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Beltsville Briefs

Meet and Greet Jay Jay the Jet Plane

Meet and have a photo taken with one of TV's most popular cartoon characters on Saturday, March 7 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the College Park Aviation Museum located at 1985 Cpl. Frank Scott Drive, College Park. Ticket price includes a photo with Jay Jay, museum admission, arts and crafts, and fun family activities. Tickets are for timed admissions. An adult must accompany all children. All adults and children over 12 months of age must be registered. For reservations or questions about ticket purchases please call 301.864.6029. Cost is \$8 per participant. For information and reservations, call 301-864-6029, TTY 301-699-2544, Web page www.collegeparkaviationmuseum.com.

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Department of Parks and Recreation, sponsors this program. Accommodations for individuals with disabilities are available upon request, including sign language interpreters. Please contact the facility two weeks in advance of the program start date.

American Legion Bowling

The George Smith American Legion Post #235 is sponsoring a Bowling Tournament on Saturday,

March 21, 2009 at

1:00 p.m. to be held at AMF Ritchie Lanes located at 6608 Ritchie Highway, Glen Burnie, MD. The cost

to enter the tournament is \$20/pp with 4 members required per team. Teams are still available and forming. Don't miss out on this exciting event. For more information or to register, please contact Danzell Lomax at dlomax64@yahoo.com or 240.305.6125.

Basket Bingo

St. Joseph's Parish will conduct a Basket Bingo on Friday evening, March 27 in the Parish Hall at 11011 Montgomery Road

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College Park Unit #217 Loves Our Veterans

By Ivy Christoffers

What a show of love and respect for our veterans throughout the entire month of February! It began with the beautiful service held at the Memorial Chapel at Maryland University on Feb. 7th, the 27th annual Day For God And Country in the Southern Maryland District of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Maryland.

This is the largest program of its kind held by the ALA in Maryland each year and requires many, many volunteers to be successful. The program was planned by the chairman, Evelyn Johnson, a past SMD President and myself, the current SMD President, along with the assistance of a large committee. The chapel



College Park American Legion Post #217 Color Guard, Mark Beard, escorted by Northwestern High School NJROTC Captain Rodriguez, presenting the POW/MIA Flag during the "Time of Remembrance" portion of the 27th annual Day For God And Country held at The Memorial Chapel at Maryland University February 7th.

was being renovated and it was completed on the last day before the service was to be held. The construction crew took a week longer than they were supposed to but did a fabulous job. The place was beautiful. The representatives of the chapel, Megan and Janice, were delightful to work with and the organist, Elizabeth Schneider, played as though the angels came down from heaven and guided her hands. The participants in the service performed beautifully and the young poppy princesses lifted our hearts as they placed their poppy crosses and the chain on the poppy board. The five service representatives, the POW/MIA flag pre-

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St. Joseph's Catholic School Celebrates Service

Although Catholic Schools Week was interrupted by a couple of "wintry mix" days, students at St. Joseph's School celebrated service in a variety of capacities including the tremendous corps of parent volunteers who help make the school a rich learning environment as well as those who serve humanitarian needs. Students learned valuable social justice lessons and examined the lives of people who devoted themselves to serving mankind. Catholic Schools Week events included Volunteer Appreciation Day

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Seventh graders at St. Joseph's School presented portrayals of Martin Luther King, Jr., Rosa Parks, Gandhi, St. Francis of Assisi and Blessed Mother Teresa in a celebration of Social Justice day on February 12.

SADD: Students Against Destructive Decisions

Students Against Destructive Decisions is a community based organization that strives to prevent young people from doing dangerous things. These students from Eleanor Roosevelt High School meet every Monday to plan and discuss various activities and upcoming events. Officers include our President Natasha Lawson, Vice President, Theresa Villa, Co-Secretary, Bernadette Abade-

jos, Co-Secretary, Jordan Veney, Treasurer, Neima Rahim, Historian, Precious Williams, Publicity Director, Lea Claye, and Art Director, Kara Robinson. SADD's advisor, Joanne De Rosa Read, along with Lea Claye and new member Terry Basile are Beltsville natives.

This organization is well established (under Mrs. Read's direction since 2002) and over the

past seven years has participated in many events. SADD recently inducted 45 new members on December 11, 2008. SADD is currently applying for the Washington Regional Alcohol Program's (WRAP) GEICO Award, an honor that the ERHS SADD chapter has won four years in a row. In addition, several ERHS students from

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Submissions Due

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Than:

March 18

Paper Out:

March 28

On the Agenda



BY PRESIDENT KAREN M. COAKLEY

Powder Mill Beer and Wine has a potential new owner who will be our guest at the March meeting. We will meet on Wednesday, March 18th at 7:00 p.m. at Beltsville Elementary School.

CHRISTMAS IN APRIL is looking for volunteers to help with a home in Beltsville. Drywall, painting, plumbing, yard clean-up, etc. If you can help, please call Doug Easter at the District 6 Police Station 301.937.0910

THEFT PREVENTION REMINDER... DO NOT LEAVE VALUABLES IN YOUR CAR... Computers, GPS, cellphone, ipods, cd's money. We have had an increase in items being stolen from cars around Beltsville in February.

I can be reached at 301.937.0157 if you have a community concern.

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25 Years Ago in the Beltsville News

By Phil Whitman

*Extracted from the March
1984 Issue*

Miller Ordained

Connie A. Miller of Beltsville was ordained into the Holy Ministry of Word and Sacrament at the University Lutheran Church at East Lansing, MI on February 12, 1984.

Church Celebration

The Good Tidings Assembly of God held a 25th anniversary celebration on March 25, 1984. Evangelist **Dener Surgener** from Marine City, MI was guest speaker.

Duncan Moves to New Post

Kenneth V. Duncan, a former chief administrator for Prince George's County joined John Hanson Savings and Loan as a Senior Vice President.

Lions Help Beltsville Families

The Beltsville Lions Club provided food baskets for 18 needy

families during the past holiday season.

Voight Named to Maryland Hall of Fame

John Voight, a physical education instructor for 30 years, was inducted into the Maryland State Athletic Hall of Fame on February 20, 1984.

Dr. Beasley Addressed AAUW

Dr. Maureen Beasley was the speaker on March 12, 1984 at the College Park Branch of the American Association of University Women held at the Auditorium of Marie Mount Hall on the University of Maryland campus.

Gymnast Wins International Meet

Local gymnastics superstar **Patti Kieckerhefer** won the 1984 Snowball Invitational in Virginia Beach.

Jenkins to Run for School Board

Mary Ellen Jenkins, long-

time Prince George's County civic activist, announced her candidacy for the Prince George's County Board of Education.

New Arrivals

Allison A. Marcus was born to **Rick & Ellen Marcus** on December 30, 1983.

Kristina Lee was born on January 12, 1984 to **Jamie & Cara Caton**.

Wayne William was born on February 21, 1984 to **Steve & Michelle Baldwin**.

Obituaries

J. Reginald Arrington died of a heart attack at his home in Beltsville on February 25, 1984.

Zalley P. Thompson, 67, of Beltsville, died February 5, 1984 at the Greater Laurel Beltsville Hospital. He was a sergeant in WW II.

