

News Clips Report

Date	HeadLine	Outlet
04/17/2009	Events & Networking	The Gazette of Politics and Business
04/17/2009	Adventist seeks state's OK for new hospital	Gazette, The
04/16/2009	Charles C. Parker	The Gazette Papers
04/16/2009	King, Tracey	The Gazette Papers
04/16/2009	Adventist seeks state approval of hospital	The Gazette Papers
04/16/2009	What's Happening	The Washington Post
04/16/2009	ARTS IN BRIEF	Washington Post - Online
04/16/2009	Best Bets	Washington Post - Online
04/16/2009	It's Time to Speak Out On Metrobus Service Cuts	Washington Post - Online
04/16/2009	Montgomery Community Events April 16-23, 2009	Washington Post - Online
04/16/2009	Religion Notes	Washington Post - Online
04/16/2009	WHAT'S HAPPENING	Washington Post - Online
04/15/2009	Clark Construction building Rockville Science Center at Montgomery College	Building Design and Construction
04/15/2009	Homeschooling roadblocks	The Gazette Papers
04/15/2009	County police reports	The Gazette Papers
04/15/2009	People and Places	The Gazette Papers
04/15/2009	People and Places	The Gazette Papers
04/15/2009	State budget spares Montgomery	The Gazette Papers
04/15/2009	Residents complain of second fence planned between campus, neighborhood	The Gazette Papers
04/15/2009	Education Notebook	The Gazette Papers
04/15/2009	Dickinson vows to accept, aid handful of HCC grads	Baltimore Sun
04/15/2009	Adventist seeks state approval of hospital	Gazette, The
04/15/2009	New online game hopes to teach students about ecology	Gazette, The
04/15/2009	Washington Area Schools, Including Hollin Meadows, Take Lessons Outside Washington Area Schools Use	Washington Post - Online
04/15/2009	What's Happening Montgomery Entertainment Calendar April 9-16, 2009	Washington Post - Online
04/14/2009	Rain or Shine, a Friendly Forecast on the Line	The Washington Post
04/13/2009	Some Arab-American leaders express new hope for understanding	Gazette, The
04/12/2009	LITERARY CALENDAR APRIL 13-19, 2009	The Washington Post
04/11/2009	Mr. Charles Carroll Parker	Frederick News-Post, The
04/10/2009	Calendar	The Frederick News-Post
04/10/2009	Margaret Hluch weaves together symbols of her life in fiber art	The Frederick News-Post
04/10/2009	COUNTY EXECUTIVE LEGGETT NAMES SILVERMAN TO DIRECT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT	Federal News Service
04/10/2009	Hussong, Capt. William J. USN	Washington Times
04/10/2009	Thousands try the Jeopardy challenge	Montgomery County Sentinel
04/10/2009	wnba draft	Star Tribune
04/09/2009	MD AuthorHouse Silber 04 09	Associated Press (AP)

News Clips Report

Events & Networking

The Gazette of Politics and Business

San Diego, CA

Audra Stafford

04/17/2009

Friday, April 17, 2009

Events & Networking

Tuesday, April 21

Maryland Asia Environmental Partnership and Montgomery County Economic Development and Environmental Protection departments Maryland-India Environmental Partnerships Forum, 7:30-10:30 a.m., Germantown Innovation Center, Montgomery College, 20200 Observation Drive. \$45-\$55. Registration: Peter Gourlay, peter.gourlay@mdaep.com or 443-275-2489

News Clips Report

Adventist seeks state's OK for new hospital Gazette, The

04/17/2009

Facility would serve growing populations in Montgomery and Frederick counties

\

Featured Jobs

Loading...

More News

With letters of support from local politicians and Frederick Memorial Healthcare System in hand, Adventist HealthCare formally asked a state commission last week for approval to build a hospital in Clarksburg.

Adventist applied for a certificate of need from the Maryland Health Care Commission to build a 100-bed hospital as the first piece of a planned health care campus.

Adventist, of Rockville, bought land in Clarksburg between Clarksburg Road and Interstate 270 eight years ago and has been planning to build a medical campus on the 60-acre site. Holy Cross Hospital made a surprise announcement in August that it wants to build a 93-bed hospital on the Montgomery College campus in Germantown and has already filed for its certificate of need.

While Adventist has received county land-use approvals, Holy Cross, of Silver Spring, has not.

The state is unlikely to approve two hospitals in northern Montgomery County.

A Holy Cross spokeswoman did not return calls for comment.

The Adventist packet includes a letter of support from County Executive Isiah Leggett (D), who also sent a letter of support for the Holy Cross proposal.

'We will support the need for additional medical services in those areas but will not weigh in on a particular proposal,' said Charles L. Short, special assistant to Leggett. 'I think the state will recognize that at least one, if not two, facilities will be needed as we go into the next 20 years.'

Adventist's Clarksburg Community Hospital would have all private rooms, an 18-bed obstetrics unit and an emergency department. The campus would have physicians' offices, outpatient treatment facilities, a day care center and a nursing home.

'Given the projected population growth in southern Frederick County and northern Montgomery County, particularly along the I-270 corridor, the placement of this new hospital in Clarksburg is a preferable location, which minimizes the impact on existing services,' Thomas Kleinhanzl, president and CEO of Frederick Memorial Healthcare System, wrote in a letter of support.

Adventist argues that it has the more cost-effective proposal.

The Adventist hospital would cost \$202 million, or \$2 million per bed, to build, according to its proposal. The Holy Cross cost is projected at \$267 million, or \$3.3 million per bed.

News Clips Report

Charles C. Parker The Gazette Papers

04/16/2009

Thursday, April 16, 2009

Charles C. Parker

|

Charles Carroll Parker, 83, of Frederick, formerly of Damascus, died April 8, 2009, at Frederick Memorial Hospital.

Born May 10, 1925, in Dorchester County, he was a son of the late Charles "Smitty" and Norma Wallace Parker.

He was the husband of the late Jean Watkins Parker, who died in 1991.

Mr. Parker served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. After graduating from high school, he attended business school in Baltimore. After the war ended, he attended Western Maryland College. Mr. Parker and his family moved to Damascus in 1950. He taught English at Damascus High School for 20 years and then taught at John T. Baker Junior High School for 13 years. Following retirement, Mr. Parker taught at Montgomery College and then at Hood College for another 10 years. For several years in the early 1970s, Mr. and Mrs. Parker published the Damascus Courier newspaper.

Mr. Parker was a member of Montgomery Methodist Church, where he enjoyed singing in the choir for many years. He also attended Damascus Methodist Church later in life.

Survivors include four sons, two daughters-in-law, one sister, nine grandchildren, one niece and three nephews. He was preceded in death by a grandson.

A graveside service was held Wednesday at Montgomery Methodist Cemetery, Damascus. The Rev. Orlando "Bud" Kibbe of Montgomery United Methodist Church officiated.

Memorial contributions may be made to Frederick Memorial Hospital, 700 W. 7th St., Frederick, MD 21701.

Molesworth-Williams Funeral Home in Damascus handled arrangements.

News Clips Report

King, Tracey
The Gazette Papers

04/16/2009

Thursday, April 16, 2009

King, Tracey

|

Doug and Nancy King of Absecon, N.J. and Joan Tracey of Emmitsburg are pleased to announce the engagement of their children Christine Marie King and Jeffrey Curtis Tracey.

The bride-to-be, a graduate of Holy Spirit High School in Absecon, N.J., received her Bachelor of Arts in political science in 2001 from Villanova University. She completed her masters in information systems and library science at Drexel University and is currently employed as a librarian at Montgomery College in Rockville.

The prospective groom, a 1999 graduate of St. John's Literary Institution at Prospect Hall in Frederick, graduated from Villanova University in 2003 with a Bachelor of Science in astronomy and astrophysics in honors. He is currently employed with the U.S. Naval Observatory as an astronomer.

An October wedding is planned in southern New Jersey.

News Clips Report

Adventist seeks state approval of hospital The Gazette Papers

04/16/2009

Thursday, April 16, 2009

Adventist seeks state approval of hospital
Clarksburg site would serve growing populations in northern Montgomery and southern Frederick counties

by Susan Singer-Bart | Staff Writer

With letters of support from local politicians and Frederick Memorial Healthcare System in hand, Adventist HealthCare formally asked a state commission Friday for approval to build a hospital in Clarksburg.

Adventist filed a certificate of need with the Maryland Health Care Commission to build a 100-bed hospital as the first piece of a planned health care campus. A hospital cannot be built in Maryland without a state-approved certificate of need.

Adventist bought land in Clarksburg between Clarksburg Road and Interstate 270 eight years ago and has been planning to build a medical campus on the 60-acre site. Holy Cross Hospital made a surprise announcement in August that it wants to build a 93-bed hospital on the Montgomery College campus in Germantown and has already filed its certificate of need.

Adventist has received county land use approvals; Holy Cross has not.

The state is unlikely to approve two hospitals in the upcounty.

A Holy Cross spokeswoman did not return several phone calls seeking comment for this report.

The packet includes a letter of support from County Executive Isiah Leggett, who also sent a letter of support for the Holy Cross proposal.

"We will support the need for additional medical services in those areas but will not weight in on a particular proposal," Charles L. Short, special assistant to Leggett, said. "I think the state will recognize that at least one, if not two, facilities will be needed as we go into the next 20 years."

Adventist's Clarksburg Community Hospital would have all private rooms, an 18-bed obstetrics unit and an emergency department. The campus would have doctors' offices, outpatient treatment facilities, a day care center and a nursing home. The plan includes a health care clinic for low-income and uninsured residents and a prenatal clinic for low-income women.

The campus adjoins a planned senior housing community.

Adventist says its site is ideally located in the heart of the growing Clarksburg and Urbana communities.

"Given the projected population growth in southern Frederick County and northern Montgomery County, particularly along the I-270 corridor, the placement of this new hospital in Clarksburg is a preferable location, which minimizes the impact on existing services," Thomas Kleinhanzl, president and chief executive officer of Frederick Memorial Healthcare System, wrote in a letter of support.

The two medical organizations are talking about ways they can work together.

One of the criteria the commission will weigh is the economic viability of a proposal.

We expect the Maryland Health Care Commission to make a decision based on the economics of the hospitals and speak to the issue of economic viability," Uma Ahluwalia, director of the county Department of Health and Human Services, said.

News Clips Report

Adventist argues that it has the more cost-effective proposal.

The Adventist hospital would cost \$222 million to build or \$2 million per bed, according to the Adventist proposal. The Holy Cross hospital cost is projected at \$267 million or \$3.3 million per bed.

Adventist's Clarksburg Community Hospital could open in 2013 if the certificate is granted, hospital officials have said.

News Clips Report

What's Happening The Washington Post

04/16/2009

What's Happening

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.

News Clips Report

ARTS IN BRIEF

Washington Post - Online

04/16/2009

Alice McDermott Tonight At Montgomery College

Alice McDermott will read from and discuss her newest novel, 'After This,' from 7:30 to 8:30 tonight in the faculty and staff dining room at the Campus Center Building on Montgomery College's Rockville campus, 51 Mannakee St.

After the discussion, McDermott will be available to sign books, which will be on sale at the event.

General admission is \$10; \$6 for students and seniors; free for members of the F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference.

McDermott's books have often captured the themes and details of Irish American suburban life. Her first novel, 'A Bigamist's Daughter,' was published in 1982. 'That Night' (1987), her second novel, was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award. Her other books include 'At Weddings and Wakes' (1992) and 'Charming Billy' (1998), which won the National Book Award. The 10th annual Bethesda Literary Festival opens tomorrow and runs through Sunday, featuring a variety of local and national authors, journalists, poets, comedians, writing contests and a poetry slam. 'Washington Week' anchor Gwen Ifill, suspense authors Mary Higgins Clark and Carol Higgins Clark, NPR's Daniel Schorr, CBS News's Kimberly Dozier, The Washington Post's E.J. Dionne and David Maraniss, Harper's Magazine's Ken Silverstein, U.S. News & World Report's Robert Schlesinger, fiction author Louis Bayard, political consultant Peter Schechter and the Brookings Institution's Kenneth Pollack will discuss their most recent books.

Improv comedian Tony Deyo will perform, and poets 18 and older can compete for cash prizes in a poetry performance competition.

The free events will be at various venues in downtown Bethesda. For a full schedule, call 301-215-6660 or visit <http://www.bethesda.org>.

BlackRock Center for the Arts and Quest: Arts for Everyone will present 'Road Signs,' an interactive performance created to introduce people to deaf culture.

The performance, at 1 p.m. Saturday, will include poetry, songs, miming and stories. Cast members will offer a workshop from 2 to 3:30 p.m., using theater games and activities to explore creative uses of American Sign Language.

The events will be presented on the main stage at BlackRock, 12901 Town Commons Dr. in Germantown. Tickets for the show are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. For information, call 301-528-2260 or visit <http://www.blackrockcenter.org>.

-- Compiled by SARAH MARSTON

News Clips Report

Best Bets

Washington Post - Online

04/16/2009

'Metamorphoses' Onstage At Montgomery College Montgomery College presents Mary Zimmerman's 'Metamorphoses,' a series of stories adapted from Greek mythology. Based on Ovid's transformation myths, the play 'mixes the ancient stories of pathos and tragedy with contemporary language, humor and thought.' It contains mature themes and language. Performances are at 8 p.m. today and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday at the college's Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center, 51 Mannakee St. in Rockville. \$10; seniors and students, \$8. 240-567-5301 or <http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/pac>.

The American Film Institute's Silver Theatre and the Smithsonian Institution's Freer and Sackler galleries will celebrate South Korean cinema with the Korean Film Festival DC, Saturday through May 2. The lineup includes past favorites and new films with emphasis on female directors. Subjects include the true story of the 2004 Olympics Korean women's handball team and a Madonna-impersonating man who enters a wrestling competition. Films are in Korean with English subtitles. Two directors will attend their films' screenings. Admission per film is \$10; \$9 for seniors; \$8.50 for AFI members; \$6 for children 12 and younger; and \$5 for teachers. The theater is at 8633 Colesville Rd. in Silver Spring. For a full schedule, call 301-495-6720 or 301-495-6700 or visit <http://www.afsilver.com>.

