviews cost-effectiveness, the financial viability of the proposed hospital and impact on existing health care providers in determining which hospital, if any, should be built.

Holy Cross officials opposed a state bill that would have required the commission to conduct a comparative review of the hospitals because they said Adventist would gain an unfair advantage by being able to see Holy Cross' application before filing its own. The bill, also opposed by the commission, stalled in committee during the General Assembly session that just ended.

Officials said last month that the hospital would be willing to participate in a comparative review under certain conditions, and the commission agreed to the proposed solution in a May 18 letter from Commissioner Reviewer Marilyn Moon. Adventist and Holy Cross will both have the opportunity to modify their applications after they are docketed and the formal review process begins.

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

Adventist and Holy Cross representatives said they were satisfied.

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

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

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

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Derek Alvey, 20, currently an engineering major at Montgomery College, was chosen to be one of the four Pony Club riders who will represent the United States in the Inter-Pacific Exchange. The competition pits U.S. riders in the Pony Club an international organization with several local chapters geared at equestrians aged 5-25 against riders from nine other countries, including New Zealand, Canada, Australia and Japan.

Alvey and his brother Andrew, 19, are both longtime members of the Seneca Valley Pony Club, according to his mother, Julie Priddy. Both of her sons got an early start in the saddle, she said.

'I was a single mom and I had grown up riding, so the only way I could go on trail rides was to take my two young sons with me,' Priddy said. The two boys would follow along on ponies as she rode, she said. 'We would ride around North Potomac before it was too built up to do that.'

Since then, both boys have become active members of the Seneca Valley Pony Club, Priddy said.

Alvey came out on top among Pony Club riders throughout the nation who applied for the competition, which originated in Australia in 1964. This year, the U.S. riders will meet in New Jersey for a week of training before flying to Hong Kong on July 23. The competition will span a week, and riders will demonstrate their skills in dressage, show jumping and cross country. Their return to the United States is planned for Aug. 8, after several days of touring mainland China.

'It's kind of a neat thing to see that something that's been a part of your life for such a long time can take you to an international competition,' Priddy said. 'I don't think he ever thought that was a possibility.'

Priddy, however, is asking for community support to raise the \$4,000 necessary for her son's trip. A single mother, Priddy's business at her design and remodeling company has slowed due to the economic downturn, and she is struggling to pull together the funds.

In order to make a tax-deductible donation to Alvey's trip, send contributions to the Seneca Valley Pony Club, Attn: Nancy Jones, 18800 Lake Placid Lane, Germantown, MD, 20874. Be sure to include 'Derek Alvey' in the memo line. For more information about the Inter-Pacific Exchange, visit www.ie.ponyclub.org.

The Shred is back!

The Friends of the Clara Barton Community Center are once again organizing a community paper shredding event that may just help protect you against identity theft. The party, known as 'The Grateful Shred,' will take place from 9 a.m. to noon, June 13, at the Clara Barton Community Center, located at 7425 MacArthur Boulevard in Cabin John. Residents are invited to bring their leftover bills, statements and letters to the center so that they can be destroyed securely by ALL-SHRED, a Frederick-based firm that provides mobile shredding trucks. The trucks are equipped with cross-cut shredders

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that cur pages into tiny paper chips, which are then baled and sent on to be recycled. Voluntary suggested donations are \$5 per one cubic foot box of paper, \$3 per half box and \$2 per quarter box. Excess paper can also be stored in paper bags. Staples, paper clips, rubber bands, folders, binder clips, hanging folders with metal strips and labels may also be shredded along with paper, though non-shreddable materials include newspapers, three-ring binders, cardboard, heavy plastic, heavy metals, boxes, trash, floppy disks and compact discs. For more information, call the Clara Barton Community Center at 301-229-0010.

Group for parents of multiples celebrates 50 years

Fifty years ago, a group of parents with twins and triplets got together and formed a group where they could go for support, to share ideas and socialize with other families facing the same unique challenges of having multiples.

Today, that group, Montgomery Parents of Multiples has grown, but the mission to provide support and socialization for families with twins, triplets and more remains the same, said group President Lisa Reichmann.

'The purpose and the benefits that members get are really the same as 50 years ago,' she said. 'Parents of multiples face unique challenges and it really helps to have people who have been there, done that, or to talk to people who are going through the same thing.'

At 7:30 tonight, the group is set to celebrate its 50th anniversary at 7:30 at Tragara restaurant, 4935 Cordell Ave., in Bethesda. The guest of honor is Chef Geoff Tracy of the Chef Geoff restaurants in Washington, D.C. and Lia's in Chevy Chase. Tracy and wife, Norah O'Donnell, MSNBC news chief Washington correspondent, are parents of twins plus one.

When the group first started in 1959, about 30 people came to the first meeting. By the end of that year, the membership had grown to over 100, said Reichmann, a Gaithersburg resident and mom of twins and a singleton. Today, there are 489 member families, with 90 percent of them from Montgomery County and about 10 percent from the District.

Several alumni and past presidents of the group are expected to attend tonight's celebration, including the 1965 group president who was also a founding member.

'The club has grown with more multiples around, for a number of reasons,' Reichmann said, 'but the need for the club hasn't really changed.'

Help for the hungry

Long and Foster Real Estate is organizing a community service picnic from 11a.m. to 2p.m., June 3, under the slogan of 'You feed the hungry, and we'll feed you.' The group will be collecting donations of non-perishable food for the Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington, a nonprofit group geared to help the homeless. As they collect food and donations for the needy, Long and Foster representatives will be grilling up hot dogs and hamburgers in the parking lot of the group's Potomac office at 10244 River Road. For more information, call 301-983-0060.

Community bartenders donate tips to charity

Community members from the River's Edge neighborhood, located close to River Road and Travilah Road, banded together last week to support local businesses and local charities.

Following along with a program called 'Bartender for a Night,' launched by Potomac resident and event planner Patty Daniels in conjunction with Old Angler's Inn, the event brings in local community members and business owners to bartend for an evening in an effort to draw in more customers to the iconic restaurant, located along the Potomac river. On Thursday, River's Edge residents David Shaw, Stefan Lalos, and John Smith all stepped behind the bar to support Angler's and to collect tips to donate to charities.

The tips benefitted the Children's Inn at the National Institutes of Health, along with Community Girls, a program started by North Potomac resident Laurie Parr that encourages children to get involved with giving back to their community. The neighborhood is considering making the event an annual tradition.

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

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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. on June 20 on Minnie's Island and along the Potomac River, and will feature events including canoeing, orienteering, fire building and knot tying. The day will also include team-based competitions and children ages 8 and over, along with their parents, will be able to take part in instructional and informational workshops. A lunch of hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided, though participants should bring along other refreshments, along with necessities like sun screen and bug spray. Canoes will be available, though participants are encouraged to bring their own. Space is limited so sign up soon! RSVP to chapin@potomac.org by June 18.

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Military veterans and active service personnel will find it a little bit easier to attend the University of Louisville thanks to a new office designed to better meet their needs. The Office of Military and Veterans Services will open this fall.

At least 600 UofL students are veterans, and the university expects by fall to have 750, said Joe Dablow, associate director in the offices of Undergraduate Affairs and Enrollment Management, at a May 26 press conference.

Dablow, a Navy reservist, will be the first director of the new office. It will be located in the Houchens Building on Belknap Campus near the offices of admissions, the registrar and the bursar.

The office is not intended to give veterans an advantage over other students, he said. It is intended to "serve as a resource to give military and veteran students the same opportunity for success as every other UofL student."

UofL students have more "alikes" than differences, he continued, but the differences between a student enrolling right out of high school and one enrolling from military service are huge.

"High schools have full-time counselors to help juniors and seniors, and our applications process itself is designed generally for high school students," Dablow explained. Military applicants may be applying to UofL while serving in Afghanistan. The dynamics of doing that are vastly different.

There also are issues associated with the length of time it has been since a student was in a classroom.

"Many UofL students sitting in a college algebra course had algebra last year," he continued. "Compare that with someone who hasn't had algebra for four years and last year was serving convoy duty in Iraq."

The new office will offer services from enrollment through graduation. Its goals are to

- * Provide support to military and veterans throughout the enrollment process; actively recruit veteran students; and better facilitate the admissions process
- * Provide effective academic and student life support and provide opportunities for veterans and military personnel on campus
- * Provide a single-point of contact at UofL for veterans

"This says veterans are welcome here and we are supportive of all you have done and are grateful for your service," said University Provost Shirley Willihnganz. "It puts us at the forefront of how we serve all students."

Providing such services is important because a recent study at Cleveland State shows that if returning veterans have just one year of support, they are more likely to finish their degrees, said Tom Jackson, vice president for student affairs.

UofL is rapidly becoming a "veterans-friendly campus," Jackson said. Much of the university's progress is because of the efforts of Rodney McGuire, a returning veteran now in his third year at the university who is president of the University Veterans Organization, UofL's chapter of the Student Veterans of America.

"Arguably he is the person who said very clearly that we can improve the environment for undergraduate students that are veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan, so credit for our efforts and successes today really go to (him)," Jackson said.

Plans began to take shape last summer when UofL put together a group to look at how it can improve veteran's services in light of the possible influx of students coming back to school from military service using the G.I. Bill, which takes effect this summer.

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UofL's Division of Student Affairs earlier this year had its first Veteran's Symposium. Among the universities that presented at the conference were Cleveland State University, San Diego State University and Montgomery Community College of Maryland - all of which are considered to have best practices in terms of serving veterans. Attendees represented universities from across the United States. A second conference is being planned for spring 2010. For more information please contact: Sarabjit Jagirdar, Email:- htsyndication@hindustantimes.com.

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MC-Germantown falls in final of NJCAA tournament

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In recent trips to the National Junior College Athletic Association Division III World Series, the Montgomery College-Germantown baseball team has gone back home sooner than planned.

Last week, they remained in Tyler, Tex., until the very end.

The Gryphons gave Richland (Tex.) all it could handle in the tournament final May 20 before falling, 7-5.

'It was unbelievable,' coach Dan Rascher said. 'The kids, they played their hearts out the whole week long and we actually had a chance to win, but they shut us down late. They're a very good team.'

Germantown took advantage of an errant throw with the bases loaded in the ninth inning to beat Manchester (Conn.), 7-6, in the opening game May 16. The Gryphons followed with a 13-7 win over Brookdale (N.J.) the next day before losing to Richland 17-2 on day three.

MC-Germantown (32-19) rebounded to defeat Brookdale again in the losers' bracket, this time by a 7-4 score, to set up the championship game.

'Our guys had a great run,' Rascher said. 'It was a great game. We had 14 hits but we made a couple of mistakes and they capitalized on them and won the game.'

The team's last hope came in the seventh inning with two runners in scoring position and one out, but Pritchett responded with back-to-back strikeouts to get out of the jam. Montgomery College starter Jose Sanchez (8-3) also struck out 11 in his complete-game effort.

Danny Martinez (Springbrook graduate), Kenny Voigt (Damascus) and Brian Brusoe (Magruder) earned all-tournament honors. Martinez batted a sizzling .619 (13 for 21) with three doubles and two runs batted in for the tournament and tied a tournament record by going 5 for 5 in the team's 7-4 win against Brookdale.

Voigt batted at a .280 clip with a triple and three RBI and had several key defensive plays. Brusoe went 1-0 with a save in 10 2/3 shutout innings that spanned three appearances.

Sam Bender (Wootton) and Matt Sweeney each collected six RBI while Matt Civetti (Clarksburg) added five for the Gryphons.

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Legion baseball: Can Post 295 be topped?

by James Peters | Staff Writer

Last summer, they captured both the Montgomery Division and Maryland State American Legion championships. With the return of numerous key players from last year's squad, Post 295 looks like the team to beat once again.

"We have a lot of starting position players back, but we lost a lot of pitchers because they aged out," said Gaithersburg manager Rick Price, who has won three state titles and eight county crowns since 1990. "We're going to have a good team, but Damascus will be very good and Sandy Spring and [Gaithersburg Post] 104 should be good."

Although Post 295 (40-5 in 2008, 25-1 Montgomery Division) did see some quality pitchers depart, Price returns right-handers Tyler Klitsch, Brian Black and Dominique Vattuone and left-hander Mike Ryan, all of whom had standout high school seasons.

Klitsch went 7-2 with three saves and a 3.27 earned-run average for Seneca Valley. His teammate on both squads, Black, went 3-0 with a save and a 2.86 ERA. Vattuone won all seven of his decisions for Northwest while Ryan helped guide Quince Orchard to the Class 4A state championship game, earning the start in the final.

Outfielder Matt Civetti and third baseman Nick Loftus return as two of the team's top run producers. Loftus batted .480 with 15 RBI for Northwest, while Civetti helped Montgomery College-Germantown reach the NJCAA World Series final by producing nine home runs and 45 RBI in the regular season.

Damascus Post 171 (22-12), Gaithersburg Post 104 (7-17-1), Sandy Spring Post 68 (13-17), Cissel Saxon Post 41 (13-13) and Wheaton Post 268 (15-14), along with Laurel Post 60 (9-18) look to dethrone Post 295, which has won five of the last six Montgomery Division crowns.

Bethesda Post 105 will not field a team, eight players short of a full roster, according to manager Mike Naas said.

Post 104 was the lone team to break up Post 295's run of championships, in 2007, but injuries and other losses led to a tough 2008 season for coach Joe Stolz. The team looks to rebound with a full roster that includes a mix of college and high school players.

"I think we have healthy pitchers and I think we have a number of good pitchers, which was our weakness last year," Stolz said. "I think we'll be as good as anybody else. It will come down to how well everybody does with the tools they've got. I don't think any one team is going to dominate."

Second baseman Kory Smigocki batted .462 with 12 RBI and 20 runs for Gaithersburg High this past season, while Nick Riley compiled a 5-2 record with a 1.89 ERA for the Trojans. Shortstop Tim Riley was a key member of the MC-Germantown squad. Catcher Ben Silverman compiled a .458 average with 16 RBI for Richard Montgomery.

