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2007 recipients of 100 Black Men of Greater Washington scholarships.

## 40 Scholarships Awarded at 100 Black Men of Greater Washington Scholarship Luncheon

### 12 PGCPs Students Become First-Time Scholarship Recipients

By **JAMES PROCTOR**  
Contributing Writer

The 100 Black Men of Greater Washington (BMOGW) held its annual Scholarship Luncheon at the Hyatt Capitol Hill on Saturday June 23rd. The group awarded over 40 scholarships to students in the Metropolitan area. These scholarships are renewable and most of the recipients were collecting awards which they had earned from previous years. There were 15 first-time recipients this year with 12 of the 15

students coming from Prince George's county schools. These recipients were: Carrington R. Carter, II, Joshua D. Cuthbertson, Qaahir T. Elliott, Mirah A. Ivory, Anthony J. Mack, David K. McClain, Preoshia K. Montague, Reginald L. Peterson, Jr., Kierra L. Royster, Desmin L. Wade, Jonathan D. Young and Rachele Wright. Rachele Wright was typical of the high caliber of award recipients; she was the class Salutatorian for Potomac High School in Oxon Hill. She will be attending the University of Maryland Baltimore County and plans to gradu-

ate with a degree in Sport Management in just 3 years. She is very likely to do so because she has already been able to excel in academics and athletics --receiving partial scholarships in both areas.

The 100 BMOGW provides \$2,000 scholarships to high school seniors who are attending an accredited college, university, or specialty school of higher learning. The scholarships are awarded in increments of \$500 over four years as long as the student remains enrolled full-time

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## Cavitt, Vaughns Appointed to Planning Board, M-NCPPC County Executive Appoints New Members to Replace Old Commissioners

Courtesy **OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

Sarah A. Cavitt of Fort Washington and Sylvester J. Vaughns of Palmer Park were appointed by Prince George's County Executive Jack B. Johnson, and confirmed by the Prince George's County Council on Tuesday, June 19, as members of the Prince George's County Planning Board and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC). Ms. Cavitt will fill the seat vacated by former Commissioner William M. Eley, Jr., and Mr. Vaughns will replace Commissioner Eley as Vice Chairman of the Planning Board.

Ms. Cavitt, a long-time resident of Prince George's County, retired from a 25 year career with the Social Security Administration where she served in numerous roles, including EEO Officer and Branch Office Manager. She is well-known throughout Prince George's County as a

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PHOTO BY EMILY APATOV/ THE PRINCE GEORGE'S POST

**Jane Lipton Cafritz and her husband, Calvin, address community stakeholders at the meeting at Riverdale Elementary.**

## Developers in Riverdale Request Community's Input

By **KATE ELIZABETH QUERAM**  
Contributing Writer

On June 14., the Cafritz property development team held the third in a series of community forums encouraging local residents to voice their concerns and suggestions for the use of the 36-acre lot in Riverdale Park, MD.

The lot on Route 1 has been held by the Cafritz family since 1959. Directly adjacent to College Park and University Park, the meetings on the commercial development produced a large turnout with residents of several cities at all three forums.

Jane Cafritz, the project's developer, began discussing the property's transformation with her husband two years ago. "We wanted to see what the community's vision was," she said. "We felt from the beginning that the community would have an important role, See Cafritz, Page A5

## PGCPS 5th Graders Win Cash for Entries in National Contest

### 3 at Langley Park-McCormick ES "Dare to Dream"

Courtesy PGCPS

(ALEXANDRIA, VA) —Fifth-grader Shante'l Jones, a student at Langley Park-McCormick Elementary School in Hyattsville is the winner of a \$5,000 college scholarship from BrainstormUSA, an Atlanta-based marketer of educational software, videos, workbooks and computers. The award is presented as part of the company's 1st quarter 2007 "Dare to Dream... Expect to Succeed" Scholarship Program.

Shante'l dreams of becoming a doctor; for her entry, she created a poster, an essay, and a diorama. A letter of support from her mother accompanied her entry. Shante'l was chosen to receive the scholarship, beating out hundreds of other contest entrants.

Gerson Villanueva and Morgan Percy, also students from Langley Park- McCormick ES, will receive prizes from BrainstormUSA as well. Villanueva, a 5th grader, won second place nationally for his entry expressing his dream to become an architect. Villanueva was awarded a CSI multi-media computer and a variety of educational software pieces. Percy, a 4th grader, made model tooth and submitted an entry demonstrating her desire to become a dentist. Morgan placed third, winning a bundle of software pertaining to the school curriculum at Langley Park-McCormick ES.

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PHOTOS COURTESY PGCPS

(L-R): Gerson Villanueva, Shante'l Jones, and Morgan Percy, 2007 Dare to Dream Scholarship recipients from Langley Park-McCormick Elementary School.

## Now is the Time to Forfeit Fireworks in Prince George's PGFD/ EMS Waives Penalty for Consumer Fireworks

Courtesy PGFD/EMS

Injuries caused by illegal consumer fireworks range from minor to fatal and occur every year around Fourth of July celebrations. Many of the preventable fireworks injuries and deaths in the United States involve children.

The Prince George's and Montgomery County Fire/EMS Departments held a fireworks safety demonstration at Six Flags America to remind citizens and residents that although all consumer fireworks are both dangerous and illegal, under the county's Fireworks Amnesty

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# Towns and NEIGHBORS

## Clinton Conversations

By **NORMA FAZENBAKER**  
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So far, I have attended two of my picnics, and still have two to go through. They have been lots of fun, and I'm not yet sick of hamburgers and hot dogs. Our NARFE picnic yesterday was not as well attended as we had hope; with 1,364 members, it seems we should have more than 30 people show up for a good picnic.

Hope you are all enjoying your summer. With the celebration of my birthday coming up at Rosecroft on July 9— along with the South County Democratic Clubs—I am looking forward to the rest of summer.

We are still planning the trip to the Laurel Highlands in Pennsylvania, but the dates are now October 15 through 17. We will visit the Flight 93 Memorial, and if you have never done this, please plan on joining us for this trip. The cost will be \$400 and it should be a great time. We will also be visiting two houses constructed by master architect Frank Lloyd Wright, "Fallingwater" and "Kentuck Knob."

Although I live near the National Harbor project, I have yet to visit the development site. Gaylord National Hotel Resort and Convention Center has now become one of the world's largest hotel projects under construction, with 2,000 luxury rooms and 30,000 square feet of meeting space. So far, the project is on schedule and has an anticipated opening date of April 1, 2008. Even though the project is still nine months away from completion, the hotel has already

booked in excess of 800,000 room nights of convention business. Five additional premier hotel and timeshare companies are also coming to National Harbor, bringing the total number of hospitality units to approximately 3,000 rooms. There will be a Fairfield Resorts, Hilton's Hampton Inn, Residence Inn by Marriott, Westin Hotels and Resorts and waloft Hotel. These five hotels expect to hire 600 employees. The project will bring a total of 2,200 permanent jobs to Oxon Hill.

In conjunction with the expansion, Gaylord has also given \$1 million to Prince George's Community College to sponsor a hospitality program to cover start-up costs for faculty, materials, equipment and curriculum for the Hospitality Institute at the college. Gaylord is also establishing a scholarship program for high school students desiring to pursue a higher education in hospitality. The company will work with Prince George's County high schools to support job fairs, guest speakers, and other business and education partnerships. As most of you know, this project will change the face of Prince George's County and will change the way people from all over the world vies the county when they visit the Nation's Capital. This information comes from the Gorgeous Prince George's newsletter.

If you get a splinter, reach for the scotch tape before resorting to tweezers or a needle. Put the scotch tape over the splinter, and pull it off. It will remove most splinters painlessly and easily.