Montgomery County will host several swing dances this weekend as part of Washington's annual DC Lindy Exchange. The dances run from 8 p.m. to midnight tomorrow at Glen Echo Park's Bumper Car Pavilion, with music by the Brooks Tegler Quartet, and from 8 p.m. Saturday to 12:30 a.m. Sunday at Glen Echo's Spanish Ballroom, with music by Phil Ogilvie's Rhythm Kings. The pavilion and ballroom are at 7300 MacArthur Blvd. in Glen Echo. Dancing will continue with swing sessions at the Chevy Chase Ballroom, 5207 Wisconsin Ave. These dances, which will run from 1 to 5 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, are typically attended by serious dancers but are open to all. Additional dance events will be offered through the weekend. Among them will be the Boilermaker Jazz Band at a swing dance from 9 p.m. Sunday to 1 a.m. Monday at El Boqueron II restaurant, 1330 E Gude Dr. in Rockville. Visit <http://www.dclx.org> or call 301-320-2330 or 202-363-8344.

News Clips Report

It's Time to Speak Out On Metrobus Service Cuts

Washington Post - Online

Washington, DC

Robert Thomson

04/16/2009

The last of this week's six hearings on the proposed cuts in Metrobus service is scheduled for tomorrow at Metro's downtown headquarters, 600 Fifth St. NW. But many travelers started their protests when we printed the woefully long list of service cuts and curtailments on the April 5 Commuter page.

Dear Dr. Gridlock:

The proposed cuts to Metrobus services include two very important east-west routes in Montgomery County. The Q2 [Veirs Mill Road Line] and C4 [Greenbelt-Twinbrook Line] are important to workers who might not be able to afford the peak rates on Metrorail or whose workplaces are not on Metrorail lines.

When I have ridden the Q2, it has been filled to overflowing from Shady Grove to Silver Spring. Do we want more people driving on our already crowded roads? Do we want to make it simply impossible for some residents to get to work?

As an associate professor at Montgomery College's Rockville campus and a nondriver, I am particularly dismayed by the proposed cuts to the Q2. I often teach evening courses, and I have seen how many students need to go to Shady Grove to take another bus home.

Parking is always tight at this campus, with construction projects making driving even more difficult, yet the cuts to the Q2 would force more students to drive to the college.

I am not the only professor teaching evening courses and then taking the bus to a Metro station. How will the restricted service affect professors who might need to stay after class to talk with their students and, at the very least, should not be racing out the door in front of their students to catch a bus that leaves at 9:15 p.m.?

My problem is only one of a multitude that people will face in areas critical to their lives and to keeping our society running.

Marianne Szlyk

Rockville

Dear Dr. Gridlock:

I am a senior citizen who still works and does not own a car. I use the C8 [College Park-White Flint Line] six days a week. On Mondays through Fridays, I use the bus to get from home to work in the White Flint Metro area, and I sometimes work Saturdays.

I have about a 50-minute commute on one bus. The alternative: two buses and the Metro, close to a two-hour trip. On Saturday, I ride the bus at least one trip to go to the grocery store, post office, haircutter's, other stores and the library. The alternative: stay home, beg rides from neighbors or spend \$18 in cab fare to the store and back.

Some of my neighbors who work Saturdays use the C8 to get to the Metro because the R2 [Riggs Road Line] does not run early enough for them. Many of us would love to have the bus run Sundays so that we could get to church, attend cultural events at the University of Maryland or do shopping.

The solution: Eliminate the free senior citizen rides on Montgomery County routes (most of us would rather pay full fare than have bus routes eliminated). Make modest cuts in service during the day Monday through Friday. Make modest cuts in service Saturdays, leaving the rush-hour runs as they are. (Yes, people do work Saturdays.)

Margaret Swim

Adelphi

News Clips Report

Don't give in on the fares and service. Squeeze the politicians first to see whether they can find more money. Although some transit officials say these cuts will have minimal effects on service, the stories these riders tell show that the minimum can be quite painful.

Metro consulted with all of the suburban jurisdictions to come up with the list of cuts. The District, Alexandria, Arlington County, Falls Church and Maryland proposed \$13.5 million in bus service cuts and other changes to balance Metro's budget. Collectively, they also came up with about \$15.5 million in subsidy increases, but the contributions varied.

Fairfax County and Fairfax City stood out for proposing to increase their transit subsidies enough so there would be no Metrobus cuts in their jurisdictions.

The Transit First! Coalition, an advocacy group formed this year, is calling on Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley (D) to find the money to avoid 'drastic service cuts.' 'Maryland needs to pay its fair share and match the efforts of its neighbors to avoid deep cuts to transit service in our region,' Ben Ross, coalition chairman, said in a statement.

Nobody gets what he or she wants out of Interstate 66. Every step in developing the highway inside the Capital Beltway is an unpleasant compromise.

These letters, responding to my description of the three spot improvements that the Virginia Department of Transportation hopes to build along westbound I-66 [Commuter page, March 22], show that passions along the Beltway dividing line remain as strong as when the highway construction battles were fought in the 1970s.

Dear Dr. Gridlock:

Arlington County residents resent having their county turned into one big superhighway for Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William County commuters. They push to widen Interstate 66 today and Route 50 tomorrow inside the Capital Beltway.

Local history shows that widening roads only invites more traffic, and it seems that the backlogs will not be relieved until Arlington is completely paved over and we all move out to Fairfax.

The insatiable appetite of the road-building lobby is never quelled. Regarding government promises of reducing traffic by means of carpools, express buses, enforced HOV lanes and mass transit: These are not worth the paper they are printed on. After all, the government promised not to expand I-66 inside the Beltway when it was built. If Fairfax commuters are really serious, then let's add lanes to Route 29 out to Centreville to provide alternative routes.

Clay Woods

Arlington

Dear Dr. Gridlock:

I live in Arlington County and work in Fairfax County, so I am on Interstate 66 almost every day. Luckily, I am usually going against traffic. If it must be widened, it needs to be done all at the same time. This piecemeal approach will just create more bottlenecks and longer traffic lines. Why not put the money toward extending Metro to Gainesville?

Lois Katanik

Arlington

VDOT has money to build only one of the three spot improvements, widening the highway between Fairfax Drive and Sycamore Street. The commonwealth is a few billion dollars short on a much-hoped-for extension of Metrorail along the I-66 corridor.

Dr. Gridlock appears Thursdays in the Extras and Sundays in the Metro section. Send e-mails for publication to drgridlock@washpost.com or write to Dr. Gridlock at 1150 15th St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20071. Include your name, community and phone numbers.

News Clips Report

Montgomery Community Events April 16-23, 2009 Washington Post - Online

04/16/2009

SPRING FASHION SHOW, tickets available for the April 25 show to benefit a scholarship fund, featuring fashions by Dress Barn and Dress Barn Woman; buffet lunch, door prizes and raffles; sponsored by the International Association of Administrative Professionals, Montgomery County. Noon to 3 p.m., Epworth United Methodist Church, 9008 Rosemont Dr., Gaithersburg. \$25; reservations required. 301-926-0424, <http://www.mciaap.org> or thesands1@verizon.net.

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES, for people returning to the workforce or hoping to build skills to help advance within a current job, an employment specialist with Montgomery Works provides tips on rsum writing, interviewing and career planning. 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center, 3300 Briggs Chaney Rd., Silver Spring. Free, reservation encouraged. 240-777-8400.

MACULAR DEGENERATION TALK, Wai Wong of the National Eye Institute talks about the advances in treatment of age-related vision problems; sponsored in part by the Prevention of Blindness Society of Greater Washington. 1:15-2:15 p.m., Holiday Park Senior Center, 3950 Ferrara Dr., Wheaton. Free. 240-777-4999.

ROCKVILLE CONCERT, for all ages, singer and guitarist John Jendzurski plays bluegrass, country and Motown. 7 p.m., Twinbrook Library, 202 Meadow Hall Dr., Rockville. Free. 240-777-0240.

AUTHOR APPEARANCE, for adults, author Alice McDermott will read from 'After This,' her novel about an Irish-American family from World War II to the 1970s. 7:30-8:30 p.m., Montgomery College, 51 Mannakee St., Rockville. \$10; seniors and students with ID, \$6; F. Scott Fitzgerald conference members, free. 240-567-4022. AUTHOR APPEARANCE, Thomas E. Ricks, Pentagon correspondent for The Washington Post, talks about his book 'The Gamble: General David Petraeus and the American Adventure in Iraq, 2006-2008.' 7:30 p.m., Friendship Heights Village Center, 4433 S. Park Ave., Chevy Chase. Free. 301-656-2797.

BUSINESS NETWORKING MEETING, for work-at-home professionals in the Silver Spring area, this month's topic is 'event planning on the cheap,' a meeting of the Creative Silver Spring Lunch Bunch. 1 p.m., Ghar-E-Kabab Indian Restaurant, 944 Wayne Ave., Silver Spring. Free; cost for menu items ordered; take a name tag and business cards. 301-588-6894.

FUN AND FANCY THEATER, music and comedy performed on the themes of love and laughter. 1 p.m., Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center, 1000 Forest Glen Rd., Silver Spring. Free, registration required. 240-777-8085.

ART HISTORY LECTURE, art historian Joan Hart gives a presentation on the art and passion of Mexican painters and lovers Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo. 1:30 p.m., Friendship Heights Village Center, 4433 S. Park Ave., Chevy Chase. Free. 301-656-2797.

BLACK HILL REGIONAL PARK PLANT SALE, annual sale of native plants and wildflowers; proceeds benefit the naturalist programs at the park; sponsored by the Friends of Black Hill. 5-7 p.m. tomorrow; 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, Black Hill Regional Park, 20926 Lake Ridge Dr., Boyds. Admission, free. 301-540-3626 or 301-444-3144 or gtownmacleod@verizon.net.

CHILDREN'S RECYCLING PROGRAM, for all ages, Kathleen Jacobs performs 'Magic Potts and Recycled Bottles,' a puppet show that shows how 'trash' can be turned into treasure; part of the Gaithersburg Green Week programming. 7 p.m., Bohrer Park Activity Center, 506 S. Frederick Ave., Gaithersburg. Admission, \$2; maximum per family of three or more, \$5; age 2 and younger, free; registration required. 301-258-6350 or <http://www.gaithersburgmd.gov>.

RAIN-BARREL WORKSHOP, seminar on the installation and use of rain barrels and other measures that homeowners can take to address drainage problems, reduce utility bills and improve local stream quality. In the 'RainScapes Rewards' program in Rockville and Gaithersburg, residents are offered incentives to take part in a natural-drainage project; in the first phase, households can qualify for a \$50 per barrel rebate (up to four barrels). 1:30-3:30 p.m., Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Dr. Free, registration required. 301-258-6310 or environment@gaithersburgmd.gov.

RECYCLING EVENT AND BOOK SALE, donations of old cellphones, laptop computers and printer-ink cartridges

News Clips Report

accepted; books, plants and baked goods available for purchase; a project in observance of Earth Day. 9 a.m.-noon, Saint Stephen Lutheran Church, 11612 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring. Admission, free. 301-622-1273.

FIBER ARTS LECTURE, artist Robin Russo presents 'All About Silk,' its history, geography and science; sponsored by Potomac Craftsmen Guild. 10 a.m.-noon, St. James Episcopal Church, 11815 Seven Locks Rd., Potomac. Free. 301-251-0958 or <http://www.potomaccraftsmenguild.org>. 'GAS & STEAM ENGINE SHOW,' the 13th annual event features antique tractors, trucks and cars, live country music and children's activities, including hay rides, a barrel-train ride, face painting and a pedal-tractor pull; sponsored by Friends of the Agricultural History Farm Park. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, the park, 18400 Muncaster Rd., Derwood. Admission, free. 301-253-2673. 'HEALTHY KIDS DAY,' for children of all ages, a day of wellness, fun and play, family yoga, games and sports; plus dance team, jump-rope and cheerleading demonstrations; blood pressure screening, body-fat analysis, swimming tests, family swim and aquatics games, raffles and giveaways; sponsored by the YMCA and the M-NCPPC Department of Parks; call or visit the Web site for information about Healthy Kids Day activities at other locations. 11 a.m.-3 p.m., YMCA, 9401 Old Georgetown Rd., Bethesda. Free. 202-232-6700 or <http://www.ymcadc.org>. 'MY MOM ROCKS' AND 'ROCK SOLO' CONTESTS, for moms and students ages 7 to 17. A karaoke contest gives moms a chance to win for a child a free week at Camp Jam Rock 'n' Roll Summer Day Camp in Bridgeport, Conn., or a \$100 gift certificate at a local spa. In the youth contest, students perform a 30-second solo for a chance to win a free week at the camp or a \$100 gift certificate at a music store. Event is at two locations: 11:30 a.m., Guitar Center, 12401 Twinbrook Parkway, Rockville; 3 p.m., Victor Litz Music, 306 E. Diamond Ave., Gaithersburg. Free, registration recommended. 678-500-1852 or <http://www.campjam.com>.

AYURVEDA WORKSHOP, for adults, Liz Chabra gives a nutrition and diet presentation based on the concepts of a traditional health practice of India. Participants will sample Ayurvedic food seasoned with cardamon, cayenne, fennel, fenugreek, ghee and garam marsala. Noon-2:30 p.m., Brookside Gardens, visitors center, Adult Classrooms, 1800 Glenallan Ave., Wheaton. \$50; register online (Course No. 64949). 301-962-1400 or <http://www.parkpass.org>.

RACHEL CARSON HOUSE OPEN HOUSE, an event featuring speakers on environmental issues, in the house where the naturalist wrote 'Silent Spring' (1962). Organic refreshments will be served; sponsored by the Rachel Carson Council. Noon-4 p.m., Rachel Carson House, 11701 Berwick Rd., Silver Spring. Free. 301-593-7507, <http://www.rachelcarsoncouncil.org> or office@rachelcarsoncouncil.org.

SMALL PRESS FAIR, meet editors and publishers of literary journals and small presses, including Cherokee Books, the Delmarva Review, Gargoyle-Paycock Press, GirlChild Press, Gival Press, Little Patuxent Review, Poet Lore, Potomac Review, Pretend Genius, Washington Writers' Publishing House and Wineberry Press. Noon-5 p.m., The Writer's Center, 4508 Walsh St., Bethesda. Free. 301-654-8664.