Post 171 suffered numerous roster hits, including Damascus shortstop Ryan McGuigan (.540, 25 RBI this spring) to Post 295; he has family in both areas. But second-year manager Tommy Davis said, "We're going to be comfortable with the team we put together. We have a mix of youth and we've got a couple of veteran players we'll be counting on as well. We're excited about some of the young kids coming up."

Those seasoned leaders include outfielder-designated hitter Mark Smith, center fielder Shane Boyd, shortstop Lee Hertel and relief pitcher Kyle Schindel. They are joined by up-and-coming players A.J. Bowman, Gary Mullings and Brian Anders, who went 5-1 on the mound for Damascus this spring. Smith batted over .600 with 29 RBI for the Swarming Hornets. Boyd batted .308 in 30 games for Frostburg State.

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Cissel Saxon grabbed the final spot in last year's four-team, double-elimination county tournament but used wins against Wheaton and Damascus to reach the final. Third-year manager Scott Dunlap was still putting together his team as of late last week but does return center fielder Charles Brown, first baseman-designated hitter Brandon Grove, first baseman-pitcher Paul Graves, third baseman Ricky LaSota and pitcher Danny Snight. Brown had a huge season for Springbrook this spring, batting .457 with 21 RBI and 16 runs.

"It's all going to come down to our pitching and hitting," Dunlap said. "If those are successful, we'll be very competitive."

Sandy Spring coach Matt Cangas hopes a year experience for his program, started by Magruder coach Matt Avery last summer, will help push Post 68 into the playoffs this year. The squad started 7-2 a year ago but went 6-15 the rest of the way.

"We have added some solid pitchers to our rotation this year," Cangas said. "Our biggest strength this year will be our defense. Our offense last season was OK. We only have three returning players that hit over .300. If our bats come around this season, we have the potential to be a top team."

Former Bullis catcher Blake Overmiller, who played this spring in Texas, adds an explosive bat. He hit .558 with five home runs and 24 RBI for Post 608 last year. Sandy Spring Friends pitcher Stephen Bonser produced a 3-1 record and 3.88 ERA in 21 2/3 innings for Post 68 last summer.

Wheaton reached the tournament a year ago for the first time in several years before bowing out with two straight losses. Laurel has a handful of college-aged players on the roster but no high school seniors.

-Montgomery Division: Gaithersburg Post 295, Gaithersburg Post 104, Damascus Post 171, Sandy Spring Post 68, Wheaton Post 268, Cissel Saxon Post 41, Laurel Post 40

-2008 Montgomery Division champions: Gaithersburg Post 295 (8th)

-Players to watch: P Stephen Bonser (Post 41), OF Shane Boyd (Post 171), OF Charles Brown (Post 41), OF Matt Civetti (Post 295), 1B-LHP Rob Medoff (Post 40), C Blake Overmiller (Post 68), SS Tim Riley (Post 104), LHP Mike Ryan (Post 295), OF-C-2B Matt Schmauder (Post 40), 2B Kory Smigocki (Post 104), OF-DH Mark Smith (Post 171), P Dominique Vattuone (Post 295)

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GRANTS TOTALING \$20.1 MILLION AWARDED TO ADDRESS MARYLAND'S NURSING SHORTAGE **Federal News Service**

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ANNAPOLIS, Md., May 19 -- The Maryland Higher Education Commission issued the following news release:

The Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC) has awarded eighteen institutions grants totaling \$20.1 million over five years as part of the fourth round of funding in the Competitive Institutional Grants component of the Nurse Support Program II (NSP II). HSCRC has contracted with the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) to administer the Nurse Support Program II.

Funding for NSP II is being provided through a 0.1% increase to the rate structure of all hospitals since July 2005 to promote the program's goal of increasing the number of bedside nurses in Maryland hospitals by expanding the capacity of Maryland's nursing education programs. This innovative program is a unique venture that teams hospitals and colleges to create partnerships to address the critical shortage of nurses. The projected outcomes of this fourth round of institutional grants are expected to increase new RNs by 880, new BSNs by 436 graduates, and new Master's graduates (who will be eligible to become faculty) by 452.

Coupled with the 19 programs funded in the first three years, NSP II is expected to produce 2033 new Registered Nurses (RNs), 1184 Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degrees and 1344 new graduates eligible to become faculty.

"I am pleased to see that these grants are going to some of Maryland's best colleges and universities to address our State's nursing shortage," Secretary of Higher Education James E. Lyons, Sr., said. "This is a major concern for Governor O'Malley. He has stressed the importance of putting families first and making sure that more nurses and nurse faculty are being given the resources to help them serve our working families in their times of need."

Information on the 21 new projects:

Lead Institution: Allegany College

Project Title: Creating a Smart Learning Environment to Retain Nursing Students

Partners: None

Lead Institution: Allegany College

Project Title: Enhancing Nursing Retention Through Tutoring: A Rural/Urban Partnership Project

Partners: Anne Arundel Community College

Lead Institution: Bowie State University

Project Title: Accelerated BSN with Retention and Success Initiatives

Partners: None

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Project Title: A Faculty pipeline for RN to BSN and BSN to MSN (Master of Science in Nursing)

Partners: Southern Maryland Hospital and Anne Arundel Medical Center

Lead Institution: Carroll Community College

Project Title: Spring Start

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Partners: None

Lead Institution: Chesapeake College

Project Title: A Model to Increase Graduation Rates of Nursing Students

Partners: None

Lead Institution: College of Notre Dame of Maryland

Project Title: Maryland Partnership Project to Increase Nursing Faculty

Partners: Anne Arundel Medical Center, Higher Education & conference Center, Upper Chesapeake Medical Center

Lead Institution: College of Southern Maryland

Project Title: Southern Maryland Nurse Retention Project

Partners: None

Lead Institution: Frederick Community College

Project Title: FANS - Frederick Community College Associate Degree Nursing Support

Partners: None

Lead Institution: Frostburg State University

Project Title: Building the Nursing Faculty Pipeline in Western Maryland

Partners: None

Lead Institution: Hagerstown Community College

Project Title: Transforming Community College Nursing Program Simulation Training in Maryland (A Five-Year Plan)

Partners: None

Lead Institution: Harford Community College

Project Title: Weekend and Evening Accelerated Nursing Program

Partners: Upper Chesapeake Health

Lead Institution: Howard Community College

Project Title: Increasing Nursing Graduates and Graduate Nurse Retention Through An LPN Pathway Sequence

Partners: None

Lead Institution: Johns Hopkins University

Project Title: Establishing a Maryland Faculty Academy for Simulation Teaching in Nursing Education (M-FAST)

Partners: Stevenson University, Howard community College, Montgomery College, Bowie State University and Harford Community College

Lead Institution: Johns Hopkins University

Project Title: Needs Based Graduate Education II - Online Masters Specialty

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Partners: None

Lead Institution: Montgomery College

Project Title: Innovative Staffing

Partners: None

Lead Institution: Morgan State University

Project Title: Addressing the Nursing and Faculty Shortage, and Increasing the Representation of Minority Nurses: Starting a Nursing Program at an HBCU (Historically Black College or University)

Partners: None

Lead Institution: Prince George's Community College

Project Title: RN Program Growth and Student Retention

Partners: None

Lead Institution: Salisbury University

Project Title: Creation of New Dual Roles for Nurse Clinicians in Clinical Teaching to Expand Enrollments in the Second Bachelor's Degree Program at Salisbury University

Partners: Atlantic General Hospital

Lead Institution: Towson University

Project Title: An Accelerated Associate to Master's Degree Program: A Towson University and Community College of Baltimore County Collaborative Project

Partners: Community College of Baltimore County, Frederick Memorial Hospital, Greater Baltimore Medical Center

Lead Institution: University of Maryland

Project Title: Master's Preparation of Staff Nurses to Expand Clinical Instruction Capacity

Partners: Anne Arundel Medical Center, Baltimore-Washington Medical Center, Good Samaritan Hospital of Maryland, Mercy Medical Center, Shore Health Medical Center, Sinai Hospital of Baltimore, Franklin Square Hospital Center

For more information, see www.mhec.state.md.us/Grants/NSPII/NSPII.asp.

The Maryland Higher Education Commission is a 12-member coordinating board responsible for establishing statewide policies for Maryland public and independent colleges and universities and private career schools. It serves as an advocate for more than 325,000 college students in Maryland, for the State and its needs, and for business and industry in Maryland. For more information please contact: Sarabjit Jagirdar, Email:- htsyndication@hindustantimes.com.

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Laurel man addresses fellow Montgomery College graduates Gazette, The

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Douglas K. Baldwin told fellow graduates of Montgomery College that going back to school four years ago while continuing to hold down a job was the right direction to take. 'From the challenges, inspiration and knowledge our teachers have given us to the friendships which have been made with fellow classmates, I have never regretted my decision,' he said during commencement this morning at the college's Rockville campus. Students from the college's Germantown and Takoma Park campuses also received their degrees and certificates during the 62nd graduation ceremony.

The class of 2009, which included students ranging in age from 18 to 71 and hailing from 121 countries, included Baldwin and three other Board of Trustee Scholars who addressed the graduates.

Baldwin, of Laurel, was named the Workforce Development and Continuing Education Apprenticeship Trustee Scholar for his work completing a certificate program as a heating and air conditioning technician with the Air Conditioning Contractors of America's National Capitol Chapter.

He expects the apprenticeship will help him advance in his career, he said.

His wife, Jennifer, and daughter, Sophia, 9, were on hand to see him graduate. Their 3-year-old son Sam wasn't able to come, he said.

Courtney Joy Minard of Gaithersburg was recognized as the Germantown Campus Trustee Scholar. She plans to pursue a degree and become a physical therapist assistant, she said. 'I'm so grateful for the privilege of attending a school where the teachers don't view you as one more paper to grade or one more test to correct,' she said. 'They care for you and for the dreams you hold.' Germaine Y. Nendah of Bethesda spoke as the Rockville Campus Trustee Scholar. The Cameroon native plans to attend Smith College and pursue a career as a doctor.

She volunteers her time as a tutor at Beall Elementary School through Rockville's mentoring program.

She urged graduates to believe in themselves and to follow their passions.

The Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus Trustee Scholar is Awa A. Drame of Silver Spring. A native of the Cote d'Ivoire, formerly known as Ivory Coast, she also wants to pursue degrees in medicine, following in her mother's footsteps and becoming a doctor, she said.

She will be attending a summer internship in genetics at the University of Georgia.

Peabody Award-winning journalist Suzanne Malveaux of CNN delivered the keynote address to the 2,100 graduates.

Malveaux is the White House correspondent and covered the 2008 presidential election. Her brother is a professor at Montgomery College and she began her journalistic career in the area. 62nd annual commencement ceremony held Friday morning at Rockville campus

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Suzanne Malveaux urges Montgomery College grads to stay focused

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CNN: Suzanne MalveauxCNN White House correspondent Suzanne Malveaux delivered the commencement speech at Montgomery College this morning, addressing more than 2,500 students who have earned associate's degrees, apprenticeships or certificates from the school's three campuses in Montgomery County – Germantown, Rockville and Takoma Park/Silver Spring – as well as from Workforce Development and Continuing Education programs.

The journalist, a graduate of Centennial High School in Ellicott City, MD, stressed the importance of "checking in with yourself from time to time" in order to "keep tabs on what you've become."

"It's going to be a struggle sometimes to remain the person who you are in your very core," the one-time Howard County resident told grads gathered at the Rockville Campus Athletic Field. "But, it's important that you not succumb to the pull that you'll sometimes feel to become something that you are not."

"I realized this valuable lesson when I turned to covering crimes as a nighttime reporter here in Washington DC," continued Malveaux, who worked as a general assignment reporter for WRC-TV from 1996 through 1999.

"I was the one who often walked up to the door to talk to the parent whose child had just been murdered," she said. "I had justified it by producing memorial pieces about the innocent victims that were caught in the crossfire. But every night, I'd get that pit in my stomach. And [I'd] catch my breath as I go to knock on another door. It's when I got pretty good at it that I realized I didn't want to become that person, the person who was comfortable in that job. And so I turned the corner and I focused on politics and my interest in other areas."

Malveaux was born in Lansing, Michigan into a New Orleans-based Creole family of African, Spanish and French descent. After living in the Big Easy during her early years, her family moved to the DC area, where her doctor father, Floyd J. Malveaux, served as the dean of the College of Medicine at Howard University. He went on to found the school's National Human Genome Center and is currently the executive director of the Merck Childhood Asthma Network.

Suzanne gave a shout out to both of her parents in her keynote address, as well as her sister-in-law – all seated in the

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front row. She also pointed out her brother Greg, an English Literature professor at Montgomery College and director of its student abroad program, saying "our family has held this college in such high esteem for so long and it's been an integral part of our education as well."

Joining her sociology degree from Harvard and master's degree in broadcasting from Columbia is now a fresh new honorary associate of arts degree in public service from Montgomery College. In presenting Malveaux with the honor, MC's President Brian K. Johnson recognized her as a journalist "who has with diligence and honor, served Montgomery College, Montgomery County and the State of Maryland."

Montgomery College Television aired the commencement live on Montgomery County TV Channel 10 on the Comcast, Verizon and RCN cable systems in Montgomery County. Rebroadcasts are scheduled for Saturday (May 23) at 3 p.m.; Sunday (May 24) at 8 p.m.; Tuesday (May 26) at 11 a.m. and Wednesday (May 27) at 5 p.m. Also, the ceremony will be podcast on the Montgomery College Web site beginning May 26.

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BEL CANTANTI OPERA Sunday at 3. The group presents Bellini's 'I Capuleti e I Montecchi,' through May 31. Music Recital Hall, Music Building, Montgomery College, 51 Mannakee St., Rockville. 301-266-7546 or <http://www.belcantanti.com>. \$35, \$25 students.

BALTIMORE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Saturday at 11. Andrew Grams conducts the BSO and Philip Munds, horn, in an all Mozart series. Joseph Meyerhoff Symphony Hall, 1212 Cathedral St., Baltimore. 410-783-8000, 800-442-1198 or <http://www.bsomusic.org>. \$20-\$60. **BALTIMORE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA SUPERPOPS** Thursday at 8. Jack Everly conducts the group in 'Disco Days and Boogie Nights.' Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. 301-581-5100 or <http://www.bsomusic.org>. \$25-\$80.