Chlora P. Sullivan, 81, of Beltsville, died at Leland Memorial Hospital in Riverdale on January 31, 1984. She served in the U.S. Navy from 1918-20 as a Yeoman 3rd Class.

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the radio and TV production class, instrumental music, creative writing class, and SADD participated

in the 1st Teen Driving Safety contest. The winners of this contest will be announced soon. SADD sponsors events like Red Ribbon Week, "Dances and Hugs" Home-

coming pledge, Prom Promise, and The Great American Smokeout, to name a few. Every year since 2006, SADD has given a memorial award to outstanding seniors who show a large dedication to SADD and make a difference in the lives of their fellow students by participating in this important service organization. The award is in memory of Marguerite De Rosa, the sister of advisor Joanne De Rosa Read. Ms. De Rosa was a phenomenal woman who came up with the slogan "Dances and Hugs are Better than Alcohol and Drugs." For ten years before her death, she overcame her battle with alcohol and drugs and continues to be an inspiration to all SADD members. Every May, at the Senior Awards Assembly, SADD continues to remember Ms. De Rosa by honoring SADD recipients through her award.

Every year, SADD tries to implement something new into the club. This year, SADD started its first newsletter that is published for the entire staff and student body. The newsletter gives a brief summary of upcoming events in order to keep the ERHS community informed. Most of the published newsletters include alcohol and driving statistics, pictures of SADD members and events, and the names of all officers.

New members are always welcome. ERHS SADD's slogan to fellow students is:

"Be there to make a difference!" which SADD members continue to do.

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Neighbors in the News



Scouts meet the Monster Truck Grave Digger

Scouts Enjoy Busy Month

By Gary Baughan, Scoutmaster

The end of January and early February were particularly busy for the Boy Scouts. Scouts and their families traveled to the Verizon Center in Washington, DC to attend the Monster Truck Jam at the end of January. Scouts Curtis Gill, Eric Matthews, Chaim Johnson, Adrian Villarreal, and Chris Walker accompanied by Scoutmaster Gary Baughan, Assistant Scoutmasters, Gregory Baughan and Paul Villarreal, parents Betsy Matthews and Bob Walker and family were able to go down into the Monster Truck pit to see the trucks up close and personal. The scouts obtained autographs of the drivers of the trucks and had their pictures taken next to the gigantic machines. After the pit show the scouts found their seats in the upper deck to watch the Monster Trucks jump over cars smashing them as they landed. They popped wheelies and made donuts all to the thrill of the crowds. The scouts cheered on the 4x4 quad cars as they raced each other around the track. The scouts were amazed as the motorcyclists did handstands and other tricks on their bikes while flying through the air. The boys especially

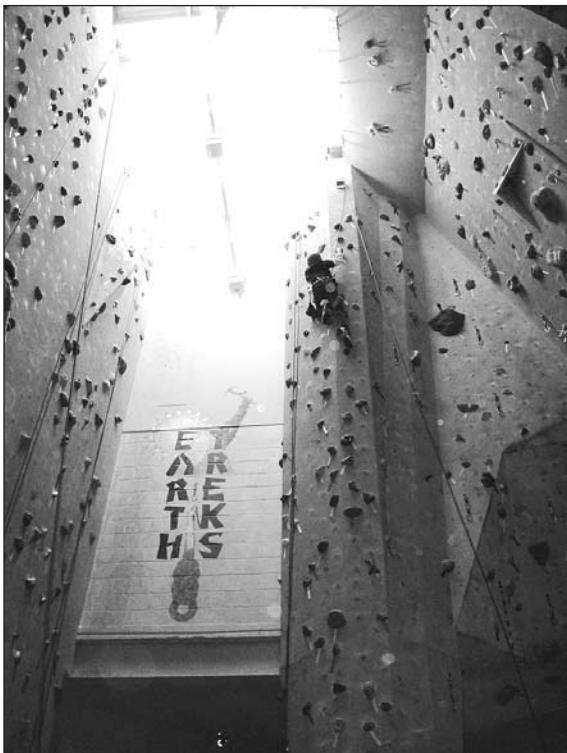
enjoyed watching Superman flip over while doing a donut in the mud. The highlight of the day was watching the crowd's favorite Monster Truck, Grave Digger, perform jumps, spins and tricks. Everyone had a great time.

On the last Saturday of January the Boy Scouts traveled to Columbia, MD to Earth Trek that is an indoor climbing facility. The scouts learned the proper way to put on a harness and helmet, tie themselves in with a proper figure 8 knot and the correct commands for belaying (controlling the safety line of a climber). The scouts

practiced their skills in the one story instructional area before they applied their skills in the 3 story tall climbing walls. Boy Scouts Mick Cotter, Patrick Deery, Jaden Freeze, Jamie Garcia, Chaim Johnson, Eric Matthews, Limbert Reyes, Chris Walker and Cub Scout Nicholas Walker all reached new heights in learning climbing skills and the thrill of reaching the top of the building. Chaim (Spiderman) Johnson was particularly good at climbing tall walls in a very short period of time.

February 8th was the 99th anniversary of Boy Scouting and the scouts celebrated by serving a pancake, sausage, juice and coffee breakfast to parishioners at Emmanuel United Church and family members of the scouts. Following the pancake breakfast the scouts participated in Scout Sunday at Emmanuel United Methodist Church or St. Joseph's Catholic Church. A Scout is Reverent and so the scouts showed their duty to God by attending the church service of their choice.

A special note: The Boy Scout spring fund raiser will be delayed one month this year. Look for order forms in March with a delivery day in April.



Scouts Reach New Heights

Dr. Kathy Mellott Recognized for Academic Pursuits

The Continuing Education Board of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) granted Dr. Kathleen (Kathy) Mellott a 6th Award for Continuing Education (ACE) on

September 17, 2008. Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists may meet the requirements of ACE by earning seven ASHA Continuing Education Units in a thirty-six month period. Dr. Mel-

lott joins a select group of individuals who have made a concerted personal effort to continue professional learning beyond an academic degree.

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Neighbors in the News

My Valentine's Evolution

By Jeannine Carter

Valentine's Day – 28 years into a marriage. Gone are the days of disappointment, when a dozen roses didn't arrive at the front door before noon on February 14. Getting dressed up to go out for a steak dinner and ordering a bottle of Korbel champagne are long gone. There is a surrendered sweetness about being excited about a Valentine's Day dance at the American Legion.

Through the years, creativity became the mother of invention. One year, I cut out red and white hearts from construction paper and wrote titles of our favorite songs

– the soundtrack of memories. They peppered the floor of the foyer and the carpeting of the front stairs as my husband entered our house after work. "You're My Everything" or "My Guy" written on those hearts was a greater gift than a store-bought card. The heart that read "Gangster of Love" was my hubby's favorite.

The next year I cut out the same red and white hearts and wrote, "I love you" on each one and hung nearly 20 of them from every light fixture in the house. One of those hearts survives on the overhead light directly in front of the powder room. My sons regularly beg

me to remove it, but I refuse.