PHOTO BY JOHN CASSADY/ THE AUDOBON SOCIETY

**Whip-poor-will populations have declined 73 percent due to habitat loss and also the fragmentation by roads and other development of remaining habitat into patches too small to support this nocturnal ground-nesting species. Whip-poor-wills nest in forests with natural openings and edges and are now confined to larger, intact forest patches such as Green Ridge State Forest in Allegany County and the Patuxent Research Refuge in Prince George's and Anne Arundel Counties.**

## Aquasco-Brandywine

By **RUTH TURNER**  
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### T.K.U.

Total Knowledge and Understanding Performing Arts will be opening in September 2007. T.K.U. will offer Ballet, African, Tap, Jazz/Hip Hop, Modeling Drama, Manners, and Self Esteem classes to children and adults aged three and up. \$35 is asked for registration. For more information, contact Gerrylyn Cookie

Dickson at 301.350.6160.

### Community Support System

A Caring Agency serving Southern Prince George's and Northern Charles Counties is seeking a Program Assistant to work 20 hours/week at \$12.50 starting salary. Schedule to be determined. Duties of this position include office and advocacy functions. The successful candidate will be proficient in Microsoft Word and Excel; familiarity with desktop publishing and website manage-

mentis a plus. The person should have excellent people skills, be dependable, organized, and a self starter. Personal transportation is necessary and the person must have a valid driver's license. A degree in human services or social work is preferred. Applicants can e-mail resume to [CSS1995@aol.com](mailto:CSS1995@aol.com) (put 'Job' in heading) or mail to Human Resources Committee Community Support Systems, P.O. Box 206, Aquasco, MD  
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## A Man, A Motorcycle, A Mission

*WSSC's Tom Kelly Rides to Canada to Raise Awareness About the Lack of Potable Water in Some Areas of the Country*

Courtesy WSSC

(LAUREL, MD) -- A lone man on a motorcycle, Tom Kelly is bound for Toronto, Canada, Thursday on a mission to raise money and awareness for people who desperately need sustainable drinking water resources. His destination is the American Water Works Association (AWWA) conference in Toronto, Canada.

Kelly, a strategic coordinator in WSSC's Customer Care Planning Group, is joining 14 other riders on a 550-mile trek north from Laurel to Canada as a participant in the Water Buffalo Charity Ride for Water for People, an international nonprofit development organization committed to the long-term impact of increased

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PHOTO COURTESY WSSC

**Tom Kelly of WSSC participates in the Water Buffalo Charity Ride for Water for People, raising money and awareness in hopes to provide families with potable water who may not have had access to it, otherwise.**

## In and Around Morningside-Skyline

By **MARY MCHALE**  
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### Nagros Celebrate Golden Anniversary at Maggiano's Little Italy

Benny Nagro and Betty Rutledge grew up in Washington and attended Eastern High School. They didn't pay much attention to each other back then, but later, when Ben had a job driving a Brinks truck, he spotted her crossing the street. As he tells it, there he was, sitting on a million dollars, but he stopped the truck and asked for her phone number.

They dated for about three years and were married June 22, 1957 at Mount Calvary Church.

When their first child was due, they moved from their Riverdale apartment to a house on Camp Springs Avenue, just off Allentown Road, on a site that used to be a huge tobacco farm. They still live there.

Ben served in the Navy Reserve in the 1940s and joined the Air Force in

1950. He served in Korea as a percussionist in the Air Force Band. After the war he graduated from the University of Maryland with a degree in journalism and public relations, and worked in sales and promotion for Remington-Rand. A musician from his youth, he has continued to lead or play in bands, for weddings and—believe it or not, he says—for divorces.

Betty had been assistant buyer at Jelleff's, and after marriage became a homemaker and seamstress for local theater productions. By the way, she is related to Edward Rutledge, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

They are members of the VFW in Morningside, the American Legion in Clinton, and the Korean War Veterans, and founding members of St. Philip's Church where Benny has ushered for years.

Their children and spouses—Brenda and Kevin McMonigle and Brian and Maria Nagro—helped them celebrate their 50 years together with

dinner at Maggiano's on Wisconsin Avenue. The Nagros also have three granddaughters, Shawna, Lauren and Erica McMonigle.

### Prayer Service Tonight for Servicemen and Women

St. Pius X Knights of Columbus is hosting a special prayer service tonight, June 28, at 7 p.m. for all who served or who are serving in the Armed Forces. Special mention will be made for those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

This will be at Mount Calvary Church, 6700 Marlboro Pike. The Council chaplain, Father Joseph Jenkins, will lead the service. A reception follows in the church foyer. For information, call John Buckler, 202.725.6446.

### Celebrate the 4th with the Morningside Parade, fireworks

The annual Morningside Independence Day Parade kicks off from the firehouse at 11:30 on July 4 and will march up Suitland Road. I plan to be sitting under the big tree at the Suitland Road Baptist Church with  
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## Serving Suitland

By **JANICE A. EUELL**  
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Mark your calendars for a Health Fair to be held on June 30, 2007 from 1:00 PM until 5:00 PM. The event is being sponsored by MISR Temple No. 213. It will be held at Harmony Hall Regional Center, 10701 Livingston Road, Fort Washington, Maryland. Free health screenings for the first 30 people Prostate-PSA, cholesterol and glucose. Nominal fees after first free screenings expire. Free health assessments will be available.

There will be door prizes and much more. This is a valuable and much-needed service and hopefully many of you will be able to take advantage of the services being

offered. It could save or improve your life.

For additional information, please contact Noble Michael A. Taylor, MISR Temple Health Director, at 301.257.1757 or 240.296.3188 or [mikalt01@yahoo.com](mailto:mikalt01@yahoo.com).

Many thanks to Geneva Gause of the Daughters of ISIS for meeting with young ladies as part of the Isiserettes Club. This is a great opportunity to get your daughters, granddaughters, nieces, cousins into a program that will offer them so many advantages as they grow and develop. If you are interested in being a part of this wonderful group of young ladies, please contact Ms. Gause at 240.462.7281.

### Correction:

It was incorrectly stated in the June 21 - June 27, 2007 edition of *The Prince George's Post* (Vol. 75, No. 25) that the Marlboro Mustangs beat the Ft. Washington #1's in a T-Ball game played last Saturday, June 16, 2007; the Ft. Washington #1's won the game 18- 15.

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# COMMUNITY

## Local Author and Teacher Offers Parents One-of-a-Kind Insights Into How Summer Reading to Boost Reading Performance

*Dr. Eugene Williams, Sr. Sits Down with Emily Apatov of The Prince George's Post*

In the book he co-authors with his colleague and also his son, *It's a Reading Thing*, Dr. Eugene Williams, Sr. has created a manual to help parents mentor their children and supplement kids' formal education with summer reading. An English teacher at Annapolis Road Academy in Prince George's County, Dr. Williams has also taught at Howard University, the University of the District of Columbia, and Southeastern University. Emily Apatov of *The Prince George's Post* sat down with Dr. Williams to learn more about his experiences as a teacher in Prince George's County and his recommendations for parents in the county who want to help their children excel in reading and language arts.

*The Prince George's Post:* How should parents and children cooperate to compile a summer reading list that will be both interesting and beneficial to the child?

Dr. Williams: Well, first of all, I think that the parent needs to indicate in some way or another that he or she is interested in the child reading during the summer. There are too many parents in this county who may read the newspaper, may read magazines, but they don't really spend too much time serving as a role model by reading novels.

The first thing the parent needs to do is demonstrate that he or she is a good reading role model.

One of the things parents could do is ask the teacher, ask the school system, to provide a list of summer reading and then from that they can make selections. For every great novel that we are interested in our child reading over the summer, the parent can find a description over the internet. If the child has internet access at home, sit down and make selections from the recommending reading list together.