CHESS AND FOLK MUSIC, chess master Allan Savage takes on all challengers in a simultaneous exhibition; chess sets and refreshments provided. Doris Justis, folk musician and radio host performs songs from her solo CD 'Who To Turn To.' 1-3 p.m., Kensington Row Bookshop, 3786 Howard Ave., Kensington. Free. 301-949-9416.

CHILDREN'S EARTH DAY PROGRAM, EnzoDog and the Unicycle Lady (Lisa Polinari) team up to save Mother Earth in a performance of juggling that focuses on recycling in fun ways; featuring the unicyclist's dog; part of the Class Acts Arts' Kaleidoscope Series. 2 p.m., Woodside United Methodist Church, 8900 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring. \$10; \$7 in advance. 301-588-4475 or <http://www.classactsarts.org>.

DAMASCUS LIONS BIG BAND DANCE, for adults, big-band dance music by Roland Cumberland and his Orchestra; plus a buffet dinner. 6-11 p.m., American Legion Post 171-Damascus, 10201 Lewis Dr. \$35. 301-947-8719 or 301-357-0012.

BETHESDA TRIATHLON, the competition consists of a 250-meter swim, a 9.3-mile bike ride and a 2.5 mile run; proceeds benefit Autism Speaks. 7 a.m., Georgetown Preparatory School, Hanley Center, 10900 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. \$75. 202-955-3111, <http://www.bethesdatri.org> or bethesdatri@gmail.com.

BONSAI EXHIBIT, sponsored by the Brookside Gardens Bonsai Society. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Brookside Gardens, 1800 Glenallan Ave., Wheaton. Free. 301-962-1400 or <http://www.brooksidegardens.org>.

GLOBAL WARMING TALK, filmmaker Mike Tidwell, director of the Chesapeake Climate Action Network, gives a presentation on the ethical responsibility of people of faith in the battle to save the environment. 9:30-11 a.m., Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church, 1 Chevy Chase Cir. NW. Free. 202-363-2202 or <http://www.chevychasepc.org>.

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION, Georgetown University Government Department professor William Butler discusses

News Clips Report

'Water: The Looming U.S. Environmental and Social Crisis,' plus exhibits on energy efficiency, recycling, 'green' gardening, smart growth, and more. 10 a.m.-1 p.m., River Road Unitarian Universalist Church, 6301 River Rd., Bethesda. Free. 301-229-0400 or <http://www.rruuc.org>. RIVER CENTER 'BUG WALK,' naturalist Deborah Landau leads a one-hour walking tour along the C&O Canal; sponsored by the Potomac Conservancy. 1-2 p.m., C&O Canal National Historical Park, River Center, Lockhouse 8, 7906 Riverside Ave., Cabin John. Free. 301-608-1188, Ext. 213, <http://www.potomac.org> or chapin@potomac.org.

WIDOWED PERSONS EARTH DAY PROGRAM, refreshments and socializing, 2 p.m.; a Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission presentation on water service, now and in the future, 3 p.m. Sponsored by the AARP Widowed Persons Service. Bauer Drive Community Center, 14625 Bauer Dr., Rockville. Free. 301-949-0006.

TAKOMA PARK PARENTING WORKSHOP, a discussion of children's literature, and how parenting values affect the books chosen. Take a favorite or not-so-favorite book to share; a meeting of Takoma Attachment Parenting; children welcome. Potluck dinner follows the discussion. 3:30-5:30 p.m., Heffner Park Community Center, 42 Oswego Ave., Takoma Park. Free. 301-864-1889, <http://www.takoma-ap.org> or info@takoma-ap.org.

CLASSICAL MUSIC, a recital featuring oboeist Fatma Daglar and guitarist William Feasley, accompanied by organist Samuel Springer. 5 p.m., Concord-St. Andrew's United Methodist Church, River and Goldsboro roads, Bethesda. \$15. 301-229-3383 or <http://www.csaumc.org>.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SCREENING, for ages 3 to 9 accompanied by an adult, occupational therapists provide evaluation and suggest therapy for children with sensory processing difficulties, visual motor delays and fine motor and gross motor delays. The Treatment and Learning Centers, Suite 110, 2301 Research Blvd., Rockville. Free, call for an appointment. 301-424-5200.

PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP, for men with prostate cancer, their family members and caregivers, urologist Bart Radolinski discusses 'Laparoscopic Prostatectomy Using the da Vinci Robot,' a treatment of prostate cancer that might have fewer side effects and a shorter recovery period. 7-8:30 p.m., Suburban Hospital, 8600 Old Georgetown Rd., Bethesda. Free. 301-896-2193.

CRIME-PREVENTION FORUM, a community meeting on summer-crime prevention and teen programs; a panel discussion will include representatives from the Montgomery County police and schools security departments, the U.S. Park Police and other public safety agencies; sponsored by the Mid-County Regional Services Center. 7-9 p.m., Wheaton High School, 12601 Dalewood Dr. Free. 240-777-8100 and midcounty.citizen@montgomerycountymd.gov.

HOLOCAUST COMMEMORATION, two survivors share their experiences, plus a presentation by Mohamed Yahya, a refugee from the Darfur region of Sudan and founder of the Damanga Coalition for Freedom and Democracy; refreshments served. A project of the Paul Peck Humanities Institute. 6:30-8:30 p.m., Montgomery College, Theatre Arts Arena, 51 Mannakee St., Rockville. Free. 240-567-4022 or esther.schwartz-mckinzie@montgomerycollege.edu.

GENEALOGY WORKSHOP, Clifford Sayre gives a presentation on record-keeping, research and analysis, and reporting and publication of results. 9-10:30 a.m., Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center, 1000 Forest Glen Rd., Silver Spring. Free, registration required. 240-777-8085.

INDIA TRAVELOGUE, Roger Langsdorf offers a presentation spotlighting the Himalayas. 1:15-2:15 p.m., Holiday Park Senior Center, 3950 Ferrara Dr., Wheaton. Free. 240-777-4999.

NARFE LUNCHEON AND SPEAKER, Jerry Parr talks about the generational traditions and culture of the Secret Service; a meeting of the Aspen Hill Chapter of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association. 2-3 p.m., Bauer Drive Community Center, 14625 Bauer Dr., Rockville. Admission, free. 301-871-2995.

IDENTITY-THEFT COMMUNITY MEETING, a presentation by law enforcement officers on scams and statistics, and steps to take to protect against identity theft; sponsored by LifeLock and the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Association. 6-7 p.m., Gaithersburg High School, 314 S. Frederick Ave. Free. 480-457-2108 or paige@lifelock.com. 'NETWORKING MADE SIMPLE' CLASS, for those who wish to find a new job, grow a business or expand a circle of contacts, a presentation by Rachel L. Manchester. 6:30-8:30 p.m., Montgomery County Commission for Women Counseling and Career Center, Suite 100, 401 N. Washington St., Rockville. \$20, registration required. 240-777-8300.

DIVORCE MEDIATION SEMINAR, family mediator John Spiegel leads a 'Divorce with Dignity' seminar on how to choose

News Clips Report

a mediator and what to expect in terms of cost and time; attendance as couples is encouraged. 7-8:45 p.m., Montgomery County Commission for Women Counseling and Career Center, Suite 100, 401 N. Washington St., Rockville. \$20, registration required. 240-777-8300 or <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw>. 'INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS,' a class led by a library staff member on the basics of word processing, e-mail and the Internet; the course can be taken in person or online. 7-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Gaithersburg Library, 18330 Montgomery Village Ave. Free, registration required. 240-773-9490 or <http://www.introductiontocomputers.org>.

GOAL-SETTING WORKSHOP, Eliane Herdani, founder of Life Aspects, offers techniques and strategies to help define and accomplish goals. 1:30-3:30 p.m., Montgomery County Commission for Women Counseling and Career Center, Suite 100, 401 N. Washington St., Rockville. \$20, registration required. 240-777-8300.

AUTHOR APPEARANCE, for adults, and age 8 and older, Ginny Gong, host of 'Ginny's ... Where East Meets West' TV show, talks about her book 'From Ironing Board to Corporate Board: My Chinese Laundry Experience in America.' 7-8:30 p.m., Gaithersburg Library, 18330 Montgomery Village Ave. Free. 240-773-9490.

PRECONCEPTION HEALTH PLANNING, a presentation on preparing for a healthy pregnancy, with nutrition, exercise and lifestyle tips, and advice on budgeting for a baby. 7-9 p.m., Holy Cross Hospital, Professional and Community Education Center, 1500 Forest Glen Rd., Silver Spring. Free, registration required. 301-754-8800.

AUTHOR APPEARANCE AND POLITICAL DISCUSSION, for adults, Aaron David Miller, an adviser to six U.S. secretaries of state, will talk about his book 'The Much Too Promised Land: America's Elusive Search for Arab-Israeli Peace.' 7:30 p.m., Friendship Heights Village Center, 4433 S. Park Ave., Chevy Chase. Free.

-- Compiled by LISA M. BOLTON

To Submit an Item

E-mail: mocoextra@washpost.com

Fax: 301-279-5665

Mail: Community Events, The Washington Post, 51 Monroe St., Suite 500, Rockville, Md. 20850

Details: Announcements are accepted on a space-available basis from public and nonprofit organizations only and must be received at least 14 days before the Thursday publication date. Include event name, dates, times, exact address, prices and a publishable contact phone number.

News Clips Report

Religion Notes Washington Post - Online

04/16/2009

Ladies Sodality of the Shrine of St. Jude will have an 'Attic Treasures' fundraiser. Items for sale will include costume jewelry, books, household items, sporting equipment, wall hangings, lawn furniture and used clothing for adults and children. Noon to 8 p.m. today and tomorrow, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday. Parking is available behind the church. St. Jude Thaddeus Room, 12701 Veirs Mill Rd., Rockville. 301-949-0549 or 301-933-1787.

Montgomery College's Germantown campus invites the public to a series of lectures led by Muslims, 'The Living Quran: Its Meaning for Modern Man,' on topics that will include family life, the global economy and Jesus in the Quran. 7:30-8:30 p.m. today and April 23 and 30. Sciences and Applied Studies Building, Room 104, 20200 Observation Dr., Germantown. 301-633-4287 or thelivingquran@gmail.com.

St. John Episcopal Church will celebrates its new Berghaus organ with a concert at 7 p.m. Saturday, featuring organist Aaron David Miller playing works by Bach, MacMillan, Ibert, Mendelssohn and Benoit. A reception will follow. Freewill offering; proceeds will benefit Saint John's Friends of Music. 6701 Wisconsin Ave., Chevy Chase. 301-654-7767 or www.stjohnsnorwood.org.

St. Mark Presbyterian Church will have a 'Concert for All Creation,' featuring bluegrass, folk and acoustic country music by Robin and Linda Williams, accompanied by Alan Jabbour on banjo and Francis Collins on guitar, at 7:30 p.m. Saturday. Collins will also make remarks on caring for the environment and offer tips on going green. Some proceeds will benefit the Greater Washington InterFaith Power and Light Organization. 10701 Old Georgetown Rd., Rockville. \$20; 301-530-2613, events@saintmarkpresby.org or www.saintmarkpresby.org.

Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church invites the community to hear Mike Tidwell, a filmmaker and director of the Chesapeake Climate Action Network, talk about the ethical responsibility of people of faith in the effort to stop global warming. 9:30-11 a.m. Sunday, 1 Chevy Chase Cir. NW., in the District. Free. 202-363-2202 or www.chevyCHASEpc.org.

Beth Sholom Congregation and Talmud Torah will have a Yom Ha Shoah v'HaGvurah Holocaust Memorial Day program Sunday for students 12 and older and another program for adults. The student program will begin at 2 p.m. and include stories from Holocaust survivors; pizza and soft drinks will be provided. The main program will begin at 3 p.m. and feature guest speaker Mark Talisman, a founding vice chairman of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council. The event marks the 70th anniversary of the beginning of the Holocaust and is sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington. 11825 Seven Locks Rd., Potomac. Free, reservations requested. 301-770-0881 or arudolph@jcouncil.org.

Congregation Tikvat Israel will have a Holocaust remembrance program with Martin Goldsmith, a guest lecturer and radio personality, at 8 p.m. Monday. Goldsmith, author of 'The Inextinguishable Symphony: A True Story of Music and Love in Nazi Germany,' will talk about his family and the Jewish Kulturbund, an all-Jewish performing arts ensemble maintained by the Nazis between 1933 and 1941. There will be a short remembrance ceremony with members of the Silver Spring Presbyterian Church and Congregation Shaare Tefilah. 2200 Baltimore Rd., Rockville. 301-762-7338.

North Bethesda United Methodist Church has tickets for an hour-long musical program with readings, titled 'Prayers,' by Gary Daum, the National Institutes of Health Community Orchestra conductor emeritus, at 4 p.m. April 26. The program will feature musical settings of prayers from African, Buddhist, Christian, Islamic, Jewish and Native American traditions, performed by combined choirs and an instrumental ensemble. A reception will follow. 10100 Old Georgetown Rd., Bethesda. \$15; per family, \$25. Advance tickets: 301-530-4342 or nbumc99@aol.com.

Woodside United Methodist Church's thrift shop invites bargain hunters to buy 'good and better quality' used clothes and bed and bath linens from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays, 8900 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring. 301-587-1215.

-- Compiled by LISA M. BOLTON

To Submit an Item

E-mail: mocoextra@washpost.com

News Clips Report

Fax: 301-279-5665 Mail: , The Washington Post, 51 Monroe St., Suite 500, Rockville, Md. 20850

Details: Announcements are accepted on a space-available basis from public and nonprofit organizations only and must be received at least 14 days before the Thursday publication date. Include event name, dates, times, exact address, prices and a publishable contact phone number.