ARABESQUE WINDS Friday at 6. An ensemble of students from the University of Rochester's Eastman School of Music performs works by Bozza, Barber, Hindemith, Klughart and Ligeti. Kennedy Center, Millennium Stage, 2700 F St. NW. 202-467-4600, 800-444-1324 or <http://www.kennedy-center.org>. Free.

RONN MCFARLANE AND CYNTHIA CATHCART Friday at 7:30. McFarlane plays the lute and Cathcart the Gaelic Harp in Baroque and Renaissance selections. St. Columba's Episcopal Church, 4201 Albemarle St. NW. 301-587-6267. \$20, \$15 students.

THE LANDON SYMPHONETTE CHAMBER ENSEMBLE Saturday at noon. Richard Weilenmann conducts the ensemble in Bach's Violin Concerto in E minor, the Barber Capricorn Concerto, and Haydn's Symphony No. 31. Friendship Heights Village Center, 4433 S. Park Ave., Chevy Chase. 301-320-3200 or <http://www.landon.net/symphonette>. Free.

STUDENTS FROM RICE UNIVERSITY'S SHEPHERD SCHOOL OF MUSIC Saturday at 6. Pianist and harpsichordist Kimi Kawashima, violinist Joseph Maile, trumpeter Thomas Siders, pianist Andrew Staupe and baritone Michael Sumuel perform works by Bozza, Bartk, Granados, and more. Kennedy Center, Millennium Stage, 2700 F St. NW. 202-467-4600 or 202-467-4600, 800-444-1324. Free.

PRO MUSICA RARA Sunday at 3. Pro Musica Rara performs Heinrich Biber's Mystery Sonatas. Walters Art Museum, 600 N. Charles St., Baltimore. 410-547-9000 or <http://www.thewalters.org>. \$45, \$30 students and seniors.

ROCK CREEK CHAMBER PLAYERS Sunday at 3. Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church of Bethesda, 8011 Old Georgetown Rd., Bethesda. 202-337-8710. Free.

THE SMITH QUARTET Sunday at 4. Phillips Collection, 1600 21st St. NW. 202-387-2151 or <http://www.phillipscollection.org>.

THE SAN FRANCISCO CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC STUDENTS Sunday at 6. Flute player Anita Uhlmann, English horn player Robyn Smith, pianist Teresa Yu and guitarist Thomas Viloteau perform works by Ginastera, Tedesco, Ponce, Vine, and Honegger. Kennedy Center, Millennium Stage, 2700 F St. NW. 202-467-4600, 800-444-1324 or <http://www.kennedy-center.org>. Free.

YALE UNIVERSITY'S SCHOOL OF MUSIC STUDENTS Monday at 6. Students of Yale School of Music play classical works. Kennedy Center, Millennium Stage, 2700 F St. NW. 202-467-4600, 800-444-1324 or <http://www.kennedy-center.org>. Free.

WASHINGTON SYMPHONIC BRASS Tuesday at 7:30. The group performs 'Classic Rock for Brass,' five decades of rock music. Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts, 801 Chase St., Annapolis. 410-280-5640. \$30, \$15 students.

ORGANISTS DONNA DIXON ERVIN, SHIRLEY CANN, CAROLENE WINTER AND ELEANOR TIMBERLAKE Sunday at

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4. Presented by the Annapolis Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. St. Anne's Episcopal Church, Church Circle, Annapolis. 410-267-9333 or <http://www.stannes-annapolis.org>. Free.

50TH SAENGERFEST OF THE NORDOESTLICHER SAENGERBUND Saturday at 5. The Washington Singer Club and choruses from the other countries perform German and German-American choral music accompanied by the National Gallery of Art Orchestra. National Building Museum, 401 F St. NW. 703-644-0565 or <http://www.saengerfest2009.org>. \$25.

D.C. BOYS' CHOIR Sunday at 5. St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 1514 15th St. NW. 202-526-3477. Freewill donations.

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COUNCILMEMBER ERVIN VOTES TO APPROVE FISCAL YEAR 2010 MONTGOMERY OPERATING BUDGET MAINTAINING CORE SERVICES **Federal News Service**

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ROCKVILLE, Md., May 21 -- Montgomery County issued the following City Council news release:

Montgomery County Councilmember Valerie Ervin, who represents District 5, which includes Kensington, Silver Spring, Takoma Park and Wheaton, voted today to approve the County Fiscal Year 2010 operating budget. The Council's action maintains property taxes at the Charter limit, spreads the property tax burden equitably among residents, preserves essential services for residents and eliminates planned cost of living increases for employees.

"The Council kept its commitment to fund core services that residents rely on each day," said Councilmember Ervin. "Education, public safety and safety net services were at the top of my list of priorities because these are issues that I hear about most in District 5.

"As a single mother, putting a son through college, I know that working families are struggling to make ends meet in the County. I am satisfied that we were able to maintain core services without exacerbating the tax burden on our residents."

Councilmember Ervin believes that working families drive the economic engine of Montgomery County and are the County's most valuable resource. However, the employee contracts, as originally negotiated by the Executive Branch, were not affordable in this current fiscal crisis.

"The Council was forced to defer several elements of negotiated agreements with employee unions," said Councilmember Ervin. "It is up to the Executive Branch to send us contracts which are sustainable; otherwise, we jeopardize the essential services that residents rely on."

As chairwoman of the Council's Education Committee, Councilmember Ervin fought to maintain essential funding for Montgomery County Public Schools and Montgomery College. However, the State Board of Education's decision not to grant the County a waiver of \$79 million from the state-mandated Maintenance of Effort requirements left the Council with a tremendous hole to fill late in the budget process. The Council worked together to continue to support the Montgomery County School System.

"My goal is always to put our county's children first, and I have consistently fought to preserve robust education funding both on the Montgomery County School Board and the Council," said Councilmember Ervin. "The eleventh hour decision by the State Board of Education certainly exacerbated the budget challenges we faced this year.

"With school enrollment numbers increasing, the County again has to step up to the plate to help close the gap for education, so that our students can continue to get the quality education that they deserve and that our residents expect. We have to do more with less, but still ensure that our children continue to receive a top-notch education."

The Council restored essential public safety resources by increasing the number of police recruits, maintaining police station hours and keeping open a satellite police station in Piney Branch. "County funding for public safety is essential, and the Council acted quickly to restore services in this area," said Councilmember Ervin. "We all are committed to keeping our communities safe and know that we must be even more vigilant during this economic downturn."

The Council also maintained services for its neediest residents and maintained access to transportation. Councilmember Ervin fought to maintain funding for pre-kindergarten services for low-income families and to restore critical health and human services programs. Some examples include health clinic operating support, mental health care for children, and health screening for the county's neediest residents. Councilmember Ervin also voted to maintain much needed bus routes and Ride On funding for children and seniors.

Councilmember Ervin secured funding to maintain and expand other services to District 5. For example, she worked with her Council colleagues to secure funding to make much needed bridge repairs in Takoma Park; keep the Piney Branch Pool open; expand the Department of Health and Human Services sobering team to the Wheaton Central Business District; maintain emerging community services like trash pick up and beautification projects; and restore a portion of staffed hours at the Kensington Volunteer Fire Department and the Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad.

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"This budget process has been extremely challenging because of our limited resources and the increasing needs of our residents during these difficult economic times," said Councilmember Ervin. "I believe that this budget strikes the right balance." For more information please contact: Sarabjit Jagirdar, Email:- htsyndication@hindustantimes.com.

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE LEGGETT ISSUES STATEMENT ON COUNCIL APPROVAL OF BUDGET Federal News Service

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ROCKVILLE, Md., May 21 -- Montgomery County issued the following statement:

"I want to thank the County Council for their hard work in approving Operating and Capital budgets for the fiscal year that begins July 1. While the budget may not include everything I asked for, I'm pleased that the final product represents more than 99 percent of what I recommended.

"I want to especially thank Council President Phil Andrews for his tireless work and his cooperation. I appreciate the close collaboration we've had with the Board of Education and Superintendent Dr. Jerry Weast. I thank our County, MCPS, and Montgomery College employees who have sacrificed their cost-of-living increases to help close our budget gap.

"This budget reflects some tough choices made to close a \$587 million budget shortfall caused by the national economic downturn. Public safety, education, and the County's safety net for the most vulnerable are protected. At the same time, we have cut costs by eliminating approximately 400 government positions, provided no cost-of-living pay raises to public employees, realized cost savings from all County departments, and reduced expenditures in the capital budget.

"This budget keeps faith with my commitment to hold the line on property taxes at the Charter limit, including a credit of \$690 to lower the burden on homeowners and maintain a more progressive property tax.

"I sought to protect public safety, education, and the 'safety net' for the County's most vulnerable in my recommended budget. We have increased funding for affordable housing and for pedestrian safety. We have also continued to invest in programs such as CountyStat and the upcoming "311" one-stop County phone system that are building a more effective and efficient government, saving millions of dollars and boosting customer service.

"The budget approved today brings the County government's tax-supported growth rate down from a 14.1 percent increase in FY07, in the year before I took office, to an actual decrease of 2.2 percent for the coming fiscal year - the lowest level in 18 years.

"In the three budgets I have prepared, we have closed nearly \$1.2 billion in shortfalls, unprecedented in County history.

"I believe we are making the right decisions to lay the groundwork for this County to come out of this downturn in the best position. We must keep in mind the economy may not yet have bottomed out and that County revenue from any recovery will lag. More state budget cuts may be on the horizon. And, even now, we are projecting a budget shortfall next year of over \$370 million, with fewer options available.

"I look forward to working closely with the Council, the School Board, and others to meet our very real challenges in the future - and make a good Montgomery County even better, even as we weather tough times. For more information please contact: Sarabjit Jagirdar, Email:- htsyndication@hindustantimes.com.

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GOV. O'MALLEY ANNOUNCES EXPANSION OF BIOTECH COMPANY IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY

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ATLANTA, May 20 -- Gov. Martin O'Malley, D-Md., issued the following news release:

Governor Martin O'Malley joined officials from RNL Biostar today at the BIO 2009 Convention in Atlanta to announce the company's U.S. expansion in Montgomery County, adding fifty jobs to a flourishing life sciences industry in Maryland, which is home to more than 400 bioscience companies and 50 research-intensive federal institutes and centers.

"The expansion of RNL Biostar in Maryland demonstrates the highly supportive environment and unmatched assets found within the state to advance our life sciences industry," said Governor O'Malley. "Maryland's unprecedented commitment to expanding the life sciences industry demonstrates our efforts to grow and sustain a robust, knowledge-based economy that will ensure future company expansion announcements throughout our State. Maryland is widely recognized as a global hub to feed, fuel, and heal our world through the life sciences."

RNL Biostar, a subsidiary of premier Korean biotechnology company RNL Bio, will establish a stem cell research and development and manufacturing facility in Montgomery County's Germantown Innovation Center. It will invest \$6 million for new equipment and facility improvements in the leased space, which will include four labs and five office suites. RNL Biostar plans to create 50 new, full-time positions within the next four years, the majority of which will be cell manufacturing technicians with an average salary of \$50,000. By the end of 2014, the company plans to occupy 20,000 square feet of commercial space in the County.

"RNL Biostar's expansion in Montgomery County illustrates the strength and scope of our diverse biotech community," said Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett. "I was able to witness first-hand the important stem cell therapy research and development conducted by RNL Bio during my business development mission to Korea last fall, and the expansion of their U.S. subsidiary RNL Biostar here in the County will help advance this work and adds to the wealth of scientific capital found in Montgomery County, furthering our capacity to help heal and save lives around the globe from the local level."

RNL Bio, headquartered in Seoul, Korea and publicly traded on the Korean Stock Exchange, is focused on the research and development of adult derived stem cell therapies and life sciences technologies. RNL has two therapies in Phase II clinical trials, one for Buerger's Disease and one for Osteoarthritis. RNL Biostar is responsible for clinical development in the U.S. and for licensing its technologies in North and South American markets.

Since taking office, Governor O'Malley has spearheaded a number of strategic investments in Maryland's bioscience industry. In addition to creating the Life Science Advisory Board, he previewed the Board's efforts and early recommendations last June in a 10-year, \$1.3 billion strategic initiative for moving Maryland's bioscience industry forward. Governor O'Malley has been instrumental in securing funding for bio initiatives, including \$59 million over three years for Maryland's Stem Cell Research Fund, \$18 million over three years for the popular Biotechnology Tax Credit and \$9 million for nanobiotechnology research grants.

Under Governor O'Malley's leadership, Maryland's major research parks, including the University of Maryland, Baltimore BioPark, the Science +Technology Park in East Baltimore and the Montgomery College/Germantown Science and Technology Park, have undergone significant expansion. In addition, the State has attracted, or assisted in launch or expansion, of more than 50 bioscience companies in the last two years, including Aeras Global TB Vaccine, OpGen, Life Technologies, Biomere, Akonni Biosystems and Emergent Biosolutions, creating or retaining an estimated 1,800 jobs.

Home to more than 400 bioscience companies and 50 research-intensive federal institutes and centers, Maryland is well positioned in the global bioscience industry and has been recognized by the Milken Institute as one of the top tier states highly specialized in overall bioscience development. Since the early 1990s, Maryland has focused on bioscience development and was one of the first states to develop a strategic plan for the industry. For more information please contact: Sarabjit Jagirdar, Email:- htsyndication@hindustantimes.com.

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GOV. O'MALLEY CELEBRATES MARYLAND'S BIO MILESTONES, PREVIEWS LIFE SCIENCES ADVISORY BOARD REPORT **Federal News Service**

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ANNAPOLIS, Md., May 18 -- Gov. Martin O'Malley, D-Md., issued the following news release:

As Governor Martin O'Malley readies to attend the BIO 2009 International Convention in Atlanta this week, he joined today with Maryland Life Sciences Advisory Board members, Maryland bioscience executives and officials at Aeras Global TB Vaccine Foundation in Rockville to celebrate Maryland's bio milestones and unveil the recommendations of the Maryland Life Sciences Advisory Board (LSAB). The Governor also detailed plans to promote Maryland at BIO 2009 this week, the largest global gathering of the bioscience industry, where he will lead a contingent of close to 400 attendees from Maryland, including a delegation of 30 Maryland bioscience companies.