*The Prince George's Post:* How can parents assess their child's reading comprehension level in order to determine what reading materials will present a challenge and a learning opportunity to the child?

Dr. Williams: One of the things that parents can do—and many of them don't do—is let their youngster read to them. In my work in the county, I was just appalled to find out there was 10th grader in my class who could not read. When I say 'couldn't read,' I mean this student was reading at about the 2nd grade reading level. When I asked the mother, 'Did you know your child could not read?' She said 'no.' She expected that whatever needed to be done for the child in terms of reading would be done at the school. Let's say your child is in the 10th grade and you're not sure what level the child is reading on. Start with 7th grade literature and let the child read it to you. And if the child can read that, that will tell the parent what it is he or she can read. That tells the parent some information about the child's reading level. If he or she is reading on the level of a 7th grader, then let the child read a book on that level.

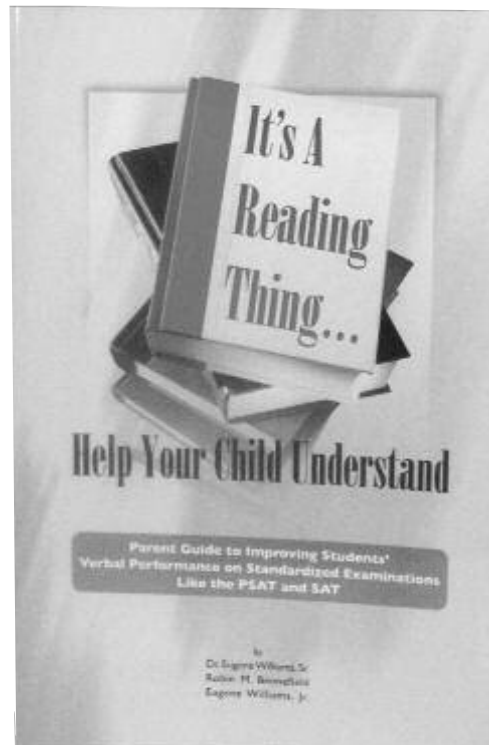
*The Prince George's Post:* What kinds of book themes are most engaging to young readers?

Dr. Williams: The themes that I encourage are denial, and when I say 'denial,' I'm talking about, we have a lot of teenagers now that have a lot of issues but they go into period of denials. Man's inhumanity to man is always of interest to students. They like courage, they like bravery.

*The Prince George's Post:* Do children get different benefits from reading fiction versus non-fiction, and if so, what are they, and does age play a role?

Dr. Williams: To be honest with you, we get a lot of non-fiction reading in middle school, in high school— I would start with it in elementary school. There's a lot of non-fiction out there for elementary school student. For example, anything by Martin Luther King. I understand that now there's some nonfiction out from Barack Obama.

*The Prince George's Post:* What does Obama talk about?



Dr. Williams: I want my students to read and gain information from words in their context.

I believe reading's the most effective way to learn and maintain and use these words in context.

In my book you'll find a recommended summer reading list, that lets you know, in this book there are so many SAT words. Parents can look through this list and when they see a book with many valuable words, they'll say, "Aw, that's the book I should be getting."

*The Prince George's Post:* When should parents begin to prepare students to take the PSATS?

Dr. Williams: Very good question. I think the first thing that parents should do, and it really goes back to what I said originally, they should let the kid see them read.

*The Prince George's Post:* When did you first conceive of using readings from the Bible to improve PSAT scores?

Dr. Williams: Well, it's a novel idea, to teach a vocabulary lesson using a book grounded in the Word— a guide to mastering standardized test vocabulary and biblical comprehension based on words from the New King James version of the Bible.

I used to tell the parents and the child, in your reading, read the Bible. They always looked at me, that man must be out of his mind— SAT words in the bible?

Well, I said to myself, lets identify words and write this book.

The Lord is good, the Lord gave us an idea, and we moved forward with it. I'm going to be quite honest with you, I think every county could benefit from having this book in the libraries. I'd like to see this book recommended by the superintendent— he's recommended books for administrators, and I'd like to see this book recommended for parents.

It really would help kids become lifelong readers.

### IMMUNIZATIONS ARE PART OF SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Students will not be permitted to register for Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) without up-to-date immunization records. The Prince George's County Health Department is scheduling appointments during July and the first two weeks of August for free immunizations, including follow-up immunizations that are needed to maintain compliance with new State immunization requirements. All students in kindergarten through grade 9 are now required to show proof of Hepatitis B vaccine and Varicella (chicken pox) vaccine.

For information and to make an appointment for a free immunization, call the Prince George's County Health Department at 301-583-3300. Any parent who does not have health insurance for their child's other medical needs can call the Healthline at 1-888-561-4049.

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### Announcement of Prince George's County School Board Vacancy

Prince George's County Executive Jack Johnson is seeking candidates to fill the vacated position on the Prince George's County Board of Education,

Please send a complete resume and cover letter of interest by June 30, 2007.

The successful candidate will be presented for confirmation to the Prince George's County Council.

Please forward information to:

The Office of the County Executive  
ATTN: School Board Vacancy  
14741 Gov. Oden Bowie Drive  
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

All applications must be received by close of business June 30, 2007

A hearing for public comment will be held in early July. Notification of the hearing will be issued to the public at a later date.



Jack B. Johnson  
County Executive

# COMMENTARY

## THE PRINCE GEORGE'S POST

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## Country's Addiction to Prison Should be the Focus in Hilton's Case

by Edrea Davis, author of "SnitchCraft," an urban novel about corruption in the criminal justice system

The world is focused on Paris Hilton's incarceration. The circus even triggered a campaign to remove Los Angeles Sheriff Lee Baca from office for granting Hilton an early release.

Sheriff Baca is not the culprit; the real perpetrator is the malfunctioning criminal justice system. Thanks to overzealous prosecutors and the failed war on drugs, jails and prisons are filled dangerously beyond capacity. Some jails – especially in California – are releasing inmates after serving only ten percent of their time.

Minorities and the poor have suffered the wrath of an unjust system for years. Recently our prison-addicted society has inconvenienced a few wealthy white American's like Hilton and the Duke La Crosse players. Their celebrity status should be used to draw attention to broader issues like the fact that the Dept. of Justice reported that over 7 million people were on probation, in jail or prison, or on parole at yearend 2005.

Rather than complaining about Hilton's release, activists would accomplish more by protesting the biased laws that result in long sentences for petty drug criminals and cause such overcrowding in prisons that officials are forced to release inmates early. In 2000 the mean sentence imposed on federal prisoners for violent felonies was 63.0 months as opposed to 75.6 months for drug felonies.\* The fact that murders, child molesters, rapists, and other violent criminals can get less time than non-violent drug offenders is alarming and a lot more newsworthy than Hilton's ordeal.

Augmenting the prison population is not the only accomplishment the drug war can claim. Since the enactment of mandatory minimum sentencing for drug users, the Federal Bureau of Prisons budget has increased by 1,954% from \$220 million in 1986 to more than \$4.3 billion in 2001.\* That same year, the California's prison expenditure was \$4.2 billion, yet residents still

live in violent, drug-infested neighborhoods.

Instead of questioning why Sheriff Baca sent the confused hotel heiress home, citizens should wonder why he, according to the Los Angeles Times, is the highest-paid local elected official in the nation. Find out why the state built 21 new prisons, and only one new university from 1984 to 1996. Or, ask California officials if they think increasing prison expenditures 30% while decreasing higher education spending by 18% from 1987 to 1995 had anything to do with California ranking the fourth dumbest state in Morgan Quitno's annual state education survey.