News Clips Report

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Washington Post - Online

04/16/2009

Children and Teens

BILL HARLEY -- 7 p.m. tomorrow; doors open at 6:30 p.m. The Lisa J. Flaxman MusiKares Fund for the Celebration of the Arts and the Bethesda-Chevy Chase PTA present a concert by the Grammy Award-winning singer-storyteller. Harley will perform children's songs about growing up, school and family life. Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School, 4301 East-West Hwy., Bethesda. \$5. 240-497-6300 or <http://www.lisaflaxmanfund.org>. 'HEIDI' -- 12:30 and 3:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, through May 17; 7 p.m. May 16; sign-interpreted show, 3:30 p.m. May 3. Premiere of a musical adaptation of Johanna Spyri's classic tale. Imagination Stage, 4908 Auburn Ave., Bethesda. \$10-\$21. 301-280-1660 or <http://www.imaginationstage.org>. 'FORM' -- Noon-6 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, Tuesday through May 2; reception, 6-9 p.m. tomorrow; artist's talk, 1-2 p.m. April 18. The latest pieces by figure painter Douglas Wolfe. Waverly Street Gallery, 4600 East West Hwy., Bethesda. Free. 301-951-9441 or <http://www.waverlystreetgallery.com>. 'VISUAL PERSPECTIVES: ABSTRACT AND INTERPRETIVE PAINTINGS AND PRINTS' -- Times and dates vary, through April 30. Paintings and prints by Audrey Salkind. River Road Unitarian Universalist Church, 6301 River Rd., Bethesda. Free. 301-229-0400, <http://www.audreysabstractart.com> or audreyspen@comcast.net.

CARROLL SOCKWELL -- Thursdays, through April 30. Abstract expressionist paintings. Marin-Price Galleries, 7022 Wisconsin Ave., Chevy Chase. Free. 301-718-0622.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLEIN AIR ARTISTS -- 8 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays, through May 17. Group members exhibit their oil, acrylic, watercolor and pastel plein-air works. Gaithersburg City Hall, 31 S. Summit Ave., Gaithersburg. Free. 301-258-6310 or 301-258-6394 or <http://www.gaithersburgmd.gov>. 'DETAILS, AN EXHIBITION OF PHOTOGRAPHS' -- 9 a.m.-5 p.m. today, tomorrow and Monday-Wednesday. Montgomery College art professor Harry St. Ours displays his recent photographs. Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, Visions Exhibition Space, 5701 Marinelli Rd., North Bethesda. Free. 301-565-3805 or <http://www.professorharry.com>.

CAROLE CLEM, KAY LAYNE AND BRENDA TOWNSEND -- 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, through April 28. The artists exhibit their photography, ceramics and paintings. Glenview Mansion, 603 Edmonston Dr., Rockville. Free. 240-314-8682 or <http://www.rockvillemd.gov/arts/exhibits.htm>. 'HOW YOU SEE IT' -- 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mondays-Saturdays; noon-5 p.m. Sundays, through May 10; free gallery talk and tour, 6:30-8 p.m. today. A photography exhibit under the direction of National Portrait Gallery curator Frank Goodyear. Metropolitan Center for the Visual Arts, 155 Gibbs St., Suite 300, Rockville. Free. 301-315-8200 or <http://www.visartscenter.org>. 'RUSSIAN SPIRIT' -- 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays-Fridays; 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, through May 3; reception, 7-8:30 p.m. April 21. Russian artists Artist Genna Gurvich, Leyla Rzayeva and Izya Shlosberg exhibit their multimedia works. Arts Barn, 311 Kent Square Rd., Gaithersburg. Free. 301-258-6394 or <http://www.gaithersburgmd.gov/artsbarn>. 'SNAPSHOTS - THE FINE ART OF GREEN' -- 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays; 1-5 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays; Saturdays by appointment, through May 5. Judith Olivia HeartSong displays her nature-themed photographs. Washington School of Photography, 4850 Rugby Ave., Bethesda. Free. 301-654-1998 or <http://www.wsp-photo.com>.

STEPHEN SALWIERZ -- 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays-Fridays; 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, through April 30; reception, 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday. The artist's oil paintings study light and color in nature. Arts Barn, 311 Kent Square Rd., Gaithersburg. Free. 301-258-6394 or <http://www.gaithersburgmd.gov/artsbarn>. 'INKLINGS' -- 10:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. today. Kristy Simmons exhibits her paintings, which explore the intersection of the material and virtual worlds. Orchard Gallery, 7917 Norfolk Ave., Bethesda. Free. 240-497-1911, 240-497-1912 or <http://www.orchardartgallery.com>. 'ARY STILLMAN: FROM IMPRESSIONISM TO ABSTRACT EXPRESSIONISM' -- 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sundays-Fridays, through April 20. An abstract exhibit. Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, Goldman Art Gallery, 6125 Montrose Rd., Rockville. Free. 301-348-3770 or <http://www.jccgw.org>. NEBIUR ARELLANO - 'PAINTINGS ON SILK' -- 11 a.m.-6 p.m. weekdays; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays and by appointment, through June 30; artist talk, 6-9 p.m. May 8; reception, 6-9 p.m. June 12. The Peruvian artist exhibits her textile art. Gallery Frame Avenue, 4919 Cordell Ave., Bethesda. Free. 301-654-7700 or <http://www.frameavenue.com>.

NATIONAL LEAGUE OF AMERICAN PEN WOMEN -- Noon-4 p.m. Mondays-Thursday; 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Sundays, through April 28. Members exhibit oil and watercolor paintings, photography, prints and poetry. Ratner Museum, 10001

News Clips Report

Old Georgetown Rd., Bethesda. Free. 301-897-1518 or <http://www.ratnermuseum.com>.

CONNIE IMBODEN -- 1-6 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays and by appointment, through April 25. The photographer exhibits her recent works. Heineman Myers Contemporary Art, 4728 Hampden Lane, Bethesda. Free. 301-951-7900 or <http://www.heinemanmyers.com>. 'COUNTRYSIDE ARTISANS' 17TH ANNUAL SPRING TOUR -- 10 a.m.-5 p.m. tomorrow, Saturday and Sunday. A self-guided tour through artists' studios in the northern region of the county surrounding Sugarloaf Mountain. A list of studios is available on the Web site. Upper Montgomery County. Free. 301-801-6995 or <http://www.countrysideartists.com>. 'ICONIC GLEN ECHO PARK' -- Noon-6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, through April 26; reception, 6-8 p.m. Sunday. Bethesda's Daniel Schreiber exhibits his photographs of the park. Glen Echo Park, Popcorn Gallery, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Free. 301-634-2222 or <http://www.glenechopark.org>. 'APRIL' -- Noon-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays and by appointment, through May 2. Fourteen gallery artists exhibit their ink, paint, graphite, wire, gelatin-silver print, wood and sequin works. Gallery Neptune, 5001 Wilson Lane, Bethesda. Free. 301-718-0809 or <http://www.galleryneptune.com>.

PAT LEIBOWITZ'S WATERCOLOR STUDENTS -- Noon-6 p.m. Saturday; noon-5 p.m. Sunday; reception, 4-6 p.m. Saturday. Twenty-three students exhibit their landscape, still life and portrait paintings. Glen Echo Park, Yellow Barn Studio and Gallery, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Free. 301-492-6229 or <http://www.yellowbarnstudio.com>. 'BRIGHT SIDE PICTURES' -- 1-8 p.m. Wednesdays and Sundays and by appointment, through May 17. Rob Grant, Gary Jimerfield and Scott Grant exhibit their photography. Glen Echo Park, Photoworks Gallery, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Free. 301-634-2274 or <http://www.glenechophotoworks.org>. 'PAUL NEWMAN REMEMBERED' -- Times and dates vary, through April 30. Screenings of several of the late actor-philanthropist's more than 50 films. AFI Silver Theatre, 8633 Colesville Rd., Silver Spring. \$10; age 65 and older, students and military, \$9; AFI members, \$8.50; weekday matinees, \$7.50; children, \$6. 301-495-6720 or <http://www.afi.com/silver>.

BERNADETTE PETERS -- 9 p.m. Saturday, 4 p.m. Sunday. The Tony Award-winning actress performs Broadway songs, accompanied by members of the National Philharmonic. Some ticket sections are sold out. Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. Concert only, \$35-\$82; gala (including cocktails, dinner, concert and after-party), \$500 or \$1,000. 301-581-5100 or <http://www.strathmore.org>.

BETHANY AND RUFUS -- 7:30 p.m. today. Bethany Yarrow, daughter of Peter Yarrow of Peter, Paul and Mary, performs American folk music with Rufus Cappadocia. BlackRock Center for the Arts, 12901 Town Commons Dr., Germantown. \$22-\$27\$27; in advance, \$22. 301-528-2260 or <http://www.blackrockcenter.org>.

DAVID JACOBS-STRAIN AND TOBY WALKER -- 8 p.m. Wednesday. The singer-songwriter-guitarists perform folk and blues music. Branded 72, 387 E. Gude Dr., Rockville. \$15; in advance, \$12. 301-275-7459 or <http://www.focusmusic.org>. 'EXUVIAE' -- 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, through April 25; 2 and 7 p.m. Sunday; 8 p.m. tonight and April 23. Maryland Ensemble Theatre performs an original play about the shame, guilt and suffering of survivors of domestic violence. A panel discussion will follow each performance. Maryland Ensemble Theatre, 31 W. Patrick St., Frederick. \$22; students and seniors, \$19; Thursday shows, \$15. 301-694-4744 or <http://www.marylandensemble.org>. 'MENOPAUSE THE MUSICAL' -- 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays; 3 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, through May 10. Jeanie Linders's comedy celebrates womanhood through parodies of popular songs from the '60s, '70s and '80s. Bethesda Theatre, 7719 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda. \$39.50-\$59.50. 301-657-7827 or <http://www.bethesdatheatre.com>. 'CALL OF THE WILD' -- 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays; 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays; 7:30 p.m. Sundays except May 3, through May3; additional performances available. A musical adaptation of Jack London's classic Klondike gold rush adventure stories, 'Call of the Wild' and 'White Fang.' Olney Theatre Center, 2001 Olney Sandy Spring Rd., Olney. 301-924-3400 or <http://www.olneytheatre.org>. 'BLAST FROM THE PAST: 20TH ANNIVERSARY' -- 7:30 p.m. tomorrow, Saturday and April 24 and 25; 2:30 p.m. Saturday and April 25. Students perform the annual rock and roll revue. Winston Churchill High School, 11300 Gainsborough Rd., Potomac. \$14-\$20. 301-469-1243 or <http://www.churchillhs.org>. 'EMPTY STAGE: A BROADWAY RETROSPECTIVE' -- 8 p.m. tomorrow, Saturday and April 24 and 25. Stroyka Theatre Company performs the original production, set in a futuristic dystopia where theater, music and everything 'frivolous' has been banned. Six kids discover the history of Broadway in an abandoned theater, through a series of musical numbers. Takoma Park Middle School, 7611 Piney Branch Rd., Silver Spring. \$20. 301-490-4468 or <http://www.stroykatheater.com>.

STAND-UP COMEDY -- 8-10 p.m. Saturday. Comedians Jeff Maurer and Rob Maher perform. \$25 cash-prize joke contest for non-comedian audience members after the show. Hyatt Laugh Riot, Hyatt Regency Hotel, 7400 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda. \$10. 301-657-1234 or <http://www.standupcomedytogo.com>.

-- Compiled by SARAH MARSTON

To Submit an Item

News Clips Report

E-mail:mocoextra@washpost.com

Fax: 301-279-5665

Mail: What's Happening, Montgomery Extra, The Washington Post, 51 Monroe St., Suite 500, Rockville, Md. 20850

Details: Announcements are accepted on a space-available basis from public and nonprofit organizations only and must be received at least 14 days before the Thursday publication date. Include event name, dates, times, exact address, prices and a publishable contact phone number.

News Clips Report

Clark Construction building Rockville Science Center at Montgomery College Building Design and Construction

04/15/2009

Clark Construction building Rockville Science Center at Montgomery College

April 15, 2009

Building Design and Construction

Rockville, Md. - April 15, 2009 - Clark Construction Group, LLC, has been selected to lead construction of a 140,700 square-foot Science Center at Montgomery College's Rockville Campus. The \$51 million Rockville Science Center will be integrated with the college's existing Science East building.

The Center will contain offices, classrooms, and laboratory space for biology, chemistry, physics, and engineering programs. Clark also will manage the construction of a greenhouse and a rooftop observatory. The scope of work also includes renovating and expanding the campus' stormwater management facility. The project team will resize the outfall and expand the existing facility.

Supported by a cast-in-place skeleton, the building will feature a structural steel roof and a curtain wall and metal panel façade.

The Science Center is designed to achieve LEED® Gold certification. Planned green design elements include photovoltaic solar panels and a green roof.

Construction of the Rockville Science Center began in early 2009 and completion is scheduled for spring 2011.

Burt Hill, Washington, D.C., and Cho Benn Holback + Associates, Baltimore, are the project architects. Other project partners include Cagley & Associates, Rockville, Md., structural engineer and SST Planners, Arlington, Va., consulting laboratory planner.

Montgomery College (www.montgomerycollege.edu) is a public, open admissions community college with campuses in Germantown, Rockville, and Takoma Park/Silver Spring, plus workforce development/continuing education centers and off-site programs throughout Montgomery County, Md. The College serves nearly 60,000 students a year, through both credit and noncredit programs, in more than 100 areas of study.

Based in Bethesda, Md., Clark Construction Group (www.clarkconstruction.com) is one of the nation's leading providers of construction services.

Contact: Eric Fulton
Clark Construction Group, LLC
Phone: (301) 272-8437
E-Mail: eric.fulton@clarkconstruction.com

News Clips Report

Homeschooling roadblocks The Gazette Papers

04/15/2009

Wednesday, April 15, 2009

Homeschooling roadblocks

Stella Green rightfully questions the per-pupil spending in Montgomery County Public Schools ("Why such wasteful spending? April 8 letter).

As a homeschooling mother, I have an additional reason to be irate. I had to hire an attorney to fight for my right to spend my own money on college-level courses for my 10th-grade son. The Code of Maryland Regulations on homeschooling state that parents who choose to teach their children at home must "provide instruction" for them. Just as I provide medical care for my son by taking him to the doctor or the hospital when his condition exceeds my ability to care for him, I intend to continue to enroll him in classes at Montgomery College, at the University of Maryland, and online whenever his educational needs cannot be met otherwise.

The school system claims that my responsibility is to "plan and implement" my son's instructional program myself for "the majority" of his courses — a slight improvement over the requirement that I teach 80 percent of my son's courses myself, according to a staff member.

MCPS administrators show their true colors when they attempt to block children's access to providers of instruction, don't they?

Patricia Z. Downey, Kensington

News Clips Report

County police reports The Gazette Papers

04/15/2009

Wednesday, April 15, 2009

County police reports

|
Vehicle theft

- Parking lot at Montgomery College, 51 Mannakee St. in Rockville, between 3:30 and 7:30 p.m. March 24. Vehicle left unlocked; laptop computer, wallet, backpack, MP3 player, tennis racquet taken.