"The investments we are making in bioscience today positions the State for sustained future growth and ensures our global leadership in this industry," said Governor O'Malley. "I am proud of the work of the Maryland Life Sciences Advisory Board, which has spent the past 18 months charting a comprehensive, long-term plan to maximize Maryland's unique research and development assets, and grow Maryland's life sciences industry even during difficult economic times. I look forward to working closely with the Board to move these recommendations forward."

"It is an honor and a privilege to represent a Congressional District and State that has been one of the most active regions in the country in promoting the biotechnology industry. Maryland is home to more than 400 bioscience companies, which is one of the fastest growing clusters in the United States," said Congressman Chris Van Hollen. "The Federal government has been a committed partner in the development of biotechnology, providing a historic investment in the sciences as part of the Recovery Act. As Congress and President Obama tackle health reform, Maryland's cutting edge technologies and best practices will serve as a national model of excellence."

Key among the recommendations Governor O'Malley announced today is the co-location of the Maryland Biotechnology Center, which will have offices in Baltimore and Montgomery County.

"The decision by Governor O'Malley and the Life Sciences Advisory Board to locate the Maryland Bioscience Center in Montgomery County is very exciting and marks another major milestone for the county and state in supporting the continued growth and success of our vital biotechnology industry," said Montgomery County Executive Leggett. "We currently have over 350 life sciences companies in the County, and this new Center, along with ongoing local initiatives, will provide the support and infrastructure needed to propel the county's and state's biotech and advanced technology industries forward."

The 15-member LSAB, which was formed by Governor O'Malley in 2007, has been working for more than 18 months on a strategic plan for Maryland's bioscience industry. During that time, the Board has engaged more than 100 industry experts in working groups and held nine public meetings and two public forums to solicit input on the plan. The Board's strategic priorities include ensuring the sustained growth and future competitiveness of Maryland's bioscience industry; supporting the creation and growth of innovative bioscience companies by ensuring access to capital; positioning Maryland for global leadership in cutting-edge areas of biosciences research and emerging and growth markets; and advancing bioscience talent generation and workforce development.

"Maryland is a global leader in biotech innovation, and Aeras chose Rockville for our tuberculosis vaccine facility because we believe this is an excellent environment for us to recruit talented staff and engage in cutting-edge research to stop the global tuberculosis epidemic," said Dr. Jerald Sadoff, President & CEO of the Aeras Global TB Vaccine Foundation. "We appreciate the Governor's leadership in promoting life sciences in Maryland."

In addition to establishing a Maryland Biotechnology Center, the Board also developed 16 additional specific actions, including establishing a BioEntrepreneur Resource Program to provide one-stop assistance to new and emerging companies; establishing the Maryland Life Science Venture Capital Trust to advance investment in Maryland's bioscience companies and strengthening and advancing BioMaryland - Maryland's bioscience brand.

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Home to more than 400 bioscience companies and 50 research-intense federal institutes and centers, Maryland is well positioned in the global bioscience industry and has been recognized by the Milken Institute as one of the top tier states highly specialized in overall bioscience development. Since the early 1990s, Maryland has focused on bioscience development and was one of the first states to develop a strategic plan for the industry.

Over the years, strategic investments have helped Maryland's bioscience industry grow into one of the world's largest bioscience research complexes, known for its wealth of federal facilities, institutions of higher learning and concentration of highly trained bioscience researchers. From 2001 to 2006, the State's bioscience industry grew by nearly 15 percent, adding 3,200 jobs to top more than 25,000 bioscience jobs in Maryland. In addition, from 2002 to 2007, Maryland's university bioscience research soared, growing 44 percent from \$877,000 to \$1.3 billion. Today, Maryland's bioscience research complex is estimated to receive nearly \$8 billion in R & D expenditures annually, ranking third only to California and New Jersey. For more information please contact: Sarabjit Jagirdar, Email:- htsyndication@hindustantimes.com.

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GOV. O'MALLEY LEADS BIO DELEGATION TO ATLANTA Federal News Service

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ATLANTA., May 20 -- Gov. Martin O'Malley, D-Md., issued the following news release:

Governor Martin O'Malley lead a delegation of 30 Maryland life science companies at the BIO 2009 international convention in Atlanta today. While there, Governor O'Malley announced several important milestones for Maryland's growing life science community. Addressing a capacity crowd of exhibitors and life science companies on the trade show floor, Governor O'Malley unveiled BioMaryland 2020, a comprehensive industry growth strategy prepared by Maryland's Life Sciences Advisory Board.

"With our world-class workforce, proximity to federal labs, and more than 400 bioscience companies, Maryland is the best place on the planet to locate and grow a bio enterprise," said Governor O'Malley. "I'm committed to building on our enviable assets in life sciences to attract companies and high-paying jobs for Marylanders and look forward to working closely with the Board to move these recommendations forward."

The Governor also announced the creation of Maryland Biotechnology Center, a key element of that strategy, and its new offices in Baltimore City and the Shady Grove Life Sciences Research Park in Montgomery County. Opening in July this summer, the Governor had a chance to preview BioStat, an interactive map directory of all of Maryland's bioscience assets currently under development to be part of the Center.

"What remains striking about Maryland is its still enormous untapped potential in the biosciences," said H. Thomas Watkins, Chair of the Maryland Life Sciences Board and President and CEO of Human Genome Sciences, Inc. "Maryland must continue to maintain and strengthen its historic leadership in bioscience research, but must also work harder and smarter to accelerate the rate at which its research strengths translate into viable start-ups, commercialized products, and more mature bioscience companies that are able to grow and sustain themselves profitably over the long term."

Governor O'Malley formed the 15-member Life Sciences Advisory Board in September, 2007 and charged them with creating a strategic plan for Maryland's bioscience industry. During that time, the Board has engaged more than 100 industry experts in working groups and held nine public meetings and two public forums to solicit input on the plan. The Board's strategic priorities include ensuring the sustained growth and future competitiveness of Maryland's bioscience industry; supporting the creation and growth of innovative bioscience companies by ensuring access to capital; positioning Maryland for global leadership in cutting-edge areas of biosciences research and emerging and growth markets; and advancing bioscience talent generation and workforce development. BioMaryland 2020 recommends the creation of a BioEntrepreneur Resource Program to provide one-stop assistance to new and emerging companies; establishing the Maryland Life Science Venture Capital Trust to advance investment in Maryland's bioscience companies and strengthening and advancing BioMaryland - Maryland's bioscience brand.

A complete copy of the report is now available online at the Department of Business and Economic Development - www.choosemaryland.org.

Governor O'Malley's visit to BIO 2009 included meetings with several Maryland biotech CEO's, a public announcement concerning the 2009 World Stem Cell Summit in Baltimore, and an announcement that RNL Bio, Inc will expand operations in Montgomery County. In addition, Governor O'Malley met with Dr. Eli Oppen, Israel's Chief Scientist, where the two discussed expanding trade, investment and joint research between Maryland and Israel in the biotech field.

Since taking office, Governor O'Malley has spearheaded a number of strategic investments in Maryland's bioscience industry. In addition to creating the Life Science Advisory Board, he previewed the Board's efforts and early recommendations last June in a 10-year, \$1.3 billion strategic initiative for moving Maryland's bioscience industry forward. Governor O'Malley has been instrumental in securing funding for bio initiatives, including \$59 million over three years for Maryland's Stem Cell Research Fund, \$18 million over three years for the popular Biotechnology Tax Credit and \$9 million for nanobiotechnology research grants.

Under Governor O'Malley's leadership, Maryland's major research parks, including the University of Maryland, Baltimore BioPark, the Science +Technology Park in East Baltimore and the Montgomery College/Germantown Science and Technology Park, have undergone significant expansion. In addition, the State has attracted, or assisted in launch or

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expansion, of more than 50 bioscience companies in the last two years, including Aeras Global TB Vaccine, OpGen, Life Technologies, Biomere, Akonni Biosystems and Emergent Biosolutions, creating or retaining an estimated 1,800 jobs.

Home to more than 400 bioscience companies and 50 research-intense federal institutes and centers, Maryland is well positioned in the global bioscience industry and has been recognized by the Milken Institute as one of the top tier states highly specialized in overall bioscience development. Since the early 1990s, Maryland has focused on bioscience development and was one of the first states to develop a strategic plan for the industry. For more information please contact: Sarabjit Jagirdar, Email:- htsyndication@hindustantimes.com.

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Montgomery College confers degrees, certificates on graduates Gazette, The

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Douglas K. Baldwin told fellow graduates of Montgomery College that going back to school four years ago while continuing to hold down a job was the right direction to take. 'From the challenges, inspiration and knowledge our teachers have given us to the friendships which have been made with fellow classmates, I have never regretted my decision,' he said during commencement this morning at the college's Rockville campus. Students from the college's Germantown and Takoma Park campuses also received their degrees and certificates during the 62nd graduation ceremony.

The class of 2009, which included students ranging in age from 18 to 71 and hailing from 121 countries, included Baldwin and three other Board of Trustee Scholars who addressed the graduates.

Baldwin, of Laurel, was named the Workforce Development and Continuing Education Apprenticeship Trustee Scholar for his work completing a certificate program as a heating and air conditioning technician with the Air Conditioning Contractors of America's National Capitol Chapter.

He expects the apprenticeship will help him advance in his career, he said.

His wife, Jennifer, and daughter, Sophia, 9, were on hand to see him graduate. Their 3-year-old son Sam wasn't able to come, he said.

Courtney Joy Minard of Gaithersburg was recognized as the Germantown Campus Trustee Scholar. She plans to pursue a degree and become a physical therapist assistant, she said. 'I'm so grateful for the privilege of attending a school where the teachers don't view you as one more paper to grade or one more test to correct,' she said. 'They care for you and for the dreams you hold.' Germaine Y. Nendah of Bethesda spoke as the Rockville Campus Trustee Scholar. The Cameroon native plans to attend Smith College and pursue a career as a doctor.

She volunteers her time as a tutor at Beall Elementary School through Rockville's mentoring program.

She urged graduates to believe in themselves and to follow their passions.

The Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus Trustee Scholar is Awa A. Drame of Silver Spring. A native of the Cote d'Ivoire, formerly known as Ivory Coast, she also wants to pursue degrees in medicine, following in her mother's footsteps and becoming a doctor, she said.

She will be attending a summer internship in genetics at the University of Georgia.

Peabody Award-winning journalist Suzanne Malveaux of CNN delivered the keynote address to the 2,100 graduates.

Malveaux is the White House correspondent and covered the 2008 presidential election. Her brother is a professor at Montgomery College and she began her journalistic career in the area.

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL APPROVES \$3.73 BILLION OPERATING BUDGET FOR FY 2010

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ROCKVILLE, Md., May 21 -- Montgomery County issued the following City Council news release:

The Montgomery County Council today approved a \$3.73 billion tax-supported, all-agencies operating budget for Fiscal Year 2010, which begins July 1. The budget is 1.1 percent less than the approved budget for FY09, marking the first decrease in a Montgomery budget since FY 1992.

The approved budget for County government, which includes the Police Department, the Fire and Rescue Service, and Health and Human Services, but does not include Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS), is \$1.25 billion—a decrease of \$28 million (2.2 percent) from FY09.

The budget was approved 7-1. Council President Phil Andrews, Council Vice President Roger Berliner and Councilmembers Marc Elrich, Valerie Ervin, Nancy Floreen, George Leventhal and Duchy Trachtenberg voted to approve the budget. Councilmember Mike Knapp was opposed.

In a budget year complicated by the national and regional economic downturn, the Council's budget protects core services and "safety net" programs, but does not exceed the County's Charter Limit on property tax revenue. The budget includes a \$690 property tax credit for owner-occupants of principal residences and does not fund cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs) for 33,000 employees of County government, Montgomery County Public Schools, Montgomery College and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, saving \$125 million. Employees agreed to forgo COLAs in FY10, recognizing that the County could not afford the increases.

The \$3.73 tax-supported operating budget, as defined in the County Charter, excludes self-supported enterprise funds and specific grants from the Federal and State governments, but includes current revenue funding for capital projects. For comparative purposes, this figure does not include \$79.5 million in debt service for MCPS school construction that will be appropriated to the MCPS budget.

The approved total operating budget for FY10, without the MCPS-related debt service, is \$4.394 billion, an increase of 1.2 percent from FY09. The total operating budget includes self-supported enterprise funds and specific grants from the Federal and State governments.

In March, County Executive Isiah Leggett submitted his recommended budget to the Council. In reviewing the budget over the past two months, the Council reduced funding in several areas—including technology, cable funds, utilities and leases—and redirected it to reflect the Council's priorities in health and human services and public safety.

The Council adopted resolutions for the FY 2009-14 Capital Improvements Program that will keep all school construction projects on their current timetables, move ahead with funding for a new Silver Spring Library and continue plans for a North County Bus Maintenance Depot.

The Council also approved a down payment of \$12.9 million for purchase of the GE Tech Building on Route 28. That property is a key element in the Executive's Property Use/Smart Growth Initiative that would move numerous County operations from scattered locations, and some from rented space, into County-owned consolidated facilities. The new complex, whose overall cost is approximately \$107 million, would include the Montgomery County Police Department's headquarters, the 1st District Police Station, the Fire and Rescue Service, the Office of Emergency Management and various County offices. A new public safety memorial also would be located on the site.

Under the approved budget, property tax revenue will stay within the County's Charter limit. The County exceeded the Charter limit—which requires that revenue from taxes on existing property not exceed the rate of inflation for the previous year—only four times since voters approved the provision in November 1990. In November 2008, County voters amended the Charter to require support of all nine Councilmembers to exceed the limit.

In addition, the County "circuit breaker" tax credit will provide more targeted property tax relief for households with incomes of \$64,000 or less. And under a law the Council passed three years ago, eligible homeowners who are at least

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70 years old will benefit from an added 25 percent circuit breaker credit.

The County entered the budget season facing a gap estimated at nearly \$587 million. The budget adopted by the Council restored core services including police and fire and rescue services, addressed the health needs of the poor and disadvantaged and maintained facilities and programs that continue the quality of life expected by residents.