The media could evolve beyond stories on Hilton's prison stay and feature some of the talent wasted due to our prison-addicted society. Take for example, Kemba Smith, the Hampton student sentenced to 24 ? years on conspiracy charges. Since her pardon in 2000 by President Clinton, Smith graduated from Virginia Union University with plans to attend law school; was awarded a Soros Justice Postgraduate Fellowship; and is the founder of the Kemba Smith Foundation educating youth about injustices in the criminal justice system. How many Kemba Smith's are working for the average .93 cents per hour paid to prisoners?

Americans have become so desensitized to locking citizens behind bars, many people don't realize how barbaric it is to call for a troubled young lady to remain in jail instead of receiving treatment. Perhaps that's why the US has the highest incarceration rate in the world and the reason Georgia Attorney General Thurbert Baker would fight for Genarlow Wilson to serve his 10-year sentence for having consensual sex with a 15-year-old girl when he was 17.

Paris Hilton needs counseling; but our criminal justice system needs a transplant. The public needs to wake up from their celebrity-induced coma and focus on the real issues.

## The Counseling Corner Helping Your Daughter Develop A Positive Self-Image

by The American Counseling Association

It's an unfortunate fact of our society today that we force upon young women images of perfection that are unrealistic and unhealthy. From the covers of popular teen magazines to countless television ads and music videos, our daughters are bombarded with images of pencil-thin yet voluptuous models whose message is clearly "be like me to be successful and accepted."

These constant and unrelenting media images have a subtle, but certain effect on how girls view themselves, and it's an effect that's being seen at an ever younger age. You find it in girls who dress to mimic the fashions of female music and movie stars. You see it in young women constantly worrying about weight and appearance, or who lose interest in music, art or sports in order to focus more on their physical appearance and popularity with boys.

While it may be impossible to stop the avalanche of unrealistic media images, there are ways to counter this propaganda within your own house. Start by simply talking with your daughter about the media images she's seeing. Watch some of the TV shows and music videos she's watching. Read some of the magazines she reads. Then talk with her about how realistically some

of these women are being portrayed.

Ask her if this is how she or her friends really act, speak or look. Ask her about the messages being presented and how they make her feel. Are such feelings fair or realistic?

Discuss the realities of advertising and other media presentations of women. It's easy for a young girl to accept and admire the images being presented, while forgetting the make-up artists, hair stylists, designers, photographers and other professionals making such images possible.

You can also take action to help your daughter better recognize her own worth. Rather than complimenting her and other young women on their looks, compliment them on their interests, creativity, intellect, ideas and accomplishments. Encourage her to continue to develop her interests in art, music, sports or other activities, or help her develop new interests in areas other than appearance and popularity.

Rather than just allowing your daughter to be impressed by the images the media throws at her, help her gain a realistic perspective. Encourage your daughter to see her real value as a person, rather than measuring herself against unrealistic advertising images.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Use "Security Freeze" to Protect Yourself Against ID Theft

by Senator Ulysses Currie

On May 4, Governor O'Malley signed into law a bill to give Marylanders a powerful weapon – the security freeze – to protect themselves against ID theft.

Anyone can become a victim if ID theft. Every year, 10 million Americans become ID theft victims. In 2005, across the nation, ID thieves stole \$56.2 billion in goods and fraudulent credit. Last year, ID thieves victimized 5,000 Marylanders. In fact, Maryland ranks 11th in the nation in ID theft.

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*"It takes only one hacker or one stolen laptop to expose hundreds of thousands of people to ID theft."*

groups, AARP, many businesses and banks, the law allows people to block access to their consumer credit report. The security freeze, already law in 35 states, stops ID thieves dead in their tracks from using their victims' credit information to open new lines of credit and obtain credit cards. No business or financial institution is going to extend credit without being able to examine the applicant's credit history and information.

Beginning January 2008, Marylanders will be able to place a freeze on their credit report with the three major credit reporting agencies – Equifax, Experian or Transunion. The request should be made by certified mail or online, if the credit agency provides the online option. By 2010, consumers will be able to request a freeze by phone. The agency must place the freeze within five business days.

In addition, the agency must provide the consumer with written confirmation that the freeze has been placed, as well as a personal ID number to enable the consumer to temporarily lift or remove the freeze. A temporary lift of the freeze of removal must be done within 3

days of the consumer's request. By 2009, the agency must activate a temporary freeze within 15 minutes. While the freeze is in place, any information contained in the report cannot be released with the consumer's prior authorization.

It takes only one hacker or one stolen laptop to expose hundreds of thousands of people to ID theft. According to the Federal Trade Commission – FTC – in 2005, approximately 130 reported commercial security breaches exposed more than 55 million people to ID theft. In 2006, the theft of a Veterans' Administration employee's laptop exposed 26.5 million veterans to ID theft. In 2007, thieves hacked their way into computer systems at T.J. Maxx and Marshalls to steal 45.7 million credit and debit card numbers.

Victims of ID theft know well the time-consuming, frustrating and costly process of clearing their ID theft debt and their names and restoring their credit standing. A study by the Identity Theft Resource Center shows that victims discover ID theft more quickly – 12 to 18 months in 2000 to 1 to 6 months in 2003. However, the study shows that it takes longer to eliminate negative information from credit reports – from 175 hours in 2000 to 607 hours in 2003. Since January 2001, victims' out of pocket expenses in their efforts to fix and erase the damage done to them by ID thieves totals \$1.5 billion annually.

According to the Maryland Consumer Rights Coalition, the security freeze is the one thing you can do to stop ID thieves in their tracks.

As I see it, it is better to be safe than sorry. I urge everyone to use the security freeze to protect their credit information and themselves from ID thieves.

Sincerely,

Ulysses Currie

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# BUSINESS

## TEDCO Announces Maryland Incubator Award Recipients

*Prince George's County Companies Applied Media Analysis, Inc. and TMI Solutions Were Among Incubators Recognized*

By ANATH HARTMANN  
Contributing Writer

Thanks to College Park company Applied Media Analysis, Inc., we may soon be able to use our cell phones to translate foreign languages into English.

Applied Media, a software technology firm, was one of two P.G. County tech firms named finalists in the Seventh Annual Incubator Company of the Year Awards.

The awards, held June 19 at a reception at Baltimore's Center Club, recognized the accomplishments of area start-ups that currently are or were once part of a Maryland incubator.

Incubators are enterprises that aid entrepreneurs in the early stages of a business start-up, providing office space,

business advice and access to start-up capital.

Applied Media Analysis, earned the title of finalist for its cell phone language-translating software.

"Our program can convert a camera phone into a [portable] translating machine," said Huiping Li, one of the co-founders of the two-and-a-half-year-old company, which is located at the Technology Advancement Program, a University of Maryland venture incubator. "Say, for example, you were in Beijing for the 2008 Olympics. If you had this software on your camera cell phone, you could take a picture of a menu at a restaurant and the software would translate the menu for you."

Li said he plans to apply for consideration in next year's contest.

The other P.G. County firm named a finalist at the awards was TMI Solutions, Inc., located at the Technology Assistance Center Incubator in Largo, MD.

TMI Solutions is an information technology management services firm founded in 2001.

The awards are sponsored by The Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development, the Maryland Technology Development Corporation (TEDCO), RSM McGladrey, Inc. and Saul Ewing LLP.

"We look for companies in different categories," said Renee Winsky, executive director of TEDCO.

"Any company in a Maryland incubator is eligible to apply for the awards, and we also have a graduate category. What we're looking for are

companies that have had good growth in the number of employees, revenue and the services they deliver."

To be considered for an award, a company must fill out an application detailing its growth.

The number of applicants for the awards has remained in the mid-30s over the last seven years, Winsky said.

Though "no one makes any money off the awards," according to Winsky, the glass, date-and name-engraved trophies the award-winners receive can mean further opportunities for the start-up companies.

"One of the reasons we do this is to have the companies get exposure to angel investors," Winsky said, referring to investors willing to put relatively small amounts of

money into a new firm they think has potential but is by no means a safe bet. "The hope," Winsky said, "is that eventually

the companies will pique the interest of venture capitalists, which have a lot more funds available for investment.