The following year I bought a large poster board and glued pictures of my husband and me hugging or having fun and hung it from the ceiling at the entrance to our dining room. To his surprise and delight, the opposite side consisted of pictures of our two wonderful sons doing the same – hugging and having fun.

Marriage should be celebrated in the real world. Conquering finances, family issues and day-to-day struggles will always be a part of our lives. Maybe we should just take one day out of the quagmire of life and rejoice in love.

Obituaries

Connors, David R.

David R. Connors of Beltsville died on Thursday, January 22, 2009. He was the beloved husband of Joy I. Connors and the father of Craig (Teresa), Kevin, Patrick, Timothy (Audrey) Connors and Corrine (Frank) Harris. He was the stepfather of Helen (Don) Garvey, Patricia and Melissa Marsden, grandfather of Lawrence, Christian, Courtney, Shane, David, Donald, Ryan, Nicholas, Frankie and Devin. Funeral service was held at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 11007 Montgomery Road, Beltsville, MD on Tuesday, January 27 at 10:00 a.m. Interment George Washington Cemetery. Borgwardt Funeral Home made the arrangements.

Milnor, Marie A.

Marie A. Milnor of Beltsville died on Sunday, February 1, 2009. She was the beloved wife of Joseph E. Milnor, and the loving mother of Barbara A. and Joseph R. Milnor. She was the sister of Matthew Smolka and grandmother of Tiffany, Haley and Allan. Memorial service was held at Borgwardt Funeral Home on Friday, February 6 at 12:00 noon with Deacon Finis Thompson officiating.

Povlishock, Mary

Mary Povlishock, 86, formerly of Beltsville, died in her home in Vienna, VA on Wednesday, January 28, 2009. Her parents, Alexander and Mary Spock, and her husband, Theodore Povlishock, preceded her in death. Her son, Dr. John Povlishock and wife Deborah, a daughter, Mary Ann Martell, and husband James, and a brother, Dr. Alexander Spock, survive her. Four grandchildren, Jay Martell, Michele Pehrkon, Alexandra and Marisha Povlishock also survive her, as do two great grandchildren, Paige and Reid Pehrkon. Also surviving her are sisters-in-law, Dianina Spock, Sophia Chowka, and Catherine Slodysko, and multiple

nieces and nephews. Mrs. Povlishock was a retired employee for the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, MD. The family received friends on Sunday, February 1, at Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road in Beltsville. The funeral service was held on Monday, February 2 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 11007 Montgomery Road, Beltsville. Interment followed at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Silver Spring, MD. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Scaggs, Janet Lee

Janet Lee (nee Fasick) [Webb] Scaggs passed away at her Beltsville residence of 28 years on January 7, 2009. She had fought breast cancer for the past six years.

Janet Lee was born in Washington, D.C. and spent her early years living with her family in Damascus and Kensington, MD.

She graduated from Einstein High School in 1968 and went to work for the C&P Telephone Co. during that summer. She was first employed as a telephone operator/clerk. She was one of the very first women to accept a promotion to a non-traditional job as a residence/small business telephone equipment installer/repairman. Another promotion placed her in a job where she maintained much larger and more complex business systems, known back then as Private Branch Exchange (PBX) telephone switching systems. A later promotion was into the management side of the company as a first-level supervisor in a telephone repair (611) bureau. She left that company, by then known as Bell Atlantic, very early in 1996.

Her first marriage to Howard Webb ended in divorce.

Janet and I were married in February 1983 and remained so until her passing. We both left Bell Atlantic at almost the same time and have remained fully retired for

the last 13+ years. Rick Scaggs

Umberger, Thelma R.

Thelma R. Umberger, 102, formerly of Beltsville, passed away on Friday, January 23, 2009. She was the beloved wife of the late Kelly M. Umberger, mother of Lorraine U. (John) Garofolo and the late McDonald Umberger. She was the sister of Mayme Umberger, grandmother of Diane Kuster, Wayne Umberger, John Garofolo, Tina A. (James) Nowakowski and the late Donnie Umberger, Jr. Nine great grandchildren and three great great grandchildren also survive her. Funeral service was held at the Wildwood Baptist Church, 10200 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, MD on Wednesday, January 28 at 11:00 a.m. with the Reverend David Sayne officiating. Interment Forest Oak Cemetery, Gaithersburg, MD. Borgwardt Funeral Home made the arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to Wildwood Baptist Church.

Weaver, Peggy L.

Peggy L. Weaver, 92, passed away on Thursday, February 12, 2009. She was the beloved wife of the late Willis Weaver, and loving mother of William E. (Charlotte) Weaver, Linda C. (Marvin) Woodring and Robert A. (Karen) Weaver. She was the grandmother of Charles, Tracey, Brett, Kellye, Michael, Shannon, Kristin, Kevin and Megan. Twenty-three great grandchildren, three great great grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews and lifelong friends Shiela Carberry and Marge Tyler also survive her. Funeral service was held at Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville on Monday, February 16 at 1:00 p.m. with the Reverend Jack Fitzgerald officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of the Chesapeake.

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from 7:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. (non-smoking). Come join us for this fun-filled event. Bingo winners will receive speciality baskets, pottery and home accessories. There will be door prizes and raffles too! Tickets are available for \$10.00 (in advance) daily at the school and parish offices, or for \$12.00 at the door. Refreshments are available.

Computer Classes

The Beltsville Community Center is offering computer classes for seniors, adults and teens beginning in March. Classes meet for 1 hour a week for 4 weeks for a fee of \$35 for residents and \$42 for non-residents. The following courses are being offered:

Course	Course #	Date	Time
Internet Skills	138681	March 3	12 noon
Word	138708	March 9	9:00 a.m.
Word	138709	March 9	6:00 p.m.
PowerPoint	138692	March 9	7:00 p.m.
Computer Skills 2	138678	March 10	10:00 a.m.
Computer Skills	138664	March 10	11:00 a.m.
PowerPoint	138695	March 10	8:00 p.m.
Excel	138691	March 12	9:00 a.m.
Internet Skills	138682	March 31	12 noon

Spring Camps Offered to All Girls

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Prince George's County

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Charles County

It's a Girl's Life, April 6 - 9, 2009 at William B. Wade Elementary, Waldorf, MD

Charles, Calvert and St. Mary's Counties

Get in the Picture, April 6 - 9, 2009 at Camp Winona, Hughesville, MD

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ited So Register Soon!! Visit www.girlscouts4u.org or contact Lori Davis at 1.800.834.1702 or 301.638.5373 or ldavis@gscnc.org for more information. For more camp options, please visit www.gscnc.org.

Augsburg Academy Opens Summer Program Registration

The Augsburg Academy, 13800 Old Gunpowder Road, Laurel, has opened registration for the 2009 Augsburg Summer Program. Five one-week sessions will be held beginning June 29, 2009. The program is open for students from kindergarten through 9th grade.

The Summer Program costs \$195 per week, but early bird registration (now through April 14th) is \$150 per week. The program runs from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, and both before and after-program care are available for an additional fee.