The budget emphasizes the Council's priority focus on education, public safety and health and transportation programs that help the less fortunate during these difficult economic times.

The Council did not approve the Emergency Medical Services Transport (EMST) fee-generally known as an ambulance fee-recommended by the Executive. The fee would produce an estimated net of \$12.5 million in revenue, which the Executive asserts would be paid primarily by insurance companies.

The Council's budget preserved 18 bus routes that the Executive recommended be reduced or eliminated. The Council heard numerous concerns during budget public hearings about the impact of such cuts. The Council's action helps many residents for whom transit is the only way to get to work or get around. The Council also provided for \$1.8 million in community grants to non-profits in addition to about \$2.5 million in grants recommended by the Executive and approved by the Council. Those grants will strengthen the safety net for the most vulnerable residents.

The budget continues the Council's commitment to affordable housing. The Council approved \$57.8 million for the Housing Initiative Fund (HIF) as recommended by the Executive. The Council allocated \$8.9 million from the HIF for costs associated with Housing First, including rental assistance subsidy payments. Housing First seeks to find permanent homes for homeless individuals and families rather than keep them in a series of transitional housing.

The budget avoids layoffs through agreements with organizations that represent County employees that will have all employees forgo Cost of Living Adjustments (COLAs).

"We had a framework in approaching this most difficult budget year and we stuck to it," said Council President Phil Andrews. "These are difficult times for our residents and for our County. We cut spending and produced the first Montgomery County budget in 18 years that is less than the previous year's budget. We protected our residents by not exceeding the Charter limit, but we still preserved essential services and provided for our most vulnerable residents by making sure they will have access to health services and transportation.

"We did not approve an ambulance fee, which was recommended by the County Executive but is opposed by many residents. We restored funding to keep all police stations open all night to the public, and we will buy 14 new ambulances to keep our services state-of-the-art. And we have provided a \$690 property tax credit for homeowners, which will be a significant help in this challenging year. The pain of a budget year like this is real for employees who won't receive COLAs, for example, and for youth in recreational programs, some of which were eliminated. However, we have taken the steps that were necessary to balance the budget wisely in these very tough economic times."

The FY10 approved total budget for Montgomery County Public Schools is \$2.2 billion, fully funding the Board of Education's request. Funding for Montgomery College will be \$265.6 million, 99.5 percent of the College's request. The budget provides for enrollment growth, the opening of the new Performing Arts Center at the Takoma Park/Silver Spring campus, and additional scholarship funds.

The \$246.6 million for the Police Department includes \$316,160 to restore 24-hour public access to the 2nd District (Bethesda area) and 6th District (Gaithersburg/Montgomery Village) police stations. The Executive proposed closing these stations to the public from 1-6 a.m. Police funding also includes \$75,000 to keep the Piney Branch Satellite Station open and in its current location and \$216,220 to add five recruits to the January 2010 police academy class. In addition, the Council approved funding to administer a program that will install video cameras in police cars. The cameras will be purchased with grant funds.

The budget includes \$660,000 to add 12 recruits for the County Fire and Rescue Service that were not included in the Executive's recommended budget. The additional employees will help keep up with increased staffing needs.

"The Council's budget action this morning maintains property taxes at the Charter limit, spreads the property tax burden equitably among residents, preserves essential services for residents and eliminates planned cost of living increases for employees," said Councilmember Valerie Ervin, who chairs the Council's Education Committee and represents District 5, which includes Kensington, Silver Spring, Takoma Park and Wheaton. "The Council kept its commitment to fund core services that residents rely on each day. Education, public safety and safety net services were at the top of my list of

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priorities because these are issues that I hear about most in District 5."

Councilmember Nancy Floreen, chair of the Council's Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee, said: "Fortunately, we were able to retain 18 Ride On bus routes that had been targeted for elimination or reduced service. Transit has a lot of benefits, like reducing congestion and mitigating climate change. But my most important consideration right now is that that Ride On is the only transportation option for many of our residents. I'm glad that during these difficult times we've been able to make sure the most vulnerable of our residents continue to have the tools they need for their health and safety."

Councilmember George Leventhal, chair of the Council's Health and Human Services Committee said: "This was the most challenging budget of my seven years on the Council. As chair of the Council's Health and Human Services Committee, I am gratified that the Councilmembers worked together to protect the 'safety net' - the array of County services that support our most vulnerable residents. The economic recession has forced an unprecedented number of residents to seek relief from County government in the form of rental assistance, utility payments, advice and counseling on preventing home foreclosure, assistance finding employment, primary health care, mental health counseling and shelter from homelessness. The County Council is committed to helping our residents through these difficult financial times, and is working toward our economic recovery and a prosperous future for everyone who chooses to call Montgomery County home."

Councilmember Duchy Trachtenberg, who chairs the Council's Management and Fiscal Policy Committee, praised her colleagues for today's vote.

"During this season of unparalleled budget pressure, I am particularly pleased that funding was preserved for vital preventive health and behavioral health care delivery programs," said Councilmember Trachtenberg. "We prioritized funds for screening, assessment and wraparound services for youth. The Council made a commitment to the integration of primary care and behavioral health by supporting the Montgomery Cares Behavioral Health pilot program. We also increased our funding for the County's STD/HIV core programming after I presented information to my colleagues on the current unmet reproductive health needs of women qualifying for publicly funded services."

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Highlights of the Fiscal Year 2010 Montgomery County Operating Budget:

Property Taxes

- * The average tax rate will remain unchanged from FY09, resulting in an average tax rate of 90.3 cents per \$100 of taxable value (there are 21 property tax rates in the County).
- * Every owner-occupied principal residence will receive a \$690 property tax credit.
- * The County "circuit breaker" homeowners' tax credit will provide significant property tax relief for homeowners of all ages with household incomes of \$64,000 or less.
- * Under a law the Council passed three years ago, eligible homeowners who are at least 70 years old will receive an added 25 percent circuit breaker credit.

Education

* \$2.2 billion total budget for Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS), fully funding the request of the Board of Education.

* MCPS Capital Improvements Program (CIP)

- Supports all of MCPS-requested CIP amendments for capacity projects and infrastructure maintenance.

- Includes funding requested by MCPS for work required to meet general discharge permit requirements, as well as planning requirements, associated with the new National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

* \$265.6 million for Montgomery College, 99.5 percent of the College's request. The budget provides for enrollment growth, the opening of the new Performing Arts Center at the Takoma Park/Silver Spring campus, and additional

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scholarship funds.

* \$745,000, plus a transfer of \$43,000 from the Department of Health and Human Services, for the Montgomery Coalition for Adult English Literacy (MCAEL). The Coalition administers County grants for programs to improve adult literacy.

* Approved construction funds for the Bioscience Education Center at Montgomery College's Germantown campus, including a new access road to serve the entire campus. Center is scheduled to open in January 2013.

* Created Workforce Investment Scholarship program to provide tuition funding assistance for undergraduate students at Montgomery College and the Universities at Shady Grove who are pursuing degrees in fields of significant occupational need in Montgomery County. It is estimated that in its first year, the program will provide 25 scholarships of \$3,000 each.

Public Safety

- Police

* \$246.6 million for the Police Department.

* \$316,160 to restore 24 hour public access to the 2nd District (Bethesda area) and 6th District (Gaithersburg/Montgomery Village) police stations. The Executive had proposed closing these stations to the public from 1-6 a.m.

* \$75,000 to keep the Piney Branch satellite station open and in its current location.

* \$216,220 to add five recruits to the January 2010 police academy class.

* Approved funding to administer a program that will install video cameras in police cars. The cameras will be purchased with grant funds.

- Fire and Rescue

* \$193,587,120 for the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service.

* Budget does not assume \$12.5 million in net revenues from Emergency Medical Services Transport (EMST) fee that was proposed in County Executive's recommended budget.

* Save \$1.18 million by lease purchasing 14 new ambulances instead of County Executive's recommended purchase of 30. The Council supported a staggered approach to purchasing vehicles rather than a lump sum approach.

* Lease purchase two engine body pump modules and one tanker, but save about \$200,000 by not purchasing four all-wheel-drive engines and two light duty brush trucks also recommended by Executive.

* \$439,330 in Consolidated Fire Tax funds and \$100,000 in grant funds to open the new Milestone (East Germantown) Station in March 2010.

* Add matching funds for 12 new field positions to be partially funded through a Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant. Five positions will be assigned to the new Milestone Station. The others will be used to increase four-person staffing on fire engines around the County.

* Maintain funding for the new Kingsview (West Germantown) station that opened in March 2009 with one fire engine and one ambulance.

* Save \$676,590 by delaying implementation of a second ambulance for the Kingsview (West Germantown) Station until FY11.

* \$264,150 for a transition in the Emergency Communications Center that would return 10 uniformed firefighter/rescuer positions to the field and replace them with 10 civilian positions. After the first transitional year, this civilianization initiative is expected to produce cost savings.

* \$157,500 for a transition in Fire Code Enforcement that would return six uniformed positions to the field and replace

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them with six civilian positions. After the first transitional year, this civilianization initiative is expected to produce cost savings.

* \$660,000 to add 12 recruits to recruit class in February FY10.

* Save \$216,000 by eliminating some daywork overtime for career positions at Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad, Kensington Volunteer Fire Department, and Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad. The reduction will either be covered by volunteers, or by units from other nearby stations.

* \$134,000 to restore a day position at Burtonsville Fire Station (funding was not included in Executive's recommended budget).

- Correction and Rehabilitation

* \$65.6 million to fund the Department of Correction and Rehabilitation.

* \$72,140 to restore a laboratory assistant position in Pre-Trial Services that had been initially cut under the Executive's recommended budget.

- Sheriff's Office

* \$21.2 million to fund operations of the Sheriff's Office.

* \$108,650 to restore a recruit class that had been eliminated under the Executive's recommended budget. This will add three new officers over the next fiscal year. While attrition is currently low, the Maryland General Assembly recently created a new judgeship for Montgomery County Circuit Court. In the past, each new judgeship has warranted the addition of two officers to handle the resulting increased caseload.

* \$88,460 to help support new Family Justice Center in Rockville. The center provides a coordinated team of professionals that provide a variety of services for victims of domestic abuse.

Transportation

* \$189 million to fund the Department of Transportation.

* Retained the current service for 18 Ride On bus routes that were targeted for elimination or reduced service in the County Executive's recommended budget. To offset the costs of retaining the bus routes, parking rates were increased in the Bethesda/North Bethesda area. Also restored weekday midday service (from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.) on the Route 6 Ride On line that serves the Garrett Park area. That service was eliminated during a round of mid-year budget cuts in April. It is expected that service would be returned in September.

* Parking payment by cell phone will be piloted in Bethesda in the fall.

* Increased by 25 cents per hour all short-term spaces for public parking in the Bethesda Parking Lot District. Also increased long-term hourly rate, for a monthly Parking Convenience Sticker and for other associated fees. The parking fee changes include the following:

- Raised price of all short-term spaces from 75 cents to \$1 per hour

- Raised price of long-term spaces from 50 cents to 65 cents per hour

- Raised the price of the Parking Convenience Sticker from \$95 to \$120 per month

- Raised price of a two-person carpool permit from \$70 to \$90 per month

- Raised price of a three-to-four-person carpool permit from \$40 to \$50 per month

- Raised price of a five-plus-person carpool permit from \$10 to \$13 per month

- Raised the price of the Daily Parking Permit and for the Daily Maximum and a Lost Ticket in Garage 49 from \$8.25 to

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\$10.50 per day

* Increased parking fees in the North Bethesda area, including:

- Short-term rate increased from 60 cents to 75 cents per hour
- Long-term rate increased from 45 cents to 50 cents per hour
- Monthly Parking Convenience Sticker increased from \$85 to \$95

* Increased the subsidy for the Call-'N-Ride program that supplies taxi coupons for economically disadvantaged seniors (age 67 or over) and disabled persons. The impact of those changes would be:

- An eligible person earning \$14,001 to \$17,000 who now pays \$17.50 per coupon book per month will pay \$10 in FY10. An individual can buy up to two coupon books each month. This measure could save an individual \$15 per month.
- An individual earning \$17,001 to \$20,000 who now pays \$26.25 per coupon book per month would pay \$20 in FY10. This measure could save this person \$12.50 per month.

Economic Development

* \$10.3 million to fund the Department of Economic Development.

* \$852,440 for the Economic Development Fund that loans funds to businesses and including funding for the impact assistance program which provides grants to small businesses impacted by County revitalization projects.

* \$700,490 for the Conference and Visitor's Bureau that promotes the County as a tourist destination.

* \$1,339,860 will be added to the FY09 budget in federal economic stimulus aid for workforce development to focus on youth and on adult dislocated workers.

* \$617,395 to fund the Montgomery County Conference Center.

Housing

* \$57.8 million for the Housing Initiative Fund (HIF).

* \$8.9 million from the HIF to be allocated for costs associated with Housing First, including rental assistance subsidy payments. Housing First seeks to find permanent homes for homeless individuals and families, rather than keep them in a series of transitional housing.

* The Department of Housing and Community Affairs has already made commitments to use a portion of the HIF for 13 identified projects to acquire, preserve and/or renovate affordable housing.

* \$50,000 to enhance the County's Clean and Lien program and outreach effort regarding code enforcement. The Clean and Lien program will address problems at vacant properties (such as uncut grass and weeds) and then require the property owner to repay the County.

* \$4 million in Community Development Block Grant Funds, including \$1.26 million for housing rehabilitation and \$605,000 in grants to non-profit organizations.

* \$226,875 in Federal Emergency Shelter Grants and \$2.76 million in HOME Investment Partnership funding.

Health and Human Services

* \$269.5 million in funding for the Department of Health and Human Services.

* \$249,530 to fund a 1 percent inflationary adjustment for contracts with eligible health and human services providers.

* Restore \$136,830 (funding was eliminating in County Executive's recommended budget) for six Conservation Corps

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member slots and a Human Service Specialist who provides counseling, employment skills training and support services to out-of-school, at-risk youth ages 17-24.