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Adam Sachs, President of Commercial Operations of Laurel-based incubator corporation, Lentigen, Corporation converses with David Doermann, President of Applied Media Analysis at the TEDCO Incubator awards Tuesday, June 19.

## Konover Construction Renovates University House at College Park



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The University House in College Park, MD.

## Apartment Renovation to Aid in UMCP Housing Crisis

Courtesy SPIN

(COLLEGE PARK, MD) — Konover Construction Corporation, an established leader in the construction and renovation of higher education, hospitality and retail facilities, is renovating University House at College Park in Maryland. Konover Construction began renovations in January 2007 and is completing the project on an accelerated schedule for student occupancy this August.

The over \$5 million project will include numerous improvements and changes to the 122,000-sq. ft. student housing building. University House, owned by University Partners of Atlanta, GA, will undergo a complete refurbishing to its interior, roof and elevators. A fitness center, game room and Internet café with gourmet coffee bar will also be incorporated into the newly renovated structure.

The University House primarily houses students of the University of Maryland College Park. According to an

article that ran February 16, 2007 in The Diamondback, the university's independent student newspaper, the college is currently facing the worst housing crisis in the past 20 years, due partially to the university's attempts to pull in more transfer students, who make up about 90 percent of the university's wait-list for on-campus housing.

University Partners strives to provide high-quality and innovative living solutions for colleges and universities. With the same goals in mind, Konover's renovations to University House will provide tenants with modern and updated living environments. Freshly remodeled home spaces will include fully-equipped designer kitchens with black appliances and multiple phone, high-speed Internet and cable outlets.

Select apartments will also include patios or balconies. New amenities to the student-housing complex will include bike racks, 24-hour laundry facilities on every floor, and controlled access entry.

## Cafritz Developers Request Community Input to Shape Riverdale Development



PHOTO BY EMILY APATOV/THE PRINCE GEORGE'S POST

Prince George's County Council member Eric Olson (D)- District 3 (left) and Mayor of Riverdale Park, Vernon Archer (right).

## Cafritz Holds Meetings to Determine Character of Project

Cafritz from A1

because the property is adjacent to three such vibrant, varied neighborhoods."

The property is currently zoned for single-family residential housing, but Cafritz said that local residents have overwhelmingly expressed interest in a "mixed-use" community. Traditionally this is defined as a melding of residential and commercial space, but Cafritz's team extends the definition to provide resources for the community, from things like yoga and dance lessons to a place to attend concerts.

These desires are echoed by local residents, who also expressed an absolute need for the property to be accessible on foot.

"There is a large concern about pedestrian and bike accessibility," said Sandra Eichbaum, a resident of University Park and a contributor to the Route 1 Growth blog, which posts information on major projects along the Route 1 corridor. "The community wants to encourage people to walk and bike as a way of reducing traffic in the area, so having safe ways for residents to approach and move within the property this way is crucial."

Eichbaum added that local residents would like to see a type of construction that would adhere to environmentally sound practices. Residents have also expressed interest in buffer zones with trees, preserving the natural landscape

of the property.

Cafritz supports this vision and expands on it. "We, and the community, are interested in a property that is more than just environmentally friendly, but that also shares community assets — things like a photography darkroom or a painting studio. It's green because it makes a sustainable community."

Eichbaum also expressed a desire for "high-quality" businesses — restaurants and stores that are unique, rather than new branches of the chains that populate many of the nearby communities.

"It's a very diverse area, and we would like to see that diversity reflected in whatever businesses move in," said Eichbaum. "We would be

delighted to see restaurants that have good food and are locally owned and operated."

Development officials will take this and other concerns into consideration while drafting the project's design principles, to be unveiled at additional community forums scheduled for late July. Cafritz hopes to have a design plan in place by September, and expects the community involvement to continue through every step of development. "We welcome the input because we value the community," Cafritz said. "I'm very impressed with the citizens who have come out to talk to us, and I hope that they will stick with us through the process so that it truly becomes a joint vision."



# Out on the TOWN

## Barbara Martin and Mac Walter to Headline at the Hard Bargain Farm



PHOTO COURTESY RARE BIRD MUSIC

Jazz musicians Barbara Martin and Mac Walter will perform on July 28th in Accokeek, MD.

Courtesy **RARE BIRD MUSIC**

Bringing a rich stew of earthy blues peppered with sassy, swinging jazz, Barbara Martin and Mac Walter will perform on Saturday, July 28, at 8 p.m. at the Hard Bargain Farm Concert Series at Hard Bargain Farm, located at 2001 Bryant Point Rd. in Accokeek, MD. Their perfor-

mances are rooted in a healthy respect for the traditions of American music from Josh White to Bessie Smith to Billie Holiday. Martin's sultry, soulful voice combined with the bending, sliding strings of guitar wizard Mac Walter captivate audiences.

From the time she bought her first guitar at the age of 13, Barbara Martin has never been afraid to explore and

experiment. She moved from the folk coffeehouse circuit in her native Iowa to the new wave rock scene in Boston, to discovering her true love, blues and jazz, in the hills of Virginia.

From her decision in 1990 to give up her job as a social worker and embark on a career as a full time musician she has never looked back. Her journey has

taken her to festivals and concert venues throughout the United States and Europe six recordings and critical acclaim from presenters and reviewers alike.

Guitarist Mac Walter began his musical career at 16 when Marianne Price, formerly with Dan Hicks and the Hot Licks, convinced him to give up the ukulele and try the guitar.

Three months later Mac was playing in Marianne's band, and has not put the guitar down since. Over a 35 year career Mac has studied with guitar greats Roy Buchanan, John Knowles and Woody Mann.

He has performed with Danny Gatton and Deanna Bogart, touring the United States and Europe. Claiming influences from Wes Montgomery to Django Reinhardt to Frank Zappa, Mac is "a master of the acoustic guitar" Portfolio Magazine.

In addition to her regular concerts Martin offers two educational programs, "From Ragtime to Rock and Roll", an American musical history program for elementary school students, "Jivin' Jazz and Blues", a history of blues and jazz from 1890 to 1930 for middle school students and "Women in Blues", a presentation about the music, life and times of American women blues artists from the 1920's through the 50's for high school and older age groups. Her children's recording, "From Ragtime to Rock and Roll", received the 2000 Parents Choice Silver Honor.

## Nancy Drew Should Be Rated G-12

Film Featuring Super-Sleuth Heroine Suited for Girls Under 12- ONLY

By **STEVE RHODES**  
www.InternetReviews.com

NANCY DREW, which plays like a rejected pilot for the Nickelodeon cable network, cries out for a new MPAA rating of G-12. Only girls under the age of twelve -- and not their parents -- should be admitted to this minimal movie, which is made expressly for preteen girls. But, based on the reaction of our packed audiences of just the right demographics, even girls of the right age may find themselves pretty bored by this lame and lifeless production.

Trying to make NANCY DREW into the next LEGALLY BLONDE, director Andrew Fleming (THE IN-LAWS) turns Nancy into such an over-the-top type-A personality with OCD that you half expect her to be sent to a mental institution. Emma Roberts, giving a perfunctory rendition of the famous girl detec-

tive, doesn't have a clue as to how to connect with her audience.