- Parking lot at Montgomery College, 51 Mannakee St. in Rockville, between 6:13 and 7:15 p.m. March 25. Vehicle left unlocked; iPod taken.

News Clips Report

People and Places The Gazette Papers

04/15/2009

Wednesday, April 15, 2009

People and Places

Judith hruz

McDermott to read from her work as prelude to conference

National book award winner Alice McDermott will read from her work and lead a literary discussion at the Spring Event of the F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference on Thursday.

The event is set for 7:30 p.m. in the Faculty Staff Dining Room of the Campus Center at Montgomery College's Rockville campus.

McDermott has been a finalist for the National Book Award twice and a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize twice. She won the National Book Award with 1988's "Charming Billy."

The event is free to members of the F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference Inc. and their guests. Admission is \$10 for the general public and \$6 for students and seniors. Refreshments will be served.

Support comes from the City of Rockville, Montgomery College, Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County, The Gazette, the Rockville Cultural Arts Commission, Peerless Rockville Historic Preservation Ltd., Chase Hotel Suites and the F. Scott Fitzgerald Society.

To learn more about the spring event, the F. Scott Fitzgerald Short Story Contest or about the F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference, visit [www.montgomerycollege.edu/](http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/potomacreview/fsf_notice.html)

[potomacreview/fsf_notice.html](http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/potomacreview/fsf_notice.html).

College to offer Holocaust Commemoration program

Montgomery College's annual Holocaust Commemoration will be held on Yom Hashoah, the "Day of Remembrance" of the six-million who died, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Theatre Arts Building on the Rockville campus.

The program will feature two Holocaust survivors, as well as Mohammed Yahya, a refugee from the Darfur region of Sudan and founder of Damanga Coalition for Freedom and Democracy.

The commemoration will also include brief biographies of some victims of the Holocaust, a candle-lighting ceremony involving representatives of Montgomery County's survivor groups and music.

The event is free and open to the public.

News Clips Report

People and Places The Gazette Papers

04/15/2009

Wednesday, April 15, 2009

People and Places

by Amber Parcher

Celebrate Earth Day

with the 'Unicycle Lady'

Celebrating Earth Day, superheroes EnzoDog and the ReCycle Lady will team up to save Mother Earth as she juggles recycled milk jugs atop a unicycle, all in a Kaleidoscope Family Performance, 2 p.m. Saturday at Woodside Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall, 8900 Georgia Ave. in Silver Spring.

In the performance, Lisa Polinari, the Unicycle Lady, teaches about saving the environment atop a homemade "recycled parts" unicycle, juggles everyday objects given a second life and encourages youngsters to reduce, reuse and recycle as a necessary and fun part of our everyday lives. This Kaleidoscope performance features her real life dog Enzo and tricks and feats of balance aboard a single earth wheel.

Kaleidoscope tickets are \$7 per person for advance tickets and \$10 at the door. All seats are general admission with no reserved seating. Tickets can be purchased over the phone with a credit card by calling 301-588-4475 or at www.classactsarts.org.

Class Acts Arts' Kaleidoscope Series is made possible with support from the Montgomery County Government, Silver Spring Regional Center, Whole Foods Market, Home Properties, Montgomery College, the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County and Maryland State Arts Council.

Items for People and Places may be sent to Amber Parcher, The Gazette, 13501 Virginia Manor Road, Laurel, MD 20707. The fax line is 240-473-7501; or e-mail aparcher@

News Clips Report

State budget spares Montgomery The Gazette Papers

04/15/2009

Wednesday, April 15, 2009

State budget spares Montgomery
Proposal developing to fill aid gap with forward-funded pension payments

by Janel Davis | Staff Writer

About \$35 million in aid reductions to Montgomery County were included in the state budget passed in Annapolis this week, leaving local lawmakers to make up the difference, including the possibility of delaying a payment on the forward funding of employee health-care retirement benefits.

County Executive Isiah Leggett's budget proposal, which he introduced in March, closed a deficit of more than \$500 million through a mix of 400 position eliminations, service reductions and a cut in the county's reserve funds. Leggett must recommend to the County Council adjustments to plug state aid cuts.

Among council members, the retirement payment delay is gaining traction. About \$32 million has been allocated for the forward funding payment for employees in all agencies, including the school system, Montgomery College and Park and Planning.

"The national economy was a pall, a heavy cloud, on everything this year," said Leggett on Tuesday. "So when you look at things in that sense, the county fared better than it could have."

The state budget included money, through federal stimulus funds, that is paid to counties, including Montgomery, where it costs more to educate students. That money had been in jeopardy. The cut in aid to the county's public school system was relatively minor, \$1.7 million. Also, a controversial proposal to pass on the teacher pension costs to counties was killed, along with a plan to take \$60 million from counties through income tax revenue reductions.

Of course things could have always been better, Leggett said, in areas such as transportation, where the county will see a reduction in funds for highway projects.

Earlier state budget proposals would have cut between \$40 million and \$60 million in aid to the county. Under a plan that Leggett worked with representatives of the Maryland Association of Counties, the county would have lost about \$20 million in state aid.

"We're higher than the \$20 million that we had thought, and the [cuts] will be difficult to fill," Leggett said. "Like I've said already, the flexibility in the budget is gone."

Duchy Trachtenberg, chairwoman of the council's finance committee, is undecided on the retirement benefit cut, but doesn't favor reducing more money to programs assisting needy county residents.

"It's not a happy day around here," said Duchy Trachtenberg (D-At large) of North Bethesda.

Among the county's state leaders, reaction to the state budget cuts was mixed.

"Obviously, we had to cut back on a lot of programs, a lot of services, across the board. But overall, when you get a little bit of perspective, I think we did OK," said Roger Manno (D-Dist. 19) of Silver Spring.

Del. Ana Sol Gutierrez (D-Dist. 18) of Chevy Chase disagreed.

Montgomery County "seems to have been the [jurisdiction] that got the most cuts because we're the biggest," she said.

"No jurisdiction was impacted as negatively as Montgomery County. And you know what? We, as Montgomery County, need to wake up and do something about it."

News Clips Report

Staff Writer Sean R. Sedam contributed to this report.

News Clips Report

Residents complain of second fence planned between campus, neighborhood The Gazette Papers

04/15/2009

Wednesday, April 15, 2009

Residents complain of second fence planned between campus, neighborhood
But Montgomery College officials say structure at north end of property is on hold

by Nathan Carrick | Staff Writer

Laurie DeWitt/The Gazette

Shelli Block, who lives in the Scarborough Square Apartments, opposes the fence that Montgomery College is considering erecting along the property line that separates the two. Block says it will make it more difficult for residents like her to access the campus and also for commuter students who often walk through the neighborhood to get to the school.

After two car crashes and a fall left her disabled, Shelli Block says she has trouble getting around on her own.

Luckily, she admits, Block lives just footsteps from Montgomery College's Rockville campus, where she takes physical therapy classes.

But she worries that if the college erects a fence separating the school's north border from the Scarborough Square apartments where she lives, she will have far more trouble walking to her therapy sessions. And she does not have the money to take a taxi each time.

"The campus is a place I feel I can come to ...," Block, 49, said, her voice trailing off. "I'm just heartbroken at the thought. They're trying to take this away from me. I just want to get my healthy body back."

After seeing a fence erected by the college last month blocking a popular campus access point at Princeton Place as a result of the college's tobacco ban, residents of Scarborough Square worry they, too, will soon be fenced off.

College officials said plans to build the fence are on hold indefinitely.

Elizabeth Homan, a spokeswoman for Montgomery College, said the fence was first considered after a security audit of the campus was done in 2003. Several crimes were committed on or near campus and the criminals fled in the direction of the Scarborough Square apartments, Homan said, so a fence would improve security on that side of campus.

Dr. Judy E. Ackerman, vice president and provost of the Rockville campus, said the Scarborough Square apartment management requested the college build a fence.

Homan said the fence was on hold partially because of concerns raised by residents of the Scarborough Square apartments and of Princeton Place.

Repeated phone calls to the Scarborough Square apartment leasing office were not returned by Gazette press time Tuesday.

A row of pine trees growing at about 10-foot intervals serves as the only barrier between the campus and the apartment parking lot.

Phil Weinstein, an electrical engineering major at the college and a Scarborough Square resident, is also strongly opposed to closing off access to the north side of campus, but said he would accept a compromise.

"I'm maybe a little more flexible," he said.

A fence with a few openings so pedestrians could still move freely would be tolerable, he said.

News Clips Report

A fence was built blocking access to Princeton Place, a cul-de-sac in a residential neighborhood several hundred yards from Scarborough Square, several weeks ago after residents had complained that smokers trying to avoid the college's tobacco ban were congregating in their front yards and creating a nuisance.

After the fence was erected, other residents balked at the closing of a favorite neighborhood cut-through and urged the college to rescind its smoking ban.

Late last month the college and the City of Rockville agreed to designate a small patch of land that is owned by the city but was enclosed more than 40 years ago by the college's perimeter fence as a smoking area.

While that compromise allows the smoking ban to remain in place, the fence at Princeton Place will remain up until at least the end of the spring semester, according to David Capp, vice president of facilities at the college.

Some students who used to park on Princeton Place now park in the Scarborough Square parking lots and displaced smokers congregate in the lots as well.

Block said neither of these things bothers her. It's about access to the college, she said.

Other students feel the college's actions at Princeton Place have had rippling effects that touch every part of the school community.

"It changed the mood on campus," said Antron Riley, 24, a theology major. He had stepped into the Scarborough Square lot in front of Block's apartment to smoke between classes. "Smoking helps those people relieve stress. If they can't relieve that stress, people can't grow."

News Clips Report

Education Notebook The Gazette Papers

04/15/2009

Wednesday, April 15, 2009

Education Notebook:

Jazz Academy to play Montgomery College

The Jazz Academy of Music, which includes students from Montgomery County and Washington, D.C., will perform with Grammy-award winning trumpeter Randy Brecker at 7:30 p.m., May 10, at Montgomery College's Rockville campus at the Parilla Performing Arts Center in Rockville. Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. For more information, visit www.jazzacademy.org.

Montgomery College is located at 51 Mannakee St., Rockville.

News Clips Report

Dickinson vows to accept, aid handful of HCC grads Baltimore Sun

04/15/2009

Dickinson vows to accept, aid handful of HCC grads

By Stephen Kiehl | stephen.kiehl@baltsun.com

April 15, 2009

Howard Community College's quad is pictured. A select group of students at the college will be guaranteed admission and a scholarship to Dickinson College, a highly regarded liberal arts school in Pennsylvania, to earn their bachelor's degrees under a partnership. (Baltimore Sun photo by Lloyd Fox / April 14, 2009)

A select group of students at Howard Community College will be guaranteed admission and a scholarship to Dickinson College, a highly regarded liberal arts school in Pennsylvania, to earn their bachelor's degrees under a partnership to be announced by the colleges Wednesday.

The deal represents a significant step beyond the standard transfer agreements that community colleges have with state universities. The HCC-Dickinson partnership will provide support and coaching so that students are academically ready, as well as financial aid so they can afford it.

With the total annual costs at some private universities now exceeding \$50,000, more families are looking to community colleges as affordable alternatives. Dickinson President William G. Durden called the partnership a creative way to address the soaring costs of college.

"I think the fundamental financial model for American higher education is broken, and therefore we need to look for alternative ways of providing an education that is appropriate and optimal but that uses our resources in slightly different ways," Durden said. "So here you have the opportunity to cut in half the price of a liberal arts education."

Dickinson will provide each transfer student a \$15,000 annual scholarship and has pledged to meet financial need beyond that. The college's total cost for next academic year, including tuition, room and board, is \$50,194.

The Carlisle, Pa., school is entering into the same agreement with Montgomery College and two community colleges in Pennsylvania. Within several years, Durden hopes to have up to 15 participants.

Dickinson will send staff members to the participating community colleges to help identify students and make sure they are taking the right courses so that credits will transfer. The support will continue once they get to Dickinson, whose entering freshmen on average have scored a total of 1,298 on the math and verbal SATs.

Only a handful of students from each college - about five or six - will be selected. To be eligible to transfer, they will need a cumulative 3.25 GPA over their two years of community college. They will enter Dickinson as a group, to help them adjust, with the first group starting in the fall of 2010.

Already, the vast majority of Howard students transfer to a four-year college or university. The three most popular choices are the University of Maryland, College Park; Towson University; and the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. But those schools are not for everyone, said Ron Roberson, vice president for academic affairs at Howard Community College.

"Dickinson is distinctly different from those other three schools in that it is a small liberal arts college as opposed to a large state university," Roberson said. "The fact that it's small and liberal arts means the students will have a very different experience, and some students would prefer that."

One of them is Jaimie Wilder, 17, a freshman at HCC who grew up in Laurel and was home-schooled. She was one of several HCC students to visit Dickinson recently and is excited about the opportunities she saw there.

News Clips Report

"I'm so excited - it's so cool," she said. She said the small class sizes and attention paid to each student appeal to her.

One expert said the partnership was rare, and encouraging. "It's positive all around," said George R. Boggs, president of the American Association of Community Colleges. "It's great to see a university or four-year liberal arts school reaching out and giving those kids a chance and bringing them into their institution."

He said he knew of nothing similar administered by any other four-year college but hopes others will follow the model.

The arrangement holds advantages for Dickinson, which is looking to become more diverse in terms of race and socioeconomic status. "An American objective is to increase college-going students," said Durden, the Dickinson president, who will be present during the announcement in Columbia.

About half of college freshmen in Maryland are enrolled in community colleges, which are taking on an increasing role in educating students both young and old. Harford Community College is providing land adjacent to its campus for Towson University to establish a satellite campus, so that students can complete their four-year degree in Bel Air.

Howard Community College President Kathleen B. Hetherington said the Dickinson agreement will make HCC even more attractive to Howard County families. Students have been choosing the college for its affordability and quality education, including its honors programs, she said. Enrollment is up 11 percent this semester.

Referring to Dickinson, she said, "Not only is it an outstanding institution, but this financial incentive that they're giving students is quite appealing and really quite unique."