Summer campers have the opportunity to participate in an academic enrichment program to keep reading, mathematics, and language arts skills fresh, a mini-Vacation Bible School, and a sports and activities program.

"We know that parents are interested in having their children maintain or improve their academic skills during the summer months," said program director Carli Rossow. "So we have designed the Augsburg Summer Program to do just that in a safe and fun environment."

For more information on the Augsburg Summer Program, visit the Augsburg Academy web site (www.AugsburgAcademy.net) or call 240.786.0283. The Augsburg Summer Program is sponsored by Augsburg Academy, an independent, private school for students from pre-kindergarten through 9th grade.

Get Fit and Embrace Life

Berwyn Baptist Church is hosting FIRST PLACE 4 HEALTH, the Christian weight-loss program that invites Christ into your life. The orientation is on Tuesday, April 14 and meetings are held Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Berwyn Baptist Church, located at 4720 Cherokee Street, College Park. For further information, contact Sandy at 240.601.1640.

Rosapepe's Report to Beltsville

Powder Mill Beer and Wine License Revoked

As a result of the continuing efforts of the Beltsville Civic Association led by Karen Coakley, the Prince George's liquor board revoked the store's license in January. The Delegates and I urged the board to do this, given all the problems at this store, particularly the selling of liquor to minors. The store is just down the street from High Point High School. This action shows how effective the community can be in keeping Beltsville a good place to live if we work together and are persistent.

Opposing Liquor License for Sweet Moon Grill on Rt. 197

The liquor board will soon be considering a liquor license for the Sweet Moon Grill that wants to open up at the site of the old



Senator Jim Rosapepe

J's Sports Café on Rt. 197 in South Laurel. Because of concerns about the owners experience in other locations and the danger of Beltsville police being diverted to deal with potential problems there, the Delegates and I have joined the Beltsville Civic Association in opposing this liquor license.

Don't Raise the Property Tax

Home owners have been rightly concerned when they read recent reports that the County Executive and the County Council (Councilman Tom Dernoga abstained) proposed raising property taxes for homeowners whose assessments have gone up more than the homestead tax credit cap. I am strongly opposed to this proposal. Working and retired families are struggling in this recession. Now is not the time to raise our property taxes. And, since the Congress has passed President Obama's economic stimulus plan, the county will be getting millions of dollars from the federal government to help keep police on the streets and teachers in the classrooms. Times will remain tough for all of us for a while, but there is no justification for raising property taxes on homeowners.



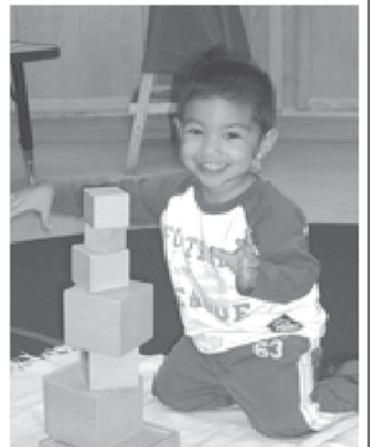
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Beltsville Industrial Park & Proposed Bills to Raise Property Taxes

By Councilman Tom Dernoga

Many residents in the community are aware of the Beltsville Industrial Park, an area that roughly borders Muirkirk Road to the south, Old Baltimore Pike to the west and north, and Route 1 to the east. Like many industrial parks, this area contains an array of businesses including towing company storage facilities, vehicle wreck, dismantling, and used part lots, auto painting shops, graphic artist and printing companies, and other enterprises, many that provide heavy or industrial-related products or services. While many of the businesses in this park are legitimate enterprises and provide for an increased tax base in Prince George's County as well as offer goods and services to the community, my office has had its share of concerns from citizens about unsightliness, land-use violations, environmental degradation, and negative infringement of this area on the adjacent residential communities.

This past August, I organized a broad inspection of the Belts-

ville Industrial Park. We had a large team from the Department of Environmental Resources (DER), DPWT, the Health Department, the Fire Department and the Police and we swept through a large area. The state of the industrial park that we viewed was appalling. DER cited around 34 properties for violations, most being cited with multiple violations. This included properties that did not conform to an approved site plan, non-permitted buildings, enterprises operating without a use and occupancy permit, and numerous parcels with unlicensed or unauthorized wrecked vehicles, and trash, debris, or rubbish on their premises. The County sent the violations to the appropriate property owners, giving them a reasonable period of time to bring their parcel up to standards, or obtain the necessary permits. Presently, 25 of the violations have been brought into compliance or near compliance, and nine violations were not corrected and have been sent to the District Court where the sustained violation will be heard by a judge.

In addition to property standards and permit issues, my office is also investigating environmental concerns within the industrial park, including water and air quality issues, and noise pollution. We have been working with the Anacostia Watershed Society and other non-profit groups to monitor and enforce stormwater management concerns, as well as chemical and oil leaks, and dumping that may contaminate Indian Creek, which flows through the industrial park. Furthermore, we are monitoring certain businesses that have the potential to contaminate the surrounding properties with dust and air particulates, and may operate in a manner where the noise level exceeds reasonable limits.

Finally, we are also working with the police department to ensure more patrols and monitoring take place within this park. In the past, certain areas were a haven for individuals to dump trash, strip vehicles, and engage in other illegal activities. Working with the police and the business owners, these activities have declined considerably, which is a further deterrent for related crime in the Beltsville area.

I am confident that working with the County agencies and continued cooperation from the business community, we can have a safer, more environmentally-friendly, and an esthetically nicer looking industrial park that operates in Beltsville. If you have any concerns or comments regarding the Beltsville Industrial Park, please contact my office at 301.952.3887 and ask to speak with Laura Moore or Alex Hirtle. They are familiar with our improvement strategy of this area, and will be happy to assist you with your concerns.

Proposed Bills to Raise Property Taxes

I have received a lot of emails and phone calls about the possible increase in real property taxes and the Council's action to support these proposals. Understand that these are actually State bills and the Council action was only about whether we "support" the State bills. We do not have authority to actually raise these taxes – not unless the State Legislature enacts the bills and gives us the authority.

On MC/PG 414-09, the proposed increase of your home's assessed value by 10% per year from the current 5% (or less) (known as the Homestead Property Tax Credit), the Council vote was 5-3-1. The Washington Post reported, without explanation, that I was the one abstention. Unfortunately, since our day ran long, the reporter had left and did not hear my lengthy questioning of the County Executive, nor my explanation for my position.

In addition, almost no one has mentioned that the other proposed tax increase MC/PG 116-09 (HB 1132). This would enable a large increase of the WSTC tax on your property tax bill. The Council recommended approval 7-1-1. Again, I abstained.

In both cases, I said that I could not support the tax increase proposals. I feel that there are too many unanswered questions and that it is unclear that we have cut expenses sufficiently. I submitted approximately 30 questions and information requests that the administration had not had time to answer. I still have not gotten answers. I asked that any action taking a Council position be deferred until we could get answers and conduct a more detailed review of expenditure reduction options. However, the majority of the Council chose to move forward anyway.