Like Elle Woods in LEGALLY BLONDE, Nancy is all about fashion, albeit in an anti-fashion kind of way. Although Nancy isn't an overachieving blonde like Elle, Nancy does give out blondies as a bribe to encourage potential sources to reveal their secrets. Favoring retro clothes, heavy on the penny loafers and tweed skirts, Nancy looks like she

was blasted off in BACK TO THE FUTURE's time machine and delivered from the 1950s straight to the present day. Of course, the all-too-hip students of Hollywood High, Nancy's new school, ridicule the geeky girl from the sticks. The whole setup is straight out of MEAN GIRLS. Nancy isn't a girl who watches "American Idol," hangs out on MySpace or IMs her friends. She's the dorky type who curls up



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Even though she promised her worried Dad (TATE DONOVAN as Carson Drew) that she'd quit the "sleuthing" business, it isn't long before Nancy gets a lead on one of the greatest unsolved cases of all time: the mysterious circumstances surrounding the death of famous actress Dehlia Draycott.

with a good book like her current favorite, "Advanced Sandcastle Making."

Nancy has promised dear old dad that she has given up her sleuthing obsession, which, of course, she hasn't. The plot of the film concerns Nancy's investigation into the lost will and lost

offspring of the dead starlet whose house Nancy has rented for her dad and her to live in. Bad guys come after Nancy, which gives her lots of opportunities to utter really cheesy dialog. "It really gets my goat when someone tries to kill me," she tells Ned Nickerson (Max

Thieriot), her boyfriend from back home who has come to visit her.

No, the bad guys don't do Nancy in, so, if enough girls see this film, I'm sure the studio will be happy to churn out several more.

RATING (0 TO \*\*\*\*): \*\*

## Calendar of Events

### Thursday, June 28

From 1 — 6 p.m. at the Hyattsville Municipal Building, 4310 Gallatin St., Hyattsville, the American Red Cross will hold a blood drive. Participants should arrive at the first floor of the building's Multipurpose Room. All participants will take home a limited-edition Red Cross shirt that reads "It's Hip to Give." For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 800.448.3543.

### Friday, June 29

At 1:30 P.M., join community members at Merkle Wildlife Sanctuary and Visitor Center, located at 11704 Fenno Rd. in Upper Marlboro, for a hike through Merkle's scenic areas. Bring your camera to capture the moment, and enter your favorite photo in our contest.

### Saturday, June 30

Attention, Elvis impersonators living in Prince George's County! Ever wanted the chance to perform your act at Graceland in Memphis, TN? If so, come down to the Prince George's Stadium, home of the Bowie Baysox, between noon and 10 p.m. on Saturday, June 30, to compete in The Promised Land Contest where Elvis Tribute Artists will perform with a live band. The winner will go on to perform at Graceland in August during Elvis Week (August 11-19). The winner of that contest will go on to represent Graceland all over the world.

### Tuesday, July 3

Let naturalists inspire you as they sketch their observations of wildflowers, then use their drawings to identify the wildflowers in the field. The event will take place at the Merkle Wildlife Sanctuary and Visitor Center at 11704 Fenno Rd. in Upper Marlboro at 1:30 P.M.

### Sunday, July 8

Join the Marietta House Museum's Family Summer Fun on Sunday, July 8, and Sunday, August 6, 2007 between 2-5 p.m. For adults and children of all ages. Enjoy good "old-fashioned" fun featuring 19th century hands-on activities, crafts, and homemade ice cream. Reservations Required. Admission is \$3 per person. Marietta House Museum is located at 5626 Bell Station Road, Glenn Dale, MD off of Route 193 and just north of Route 450/Annapolis Road. For more information, please call 301.464.5291.

### COMING SOON

Love food? Love history? Join the Accokeek oundation on Saturday, July 21 as costumed interpreters demonstrate preparation of foods, representative of "middling" sort tobacco growing families. Learn how these families prepared fruit desserts, preservation, drying, and leathers.

On Friday, August 18, come for the second part of the series and watch as demonstrators show how tobacco-growing families made use of herbs in foods, medicines, and dyes.

These demonstrations are open to the public. There is a \$2 general admission fee for adults, \$0.50 for children ages 4 to 11. Members are free.

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# Elderly Cautioned to Avoid Heat Stroke

**Warning from A1**  
 ease, dehydration and medications diminish the ability of the body to compensate for increased core temperatures. A person with Heat Stroke has a body temperature above 104°F. Symptoms may include confusion, combativeness, bizarre behavior, faintness, staggering, strong rapid pulse, dry flushed skin, lack of sweating and possible delirium or coma. Immediate medical attention is essential when problems first begin.

What can be done to prevent hyperthermia?

- Drink plenty of liquids, even if not thirsty. Seniors should drink at least eight, 8-ounce glasses of water throughout the day. Eating a variety of fruits with high water content such as watermelon, pineapple, grapes, strawberries, peaches, apples and pears will also help to supply needed body fluids to prevent dehydration.
- Dress in light-weight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing.
- Avoid the mid-day heat and do not

engage in vigorous activity during the hottest time of the day—between noon and 4:00 p.m. When participating in outdoor sports and activities, be sure to protect the skin by using sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher (exposure to sunlight is a major cause of skin-related health problems). Wear a hat or use an umbrella for shade.

• If possible, use air conditioners liberally or try to visit air-conditioned places such as senior centers, shopping malls, libraries and theatres.

• Get accustomed to the heat by slowly exposing yourself to it briefly at first and increasing the time little-by-little.

• Avoid hot, heavy meals. Do a minimum of cooking and use an oven only when absolutely necessary. Remember to practice safe food handling during the warmer temperatures. Perishable foods should never be left out for more than two hours to prevent bacterial growth.

“Our goal is to get the word out to warn older adults of the dangers associated with heat and to encourage them to take

measures to protect themselves so they can have a safe and enjoyable summer. During periods of extreme heat, I would also urge family members, caregivers and neighbors of older individuals to frequently check on them to make sure their homes are properly ventilated and cooled, and that they have adequate fluids and foods,” said Gloria Lawlah, Secretary of the Maryland Department of Aging.

For further information on hot weather health and safety tips for seniors, contact your local Area Agency on Aging or Joe Gennusa, Ph.D., Client and Community Services, Maryland Department of Aging, at 410-767-1090, or toll free; 1-800-243-3425.

The Maryland Department of Aging, in partnership with local Area Agencies on Aging, provides leadership and advocacy for older Marylanders and their families through information, education, programs and services that promote and enhance choice, independence and dignity.

# County Awarded Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Accounting

*Courtesy* OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

**(UPPER MARLBORO, MD)** – Prince George's County Executive Jack Johnson announced today that the county received the highest form of recognition from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for the 27th year in a row. The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting (CAFR) specifically recognizes the county for its comprehensive annual financial report for fiscal year 2006.

“This very important achievement shows Prince George's County residents that our government has sound fiscal man-

agement,” Johnson said. “Our finance policies and finance professionals have received the national recognition they deserve.”

The Certificate of Achievement recognizes contributions to the practice of government finance that exemplify outstanding financial management. In addition, the awards stress practical, documented work that promotes improving public finance systems.

When determining award recipients, the CAFR is judged on how well it demonstrates a constructive full disclosure that clearly communicates its financial story and motivates potential users and user groups to read it.

The award was sent to the County's Finance Director, J. Michael Dougherty, on behalf of the Accounting Division. “Recognition of our high quality financial statement is gratifying as it recognizes the long hours and hard work of our staff. I am extremely proud of the men and women of our finance team for their expertise,” Dougherty said.

GFOA is the professional association of state/provincial and local finance officers in the United States and Canada, and has served the public finance profession since 1906. Over 16,000 GFOA members are dedicated to the sound management of government financial resources.

# Prince George's County, MD: Where Turning in Illegal Fireworks is Your Best

## Fireworks from A1

Program citizens may turn in illegal fireworks without penalty until July 20, 2007.

### The Law

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facture, possess, store, offer for sale, sell, discharge, use, burn, or explode any fireworks in Prince George's County, Maryland, except that an authorized display may be conducted by a licensed

pyrotechnic professional. Penalties for violations of the law include a fine of up to \$1,000 and/or six months in jail.