News Clips Report

Adventist seeks state approval of hospital Gazette, The

04/15/2009

With letters of support from local politicians and Frederick Memorial Healthcare System in hand, Adventist HealthCare formally asked a state commission Friday for approval to build a hospital in Clarksburg.

Adventist filed a certificate of need with the Maryland Health Care Commission to build a 100-bed hospital as the first piece of a planned health care campus. A hospital cannot be built in Maryland without a state-approved certificate of need.

Adventist bought land in Clarksburg between Clarksburg Road and Interstate 270 eight years ago and has been planning to build a medical campus on the 60-acre site. Holy Cross Hospital made a surprise announcement in August that it wants to build a 93-bed hospital on the Montgomery College campus in Germantown and has already filed its certificate of need.

Adventist has received county land use approvals; Holy Cross has not.

The state is unlikely to approve two hospitals in the upcounty.

A Holy Cross spokeswoman did not return several phone calls seeking comment for this report.

The packet includes a letter of support from County Executive Isiah Leggett, who also sent a letter of support for the Holy Cross proposal. 'We will support the need for additional medical services in those areas but will not weight in on a particular proposal,' Charles L. Short, special assistant to Leggett, said. 'I think the state will recognize that at least one, if not two, facilities will be needed as we go into the next 20 years.' Adventist's Clarksburg Community Hospital would have all private rooms, an 18-bed obstetrics unit and an emergency department. The campus would have doctors' offices, outpatient treatment facilities, a day care center and a nursing home. The plan includes a health care clinic for low-income and uninsured residents and a prenatal clinic for low-income women.

The campus adjoins a planned senior housing community.

Adventist says its site is ideally located in the heart of the growing Clarksburg and Urbana communities. 'Given the projected population growth in southern Frederick County and northern Montgomery County, particularly along the I-270 corridor, the placement of this new hospital in Clarksburg is a preferable location, which minimizes the impact on existing services,' Thomas Kleinhanzl, president and chief executive officer of Frederick Memorial Healthcare System, wrote in a letter of support.

The two medical organizations are talking about ways they can work together.

One of the criteria the commission will weigh is the economic viability of a proposal. 'We expect the Maryland Health Care Commission to make a decision based on the economics of the hospitals and speak to the issue of economic viability,' Uma Ahluwalia, director of the county Department of Health and Human Services, said.

Adventist argues that it has the more cost-effective proposal.

The Adventist hospital would cost \$262 million to build or \$2 million per bed, according to the Adventist proposal. The Holy Cross hospital cost is projected at \$267 million or \$3.3 million per bed. Adventist's Clarksburg Community Hospital could open in 2013 if the certificate is granted, hospital officials have said.

News Clips Report

New online game hopes to teach students about ecology Gazette, The

04/15/2009

A new online video game created and developed by Montgomery College students for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration allows viewers to help a girl named Valerie save an otter's home from pollution. 'WaterLife: Where Rivers Meet the Sea,' a children's educational game, aims to teach fourth- through seventh-grade students about the importance of protecting estuaries, where fresh water from rivers meets the salt water from the ocean.

The game is the result of a year-long work-study project by students in the college's Computer Gaming and Simulation degree program on the Rockville campus. 'WaterLife' is still in beta form, meaning there are bugs to be fixed and things to improve after getting feedback on the game, said Deborah Solomon, the gaming and simulation professor at the college who led the group of students. But she said she is excited to see the finished product. 'It's like giving birth,' Solomon said, laughing. 'I'm happy it's out and can't wait to hear what people think.' Current and former Montgomery College students developed the game throughout the past year, each taking a different role, such as graphic design, programming and sound engineering. 'It's an opportunity for them to get immediate experience and get a published game on their resume, which is valuable for them in the industry,' Solomon said. Montgomery College began the gaming program four years ago as a way to meet the demand for the large gaming industry in the state. Maryland is considered the gaming hub of the East Coast with more than 60 companies.

Brian Doyle, who graduated from Montgomery College with a gaming and simulation degree two years ago, programmed the interactive quiz in the game and said it was satisfying to be able to see a game to its finished product, something students do not always have time to do in one semester of class.

Doyle, 27, of Derwood, is about to graduate from the University of Baltimore with a degree in simulation and digital entertainment and plans to start an educational game company with some of his peers. 'The fundamental truth is that the way people learn is changing,' Doyle said. 'Kids in my generation need to interact and get their hands dirty. The gaming industry will play a huge part of that.' That is exactly why the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) decided to partner with the college and fund the creation of educational games, said Peg Steffen, NOAA's acting ocean service education branch chief.

Steffen said a recent study of teenagers across the country showed that 90 percent of 12- to 17-year-olds play video games. 'They spend as much time playing games as they do doing their homework,' Steffen said. 'So we see it as another avenue to get education about important environmental topics out to the public.' Steffen presented the game last month to the National Science Teachers Association's annual convention in New Orleans and said she received positive responses from educators she hopes will use the game in their classrooms.

The Montgomery College students have already begun working on the design for a sequel game for NOAA that will teach children about the threats to loggerhead turtles, which are often mistakenly caught by fishing nets.

News Clips Report

Washington Area Schools, Including Hollin Meadows, Take Lessons Outside Washington Area Schools Use Washington Post - Online Fairfax, VA Michael Chandler 04/15/2009

By the first week of spring, a crowd of shivering daffodils offered a lonely spray of color to a still-dormant garden outside Hollin Meadows Elementary School. But the bright blooms were not safe for long amid the prying fingers of two dozen curious fourth-graders.

Winter coats guarded the children against a chilly breeze, but their mittens came off as they pulled leaf after buttery leaf from the flower and gave names to each of its parts. 'It's breathtaking,' said Nikos Booth, 9, as he rubbed the golden pollen from the stamen onto his finger.

Lots of elementary students learn plant anatomy by studying a diagram and labeling the parts or circling terms on a worksheet. At Hollin Meadows in Fairfax County, they get their hands dirty.

Science teacher Jason Pittman said students often say their favorite class is recess. 'That's disappointing to hear as a teacher,' he said, 'but you can capitalize on that and take the learning outside.' Five years ago, a small group of parents sought to create a garden at Hollin Meadows. Now, 14,000 square feet of gardens surround the school, and virtually every classroom has spilled outside.

Students measure worms in math classes and plant peanuts when learning about Virginia history. Reading time happens in an outdoor courtyard where the walls are painted like library shelves. Cinnamon basil plants are growing hydroponically in the science lab from seeds that astronauts flew into space. The children are growing seedlings to sell on Earth Day, an early lesson in entrepreneurship.

As more children struggle with obesity and awareness grows about global warming, outdoor learning is becoming a popular education concept.

Environmentalists are lobbying Congress to attach a 'No Child Left Inside' provision to the No Child Left Behind law when it is reauthorized. The provision would set aside money for opportunities, including gardens, for children to learn about the natural world. 'When kids graduate, they need to not only read, write and count, but they need to know something about the environment,' said Don Baugh, vice president for education at the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

Students from Bancroft Elementary in Northwest Washington became instant symbols for healthy eating and sustainability when they helped first lady Michelle Obama break ground for a White House garden this month. They have been tending their own vegetable garden back at school.

About 80 D.C. public schools have a garden or have attempted one in recent years, said Grace Manubay, co-president of the D.C. Environmental Education Consortium, which keeps a list at <http://www.dcschoolyardgreening.org>.

The list includes a 'peace garden' at Cardozo High School, created after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, and a range of butterfly, native species or rain gardens that often serve as outdoor classrooms. An annual D.C. School Garden Week includes a bus tour through a handful of new projects.

In Montgomery County, a garden project that links students from Takoma Park Middle School, Montgomery Blair High School and Montgomery College is underway. Students, many of them English learners, earn community service credit, and the younger ones get a glimpse of college life. In Arlington County, Tuckahoe Elementary maintains a blog with regular updates about classroom excursions in its extensive gardens and wildlife habitats.

Hollin Meadows Principal Jon Gates said the gardens boost school pride and help children learn through exploring and observing rather than memorizing.

Test scores, parents point out, have improved in recent years, and the achievement gap is narrowing at a school in which almost half the students qualify for free and reduced-price meals, a measure of poverty. They attribute some gains to the highly engaging outdoor learning approach.

News Clips Report

The gardens are also a bridge between school and community. Many nurseries and businesses donate tools, and parents are often on hand to help with weeding.

Shawn Akard, a parent who spearheaded the project, is now on staff as a part-time outdoor education coordinator. Her job: helping teachers 'green' their lesson plans and 'digging in the dirt' with students. One afternoon last week, she helped fourth-graders plant lettuce seeds, showing them how to poke their finger in the soil and then shake the pots lightly back in place so the seeds would have room to grow.

Then she taught a science lesson about constant and changing states of matter by digging holes in the 'soil exploration area' with a handful of enthusiastic second-graders.

Akard's office is a wooden tool shed. It's painted blue. It smells of cedar, and it's stocked with hand trowels and potting soil. Outside the door, a cross-stitched sign reads: 'All the flowers of tomorrow are in the seeds of today.'

News Clips Report

What's Happening Montgomery Entertainment Calendar April 9-16, 2009 Washington Post - Online

04/15/2009

'EASTER CELEBRATION' -- 10 a.m.-noon today. For children, learn how to make a 'rabbit greens' salad with raspberry dressing, chicken crescent rolls and carrot-shaped carrot cake. Young Chefs Academy, 5626 Randolph Rd., Rockville. \$45; members, \$35. 301-816-2433 or <http://www.youngchefsacademy.com/rockville>.

'PETER AND THE WOLF' -- 10 a.m. today and tomorrow; 11:30 a.m. today-Sunday; 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Christopher Piper performs the classic tale with life-size marionettes. The 40-minute show is recommended for children in pre-kindergarten through sixth grade. Glen Echo Park, Puppet Co. Playhouse, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. \$10, group rates available. 301-634-5380 or <http://www.thepuppetco.org>.

Dance

'AROHANAM -- ASCENT' -- 7 p.m. Saturday. Nrityanjali dancers perform in the classical Indian Bharatanatyam style. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Dr., Rockville. \$20; students, \$15; sponsors, \$35. 301-330-8573 or <http://www.nrityanjali.com>.

Dancing

BALLROOM DANCING -- 8-11:15 p.m. Saturday. A one-hour introductory rumba and fox trot lesson, followed by general dancing to a DJ. Beginners welcome, no partner necessary. Now and Then Dance Studio, 10111 Darnestown Rd., Rockville. \$10. 301-424-0007 or <http://www.nowandthendancestudios.com>.

Exhibitions

'FORM' -- Noon-6 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, Tuesday through May 2; reception, 6-9 p.m. tomorrow; artist's talk, 1-2 p.m. April 18. The latest pieces by figure painter Douglas Wolfe. Waverly Street Gallery, 4600 East West Hwy., Bethesda. Free. 301-951-9441 or <http://www.waverlystreetgallery.com>.

'VISUAL PERSPECTIVES: ABSTRACT AND INTERPRETIVE PAINTINGS AND PRINTS' -- Times vary, through April 30. Paintings and prints by Audrey Salkind. River Road Unitarian Universalist Church, 6301 River Rd., Bethesda. Free. 301-229-0400, <http://www.audreysabstractart.com> or audreyspen@comcast.net.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLEIN AIR ARTISTS -- 8 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays through May 17; reception, 7-8:30 p.m. next Thursday. Members of the group exhibit their oil, acrylic, watercolor and pastel works. Gaithersburg City Hall, 31 S. Summit Ave. Free. 301-258-6310 or 301-258-6394 or <http://www.gaithersburgmd.gov>.

'DETAILS, AN EXHIBITION OF PHOTOGRAPHS' -- 9 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays, through April 22. Montgomery College art professor Harry St. Ours displays his recent photographs. Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, Visions Exhibition Space, 5701 Marinelli Rd., North Bethesda. Free. 301-565-3805 or <http://www.professorharry.com>.

'THE COUNTY COLLECTS' -- 9 a.m.-4 p.m. today and tomorrow. An exhibit featuring prints, drawings and collages from Montgomery County's Public Arts Trust. Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation Arts Center, King Street Gallery, 930 King St., Silver Spring. Free. 301-565-3805 or <http://www.creativemoco.com>.

'WASHINGTON GARDENER PHOTO CONTEST' -- 9 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays, 9 a.m.-noon Saturdays, through May 10. Washington Gardener Magazine exhibits 16 winning photographs taken in Washington area gardens. World Building, Adams National Bank lobby, 8121 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring. Free. 301-565-0766 or <http://www.washingtongardener.com>.

CAROLE CLEM, KAY LAYNE AND BRENDA TOWNSEND -- 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, through April 28. The artists exhibit their photography, ceramics and paintings. Glenview Mansion, 603 Edmonston Dr., Rockville. Free. 240-314-8682 or <http://www.rockvillemd.gov/arts/exhibits.htm>.

News Clips Report

Rain or Shine, a Friendly Forecast on the Line The Washington Post

04/14/2009

Rain or Shine, a Friendly Forecast on the Line

By John Kelly

Tuesday, April 14, 2009; Page B03

Alittle after 2 this morning, Neal Pizzano quietly padded to the basement of his suburban Philadelphia home and starting thinking about you.

In the pre-dawn darkness, his face illuminated by the glow from his computer screen, Neal thought about the sort of day you might have, what you might wear, where you might drive, what might bring a smile to your face. And then he picked up the telephone, dialed a number and started talking to you -- well, you and thousands of other people.

Neal is one of the voices of Verizon's recorded weather line, part of a rotating cast of meteorologists callers hear when they dial 202-936-1212 (or 301- or 703-). In an age in which you can pull up satellite images on your computer screen or watch an entire cable channel devoted to the weather, Neal's forecasts -- and the old-fashioned way they're delivered -- still have fans.

"You don't want to be sounding like you're tired, sick or down in the dumps," Neal said of his early-morning monologues. "That voice is something they're looking forward to. I feel it's my duty to be upbeat no matter what my personal life is dealing me at the time. I've always said, 'Have a good day.' I actually mean it."

When Neal started recording the forecast in 1981 -- he currently does it Sunday, Monday and Tuesday mornings -- he aped DJ Adrian Cronauer's famous "Good morning Vietnaaaaam" delivery. He's modified his shtick since then.