Since I did not believe that we had been provided the level of information necessary to perform our oversight function, I decided to abstain. Essentially, this was a protest against the process and an effort to call attention to the Council taking action without adequate information. I had previously informed my colleagues that without receipt of necessary information and what I believed was the appropriate opportunity to perform our oversight function, I would abstain. This was not a case where the abstention was a refusal to take a position – my position was that the matter was being rushed unnecessarily and in contravention to our oversight duties. I could have voted "no" on the motion, but I chose to abstain to make the point that the issue was premature, and thus, impropriately before us.

At this point, MC/PG 414-09 is supposedly dead. However, MC/PG 116-09 (HB 1132) is still moving forward. Therefore, if you are concerned about this, contact your State legislators.

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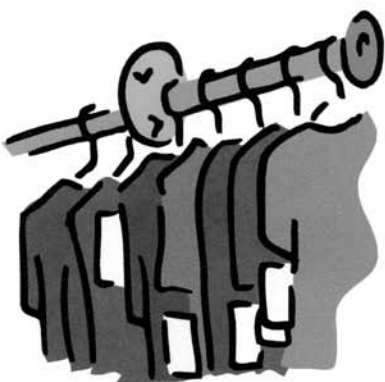
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Not Your Mother's Peanut Butter

By Louise Moody, M.D.,
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With the news that Peanut Corporation of America had knowingly supplied Salmonella-contaminated peanut products to its buyers, even President Obama is pondering whether it is safe to let his daughters eat their weekly ration of PB & J's. Prior to this recent breaking news, few people would have associated peanut butter with Salmonella food poisoning. Salmonella infections have traditionally been associated with raw eggs, chicken, undercooked meat, and pet turtles. Now that we have peanut butter to worry about, it is time to review the symptoms of a Salmonella infection.

Salmonella typhimurium was the strain of bacteria found in the recently recalled peanut products and is one of the most common causes of food poisoning, or gastroenteritis. This microscopic organism lives in the intestines of animals and is passed via feces to other animals or people. The initial symptoms of a Salmonella infection are nausea and vomiting, then abdominal cramps and diarrhea. The diarrhea can be bloody, and fever and chills, as well as muscle pains, can be present. These symptoms may appear from about twelve hours to four days from the time of ingestion of the contaminated food and usually



Dr. Louise Moody

resolve spontaneously without any specific antibiotic treatment within a few days to a week. Often the symptoms are mild enough that the infected person doesn't even know Salmonella was the cause of his "stomach bug." Problems arise when this bacteria infects an



infant, elderly person, or someone with a compromised immune system. Unable to contain the bacteria, these individuals become sicker as the bacteria passes into the bloodstream, causing bacteremia, sepsis, and possible death.

The only way to know with certainty if Salmonella is the causative agent of this illness is to see a doctor and have a stool culture sent to a laboratory. Treatment of a Salmonella infection includes adequate hydration, as well as temporarily eating bland foods and avoiding milk products. The time to see a doctor is when the symptoms last more than a week, or when persistent vomiting or bloody diarrhea is present. In severe cases when the infection has traveled outside the intestines, a doctor will prescribe antibiotics. The simple measure of frequent hand washing, particularly after using the bathroom, can prevent the spread of the infection from person to person. Unfortunately, just as important a preventive measure for now is reading food labels and discerning the source of peanut products.

Dr. Louise Moody is a partner in Secure Medical Care, a walk-in urgent care clinic located at 10452 Baltimore Ave. in Beltsville, 301.441.3355, www.securemedicalcare.com.

VETERANS

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sensation, the AFROTC and the NJROTC added so much to the program. The assembly, lifting their voices in the patriotic songs accompanied by Elizabeth on the piano, was magnificent. This is a program that everyone should experience at least once in his or her lives. It leaves such a great feeling in your heart and soul. After the service, everyone was invited to a reception hosted by The Southern Maryland District ALA and held at College Park Post # 217. Mary Keller was in charge of the reception and did a magnificent job in preparing and presenting the food. There were some donations from others, such as T.J.'s Restaurant in Calverton who sent a tremendous cheese cake and a tray of croissant sandwiches, Patsy Davis brought a fruit tray and other goodies came from other donors, including two large cheese balls from Nancy Burke and all the paper goods from Stallings-Williams Unit # 206. The room was beautifully decorated by Diananna Nix and Eleanor Peacock in red, white and blue; a most appropriate theme for the day. There were many others

who participated in this function, such as the color bearers from Post & Unit #217 and other Units in the SMD as well as others who assisted Mary with the reception. I thank any and all who contributed to the success of this program. We truly are a Legion Family and pull together when we need to get something done. I feel honored to serve with such dedicated people.

The day following the Day For God And Country program, we immediately went into rehearsal for the National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans that began on Feb. 8th and ran until the 14th. We made several trips to Washington VAMC to plan and prepare to salute our hospitalized veterans. On Friday, the 13th, we were honored to be a small part of the hospital's annual day of celebration of these special veterans. I was asked to provide entertainment and brought in my friends, Mark Beard and Wayne Miller, two entertainers who perform under the name of "Brothers Of The Same Heart". They were well received and had the room tapping their toes and singing along. Later we all visited every patient in the hospital, delivering flowers and valentines to every one, while other patients, who were ambulatory,

enjoyed the casino set up for their pleasure, winning many gifts and having a feast as well. The next evening there was a Valentine's Day dance held at Post #217 and everyone had a ball.

Did you know we now have a WII bowling league at Post #217 and new carpet? You might like to visit the post and have a look see. It will soon be time to make plans to put our new bar-b-que grill to use on a regular basis. Tripp recently used it to make bar-b-que chicken on one of those mild days in February. It was delicious. Until next time, May God bless our Troops and bring them all home soon.

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Birthday Greetings

By Linda Clem

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Club News

Beltsville Garden Club

By Louise DeJames

The Beltsville Garden Club will hold a general meeting on Wednesday, March 25, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the James E. Duckworth School, 11201 Evans Trail, Beltsville, MD. The speaker for this month is Lisa E. Delplace and in her topic, "GREEN-ROOFS AND GREENWALLS," she will discuss current trends and innovations.

Lisa E. Delplace is a Principal

and CEO of Oehme, van Sweden (OvS) in Washington, DC. Her work increasingly focuses on roof terraces, green roofs, and vertical green screens for urban developments. Under her direction work continues at the Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe, Illinois. She recently completed two US Embassy sites in Southeast Asia.

Ms Delplace is a registered landscape architect, a member of the American Society of Land-

scape Architects, and past president of the society's Potomac Chapter.

Please join us to hear this informative speaker. As always, we have plants for our door prize table and refreshments after the meeting. The public is welcomed and admission is free. **For more information, contact Louise DeJames at 301.890.4733 or visit our website at www.beltsvillegardenclub.org.**

Beltsville Rotary News

By Ivy Christoffers

February was an interesting month, with temperatures in the 70's. Who would have thought that? And right after a snow and ice storm. February was a time to focus on the loved ones in your life and to take the time to show them they matter to you.