* \$10,000 for ESOL Silver Spring team

* \$90,790 for a human services specialist for the Conservation Corps program

* \$46,040 for six member slots for Conservation Corps program

- Public Health Services

* \$10.16 million for the Montgomery Cares program, plus \$117,000 to restore the Executive's recommended funding reduction to the Montgomery Cares Behavioral Health Pilot program and to fund specialty care services as recommended by the Montgomery Cares Advisory Board. Montgomery Cares provides primary health care to low-income uninsured adults. More than 22,000 patients will be seen by the Montgomery Cares clinics in the current fiscal year and the Montgomery Cares Advisory Board projects that up to 28,000 may need services in FY10.

* \$45,000 for smoking prevention programs for at-risk youth and young mothers. These programs were proposed to be eliminated because of the State's reduction in Cigarette Restitution Funds for education and outreach.

* \$100,000 to expand screening and treatment capacity for STDs and HIV to reduce the number of people who are turned away from the County's STD/HIV clinic.

* \$182,330 to restore funding for primary care for low income uninsured patients through Mobile Medical Care and Proyecto Salud.

* \$100,000 for a nurse practitioner for the Mobile Medical Care service.

* \$130,000 for special care and a volunteer coordinator for Mobile Medical Care.

* \$50,000 to support clinic expansion through Mercy Health Clinic

- Behavioral Health and Crisis Services

* \$70,000 to restore Level 1 Outpatient Treatment services to minimize acceptance time into treatment.

* \$83,810 to restore Child Mental Health Care Coordination services. Funds were not included in the Executive's recommended budget.

* \$162,420 to expand the Public Intoxication Intervention Team to the Wheaton Central Business District.

* \$4.2 million for 24-hour crisis services including telephone, walk-in, mobile crisis outreach and crisis residential services.

- Aging and Disability Services

* \$4 million for services that help seniors remain independent in the community including an increase of \$154,010 for senior transportation services.

* \$4.62 million for in-home aide services.

* \$2.3 million to support the senior food program, an increase of \$600,000 over the previous year.

- Children, Youth and Family Services

* \$291,210 for the Neighborhood Network initiative to provide emergency food and housing stabilization services to neighborhoods most impacted by the recession. These funds will be combined with grants to non-profits and funding from the Community Foundation.

* Restore \$50,000 (funding was eliminated in County Executive's recommended budget) for intensive individualized, coordinated, and multi-agency support services for children and youth who are gang-involved or at risk of becoming gang

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involved.

- * \$22.1 million for Child Welfare Services.

- * \$10.7 million for Child Care Subsidies.

- * \$20.3 million for School Health services, an increase of \$500,000 from the FY09 approved budget).

- * \$2.4 million to fund an initiative that addresses high risk youth behaviors including gang involvement, violent behavior, substance abuse, and teen pregnancy. Services are delivered through the Youth Opportunity Center in Langley Park, the Wellness Center at Northwood High School and the Street Outreach Network, a cadre of outreach workers, who connect with and provide support to gang involved youth.

- * \$2.85 million for services focused on increasing the quality early care and education programs available to young children, including restoration of \$17,000 for training incentives for new child care providers.

- * \$3.5 million for evaluation, assessment, and early intervention services to families with children under age three when there is a concern about development, including a \$1.3 million increase in federal and state funding.

- * \$5.2 million for Linkages to Learning, an increase of \$26,850.

- * \$340,000 to support community-based pre-kindergarten services for 40 children provided by Centro Nia.

- * \$17,000 for incentives for new child care program.

Libraries

- * \$37.9 million for the Department of Public Libraries.

- * Maintains current hours at all libraries.

- * A decrease of 53 positions (most were already vacant).

- * 10 percent reduction in purchase of new materials.

Technology

- * \$31.8 million to fund the Department of Technology Services to continue support a multitude of resident and County services on the web, as well as provide an infrastructure for County business applications, data storage, and information sharing in a secure and reliable manner for all county departments.

- * \$14.9 million to continue technology modernization initiatives that are expected to streamline County processes and make it easier for residents to reach the County and receive services.

- * Many aging Finance, Procurement and Human Resource systems are being replaced and the many call taking operations in multiple departments will be consolidated into a single MC311 call center ensuring prompt and coordinated response. In addition, this effort will result in long term operational savings of \$7.5 million annually, with the first such savings being realized in the last quarter of FY10 equaling an estimated \$1.875 million.

- * \$6.8 million for desktop computer modernization, a program that refreshes a schedule of outdated desktops / laptops and provides a responsive Help Desk function for all County departments.

- * \$15.5 million of Cable Fund revenues to a variety of programs including the Office of Cable and Communications Services that assists residents with cable and broadband service complaints, enforces cable and other telecommunication franchises, and reviews all telecommunications tower and antenna siting requests.

- * Funding provided to support cable programming produced by community, government and educational organizations and to support of expansion of the FiberNet system that permits cost-effective, fast, secure broadband communications between public safety agencies, educational facilities, government service centers and much more.

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Arts and Humanities

* \$5,069,380 for Arts and Humanities.

* \$3,963,130 for Arts and Humanities Council includes:

- \$3 million for operating support for large organizations.

- \$492,930 for grants to small and mid-size organizations, program and arts education grants, and individual artist/scholar grants (a 5 percent reduction from FY09)

- \$375,000 for administration and related functions (about the same as FY09)

- For operating support, the Council requested that the Arts and Humanities Council adjust the formula for allocation of grants to avoid large percentage increases or decreases for organizations between FY09 and FY10. The Arts and Humanities Council revised the formula so that an organization's FY10 grant would not increase or decrease by more than 11 percent of the organization's FY09 grant award.

* Assistance to individual organizations

- \$506,250 for American Film Institute (Silver Theatre operating support)

- \$75,000 for Heritage Tourism Alliance (operating support - match for State funds)

- \$400,000 for Imagination Stage (facility debt service and/or debt retirement)

- \$50,000 for Pyramid Atlantic (facility debt payment)

- \$75,000 for Round House Theatre (Bethesda facility maintenance and utilities)

Environment

* Initiated a plan to reduce energy consumption in County government facilities by four percent in FY10. Meeting the goal would save an estimated \$1.1 million in the next fiscal year.

- WSSC

* Reached agreement with the Prince George's County Council for a 9 percent rate increase that will provide additional funding for large diameter pipe inspections, fiber optic monitoring, and repairs as well as an increased pace of small diameter water main replacement.

- Department of Environmental Protection

* \$11.7 million to fund the Department of Environmental Protection including \$8.9 million for the Water Quality Protection Fund.

* Added \$270,000 for the staffing of the State of Maryland's new Clean Energy Center, which is to be located at the Universities of Shady Grove.

* Added \$90,000 for a storm drain inventory of Montgomery County Public Schools facilities as required under the County's new National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

* Approved four additional positions in DEP for planning and capital work associated with the new National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

* Supported an additional \$192,000 for the maintenance of 70 stormwater management facilities (new or recently transferred to DEP for maintenance). DEP inspects all stormwater management facilities in the County (more than 4,000) and currently maintains more than 1,400 stormwater facilities.

- Department of Environmental Protection-Solid Waste

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* \$102.5 million for Solid Waste Collection and Solid Waste Disposal, fully funding the Executive's recommended budget.

* Approved modest increases in Solid Waste charges. Single-family residences will see increases of 3.5 percent or less depending on the subdistrict (A or B) in which they reside. Multi-family residences will see virtually no increase (increase of .1 percent)

* Maintains tipping fee at Shady Grove Transfer Station at \$56 per ton for non-residential and multi-family transfers.

* Supports the Executive's recommendation to close the Damascus "Beauty Spot" because of environmental compliance issues at the site.

- Climate Change Implementation

* \$30,000 to the Office of Consumer Protection to continue advocacy at the State and Federal levels on energy issues affecting Montgomery County residents.

* \$518,000 to continue the Clean Energy Rewards program.

Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission

* \$135 million for M-NCPPC budget.

* \$83 million to maintain current level of staffing for parks.

* \$19 million to fund planning initiatives including master plans, environmental and transportation analyses, and the development review process.

* A summer study to examine the efficiency of administrative services within the Commission and consider restructuring options.

* New funding for a parking management study to be conducted jointly with County government.

Recreation

* \$30.96 million to fund the Montgomery County Recreation Department.

* \$80,000 for youth programming to be disbursed to the four recreation regions.

* Increase financial assistance by \$100,000 for low-income families to take part in fee-based Recreation Department activities.

* Provide funding to continue the operation of the Piney Branch Elementary School pool.

* \$417,000 for operating the Wisconsin Place Community Recreation Center, scheduled to open in July 2009.

* \$551,170 for operating the Mid-County Community Recreation Center, scheduled to open in November 2009.

* \$24,000 to operate the Randolph Road Theater.

* \$5.6 million for aquatics programs, including recreational, fitness, instructional, competitive, therapeutic and rehabilitative water activities.

* \$2.6 million for camps, classes, and sports programs.

* \$11 million for services provided by the Department's Recreation Regions and Centers.

* \$1.7 million for senior adult programs, which include senior centers, neighborhood programs, classes, sports and fitness, trips, and special programs for frail and isolated seniors.

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* \$534,000 to support land acquisition costs for the Wheaton Community Recreation Center - Rafferty.

Liquor Control

* \$44.4 million to fund the Department of Liquor Control (an increase of 13.4 percent over FY09).

* \$5.3 million in debt service from the Liquor fund for state transportation projects

* Approval for the liquor warehouse to move to the Finnmark property in Gaithersburg to meet industry storage and other safety standards.

Fleet Management Services

* Reduced the County CarShare fleet from 28 vehicles to 18. MC CarShare is a pilot program (began Jan. 1, 2009) where County employees rent hybrid vehicles by the hour instead of using administrative fleet vehicles or traditional rentals. While the Council actively supports the use of this program, it is currently being underutilized. The Council therefore decided that 18 was a more appropriate and cost-effective fleet size while the program is in its infancy.

* Reduced the number of administrative fleet vehicles, saving approximately \$1.5 million. In order to achieve this reduction, fleet users will be shifted from administrative fleet vehicles to the MC CarShare program.

* Reduced Enterprise rental expenditures by \$100,000. FY09 rentals are projected to cost more than \$300,000.

Regional Services Centers

* \$4.2 million to fund the East County, Mid-County, Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Upcounty and Silver Spring regional centers.

* \$125,000 for Emerging Communities Initiative for small community development projects in commercial areas that are not in Urban Districts.

Other Notable Items

* \$1.8 million for a total of 47 grants to nonprofit organizations to support a variety of programs and services, including food, eviction prevention, utility assistance and other safety net services to help low income families facing severe economic hardships.

* Funded several youth development proposals from community nonprofit organizations working to provide needed after school programs for County youth.

* \$48.6 million for the Division of Risk Management, the self-insurance component of the Department of Finance.

* \$8.6 million to fund the Office of Human Resources.

* \$2.4 million to fund the Office of Consumer Protection.

* \$9.2 million for Community Use of Public Facilities.

* \$27.1 million for the Department of Permitting Services.

* \$2.2 million to fund the Office of Human Rights, including an increase of \$3,000 in administrative expenses for the Human Right Commission.

* \$1.2 million to fund the Commission for Women.

* \$64,500 for the Montgomery County Historical Society.

Programs Eliminated or Significantly Reduced

* The Teen Club program was totally eliminated from the Recreation Department budget for savings of \$595,240 (net savings \$184,240 because of lost revenues of \$461,000). The program included activities and trips for middle and high

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school students.

* RecExtra programs offered by the Recreation Department are reduced from 38 to 25 schools for savings of \$205,870. Program funding overall was reduced by 63 percent of FY09 levels.

* SHARP Street Suspension Program budget was cut by \$342,980, a 75 percent reduction from FY09 approved levels, due to restructuring of the program. Four of the seven existing sites will receive some level of funding to support operations. The other three sites will continue only if the churches and volunteers can sustain programming.

* Implementation of a second ambulance for the recently opened Kingsview (West Germantown) Fire Station will be delayed until FY11, saving \$676,590.

* Police staffing reduced by six non-sworn positions in the administration, personnel and crime analysis sections and five vacant positions were eliminated in the Security Services section.

* Only one police recruit class will be held in the upcoming fiscal year. Because there will be only one class in January 2010, four background investigator, two recruiter and a field training coordinator positions were eliminated.

* Save \$724,000 by eliminating 10 positions at Montgomery College.

* The Office of Zoning and Administrative Hearings was reduced 58 percent (total reduction of \$21,510 from the FY09 appropriation of \$36,500) in the area of legal and attorney services. This area is for contract attorneys that assist in hearings to maintain a hearing schedule that does not have significant delays. The hearing examiner believes this reduction could delay hearings in some cases.

* Save \$150,000 in funding for Chore Services, which provided assistance to elderly or disabled persons who need assistance with heavy housework and trash removal. The program was eliminated because of budget constraints, but had assisted 30 people before it ended. At the time the program ended there were 71 people on the waiting list for these services.

* Saved \$135,000 by reducing maximum hours of Respite Care, which provides family caregivers of disabled persons with up to 164 hours of respite services per year. In order to reduce expenditures, the maximum hours will be reduced to 140 per year. While this is the average number of hours used, many families will experience a reduction in this very important service.

* The State reduced the Hepatitis B grant to the County by \$161,000 and the County has eliminated a Community Health Nurse in the immunization program. This will impact the County's ability to provide outreach, education and immunization clinics.

* The State has reduced Cigarette Restitution Funds for prevention, outreach and education by \$734,900. This will result in the elimination of three positions in the Department of Health and Human Services and more than \$400,000 of contractual services.

* Redistribute/increase the workload for existing analysts in the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and abolish a vacant budget specialist position to save \$135,000.

* Fill several analyst positions at OMB with interns to save \$104,000 (assuming that some of the analyst positions become vacant during the year).

* Save \$27,000 by reducing the number of County budget books printed (they are available online).

* Save \$122,000 in the Department of General Services (DGS) for the cost of various supplies, reflecting lower prices and reduced use.

* Save \$235,000 by reducing miscellaneous maintenance operating expenses in DGS.