### Amnesty Program

In Prince George 's County, citizens may turn in fireworks without fear of being arrested or fined.

A member of the Fire/EMS Department will come to your home or business, remove your fireworks without any penalty and present you with an admission pass to Six Flags America. The amnesty program will remain in effect from today until Friday, July 20.

In exchange for turning in illegal consumer fireworks, Six Flags America will provide free admission to their theme park in Largo, MD.

Citizens may take advantage of this amnesty period by contacting the County's Fire/Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Department Operations Center at 301.583.2200.

Citizens may also call the same number to report illegal use of fireworks in Prince George 's County.

This is the eighth year that the Fire/EMS Department has partnered with Six Flags America to offer the Amnesty Program.

Fire and EMS officials encourage citizens and residents to enjoy their Independence Day Holiday at one of the many public or municipal fireworks displays.

## PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PUBLIC FIREWORKS DISPLAYS

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7800 Good Luck Road

City of Greenbelt  
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Town of Morningside  
6901 Ames Street

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## Rev. Lee

Question: Why is it not profitable for modern man to begin the study of the bible in the Old Testament?

Answer: For our answer, we must turn first, to the New Testament and its instructions for the NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH OF GOD, IN THE LIVING LORD JESUS CHRIST. Ephesians 3:3-12 tells us that the Church of which Jesus the Christ, the Son of God and the Lord of Glory, is the head and the body, is the "original intent" of God, in His relationship with mankind [Confirmed, 1 Thess 5:9-10; 2 Thess 2:13-14; Gen 12:3; Gal 3:8; Rom 16:25-26; 1 Peter 1:10-12, 23; Acts 10:15, 15:13-18; 17:22-31].

The Old Testament is merely a means, with no real realities of truth for the Church, only examples and warnings. The entire Church family everywhere is in the body of Christ in union, encapsulated, enclosed, in Christ Jesus, which is being interpreted as "the Kingdom of His [God's] dear Son [the Son of His love]."

All of the underlying motivations for God's dealings with mankind were a secret, a mystery, hidden, not fully revealed in the Old Testament era of Bible narrative.

But more importantly, salvation for the Gentile nations of the world [all non-true Israelites] was not possible in the Old Testament era, nor is their authority for them to be saved, apart from Israel. For Jesus came, first and foremost to fulfill God's promises to Israel, and, secondly, to offer God's mercy to the Gentile nations of the world, whom God had allowed to develop their own religions since they were on their way to hell and an eternal punishment anyway- but, since the New Testament, not anymore [see Rom 15:8, 9-13, 16, 16:25-26; Gal 3:8, 14-14; Acts 17:22-23, 14:15-17; Eph 2:11-17]. Jesus died for everyone [John 11:52; 1 John 2:2; Heb 2:9, 9:14-15].

And today, the New Testament tells us, "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature [a god- man of flesh and blood and divine spirit, a brand new created being through "regeneration," being born again of the Spirit]. In Christ, we have "CROSSED OVER" from the realm of sin and death, to the realm of "the law of the spirit of life" [Rom 8:1-4, 9, 14; Acts 11:14-18], and SERENITY [peace with God]

There are no instructions to the Church in the Old Testament about THE GOSPEL: THE GOOD NEWS of how God forgives sin, [He killed His Son]; grants eternal life [by His grace through our faith] and the sin that still separates man from God [unbelief in Jesus Christ as our personal Savior].

Consequently, all things pertaining to the true Christian Church are NEW. Preachers, pastors and churches who feed their members a steady diet of Old Testament teachings and sermons, are in essence spiritually starving their people. The Old Testament does not have the power to change the human heart [Gal 3:21]; and, (2) when one preaches from the Old Testament, one has to fabricate his or her own connection between their Old Testament text and some New Testament truth, which may or may not be the right connection at all.

The correct way is New Testament truth supported by Old Testament examples [Mat 12:40; John 3:14-15; Gal 3:8; 1 Cor 10:1-11; but see verse 13]. The Bible says that Christians are to "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ," and that's the New Testament Gospel [Rom 1:16-17; 1 Cor 1:21; Heb 2:3; 1 Cor 15:3-5].

## Prince George's County National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) July 2007 Family Support Group Offerings

Clinton Area Support Group  
 July 10, 6:30 - 8:30 P.M.  
 Colony South Hotel  
 7401 Surratts Road  
 Clinton, MD 20735  
 To register, contact Mary Heath at 301.856.8221

Area Support Group  
 July 18, 6:30 - 8:30 P.M.  
 6178 Oxon Hill Road, Suite 201  
 Oxon Hill, MD 20745  
 To register, contact James E. Jones at 301.894.3042

New Carrollton Area Support Group  
 July 16, 10:00 a.m. - Noon  
 Hanko Building at Beckett Field  
 8511 Legation Road  
 New Carrollton, MD 20784  
 To register, contact Margie Owens at 301.345.1572  
 Oxon Hill/ Ft. Washington

Capitol Heights Area Support Group  
 July 26, 7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.  
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# Brandywine/ Aquasco

**Brandywine from A2**

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## Congratulations

Congratulations to the new student member of the Prince George's County Board of Education, Haywood Perry III. Perry was elected on May 15, 2007 by the Prince George's Regional Association of Student Governments. Perry will begin his term at the beginning of the

2007-2008 school year. Perry attends Oxon Hill High School and is carrying a 4.13 grade point average.

## June Wedding Anniversaries

Best wishes and God's Blessings on another year of love and togetherness to the following: Mr. and Mrs. Desales Dade, Mr. and Mrs. Severson Banks, Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Hawkins, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Magruder.

# Cavitt and Vaughn, County Commissioners

**Commissioners from A1**

civic and community activist devoted to the protection and enhancement of the quality of life in the County, particularly the Southern Area. She is also President of the Indian Head Highway Area Action Council Inc., Vice President of the Police District IV Citizens' Advisory Council, and the Chair of the Dictionary Initiative for all 3rd graders in the County. Ms. Cavitt earned her bachelor's degree from Creighton College.

Mr. Vaughn was first appointed to the Planning Board and M-NCPPC in 2003. His civic affiliations include the Palmer Park Citizens

Association, Neighborhood Action Partnership, and Boys and Girls Club. He is a Trustee of Hemingway Memorial A.M.E. Church, former member of the Prince George's County Police Chief's Advisory Committee, and has served as a member of the County's Republican Central Committee and President of both the County and State Black Republican Councils. Mr. Vaughn is widely recognized for his work as Past President of the Prince George's County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), where he directed the Association in successful lawsuits for desegrega-

tion of the public schools, and against police misconduct. He retired from Prince George's County Government in 1997, as an administrator in the Department of Environmental Resources.

"We are delighted with the appointment of these two highly qualified individuals to the Planning Board and the Commission," said Chairman Samuel J. Parker, Jr. "Their strong history of commitment to, and involvement in, the community will be an invaluable asset in their new positions, as will the high degree of integrity and fairness they will bring to their decision-making responsibilities as Commissioners."

# BrainstormUSA Continues to Support Education in Prince George's County

program was implemented at the school with the approval of Principal Sandra Jimenez, and overseen by a team of faculty led by Susan Toerge, the English as a Second Language Teacher and her team. Toerge's team hosted a preliminary contest, judging student entries prior to students projects being entered into the national contest.

Shante'l is the third scholarship winner in Prince George's County Public Schools in the nine years the program has been offered in the county. The others came from Pointer Ridge Elementary in Bowie. Elissa Weir and her brother, Ryan Weir were the first two scholarship winners in Prince George's County earlier this year. There have been fifty plus other students in the county who have won computers and/or educational software in the past. These students have been from all over the

county: Lewisdale, Indian Queen, Hyattsville, Beacon Heights, Fort Foote Elementary Schools and the list continues.