We had several very interesting speakers share their time with our Rotary members and speak of the things that mattered to them. We heard from one of our newest members, Michael Brooks, the Principal of High Point High School, who expounded on his early years and the path that led him to this important position. Brooks came from North Carolina where he attended college, majoring in Education. After completing his college education, he accepted a position in elementary education for a few years, moving on to counseling in a middle school and then on to administration. Brooks is very content in his role of guiding the education of our youth and feels High Point is one of the top schools in the nation. He has a definite plan to improve the school even further than he already has



From left: Tracy Gross, Jeanne Kelly-Rieken, and John Moynihan.

since he assumed the role of Principal. Brooks is still completing his own educational path as he is currently writing a dissertation for his doctoral degree. His wife is a teacher in the Virginia school system.

Another interesting speaker was the guest of Rotarian Tracy Gross, manager of Beltsville PNC Bank. Her name is Jeanne Kelly-Rieken, PNC Bank Senior Vice President-Regional Manager. Kelly-Rieken is the Regional Manager of 11 full service branches in D.C., Prince George's, Montgomery and Anne Arundel counties with the objective of maximizing sales and delivering quality customer service in a creative and cost-effective manner. She coordinates business development activities to include small business, commercial and non-profit lending. PNC's mission is Service - Confidence - Education and to establish a strong network within the community they serve. We found her remarks very interesting and enlightening. The PNC bank is very solvent and now one of the largest banks in our area, while enjoying the position of the 5th largest bank

in the nation. They have the most "green" buildings of any company in the United States, and have 26 thousand branches in 13 states.

As you can see, we do have very interesting meetings. Individual members continue to work on many and varied projects in the community and bring their reports of their activities to the meetings. Rotarian Nancy Randall reported on the RYLA program. She has headed this project, the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Conference for several years. Students are chosen from High Point High School to attend this conference that was held at Camp Letts in Edgewater on February 13th. It is a great program for our youth. Rotary is a way of life that succeeds. Those of us who believe in and live the 4-Way test know this to be true.

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Beltsville Young at Heart

By Barbara Schofield

Our regular business meeting was held on February 5. There were 88 members in attendance and two new members, Mary Smith and Theresa Sefcik, joined us. President Marge Koebke gave certificates of appreciation to Joan Lewis, Thelma Forte and Mary

Midkiff. Margaret Downey was sworn in as treasurer for 2009. New membership cards were made and donated by Paul Great-house. Director James Bell of the Community Center came to speak to us on why we may no longer have potluck luncheons. At the February 19 meeting we had Rosa Rivera and Shipley Akibonja, RN

speak to us on the many services available for seniors from Home Instead Senior Care. Marge read a cancer update from Johns Hopkins. Pat and Pearl have new trips ready to sign up and pay for. Our ways and means committee outdid themselves by making \$50. Great job, ladies. Take care. See you at the next meeting.

Women's Community Club of Beltsville

The March meeting of the Women's Community Club of Beltsville will be held on Monday, March 9, 2009 at 12:30 p.m. at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville, MD.

Our guest speakers will be Stan and Jacinta Marshall. Stan Marshall, a former resident of Beltsville, is a kidney recipient with a great story to tell about his experience. Stan and his wife Jacinta are volunteers with the Washington Regional Transplant Com-

munity (WRTC) The WRTC is an organization dedicated to recovering organs and tissues by preserving every donation, excelling in recovery and providing care for donors and their families. Their focus is to encourage others to consider organ donation by increasing their awareness.

Please join us for refreshments and this touching and informative presentation.

Honeybee Day And Kitchen Garden Day

By Elizabeth Olson

Two special garden events will take place at Behnke's this month. Honeybee Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 7, and will feature seminars focusing on Colony Collapse Disorder and home garden beekeeping. Kitchen Garden Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 14, and will feature seminars focusing on body mechanics for kitchen gardeners and vegetable gardening for children. The events are free and open to the public, but pre-registration is requested for each seminar. Space is limited, and seating will be allotted first to those who have pre-registered. Please call 301.937.1100. No refreshments will be served, but you are welcome to bring your own coffee.

Honeybee Day

Saturday, March 7

10:00 a.m. Honeybees and Colony Collapse Disorder, by Dr. Jay Evans, Research Entomologist with the USDA – ARS Bee Research Laboratory in Beltsville

Honeybees are essential for pollinating the flowers that produce many of the crops that we eat. However, honeybees and other pollinators face threats from viruses to bulldozers. Currently, 30% to 40% of managed honeybee colonies die each winter from a diversity of causes. Most alarming are incidences of Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD), an as-yet unexplained sudden decline of adult worker honeybees. This is an hour-long seminar in which you can learn more about CCD and what you can do to create a friendlier environment for honeybees.

Dr. Evans has his Bachelor's



Degree from Princeton University and his PhD from the University of Utah. In addition to his professional expertise in honeybees, Dr. Evans has personal experience in raising backyard solitary bees, and he will also discuss current thinking on how to maintain native bees in our local area.

12:00 p.m. Home Garden Beekeeping, by the Bowie – Upper Marlboro Beekeeping Association (BUMBA)

It's easy and affordable to raise honeybees in your own garden, and raising honeybees can be done in a surprisingly small amount of space. Representatives from BUMBA will discuss the importance of home garden beekeeping, and will demonstrate beekeeping equipment and answer your questions. A demonstration beehive may be available for viewing if the weather is warm enough, and local honey will be for sale.

In addition to this hour-long seminar, BUMBA will be offering a more in-depth short course in beekeeping from March 12 to April 18, 2009 at selected BUMBA meeting locations. See www.bumbabees.com/shortcourse.html for more details.

Kitchen Garden Day

Saturday, March 14

10:00 a.m. Body Mechanics for Kitchen Gardeners by Laren Rusin, DPT and Paula Tuttle, DPT of Physiotherapy Associates Learn the best way to perform basic activities in your kitchen garden. Whether you are physically fit or have arthritis, you can get more out of your kitchen garden experience with correct body mechanics. Tools that are especially designed for ease of use will also be discussed in this hour-long seminar.

Laren Rusin received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Creative Writing and English from Oberlin College and her Doctorate in Physical Therapy from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

Paula Tuttle received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Human Movement, Sports, and Athletic Training from Sacred Heart University and her Doctorate in Physical Therapy from Regis University.

12:00 noon Vegetable Gardening for Children, by Elizabeth Olson

Vegetables come in a rainbow of colors and can be easy and fun to grow. Children can learn to grow their own vegetables this year, from radishes planted in a container to a Three Sisters garden planted in a large plot. Explore the wonderful possibilities of vegetable gardening for children in this hour-long seminar.

Elizabeth Olson is an avid kitchen gardener who has won multiple blue ribbons and three Best of Show awards for vegetables at the Prince George's County Fair. She is also a certified judge in vegetables for the Maryland Association of Agricultural Fairs & Shows.

Patuxent Research Refuge Announces Spring Wild Turkey Hunt

The Patuxent Research Refuge, located in Laurel, Maryland, will be hosting a spring wild turkey hunting season in April and May of 2009. The refuge is partnering with the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTf) and Meade Natural Heritage Association (MNHA) to offer this hunting season to youth, disabled, mobility-impaired, and general public hunters. Hunters will be selected by lottery. Lottery application forms are available on the Internet at <http://patuxent.fws.gov> or by calling 301-776-3090. Applications must be submitted in person at the North Tract Visitor Contact Station by 4:00 p.m. on February 28, 2009.