* Save \$442,000 by assuming efficiencies in administration in DGS from digitizing the work processes. Savings will come in form of paper, toner, copier use, paper storage, filing space (cabinets and floor space for them) and general administrative costs

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* Save \$1.4 million by assuming that the cost of the various service contracts for maintaining County facilities can be reduced 11.2 percent without reducing the level of service. This seems reasonable due to the fact that the economic recession has reduced the demand for such services and the contractors must reduce their prices to attract customers.

* Eliminated three positions in the Department of Finance: one in Treasury, one in Payroll and one in IT. Total savings of \$273,340.

* Phase out mailing of tax bills to homeowners whose mortgage company pays the property tax bill to save \$42,950. Savings will come from printing, postage, and handling. Finance explained that the service impact would occur in FY11, not FY10, because it will still mail the FY10 bills, but on or before the end of FY09, using appropriation in the FY09 budget. The savings in FY10 would result from not mailing the FY11 bills in FY10. Instead, Finance would mail a postcard informing residents that they can view and print their bill from Finance's web site. The FY12 bills (July 2011) will be available only online. For more information please contact: Sarabjit Jagirdar, Email:- htsyndication@hindustantimes.com.

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Pioneering lobbyist dies Gazette, The

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ANNAPOLIS Veteran Annapolis lobbyist Carolyn T. Bonnett, one of the first women to open her own practice in the state capital in 1985, died May 6 of cervical cancer. She was 62.

She boasted a range of automobile-related clients, including AAA Mid-Atlantic, Veolia Transportation and several vehicle fleet groups.

Days before the start of the 2007 special session, Bonnett's firm, CTB Government Relations Inc., merged with G.S. Proctor & Associates, bringing together two of the state's highest-grossing minority-owned lobbying firms and illuminating the rise of blacks and women in the Annapolis lobbying corps.

'We have gone up the down staircase,' Bonnett said at the time. 'Each one of us has broken barriers all our lives.'

A one-time journalist who taught classes at Montgomery College in the late 1970s, Bonnett emphasized dedication, a principled work ethic and loyalty to her clients, Gregory Steve Proctor said this week. Above all, 'her family meant the world to her,' he added.

In addition to her work on behalf of clients in the transportation field, Bonnett represented associations for children with disabilities, such as the Maryland School for the Blind.

In an e-mail to friends and associates, former delegate and Republican gubernatorial candidate Ellen Sauerbrey praised Bonnett's business savvy and political courage in switching parties from Democrat to Republican while lobbying in Annapolis.

'She fought a valiant fight for whatever she was involved in and was never a quitter,' Sauerbrey wrote.

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SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS IN RECYCLING RECOGNIZED BY COUNTY DURING RECYCLING AWARENESS WEEK **Federal News Service**

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ROCKVILLE, Md., May 21 -- Montgomery County issued the following press release:

Outstanding achievements in recycling, waste reduction and buying recycled-content products by local businesses, organizations, multi-family properties, individuals and recycling program volunteers have been recognized by the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Solid Waste Services (DSWS) as part of its annual Recycling Awareness Week activities.

Honorees were announced at the annual Recycling Achievement Awards Recognition Program held at the Bethesda North Marriott Conference Center on May 21.

Awards were presented in the following categories to the winners listed:

Outstanding Recycling Volunteers

One family and four County residents were recognized for their commitment, dedication, and outstanding service to educate fellow residents about the County's recycling and waste reduction programs, including backyard composting and grasscycling: Sarah Chen and Olivia Lueng both of Rockville; Joe Connor of Sandy Spring; Bob Mabie of Olney; and Dave, Calleen and Darby White of Gaithersburg.

Multi-Family Property Excellence in Recycling

Awards went to the following multi-family properties, property management companies, and resident recycling committees that established and/or contributed to excellence in recycling programs: Andrew Kim House, Olney; Aspenwood Senior Living Community, Silver Spring; Eighty-Two Hundred, Bethesda; Fairmont Plaza Condominium, Bethesda; The Irene, Chevy Chase; Kenwood House, Inc., Chevy Chase; The Riviera of Chevy Chase, Chevy Chase; Willow Manor at Colesville, Silver Spring; and Willow Manor at Fair Hill Farm, Olney.

Multi-Family Property Outstanding Improvement in Recycling

The following multi-family properties were recognized for making significant improvements to their recycling programs: Bethesda Place, Bethesda; Lar-Ken Apartments, LLC, Derwood; Pooks Hill Tower, Bethesda; and West Spring Condominium, Bethesda.

Multi-Family Property Outstanding Individual Achievement in Recycling

The following individuals at multi-family properties were recognized for their outstanding efforts to improve recycling programs and/or increase resident recycling awareness and participation: Elisa Arboleda, Chevy Chase; Reggie Denis, Silver Spring; Pat Eacho, Olney; Quentin Lowry, Bethesda; Edgar McFoy, Rockville; Garvin Robertson, Silver Spring; and Allen Stevic, Gaithersburg.

Excellence in Recycling -- Business

Awards were presented to the following businesses, organizations and commercial properties that recycled at least 50 percent of their waste stream generated in 2008: 5635 Fishers Lane, Rockville; 7900 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda; 9200, 9201, 9221 Corporate Boulevard, Rockville; 9801 Washingtonian Office, Inc., Gaithersburg; Bethesda Place, Bethesda; BioReliance, Rockville; The Bureau of National Affairs, Inc., Rockville; Calvert Group, Bethesda; Capitol Cable and Technology, Inc., Gaithersburg; Discovery Communications, Silver Spring; EU Services, Rockville; Euro Motorcars, Bethesda; General Conference Corporation of the Seventh-Day Adventist, Silver Spring; Howard Hughes Medical Institute, Chevy Chase; Hughes Network Systems, LLC, Germantown; The Humane Society of the United States, Gaithersburg; The Izaak Walton League of America, Gaithersburg; J. Craig Venter Institute, Rockville; Kensington Antique Village, Kensington; Montgomery College, Germantown, Rockville and Takoma Park; My Organic Market, Rockville; Ourisman Honda, Bethesda; R.A. Zimmerman and Sons, Burtonsville; Silver Spring Data Center, Silver Spring;

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St. Martin of Tours Church and School, Gaithersburg; and United Therapeutics Corporation, Silver Spring.

Outstanding Achievement in Recycling - Business

Businesses and commercial properties that were recognized for their outstanding efforts in implementing or improving their recycling, waste reduction or buying recycled programs included: BAE Systems, 1601 Research Boulevard, Rockville; Brookfield Properties for Silver Spring Metro Plaza and Metro Plaza I, Silver Spring; Clark Office Building, LLC, Bethesda; Daly Computers, Inc., Clarksburg; Duffie Inc., Silver Spring; Henry M. Jackson Foundation U.S. Military HIV Research Program, Rockville; McCormick Paints, Rockville; National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda; The Nora School, Silver Spring; Potomac Ridge Behavioral Health, Rockville; Scuderi Auto Body, Inc., Rockville; St. Elizabeth Church and School, Rockville; Tastee Diner, Inc., Silver Spring; TW Perry, Chevy Chase; U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Rockville; Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, Silver Spring; and Whole Foods Markets, Bethesda, Kentlands, Rockville, and Silver Spring.

Outstanding Achievement in Recycling - Individual

The following individuals were honored for their outstanding efforts in implementing or improving the recycling, waste reduction and/or buying recycled programs at their place of business: Ramona de la Pena, Peel Properties, Bethesda; Robert Dornan, Tishman Speyer Properties, Bethesda; Ana Fannon, Washington Real Estate Investment Trust, Rockville; Maria Fano, Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Gaithersburg; Arthur Koenig, OBA Bank, Germantown; Brittany Limmer, Matan Property Management, Germantown; and Julio Tamayo, The Home Depot, Silver Spring.

For more information about the recycling achievement awards program or about recycling in Montgomery County, call Eileen Kao or Alan Pultyniewicz at 240-777-6400. For more information please contact: Sarabjit Jagirdar, Email:- htsyndication@hindustantimes.com.

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Laurel, Pallotti end winning seasons ExploreHoward.com

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Baseball

The prep baseball teams at public-school Laurel and private-school Pallotti both finished with a winning record this season.

Both placed in the top four in their respective league and each school lasted two games in post-season play. And Laurel and Pallotti both saw their seasons come to an end with some sloppy fielding in the finale.

The Laurel Spartans lost, 8-5, at High Point High in Beltsville on May 13 in the Class 4A South region semifinals. Starting pitcher Logan Churchwell, a senior, gave up a solo home run in the first inning but fielding mistakes helped push across two more runs and the Spartans could not recover. Laurel ended the season with a record of 9-8.

"I think the season went all right," Churchwell said. "We definitely played better than what was expected out of us after the talent we lost to graduation" in 2008.

Pallotti, at home in West Laurel on May 14, lost, 8-3, to Annapolis Area Christian School in the double-elimination MIAA B conference tournament.

The Panthers, after losing May 12 to Severn, were knocked out of the tourney in a season which they won nine of the first 10 league games and were second in their division. Pallotti was 16-13 this season.

"We just didn't have enough offense in the playoffs," head coach Pat Courtemanche said.

The Panthers' defense came unglued in the top of the third inning behind starting pitcher P.J. Martindale. Annapolis Area scored five runs to take an 8-1 lead. Martindale was replaced on the mound in the fourth by starting catcher Kevin Murphy, and Martindale went back of the plate on defense.

Pallotti, which won the league title in 2006, dealt with injuries to two players in the last 10 days of the season. Sam Stefanelli, the team's leading hitter at .559, fractured his left hand during an indoor workout in early May and missed the rest of the season.

"That destroyed us," said Danny Divver, a Pallotti assistant coach.

Senior transfer Jason Buckley, who hit .385, hurt a hamstring and missed a regular-season game May 8. But he returned for the playoffs and pitched May 12 in a loss to Severn. He started in center field against Annapolis Area Christian.

"No one expected them to do that well," said Divver, who was the junior varsity head coach in 2008 when Pallotti won just two games. The Panthers will have to replace six senior starters.

Stefanelli hopes to play at Montgomery College-Germantown or Wallace State in Alabama while some other Pallotti seniors may play for the club team at Howard Community College in Columbia. Martindale may play at Catonsville Community College, according to Courtemanche.

Laurel had two players from its 2008 team play at the college level this spring. Danny Herron was one of the top pitchers for Prince George's Community College while Brian Robison hit .274 as a freshman for Catonsville Community College. Other top Laurel players this year included Alex Hanavin, Achi Rodriguez, David Carmen, Wilmer Diaz and Anthony Nicome, who threw a no-hitter.

The Spartans have had winning seasons the past two years under new head coach Bryan Harris. "He has done a great job with it," said Churchwell, who plans to attend either Prince George's or Howard Community College. "We are able to play more as team."

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Neighbors again seek help in fence negotiations Gazette, The

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Community hoping to finally forge an agreement with college

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Neighbors of Montgomery College's Rockville campus have asked city officials to reengage in negotiations with the college to create a designated smoking area on school property after the city stepped back last month.

Elyse Gussow, president of the Plymouth Woods Condominium Association, testified before the Montgomery College Board of Trustees Monday night that after a productive meeting with Brian K. Johnson, the school's president, the city should begin to collaborate with the college again.

Mike Phillips, president of the College Gardens Civic Association, could not be reached for comment by Gazette press time.

The issue stems from a ban on tobacco products instituted by the college last August. Forced off campus, smokers congregated on Princeton Place, a quiet street only a few feet from the campus property line.

After residents living on Princeton Place complained about the congregating smokers, Montgomery College erected a 6-foot-high fence, closing the popular access point that was also used by residents of the surrounding communities to get to campus or points beyond.

After refusing to modify its tobacco-free policy and create a designated smoking area on campus, as most neighbors suggested, a parcel of city land incorrectly enclosed by the college's perimeter fence 40 years ago was proposed as an area where students could go to smoke.

Negotiations then ground to a halt after the community could not agree on the specifics of the plan.

That prompted Mayor Susan R. Hoffmann to send a letter to Gov. Martin O'Malley (D) imploring him for help. Jennifer Kimble, assistant city manager, said the city received no reply from Annapolis.

The proposed designated smoking area, on the west edge of campus near the perimeter fence and between the wooded Anderson Park and a parking lot, is bisected by the college property line.

Brett Eaton, communications director for the college, said the slight modification of the no-tobacco policy represents the college's willingness to compromise in order to find a solution.

'I think they understand that the only thing that's going to work this out is if we all get together, well-meaning people, and try and work this out,' Gussow said. 'I think there was a lot of people digging their heels in, and now I think we're starting to see it loosen up a little bit.'

The city's planning staff, at the direction of the Rockville City Council, took a step back from negotiations between the college and residents after facilitating several community meetings.

Gussow says it was because the negotiations, intended to produce a memorandum of understanding between the college and the city for use of the land, was 'going nowhere.' Now that the community's once-divergent opinions about a solution have mostly been unified, Gussow feels the process is ready to begin moving forward again.

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'We still need a little help from Montgomery College and the city talking to each other about this [memorandum of understanding], because then they can hang the sign on the smoking area,' she said.

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O'Malley Announces Expansion of Biotech Company in Montgomery County Inside Charm City

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Governor Martin O'Malley Announces Expansion of Biotech Company in Montgomery County

ATLANTA, GA (May 20, 2009) - Governor Martin O'Malley joined officials from RNL Biostar today at the BIO 2009 Convention in Atlanta to announce the company's U.S. expansion in Montgomery County, adding fifty jobs to a flourishing life sciences industry in Maryland, which is home to more than 400 bioscience companies and 50 research-intensive federal institutes and centers.

"The expansion of RNL Biostar in Maryland demonstrates the highly supportive environment and unmatched assets found within the state to advance our life sciences industry," said Governor O'Malley. "Maryland's unprecedented commitment to expanding the life sciences industry demonstrates our efforts to grow and sustain a robust, knowledge-based economy that will ensure future company expansion announcements throughout our State. Maryland is widely recognized as a global hub to feed, fuel, and heal our world through the life sciences."