He divides his broadcast into two parts: a no-nonsense recitation of current and upcoming weather conditions, followed by a goofier segment. "Today is National Peach Cobbler Day," Neal might say. "And Hug Your Sister Day."

On St. Patrick's Day, Neal delivers the forecast in an Irish brogue. He says it's the only accent he knows how to do.

Google his name and you will find that some women fantasize about him.

"People just love him to death," said Keith Allen, who started D.C. Weather Services, the contractor that provides the recordings to Verizon, in 1981. "When he's off or goes on vacation, people want to know, 'Where's Neal?' "

Keith said there's been some sort of telephone weather service in Washington since 1939. Twenty-five years ago, his service used to get a quarter-million calls a day. Verizon won't give precise figures for today -- "competitive reasons," said a spokeswoman -- but Keith says it's in the "tens of thousands," not bad considering the phone number isn't even printed in the phone book anymore.

Neal moved to Wallingford, Pa., a few years ago after a lifetime spent in the Washington area (Peary High School in Rockville; meteorology studies at Montgomery College). He posts his audio forecast by 4 a.m. and is at his real job -- as an airline dispatcher -- by 5. By 7, his forecast is replaced by one of D.C. Weather Service's seven other meteorologists'.

Neal dallied briefly with the big time. He's been on the radio. Channel 5's Sue Palka told him about a gig at a Richmond TV station, and he did the weekend weather forecasts there for a while. But it never quite clicked.

"I know that it's a different type of business," he said. "Some of it is dealing with hype. In order to gain viewership, you have to make things a little more dramatic than they really are. That part kind of bothered me. . . . Most people, all they really want to know is, 'What is the weather going to be so that I can dress for work today?' They don't care at 5 in the morning what the hurricane is doing in the Gulf of Mexico. But if you go on TV you're going to get all that."

News Clips Report

In other words, a little too much showbiz.

Not that Neal is averse to showbiz. He's appeared as an extra in several films and television series, including "Ladder 49," "Invincible" and "The Wire."

There's something a little old-fashioned about Neal, both his corny delivery and the Alexander Graham Bell technology he uses. He makes no apologies.

"The reason why the telephone is still popular in Washington, D.C., is it's accessible by nearly every single person out there. Not everybody has the Internet. Not everybody has TV or radio right when they need it. . . . When you want it on the telephone, you pick it up, you dial and you're getting weather information instantaneously."

And you're getting something else: a smile, a laugh and, as strange as it is to say it, maybe even a friend.

My e-mail: kellyj@washpost.com. My blog: <http://voices.washingtonpost.com/commons>.

News Clips Report

Some Arab-American leaders express new hope for understanding Gazette, The

04/13/2009

Montgomery County has celebrated Arab-American Heritage Month for 10 years, starting two years before the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. But this year, some Arab-American community leaders are expressing a new hope for understanding and progress thanks to the election of President Obama. 'Because Obama used Hussein [his middle name] in his inauguration, we feel we have a new leader,' said Kareem W. Shora, the national executive director for the Arab-American Anti-Discrimination Committee. 'When you stereotype one population over another, you're serving to hurt what this country is all about.' Shora was the keynote speaker at Montgomery College's Arab-American Heritage Month kickoff event Thursday, an annual celebration which began in 2005. Later that evening, the county held its 10th annual Arab-American Heritage Month celebration in the Executive Office Building in Rockville.

Shora told a story about a meeting he attended several weeks ago in the West Wing of the White House. He called his mother as he was walking in, telling her where he was. 'She started to cry,' Shora said. 'It was just symbolic. I've had more important meetings at other locations. But to be invited to the White House because they wanted to hear my opinions was incredible.' Other activities throughout the month at Montgomery College include a screening of 'A Land Called Paradise,' the 2008 grand-prize winner in the One Nation Film Contest, on April 14 at the Germantown campus; a production of 'I Heart Hamas: And Other Things I'm Afraid to Tell You,' on April 24 at the Takoma Park/Silver Spring campus; and a performance of 'A Land Twice Promised,' by storyteller Noa Baum, an Israeli who began a dialogue with a Palestinian woman while living in the United States, on April 27 at the Rockville campus. 'These activities are designed to enhance our knowledge about Arab-American contributions,' said Dr. Judy E. Ackerman, vice president and provost of the Rockville campus. 'It's a wonderful opportunity to come together, learn, share and expand our experiences.' Dr. Imad-ad-Dean Ahmad, president of the libertarian Muslim think-tank Minaret of Freedom Institute and a professor at the University of Maryland, spoke at the county's kickoff event last week. 'Montgomery County is a county with a lot of diversity in it, but of that diversity, the Arab-American population is relatively small,' he said. 'It's very significant that we've been recognized by the county. It shows that the spirit of community here is a very positive one.' Ahmad was more hesitant to say the Obama administration would mean significant change for the Arab-American community. 'As a symbol, it is extremely positive,' he said of Obama using his middle name during the inauguration ceremony. 'The degree to which his administration will make any substantive change is yet to be seen.' Lily Qi, the Asian American and Middle-Eastern American liaison of the County Executive's Office of Community Partnerships, said Arab Americans are among the least understood of all Americans. 'Many Americans are surprised that two-thirds of Arab Americans are Christians,' she said. 'People often consider Middle Eastern, Arab and Muslims the same things. This program allows us to highlight this community and its many contributions to our country and human civilization.' Approximately 1 percent, or about 10,000 people, in the county are Arab American, Ahmad said. Approximately 70 percent of Arab Americans living in the United States are Christian, compared to 5 percent or 6 percent worldwide, he said.

County Executive Isiah Leggett (D) said the county should use the celebration to learn about the diverse cultures living within the county and to come together as a community. 'If the current financial crisis teaches us anything, that is how interdependent we are in today's world,' he said. 'We simply cannot afford not to understand one another.' For more information on Montgomery County's celebration of Arab-American Heritage Month, visit the county's Web site at www.montgomerycountymd.gov or call the Office of Community Partnerships at 240-777-2584 or send an e-mail to partnerships@montgomerycountymd.gov. For more information on Montgomery College's celebration, call Enas Elhanafi, program coordinator, at 240-567-1759 or e-mail her at enas.elhanafi@montgomerycollege.edu.

montgomerycollege.edu.

News Clips Report

LITERARY CALENDAR APRIL 13-19, 2009 The Washington Post

04/12/2009

Sunday, April 12, 2009; Page B08

LITERARY CALENDAR APRIL 13-19, 2009

7:30 P.M. Alice McDermott, author of the novels *At Weddings and Wakes*, *After This* and the National Book Award-winning *Charming Billy*, reads from her work and leads a discussion on the literary life at a spring event of the F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference. A book signing follows. Montgomery College, Faculty Staff Dining Room, 51 Mannakee St., Rockville, Md. \$10.

News Clips Report

Mr. Charles Carroll Parker Frederick News-Post, The

04/11/2009

, 83, of Frederick, formerly of Damascus, died Wednesday, April 8, 2009, at Frederick Memorial Hospital. He was the husband of the late Jean Watkins Parker, who preceded him in death in 1991.

Born May 10, 1925, in Dorchester County, he was a son of the late Charles Smith 'Smitty' and Norma Wallace Parker.

Charles, also known as 'Carroll' in his childhood and 'CC' or 'Chuck' during his middle years, grew up on Hoopers Island on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Charles attended business school in Baltimore after graduating high school, and served in the Navy during World War II. After the war ended, Charles attended Western Maryland College in Westminster, where he met, fell in love with and courted his future wife, Jean.

After graduating from college, Charles and Jean began teaching in Towson, and shortly thereafter moved to Jean's hometown of Damascus in 1950. They lived and raised their family in Damascus while Charles taught English at Damascus High School for 20 years and then John T. Baker Junior High for another 13 years. After retiring, Charles continued to teach as a professor, first at Montgomery College, and then later at Hood College for another 10 years. For several years in the early 1970s, Charles and Jean also published the Damascus Courier newspaper.

Charles was a lifelong Methodist. He was an active member in Montgomery Methodist Church where he enjoyed singing in the choir for many years. Charles also attended Damascus Methodist Church later in life. Charles is remembered for his beautiful tenor voice and was requested to sing at many weddings, and also later in life by his many friends at Somerford House in Frederick.

Surviving are his sons, Peter, Timothy, Barry and Randall; daughters-in-law, Suzanne Parker and Jane Ruth Seymour; nine grandchildren, Grace, James, Philip, Rebekah, Benjamin, Samantha, Charles, Patrick and Thomas; as well as his sister, Dorothy Harbaugh; and nephews and niece, Ray, David, Danny and Diane.

Besides his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by a grandson, Micah; and in-laws, Bates Ewing and Rebecca Reed Watkins.

Friends may call from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, April 14, at Molesworth-Williams Funeral Home, 26401 Ridge Road, Damascus. A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 15, at Montgomery Methodist Cemetery, Damascus. The Rev. Orlando 'Bud' Kibbe, of Montgomery United Methodist Church, will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Frederick Memorial Hospital, 700 W. Seventh St., Frederick, MD 21701.

News Clips Report

Calendar

The Frederick News-Post

04/10/2009

3 Guest Artist Series at Montgomery College — Grammy award-winning musician Sergio Mendes will perform at 7:30 p.m. May 3. Mendes is an internationally successful Brazilian artist. His popularity has spanned generations. Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center, 51 Mannakee St., Rockville. 240-567-5301; montgomerycollege.edu/PAC.

THEATER

14 "Menopause the Musical" heats up Bethesda Theatre — April 14 through May 10. Billed as "The Hilarious Celebration of Women and The Change." \$39.50-\$59.50. 7719 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda. 301-657-7827; bethesdatheatre.com.

15 Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center presents "Metamorphoses" — 8 p.m. April 15-18, and 2 p.m. April 19. A series of stories from the world of Greek mythology told with a contemporary twist. \$10 regular, \$8 seniors/students. Montgomery College, 51 Mannakee St., Rockville. 240-567-5301; montgomerycollege.edu/PAC.

News Clips Report

Margaret Hluch weaves together symbols of her life in fiber art The Frederick News-Post

04/10/2009

Margaret Hluch weaves together symbols of her life in fiber art

By LAUREN LAROCCA
News-Post Staff
llarocca@fredericknewspost.com

What was necessity in Korea was a new artistic direction for Frederick textile artist Margaret Hluch.

Having traveled and lived in Africa, Egypt and, most recently, Korea, among other places, Hluch said she is influenced by the various landscapes and cultures she's seen. Remnants of her experiences show up in her work.

When she arrived in Korea, after being invited to spend four months there to teach textile classes at Duksung Women's University, she noticed there were no curtains on the windows of the small apartment where she would stay.

So she found big sheets of handmade paper — which isn't difficult in Korea — and made her own.

"I hand-sewed three pieces," she said, "and they were perfect."

Soon after, paper started showing up in her artwork.

Primarily a weaver, she had no access to a loom in Korea. A table became her studio space, and she collected handmade paper and incorporated it into small textile pieces. Paper was readily available and inexpensive, and it came in seemingly unlimited textures and themes.

A longtime innovative textile artist, Hluch usually sticks to fabric — wool, yarn, thread, silk and cloth.

In another recent piece, she used business cards (they, too, are abundant in Korea) to make a mixed media collage.

After spending two years in Kenya with her husband, Kevin, in the '80s, her work "really changed," she said. Her husband was there on a Fulbright lecture grant, and they brought along their then-18-month-old daughter, Kendra.

Hluch gave birth to a son, Mathew, there, and stopped her artwork completely for a while.

"I came home and I really, really missed it," she said. "I missed Africa a lot. ... This experience sort of poured out of me," she said, in textiles that featured daylilies, ceramic pots and birds.

"I know everyone does birds," she said, sighing. "We were avid bird watchers."

Africa also brought more recurring symbols to her work.

When her husband was awarded another Fulbright scholarship in 1992, the family stayed in Jordan for a year, with a three-week trip to Egypt included.

After Egypt, Hluch started incorporating tassels to her fiber art pieces. She also became fascinated by the sacred boats that took Pharaohs into the next world and "brought the boat into my work," she said.

"My work is really narrative," Hluch said.

Symbols in her pieces, which include houses, leaves, hands, flowers and birds, among other objects, are minimalistic.

Another recurring shape is a mummy, which she's incorporated into her work for about four years now.

"I wanted some sense of a figure, but I didn't want it to be male or female," she said.

She uses collected images from her experiences as "a sort of abstract way to communicate," she said. "Sometimes they're like hieroglyphics. ... But my images are very personal."

Hluch summarized the symbols in a few short sentences: the flowers represent an apology with a longtime friend; the hands, holding together Hluch's life during a rocky period with her husband; leaves, nature; house, stability.

Kenya was literally incorporated into a large wall piece when Hluch inlaid typewriter tape from letters she'd written there (no computer). She read the letter as she was inlaying it.

Hluch earned a BFA in weaving and textile design from Kent State University, in Kent, Ohio, and an MA in weaving and textile design at St. Cloud State University in St. Cloud, Minn.

Hluch has taught classes at Maryland Institute College of Art, as well as Towson University, and she works part-time at MOM (My Organic Market) in Frederick.

She has won two Maryland State Arts Council Artist Awards in crafts and received a fellowship in visual arts from them in 1989, and she's exhibited several group and solo shows since 1980, most of which were held in the Tri-state area.

She moved to Frederick in 1982 when her husband got a job teaching at Montgomery College in Rockville. They lived on East Eighth Street in downtown Frederick, before moving into a historic house on All Saints Street, which took them several years to renovate.

They're still there, using the ground level as studio space and the top floor as their home.

"I always knew I wanted to be an artist," she said.

She was taking drawing and design — basic, introductory classes — at Kent when a friend told her about a weaving class and showed her the studio.

News Clips Report

“This room was full of these contraptions — looms. It was just the oddest space,” she remembered. “I totally loved it.”

She thinks her adoration for weaving might stem from her personality. “You can do all these crazy things, and then you can organize it on a loom. ... The loom creates the structure, (but) I don’t want the loom to control what I have to say,” she said.

After she’s through weaving a piece, she inlays fabrics (and sometimes typewriter paper or other materials) by hand to create additional patterns, designs and textures.

In addition to holding private art parties and workshops, Hluch works with Whitney Bingham, owner of The Muse in downtown Frederick, to lead classes in various techniques, held at Hluch’s studio. Her next class, Felted Flowers, will be held Wednesday, April 15, and participants will learn the process of felting wool to create a small flower.