Dates for Spring 2009 wild turkey hunts are as follows: Selected youth will be allowed to hunt on Saturdays from April 11 through May 23. Selected adults (disabled, mobility-impaired and other adults) will be allowed to hunt on Mondays from April 20 through May 18.

"This is a great opportunity for Patuxent Research Refuge and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to partner with local and national hunting organizations," says Refuge Manager Brad Knudsen about the improved hunting opportunities.

Prospective hunters must have a Maryland hunting license, MNHA

hunting permit, and a hunter safety card to be eligible. Disabled and mobility-impaired hunters must show a physician's certification of disability eligibility form from their doctor when entering the lottery. Additionally, all selected hunters must pattern their weapon and attend a NWTf clinic prior to the day of the hunt, unless they have proof of previous attendance at a clinic. Hunters may contact the refuge to pre-arrange the assistance of NWTf volunteers to call in turkeys and choose hunting sites for the hunt day.

For more information on Patuxent's hunting program, call 301.776.3090 or visit <http://patuxent.fws.gov>. Patuxent Research Refuge's North Tract Visitor Contact Station is located on Bald Eagle Drive off of MD Rt. 198, 1.4 miles east of the Baltimore/Washington Parkway.



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Academic Challenge - Fun and Educational



St. Joseph's Catholic School placed 3rd Runner-Up in the Annual Academic Challenge sponsored by DeMatha Catholic High School. The "It's Academic" type contest gave the five 7th and 8th grade students an opportunity to exhibit their knowledge of a wide variety of topics in fast paced matches. Sponsored by the DeMatha Quiz Bowl team, the questions ranged

from Geography and the Saints to Literature and Sports. Congratulations to R. Martin, J. Butler, A. Thomas, K. Weaver, and K. Bielec for successfully representing St. Joseph's. Mr. Peter Brock, faculty director for this event, was pleased with their outstanding performance.

Augsburg Academy Announces Stimulus Plan

Stimulus plans have been in the news recently, and Augsburg Academy, 13800 Old Gunpowder Road, Laurel, has developed one of its own for area families.

Part One of the Augsburg Stimulus Plan is the opportunity to receive a one-year, full tuition scholarship to Augsburg by simply entering the 2009 Scholarship Contest.

Families may register online at the Academy's web site, or at local businesses, such as The Gardens Ice House, displaying the Augsburg Academy contest entry box.

Families are not required to submit an application to Augsburg in order to enter the contest. One scholarship will be awarded.

Part Two of the Augsburg Stimulus Plan is to increase available financial aid for families to \$100,000 for the 2009-2010 school year. This is more than twice the amount awarded in 2008-2009.

According to Board of Trustees member David Murray, the increased aid is an important part of the plan. "We understand how the economy has affected many in our community, and this additional aid is designed to allow more families to afford the quality programs offered at Augsburg."

Part Three of the Augsburg Stimulus Plan is designed to stimulate the minds and bodies of students during the summer months.

Augsburg is offering five one-week programs beginning June 29. Academic enrichment, sports, and other stimulating activities will be offered for kindergarten through ninth grade students.

Early bird registration through April is just \$150 per week, and regular registration is a bargain at \$195 per week for the full day programs.

The fourth and final part of the Stimulus Plan is the small class sizes offered at Augsburg for students in kindergarten through ninth grade.

Kindergarten classes have a limit of 12 students per class, and all other grades are limited to no more than 16 students.

This fall Augsburg welcomes its first high school class with the entrance of the Class of 2013.

For more information on the Augsburg Academy Stimulus Plan and how your children can benefit from it, visit the Augsburg Academy web site (www.AugsburgAcademy.net) or call 240.786.0283.

The Augsburg Academy is an independent, private school for students from pre-kindergarten through 9th grade.

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School News

Beltsville Elementary Students Raise Funds While Learning

Beltsville Elementary School's gymnasium was buzzing on Thursday, February 5th during the annual Mindcore Day at Beltsville. This was the 9th year that students participated in the program. Students were required to learn 100 facts relating to all areas of the curriculum during a five-week period leading up to Mindcore Day. They were tested individually on questions, which ranged from, *What are parallel lines?* to *What family of instruments does the trumpet belong?* Most students scored high enough to receive the coveted 'homework pass' and were very excited. Sixth grader Jose Del Cid Gonzales said, "I really liked having our parents participate and help us. We get to use the money for the



Volunteer Patricia Risinger quizzes Edgar Quinteros on his 100 questions.

things we need in the school." Students obtained pledges from family and friends, either a certain amount per question or a straight donation. All monies collected will be used to purchase instructional materials for the school, such as updated software for the Computer Lab and classrooms. Parents, former staff members, friends, and community members volunteered their time to quiz the students. "The USDA and Army Research Lab sent many volunteers who enabled us to test all of our 700 students on that one day," said assistant principal Les-

lie Lowe. Many local businesses donated food for the volunteers. TJ's Restaurant of Calverton, Jerry's Subs of Beltsville, and Potbelly Sandwich Works of College Park provided sandwiches. Briggs Chaney Deli provided a platter of breakfast foods. Costco of Beltsville, Sam's Club of Laurel, Safeway, and Shopper's Food Warehouse all donated gift cards that were used to purchase food, drinks, and paper products. Beltsville Elementary School would like to thank all of our community supporters.

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MLK Middle School News

By Michelle Mariani Williams

Parent volunteers are essential at MLK. Volunteers are needed to assist in the classroom, mentor and/or tutor students and help with administrative tasks. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Kennie Ford, Parent Liaison.

Prince George's County Public Schools, and MLK, are encouraging parents to support their children's academic success by: observing your child's classroom, attend a non-sports related event, visit your child's school website for information, join and participate in a PTA/PTO, volunteer in your child's school, attend a school board meeting, assisting your child with homework assignments, review and understand the expectations of the

next grade your child will be promoted to, and participate in at least one Parent Teacher Conference and/or Individual Learning Plan Meeting.

Maryland received the best grades in *Education Week's* annual "Quality Counts" report. The ranking is based on student performance, graduation rates and statewide accountability standards, among other factors. Last year Maryland ranked third, but for the first time, Maryland has reached the top of the rankings. Maryland students were recognized for their high scores on Advanced Placement exams. Prince George's County Public Schools contributed to the state's success with rising MSA scores and their success in the areas of ESOL and special education subgroups.

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where students served a catered Olive Garden lunch to participating volunteers, Social Justice Day (postponed to 2/12) included presentations to a student body assembly by seventh grade students where Martin Luther King, Jr., Rosa Parks, Gandhi, St. Francis of Assisi, and Blessed Mother Teresa were portrayed and a brief biography was offered for each of the social justice figures. Other events included the annual Grandparents Day when relatives trav-

eled from far and wide to spend a school day with their grandchildren. The grandparents were served lunch and participated in classroom lessons. TJ's of Calverton generously catered the Faculty Appreciation Day. The teachers were regaled with gifts from grateful students and teachers.