In addition to the Shante'l winning a \$5,000 scholarship, Langley Park-McCormick Elementary and Mrs. Linda Hutchinson, will both receive a CSI multi-media computer and a variety of educational software—that's 2 computers and 80 educational software titles awarded to the school and faculty.

"The Dare to Dream - Expect to Succeed" program is designed to show children the value of setting goals, sharing their hopes and having the self-confidence to communicate their vision," said Joe Galluccio, President and CEO of BrainstormUSA.

The competition is open to students across the nation, from kindergarten to high school. Entries are judged based on the child's age and the merits of the

project. The student is asked to describe a personal goal, and how he or she hopes to achieve it. Any medium can be used - prose, poetry, photography, collage or painting - depending on the interest of the child. In addition, along with the student entry, parents are asked to describe how they will support their child's efforts to realize his/her dreams. The intent is to increase communication in the family, as well as the parents' commitment to helping their children achieve their goals.

BrainstormUSA developed the Dare to Dream - Expect to Succeed program as a way to encourage students to describe and pursue their dreams. Every quarter BrainstormUSA awards scholarships, computers and educational software to winning students and teachers.

# Local Association Awards Scholarships Generously

**BMOGWD from A1**

and in good standing. The scholarship awards are given directly to the scholarship recipients during their annual luncheon. This luncheon honors Reginal T. Cureton, one of the founding members of the 100 BMOGW. As is customary with events of this nature, there were words of wisdom shared throughout the program. The keynote speaker, however, exceeded everyone's expectations by relating to the entire audience (students and parents alike) in a most dynamic way. \

The keynote speaker for the 2007, luncheon was Daniel Beaty; an award winning actor, singer, writer and composer. Mr. Beaty has worked throughout the US, Europe, and Africa in a variety of styles ranging from television to solo concerts to theatrical productions to opera. He has performed at the Apollo Theater, The Kennedy

Center and The White House. Mr. Beaty's many awards include the 2007 Obie Award for Outstanding Writing and Performance. During his keynote speech he was able to relate his personal struggles with the audience by interjecting scenes from his one-man play, Emergence-SEE!. His struggle was all too familiar in Black America-- a father in prison, a drug addicted brother and mother who had to work long hours to help them survive.

As he gave his speech, he recognized those people who helped him along the way; from his third grade teacher who recognized his oratory gift, to the organizations that helped with his education. The story that he shared was positive one; Mr. Beaty graduated with Honors from Yale University with a Bachelor's of Arts in English & Music. He also holds a Masters of Fine Arts in Acting from

American Conservatory Theatre (ACT). His brother overcame his addiction and father was released from prison. Both have been able to see him perform.

We in the Washington area will be blessed to see his play again this year. Following sold out performances and standing ovations during a run in February 2007, Mr. Beaty was asked to return with his electrifying one-man play, Emergence-SEE!. In this stirring commentary on modern black life, a slave ship rises out of the Hudson River in front of the Statue of Liberty, sending New York City into a whirlwind of emotion. Through vivid imagery, slam poetry and song, Daniel Beaty portrays more than 40 characters that respond to the slave ship, and reflect on issues of identity and personal freedom. Emergence-SEE! runs July 5th - 22nd at Arena Stage's Kreeger Theater.

# WSSC's Kelly Raises Money, Awareness for Water Security

**Kelly, from A2**

access to safe drinking water and improved sanitation and health.

The group's goal was to raise \$20,000, or \$1 for every mile they travel. So far, the group has received pledges totaling more than \$37,000.

"Working in the water industry has made it clear that water is increasingly precious to us, and even more so to the two-thirds of the people on this planet who do not have a safe and reliable source of drinking water available to them," says Kelly. "This ride is not something I can allow to pass by me."

A motorcycle junkie, Kelly's passion dates

# Morningside-Skyline

**Morningside, Page A2**

a couple bottles of water and an American flag. Hope to see you there.

I'm not sure if there will be afternoon activities in the park after the parade. But there will be fireworks at dusk. Rain date for the fireworks will be July 5.

## Riley Christened

Our newest great-grandchild, Riley Robert McHale, was baptized at St. Philip's on June 23 by Father Arnold DePorter. Godparents are Riley's uncle and aunt, Conor and Heather McHale, who helped celebrate the occasion with a crab feast later in their backyard on Woodyard Road.

The proud parents are David and Nina McHale, of Centennial, Colo. They flew here from Colorado with their three children, Jack, 4; Molly, 2; and the newly-christened Riley who was born March 16.

## Disney puppeteers marry

Christie Rees, formerly of Skyline, and Christopher Cox were married May 10th in Negril, Jamaica. They are puppeteers at Disneyworld and live in Davenport, FL.

Christie is the daughter of Anna and John Rees, my former Skyline Drive neighbors. Anna emailed that 14 of them stayed at Moon Dance Villas in Jamaica. They had their own five-bedroom villa with their own chef, bartender and housekeeper—right there on the beach.

Christie is the granddaughter of Peg Snyder, my longtime neighbor, formerly with Navy Oceanographic. Peg has suffered fractures of both hips in recent years and is too fragile to live alone. So she is at an assisted-living home in Tennessee, near her daughter Midge. According to Anna Rees, Peg is still pretty active, she "bustles around there and stays in everybody's business, so we know she is content! She turns 87 this September and looks like she's not about to slow down."

## Applause

Erica McMonigle, daughter of Brenda and

back to his childhood, when he jury-rigged two-wheeled contraptions that got him - illegally - around the streets of Long Island, New York. For the Toronto trip, he's climbing aboard his trusty steed, Lucy, a 1996 Yamaha Virago 1100cc cruiser.

On June 21, he'll travel as far as Niagara Falls. The next day he's meeting the other 14 riders in Owen Sound, 200 miles north of Toronto. On Saturday, June 23, the group will ride into Toronto together for the start of the annual American Water Works Association conference.

All money raised goes directly to Water for People. Tom is paying for his travel expenses.

Kevin McMonigle and granddaughter of Betty and Benny Nagro, graduated from Salisbury State University with a master's in social work and is now working for Howard County. She is also the granddaughter of Mary Jo and her late husband, Col. Joseph McMonigle, formerly of Goodfellow Drive in Skyline.

Angela Booth graduated from Huntingtown High, in Calvert County, and will attend Concord University in West Virginia. Eventually she expect to go into law. She is the daughter of Jill and Wayne Booth, and granddaughter of the late Morningside Councilman William Gilmartin and his wife Alice.

Kindergarten teacher Eileen Galewski was named Teacher of the Year at St. Philip's School.

## Ride for Life

The Potomac Valley Dressage Association's Ride for Life will be held at the Prince George's Equestrian Center in Upper Marlboro on Saturday, June 30, and Sunday, July 1, to benefit the Johns Hopkins Breast Center. Members of the association put on the Ride for Life, along with a team of breast cancer survivors organized through the Johns Hopkins Breast Center.

Doors open at 4 pm for the Dancing Horse Challenge on Saturday. The pre-show starts at 6:15 pm. Seating is first come, first serve. A \$10 donation at the door is requested. Kids under 12 are free.

## Milestones

Happy birthday to Juanita Eppard, Erica R. Webb, EvaMarie Anthony, June 28 and our granddaughter Leah Katherine Mudd, June 28; Faith "Dycki" Brown and Alexis Schuler, June 29; Karen (Beardmore) Ellis, June 30; Ruth LaBelle and Jordan Foster, July 1; Sharon Simms, Matthew Clark and Megan Frostbutter, July 2; Sarah Booth and Jack Hay II, July 3; and Grace Carruth, on Independence Day.

Happy anniversary to Jack and Kimberly Hay, their 21st on June 28; Dave and Kathleen Giroux, their 44th on June 29; and John and Dawn Anthony, July 3.

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