Wool becomes a non-woven fabric when scrubbed with soap and hot water. “You can do all kinds of crazy stuff” with wool or fleece, she said.

While she’d love to teach a workshop on weaving, she said it would simply take too much time.

“Weaving takes forever,” she said. “It’s very methodical and slow. ... I have to build it line by line,” she said, sitting at one of her looms in her studio. “It’s just a different way of thinking.”

She’s tried several other artforms, but none give her the satisfaction of weaving — painting the thread, then binding it together and adding more layers through inlay.

“I can’t get it through anything else,” she said. “I can’t see not doing this.”

Staff photos by Skip Lawrence Artist Margaret Hluch at her Frederick studio

. At left, she incorporates a montage of papers and

News Clips Report

COUNTY EXECUTIVE LEGGETT NAMES SILVERMAN TO DIRECT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT **Federal News Service**

04/10/2009

ROCKVILLE, Md., April 7 -- Montgomery County issued the following press release:

Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett today announced Steven A. Silverman of Silver Spring as his choice to head the County's Department of Economic Development.

Since January 2007, Silverman, 54, has served in the Maryland Attorney General's Office, as an assistant Attorney General, heading the Consumer Protection Division, and most recently, as Director of Aging, Healthcare and Special Projects.

"Retaining and expanding business investment and growth in Montgomery County is always important, and it is even more critical in these uncertain economic times," said Leggett. "Montgomery County has not been immune from the economic uncertainty that has already impacted the entire nation.

"Still, our strengths as a County are enormous. These strengths provide good jobs paying good wages. They make possible and, at the same time, are strengthened by, our world-class school system and Montgomery College. They strengthen our tax base to make possible the delivery of critical services in public safety, transportation, and assist the most vulnerable in our midst, and more.

"Montgomery County cannot, however, rest on its laurels. We must continue to work to retain and grow businesses here in the county at the same time that we strengthen our programs aimed at small and minority businesses and reach out to attract investment and companies from across the nation and beyond. We are a leader in biotechnology, but to retain that position, the County must push toward the new horizons.

"Our Smart Growth Initiative is designed to meet the needs of the present and the future by bolstering future development in biotechnology to create the jobs - and the resulting tax revenue - of tomorrow, while opening up thousands of transit-oriented housing units next to the Shady Grove Metro.

"Our outreach to foreign companies is centered on the very cutting edge sectors such as biotechnology and information technology that we are looking to strengthen here in Montgomery for the long-term.

"Our Green Economy Task Force is working to promote Montgomery County as a leader in the conception, production, and marketing of the green technologies of the future.

"Steve Silverman has the energy, intellect, and experience to take our Department of Economic Development to the next level - to work with me to help weather the challenges ahead and position this County and its businesses to come out of the downturn in a strong situation that builds for the future.

"As a former chair of the Council's Planning, Housing, and Economic Development Committee, he is fully versed on the whole range of issues, problems, and opportunities before us. He knows where we've been, where we are, and - most importantly - where we need to go."

Silverman served as a member of the Montgomery County Council for two terms, from 1998 to 2006, serving as its president twice.

"I am very excited to be chosen for this position by my good friend Ike Leggett," said Silverman. "I look forward to working side-by-side with him to advance our economic development efforts in these turbulent times. Much good work is being done - and many more challenges lie ahead. I will work closely with the County Executive and with our county businesses - large and small - to protect what we have, take our strengths to the next level, and help build the tax base that makes possible our critical County programs in so many areas."

Silverman received a B.A. from the American University (School of Government and Politics) and his J.D. from George Washington School of Law. He served as a co-chair of the Silver Spring Redevelopment Steering Committee (1998)

News Clips Report

which was instrumental in the revitalization of Silver Spring. Silverman served as chairman of the Greater Silver Spring Chamber of Commerce and has been recognized for his work by numerous community and faith-based organizations.

Leggett is sending the nomination to the County Council this afternoon. For more information please contact: Sarabjit Jagirdar, Email:- htsyndication@hindustantimes.com.

Copyright © 2009 US Fed News (HT Syndication)

News Clips Report

Hussong, Capt. William J. USN
Washington Times

04/10/2009

Saturday, April 4, 2009, former longtime resident of Bethesda, served 26 years as a U. S. Navy marine engineer and subsequently as a mathematics instructor at Montgomery Community College. He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Marie (nee) Hensgen, four children: Katherine Harmon, Margaret Kriedt, William Hussong III, and David Hussong, ten grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Viewing (2:00 p.m.) and memorial ceremony (3:00 p.m.) at the National Lutheran Home, 9701 Veirs Drive, Rockville, MD. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the National Lutheran Home.

Copyright © 2009 The Washington Times LLC

News Clips Report

Thousands try the Jeopardy challenge Montgomery County Sentinel

04/10/2009

Area residents were given the chance to tryout for Jeopardy Saturday afternoon at a Brain Bust event on the Montgomery College campus in Germantown.

Within 10 minutes, the line grew from the door of the auditorium to 50 yards outside the building.

Inside the foyer of the High Technology and Science Center, chaos ensued over blue wristbands, which were needed in order to take the test.

Inside the auditorium, all the seats were filled and people lined the walls along the back and down the steps.

Write legible, shouted a moderator from Jeopardy.

Write legibly, a woman from the crowd corrected him.

Jeopardy employees handed out pens and pink, blue, yellow, orange and green test papers.

After people finished their 10-question exams, they brought them to the front of the room and dropped them into a cardboard box before going to play some Jeopardy for T-shirts and pens.

It lets people get a full chance to experience the show, said Grant Loud, senior promotions manager for Jeopardy. It gets people to see that Jeopardy is really just a game.

The test will be graded in Los Angeles and those who are chosen will be called or e-mailed, and invited to audition for Jeopardy in early June, he said.

Once theyve passed the mock Jeopardy game, theyll be placed in the contestant pool for 18 months, but there is no guarantee that any of them will be on the show since there are only 420 to 450 slots per year, he said.

After only a half-hour into testing, 750 people had already taken the exam and they expected to see 1,500 by 4 p.m., he said.

Elizabeth Homan, media relations director for Montgomery College, watched as people poured out from testing in the auditorium with awe.

We were hoping for a strong turn out, but we didnt expect this, she said.

By 2:45, security guards were making people wait outside because the building was filled to capacity.

Evan Reynolds, a restaurant manager from Kensington, had the pink test.

It was either you knew it or you didnt, he said about the questions.

He struggled on one question about a Fox TV show, the same question Bonnie Smith of Silver Spring struggled on too.

I dont know anything about a show where a woman sits at a computer or something, and I think I confused the Balkans and the Baltics, she said as she reflected on her answers.

News Clips Report

wnba draft Star Tribune

04/10/2009

For story lines and intrigue, the Lynx's four picks on Thursday in the WNBA draft offer the team's long-suffering fans a great deal to chew on.

With their two first-round picks, the Lynx took the leader on college basketball's best team and a young 6-5 center.

Next Minnesota, a nonplayoff team the past four seasons, took two familiar basketball names within the state. Early in the second round, the Lynx drafted another McCants (Rashanda) from North Carolina, and early in the third, guard Emily Fox of the Gophers.

"Going into the draft, we had needs: rebounding, defense, and, if you go by position, small forward, point guard and center," said Don Zierden, the third-year Lynx coach. "We felt we needed to bolster up those positions."

Zierden said the Lynx did.

The Lynx took Connecticut point guard Renee Montgomery with the No. 4 overall pick in the draft. Her Huskies beat Louisville 76-54 on Tuesday to win the NCAA championship and finish 39-0.

"After a lot of years of just hard work, to hear your named called and to know now you are a professional athlete, it's just a really good feeling," Montgomery said.

Picked ahead of her were forward Angel McCoughtry of Louisville by Atlanta and Maryland teammates Marissa Coleman and Kristi Toliver, who went to Washington and Chicago, respectively.

Zierden said he was happy Montgomery fell to fourth.

"I will bring energy and a great optimistic attitude" to the Lynx, Montgomery said.

Five picks later, at No. 9, the Lynx chose 6-5 center Quanitra Hollingsworth of Virginia Commonwealth.

"(She) is a puppy," Zierden said. "She is a 20-year-old woman who has already graduated from college, almost finished graduate school. Extremely intelligent, 6-5 legit, strong."

Zierden said Hollingsworth is only going to improve working with his assistant coaches.

"My strengths (are) rebounding and I can play both ends of the floor," said Hollingsworth, who skipped fifth and sixth grade and started high school at age 11.

So Zierden could put check marks by point guard and center on his list of needs. What was left? Small forward.

He checked that off, too, with the No. 15 pick in the second round. The Lynx chose 6-1 forward Rashanda McCants. Her older brother, Rashad, is a former Timberwolves player.

"She is long, athletic, can defend all day long," Zierden said. "Those of you that have watched North Carolina, she was their main defender. She goes to the boards, which helps us in another area. We have had great background check reports on her."

With the Lynx's final pick, No. 30, Zierden went with his heart.

"I am a Minnesota native," he said. "I like what the Gophers program is doing. I like Emily Fox's body of work over four years. And I thought she should be rewarded with a chance to come into training camp and make our team."

Fox is only the third Gopher to be drafted. Lindsay Whalen and Janel McCarville, who are still in the league, were the first two.

News Clips Report

"I didn't know what to expect," Fox said. "But now I have a chance to stay longer in a place I am comfortable in. That's pretty cool for me."

Training camp will start May 17. WNBA rosters this season have been reduced from 13 to 11, increasing the competition for jobs.

"There is going to be somebody on our team that played (in the league) last year that is going to get released," Zierden said.

LYNX'S DRAFT PICKS

RENEE MONTGOMERY

College: Connecticut

Pos: G - Ht: 5-7

Stats: 16.5 ppg, 5.1 apg; shot 38 percent on three-pointers, AP first-team All-America

QUANITRA HOLLINGSWORTH

College: Virginia Commonwealth

Pos: C - Ht: 6-5

Stats: 14.2 ppg, 9.7 rpg; shot 52 percent from field, Colonial Athletic Assoc. Defensive Player of Year

RASHANDA MCCANTS

College: North Carolina

Pos: F - Ht: 6-1

Stats: 14.4 ppg, 6.4 rpg; had 43 steals, 20 blocks, twice second-team all-ACC pick, played in two Final Fours

EMILY FOX

College: Minnesota

Pos: G - Ht: 5-9

Stats: 12.8 ppg, 3.8 apg; had 72 steals, shot 33 percent on three-pointers; first-team all-Big Ten pick in 2008

Copyright © 2009 Star Tribune, Minneapolis, MN

News Clips Report

**MD AuthorHouse Silber 04 09
Associated Press (AP)**

04/09/2009

bc-MD-AuthorHouse-Silber 04-09

1/8STK 3/8

1/8IN 3/8 BKS PUB

1/8SU 3/8 CHI

TO BOOK AND FAMILY EDITORS:

New Children's Book Follows Survival of Families of Trees

Accomplished Screenwriter Jere Silber Shares Humorous, Touching Story

Accompanied by Illustration

OLNEY, Md., April 9 /PRNewswire/ -- The original, touching children's story from screenwriter Jere Silber, which sparked acclaimed adaptation "The Family Tree" on cable television and later as an audiobook nominated in the Spoken Word category of the 2001 Grammy Awards, "Tree Story" (published by AuthorHouse) is at its heart about generations of trees surviving and sticking together despite the odds.

"Tree Story" follows families of trees, primarily the Birches and the Sycamores, in one particular forest. One morning, the forest is forever changed when three men enter and nail signs to some of the trees. Bedlam and confusion disrupt the formerly calm life of the trees as they wonder how they will survive what happens next.

As weeks pass by, another set of visitors enter the forest and this time they are friends, hoping to save and protect the trees. Believing that their human friends had saved them, the trees became peaceful once more. Months later, at the dawn of winter, the sound of bulldozers entered the forest.

Silber writes:

The peaceful calm of the past few months quickly faded away. The entire forest was frightened. The animals hurried to seek shelter. But the family trees had nowhere to go. With nowhere to hide, the family trees were stranded.

News Clips Report

Grandfather Sycamore knew this was the end ...

As the first trees began falling in the background, Grandfather Sycamore used the remaining moments to say farewell to his family.

"As the head of this family it has been my responsibility to protect you from whatever Mother Nature had us withstand, from her cold winters to her hot summers and strong winds. Whatever she threw at us, we survived her!

"Today I ask you to be as proud of yourselves as I am of you. So be strong, and always remember, long live the family tree!"

As the trees are taken away one by one, they are convinced that they will never see each other again, but, miraculously, they do -- once at the lumber mill and again when Grandfather Sycamore, as a grandfather clock, is reunited with Grandfather Birch, a coffee table, at the Robinson's home. And soon, other family members are discovered as the kitchen cabinets, the wood siding, baseball bats and even a copy of "Tree Story." The birds from the forest visit the family trees and tell them of the regeneration of the forest and the new generations of trees that will take root and leaf. "Tree Story" ends with the knowledge that the families of trees will continue to thrive and survive in and out of the forest.

Jere Silber is an accomplished screenwriter with over 35 years of experience working on radio, television and theatrical productions. He studied radio/television broadcasting at Montgomery College and screenwriting at The American Film Institute. "Tree Story" is his first published book.

AuthorHouse is the premier book publisher for emerging, self-published authors. For more information, please visit <http://www.authorhouse.com>.

EDITORS: For review copies or interview requests, contact:

Promotional Services Department

Tel: 888-728-8467

Fax: 812-961-3133

Email: pressreleases@authorhouse.com

(When requesting a review copy, please provide a street address.)

News Clips Report

This release was issued through eReleases(TM). For more information,
visit <http://www.ereleases.com>.

SOURCE AuthorHouse

-0- 04/09/2009

/CONTACT: Promotional Services Department of AuthorHouse,

+1-888-728-8467, or Fax, +1-812-961-3133, [pressreleases@authorhouse.com/](mailto:pressreleases@authorhouse.com)

/Web Site: <http://www.authorhouse.com> /

CO: AuthorHouse

ST: Maryland

IN: BKS PUB

SU: CHI

PR

-- PH96571 --

0371 04/09/2009 08:50 EDT <http://www.prnewswire.com>

Copyright © 2009 The Associated Press