RNL Biostar, a subsidiary of premier Korean biotechnology company RNL Bio, will establish a stem cell research and development and manufacturing facility in Montgomery County's Germantown Innovation Center. It will invest \$6 million for new equipment and facility improvements in the leased space, which will include four labs and five office suites. RNL Biostar plans to create 50 new, full-time positions within the next four years, the majority of which will be cell manufacturing technicians with an average salary of \$50,000. By the end of 2014, the company plans to occupy 20,000 square feet of commercial space in the County.

"RNL Biostar's expansion in Montgomery County illustrates the strength and scope of our diverse biotech community," said Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett. "I was able to witness first-hand the important stem cell therapy research and development conducted by RNL Bio during my business development mission to Korea last fall, and the expansion of their U.S. subsidiary RNL Biostar here in the County will help advance this work and adds to the wealth of scientific capital found in Montgomery County, furthering our capacity to help heal and save lives around the globe from the local level."

RNL Bio, headquartered in Seoul, Korea and publicly traded on the Korean Stock Exchange, is focused on the research and development of adult derived stem cell therapies and life sciences technologies. RNL has two therapies in Phase II clinical trials, one for Buerger's Disease and one for Osteoarthritis. RNL Biostar is responsible for clinical development in the U.S. and for licensing its technologies in North and South American markets.

Since taking office, Governor O'Malley has spearheaded a number of strategic investments in Maryland's bioscience industry. In addition to creating the Life Science Advisory Board, he previewed the Board's efforts and early recommendations last June in a 10-year, \$1.3 billion strategic initiative for moving Maryland's bioscience industry forward. Governor O'Malley has been instrumental in securing funding for bio initiatives, including \$59 million over three years for Maryland's Stem Cell Research Fund, \$18 million over three years for the popular Biotechnology Tax Credit and \$9 million for nanobiotechnology research grants.

Under Governor O'Malley's leadership, Maryland's major research parks, including the University of Maryland, Baltimore BioPark, the Science +Technology Park in East Baltimore and the Montgomery College/Germantown Science and Technology Park, have undergone significant expansion. In addition, the State has attracted, or assisted in launch or expansion, of more than 50 bioscience companies in the last two years, including Aeras Global TB Vaccine, OpGen, Life Technologies, Biomere, Akonni Biosystems and Emergent Biosolutions, creating or retaining an estimated 1,800 jobs.

Home to more than 400 bioscience companies and 50 research-intensive federal institutes and centers, Maryland is well positioned in the global bioscience industry and has been recognized by the Milken Institute as one of the top tier states highly specialized in overall bioscience development. Since the early 1990s, Maryland has focused on bioscience development and was one of the first states to develop a strategic plan for the industry.

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"With our world-class workforce, proximity to federal labs, and more than 400 bioscience companies, Maryland is the best place on the planet to locate and grow a bio enterprise," said Governor O'Malley. "I'm committed to building on our enviable assets in life sciences to attract companies and high-paying jobs for Marylanders and look forward to working closely with the Board to move these recommendations forward."

The Governor also announced the creation of Maryland Biotechnology Center, a key element of that strategy, and its new offices in Baltimore City and the Shady Grove Life Sciences Research Park in Montgomery County. Opening in July this summer, the Governor had a chance to preview BioStat, an interactive map directory of all of Maryland's bioscience assets currently under development to be part of the Center.

"What remains striking about Maryland is its still enormous untapped potential in the biosciences," said H. Thomas Watkins, Chair of the Maryland Life Sciences Board and President and CEO of Human Genome Sciences, Inc. "Maryland must continue to maintain and strengthen its historic leadership in bioscience research, but must also work harder and smarter to accelerate the rate at which its research strengths translate into viable start-ups, commercialized products, and more mature bioscience companies that are able to grow and sustain themselves profitably over the long term."

Governor O'Malley formed the 15-member Life Sciences Advisory Board in September, 2007 and charged them with creating a strategic plan for Maryland's bioscience industry. During that time, the Board has engaged more than 100 industry experts in working groups and held nine public meetings and two public forums to solicit input on the plan. The Board's strategic priorities include ensuring the sustained growth and future competitiveness of Maryland's bioscience industry; supporting the creation and growth of innovative bioscience companies by ensuring access to capital; positioning Maryland for global leadership in cutting-edge areas of biosciences research and emerging and growth markets; and advancing bioscience talent generation and workforce development.

BioMaryland 2020 recommends the creation of a BioEntrepreneur Resource Program to provide one-stop assistance to new and emerging companies; establishing the Maryland Life Science Venture Capital Trust to advance investment in Maryland's bioscience companies and strengthening and advancing BioMaryland – Maryland's bioscience brand.

A complete copy of the report is now available online at the Department of Business and Economic Development – www.choosemaryland.org.

Governor O'Malley's visit to BIO 2009 included meetings with several Maryland biotech CEO's, a public announcement concerning the 2009 World Stem Cell Summit in Baltimore, and an announcement that RNL Bio, Inc will expand operations in Montgomery County. In addition, Governor O'Malley met with Dr. Eli Oppen, Israel's Chief Scientist, where the two discussed expanding trade, investment and joint research between Maryland and Israel in the biotech field.

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Montpelier Folk and Blues series -- Fridays at 8 p.m., Montpelier Arts Center, 9652 Muirkirk Road. May 22 Tinsmith; May 29 Sharron Kraus; June 5 Robin and Linda Williams and Their Fine Group. Tickets \$20, \$18 for members and seniors (age 60 and over). 301-377-7800.

"Elvis is Back in the Building" -- Johnny Seaton and Bad Behavior, Friday, May 29 from 8 p.m. to midnight, Blobs Park, 8024 Max Blobs Park Road in Jessup; \$15 admission. Optional buffet, 6-8:30 p.m., \$18. Basket of Cheer raffle and 50/50 drawing. Sponsored by Jessup Improvement Association. Dana Herbert, 410-796-7999, ddherbert@maxinter.net.

Jam session

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

Theater

Screaming Puppets -- Improv comedy troupe, Sat., May 30, 8 p.m., Laurel Mill Playhouse, 508 Main St. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. \$10 general admission. 301-617-9906 and press 3 for reservations, or e-mail Imp@laurelmillplayhouse.org.

"Medea" -- Julianne Homokay's contemporary adaptation of the classic play by Euripides, through May 31, Thursdays through Saturdays, 8 p.m., Sundays, 3 p.m., Venus Theatre Play Shack, 21 C St. Medea is still out to exact revenge on her husband for throwing her over for a younger women, only in Homokay's world, Medea and the younger woman are movie stars. Features two Helen Hayes-nominated actors in a stellar cast. 202-236-4078, www.venustheatre.org.

"Pillow Talk" -- Weekends through May 24 at Laurel Mill Playhouse, 508 Main St. Adapted by Christopher Sergel and based on a screenplay by Stanley Shapiro and Maurice Richlin, the 1950s comedy is directed by Marie Sproul and produced by Maureen Rogers by special arrangement with The Dramatic Publishing Company. Performances Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. Sunday matinee May 24 at 2 p.m. \$13 general admission, \$10 students 18 and under and seniors 65 and over. Reservations, 301-617-9906 and press 2. www.laurelmillplayhouse.org.

"Father of the Bride" -- Laurel Mill Playhouse, 508 Main St. Show will run June 5 through June 28 on Friday and Saturday evenings with two selected Sunday matinees. Reservations, 301-617-9906 and press 2. www.laurelmillplayhouse.org.

Exhibits

Montpelier Arts Center -- 9652 Muirkirk Road, 301-377-7800, montpelier.arts@pgparks.com. Open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Main Gallery: "Printmaking and Beyond," through June 5, works by Wilfred Brunner, Joyce Jewell, Maureen Feely-Kohl, Carla Klevan, Nancy McNamara and Mary Staley, current and former faculty at the Takoma Park campus of Montgomery College. Resident Artist Gallery: New sculptures by Montpelier resident artist Alonzo Davis, through May 25. Library Gallery: Exhibition by students in Montpelier classes, through May 27.

"Simple Elegant" -- Color photographs by Maryland artist Frank Smith, through May 30 in the Himmelfarb Gallery of the Tai Sophia Institute campus, 7750 Montpelier Road, off Route 29 and Johns Hopkins Road. Gallery open weekdays 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Fridays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 410-888-9048 for additional weekend hours. Artworks for sale through the Meeting Point Bookstore, adjacent to the gallery. John Wilson, 410-888-9048 Ext. 6619, jwilson@tai.edu.

"Children of the World: One Spirit, Many Faces" -- Photographs by Maryland artist Billy Michels, on display from June 3 to Sept. 2 at the Himmelfarb Gallery on the Tai Sophia campus, 7750 Montpelier Road. Color and black and white photographs reflect the innocence, joy, compassion and energy found in children representing five continents and all socio-economic conditions. Gallery hours: Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Open to public, artist's reception will be on Tuesday, June 9 from 5 to 7 p.m. www.billymichels.com.

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Museum, Eats and Theater -- Laurel Historical Society and the Laurel Mill Playhouse present a very 1950s evening out in historic Laurel, Friday, May 23. Meet at the Laurel Museum, 817 Main St., at 6 p.m. for a behind-the-scenes tour of "Shake, Rattle 'n' Roll: Laurel in the 1950s." Enjoy a 1950s dinner at Oliver's Main Street Sports Bar and Grill, 531 Main St., and finish the evening at the Laurel Mill Playhouse, 508 St., with production of "Pillow Talk." \$25 per person. Reservations, 301-725-7975, info@laurelhistoricalsociety.org.

Tours -- 18th-century Georgian Montpelier Mansion, 9650 Muirkirk Road. Guided tours on Sundays at noon, 1, 2 and 3 p.m.; drop-in, self-guided tours Mondays through Fridays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Group tours of 10 or more by appointment. \$3 adults, \$2 seniors and groups of 10 or more, \$1 ages 6-18, free ages 5 and under. 301-377-7817, montpelier.mansion@pgparks.com.

Historical reproduction kitchen -- Montpelier Mansion, 9650 Muirkirk Road. Learn about the skilled workers -- enslaved, free and indentured -- who enabled plantations like Montpelier to prosper. No reservations required. Sponsored by Friends of Montpelier and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. 301-953-1376. www.pgparks.com.

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

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

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CITIZEN JOURNALISM: Library hours threatened
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CITIZEN JOURNALISM:

Concerned citizens in Montgomery County read the handwriting on the wall and sprung to action this month to save their libraries from the budget chopping block.

Joseph Reiff, chairman of the Olney Library Advisory Committee and media specialist at Sherwood High School's library, said urged all eight Montgomery County Council members to oppose initial proposals to cut libraries' hours to save money in the fiscal 2010 budget.

"At a time when more and more community members are turning to the public libraries for services, a reduction in hours is the last thing our community needs," he wrote, expressing the sentiments of like-minded county residents.

The Library Advisory Committees, an auxiliary of the Montgomery County Library Board of Trustees, advise local branch managers about what the community needs. They also advocate to their county council members and state officials.

The Montgomery County Council is scheduled to meet this week to pass a tentative budget, which is expected to include full funding for maintaining current library hours. The council is set to officially adopt the fiscal 2010 budget on Thursday.

Parker Hamilton, director of the Montgomery County Public Library system, is optimistic that libraries across the county will not have to make any changes to their hours.

"Library services are free. The library serves a diverse population who make the most of all our services," Mrs. Hamilton said. "All branches [22 plus a mobile van] have free wireless access in addition to 472 public-access computers. We have more than 3 million titles in our print materials collection. Our programming includes early literacy for young children, outreach to teens and book discussion and current issues events for adults. We offer job search resources and databases."

As with the economic downturns of 1987 and 2001, dependency on libraries goes up as they are transformed into ad-hoc career counseling centers, putting additional demands and strains on libraries and their staffs, said Joseph Eagan, Olney Library branch manager.

Javier Fuentes, 22, estimates that he had been coming to the Wheaton Regional Library three to four times a week for the past three years to use the computer lab. He uses the free software and other available learning tools to improve his ability to read and write formal English.

He plans to enroll at Montgomery College, and said, "I wouldn't have even been able to think about that three years ago." He credits the library's evening hours with helping him to get this far in his educational goals.

The recession is expected to get tougher, not only for individuals and the businesses they work for or own, but also for local municipal governments. Local governments have been hard hit by the current economic downturn, making balancing their budget, as required by law, more difficult for local lawmakers. In lean times, services can become leaner.

A recent reduction in operating hours for the D.C. Public Library became effective March 2, and the Fairfax County Public Library system will reduce its operating hours as of July 1.

Neil Greenberger, legislative information officer for the Montgomery County Council, said the county was facing a \$600 million budget gap for fiscal 2010. County Executive Isiah "Ike" Leggett and members of the county council have said publicly that the deficit would result in certain county services being cut.

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However, county officials also said that "essential" services would not be cut under any circumstances, leaving the reduction in library hours to the council's Health and Human Services committee.

Dr. Dana Beyer, senior adviser to council member Duchy Trachtenberg, said the HHS committee considered reductions not only to library hours, but also to materials acquisitions, but in the end rejected them. However, she speculated that if the county faces a further shortfall, a number of items could be back on the table, including reductions in new materials acquisitions.

"We have always been proud of our libraries, which are a vital community resource. We are fully aware, during these difficult times, of the need to maintain hours to serve the growing needs of our county residents," Dr. Beyer said.

At the Wheaton Regional Library during the last half-hour of operation last Monday, the library was still bustling with activity.

Among those browsing on the ground floor were Jessica Sevigny and Bobby Moses, employees of Walter Reed Army Medical Center, who were searching leaflets and the bulletin board for opportunities to get involved in their community.

A ninth-grade student at Northwood High School, who asked not to be identified, asked: "What if someone has to do their homework and they don't have a computer at home and the library is closed at 5 or 6 p.m.? That's going to hurt their grades and their family. What if they want to get a book and the library is closed?"

A Montgomery County Literacy Council tutor, who also asked to remain anonymous, said she has been working with a student at Wheaton from 7 to 9 p.m. for the past four years. If libraries were closed early, she said she would have a difficult time finding someplace that is as accessible and welcoming as the library.

John Muller is a longtime volunteer with the D.C. Public Library's Adult Literacy Resource Center. He lives in Montgomery County.