St. Joseph's School will be hosting an open house on March 5th from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Come and see art exhibits from the children as well as facility tours. Principal Andrew Currier will be hosting the evening.

School News

Calverton Starts the YES WE CAN Reading Club

By JoAnn Price and
Carolyn Bergartt

The newly established YES WE CAN reading club is up and running at Calverton Elementary. The idea behind the club is to get more students interested in reading and writing. For January, students in kindergarten completed their monthly reading log and drew pictures of two of their favorite books. The other grade levels completed reading logs, but in addition, wrote book reviews about two of their favorite books. We hope to get more members into the club in February.

We have a YES WE CAN reading rap in honor of our new man in town who was the impetus for the name of the club. Students are learning that education is important and through hard work and perseverance we can



all achieve our dreams.

The new kindergarten members are Aden Richardson, Breanna Riddick in Ms. Bossler's class and Jaymoray Anderson, Noah Gomes, Zynthia Quinonez, Avery Richardson, Daniel Saathoff, and Anani Cabrere-Espinal in Mrs. Hart's class. First grade members come from Mrs. McCollum's class and they are Marcello Crockett, Isis Estwick, Michael Hernandez, Mi Kye Jackson, Mariama Jallow, Miracle Kanu, Alwyn Manal, Dequan Miller, J'Vore Morris, Chidimma Oluavu, Colleen Powell, Keylee Umanzor, and

Samaa Zaman. Second graders are Yenifer Alvarez Nunez, Emely Hernandez, Evan Jones, Tania Lemus, Brian Medina, Jean Rodquizez, Arriana Smith, Sahil Talati, Nunyat Tefera, Jada Willis, Maria Medrano and Reema Tweshe all from Mrs. Russell's class. Finally, two fourth graders took the challenge and they are Brett Douglass and Angela Sierra both from Mrs. Upchurch's class. All students will celebrate with a special ice cream party.

Finally, we are seeking people in the community who will donate new or almost new books to the school so that we can put more books in the hands of our students. Please call Calverton Elementary at 301-572-064 and ask for the reading specialists if you are interested in getting involved.

Calverton Announces Winners of 2009 STEM Science Fair

Calverton Elementary held its STEM Science Fair February 11-13. Judging took place on February 12. The school is proud to announce its 2009 STEM Fair Winners

The following students are moving on to the Prince George's County Public School System STEM Fair: Grand Prize: Pedro Aguilar (5th Grade), 1st Place: Nana Aygemang (4th Grade), Jaian Cuttari (6th Grade), and Matthew Burge (6th Grade) alternate.

4th Grade Winners

1st Place: Nana Agyemang and Nicholas O'Conner

2nd Place: Jairo Rodriguez, Kamila Gomez, Saloni Talati, Eber Hernandez, Kevin Rojas, Cameron Jenkins, Joel Annan, Onyinye Obiefuna, Kimberly Canales, Jameela Rogers, Allan Naing, Caleb John, and Brett Douglas

3rd Place: Terrell Bush, Lynn-Marie Vaughan, Sofia Molina, Regina Medrano, George Martin, and Frankin Mendoza.

4th Place: Ivan Canales, Luiz Gutierrez, Debosola Otukoya, Ruth Ann Richards, and Richard Francis.

Honorable Mention: Alfredo Rodriguez, Jamare Brown, Ariyona Boyette, Jonathan Aguilar, Shanae' Harris, Chiemiziem Oguayo, and Irlanda Luz-Aguilar

5th Grade Winners

1st Place: Pedro Aguilar, Shania Hickman, and Shagun Sharma,

2nd Place: Matthew Johnson, Ilaweni Raikumar, Beatriz Maran-

thal, Godsee Joy, and Akhita Maat-Page.

3rd Place: Leah Moreno, Ariel Gutierrez, Katherine Bolanos, Kristopher Nelson, Christopher Ceballos, Michael Soreng, and Akua Appiah.

4th Place: Kevin Murray, Jereme Williams, Yahir Hernandez, Henry Forson, Ife Otukoya, Patrice Henry, Victor Okonmah, and Taea Hunte.

Honorable Mention: Julissa Arias, Shai Stokes, Dae'zel Whitmore, Andre Dickerson, Andrea Aguilar, Jasmin Hernandez, Rachel Martinez, Daniela Lopez, Rachel Borczuch, Youssouf Barry, Ellington Amaya, Arianna Brown, Jason Morales, and Tyson Quales

6th Grade Winners

1st Place: Matthew Burge, Thaddeus Owens, Jaian Cuttari, and Jerry Dessy.

2nd Place: Jessica Udeh, Faith Martin, Wullis Treminio, Devon Watkins, Eduardo Orellana, Larissa Fon Tendo, and Saribel Morales.

3rd Place: Jordan Williams, Nina Johnson, Taylor Turner, LonDon Wilson, and Edgar Guerrara.

4th Place: Erika Contreras, Natasha Wynter, Valene Mompremier, Milagro Molina, Thomas Odinubi, and Christy Ho.

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School News

Great Things are Happening at Calverton Elementary

Calverton Elementary School celebrated Black History Month in February with a variety of activities including daily intercom trivia with all grades participating and two assemblies (Feb. 24 for K-3rd grades and Feb. 26 for upper grades). The assembly program featured some of our African American students re-enacting our history with a portrayal of slaves. The influence and contribution of African Americans to the musical and performing arts were also highlighted. Some of the faculty and staff members sang gospel and spiritual numbers and there was a jazz band made up of faculty members. "Wade in the Water" (taken from Alvin Ailey's group) will be danced by 4, 5 and 6 grad-



Some of the University of Wisconsin interns pose with Calverton teachers, Sandra Freeman, Holly Bellows, and Shirley Upchurch.



Cynthia Crider, High Point intern, directs students in a dramatic enactment of a taxi ride.

ers. The 4, 5 and 6 grade students will dance to the Temptations, Pointer Sisters and Supremes.

Calverton Elementary School was thrilled to host 17 students and one teacher from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire who made a winter term trip to intern for a week at our school and experience our multi-ethnic student body. The students quickly made themselves a vital part of the school, endearing themselves to the children and staff.

Mrs. Freeman's kindergarten class enjoyed having their Wisconsin intern, Tess Kerr, who helped with a cooking lesson for the letter "G"—a green flower garden made with graham crackers. The students spread "dirt" (chocolate frosting) and made flowers with pretzel stems, chocolate chip centers, and orange and red jelly bean flower petals. Green sprinkles were added to represent green grass.

Mrs. Freeman and her kindergartners also have students from High Point who are interning in their classroom. Cynthia Crider, once a Calverton student herself, and now a senior in high school, has been doing a creative dramatic unit with the children. They are working on a puppet play called

"Stop that Pancake". Laura Prudencio, a High Point junior, created a science bulletin board about "matter".

This month we would like to share two more poems written by students and staff at Calverton as we start a new year and a new presidential administration.

My Words

*Written by the poet
Catherine Master*

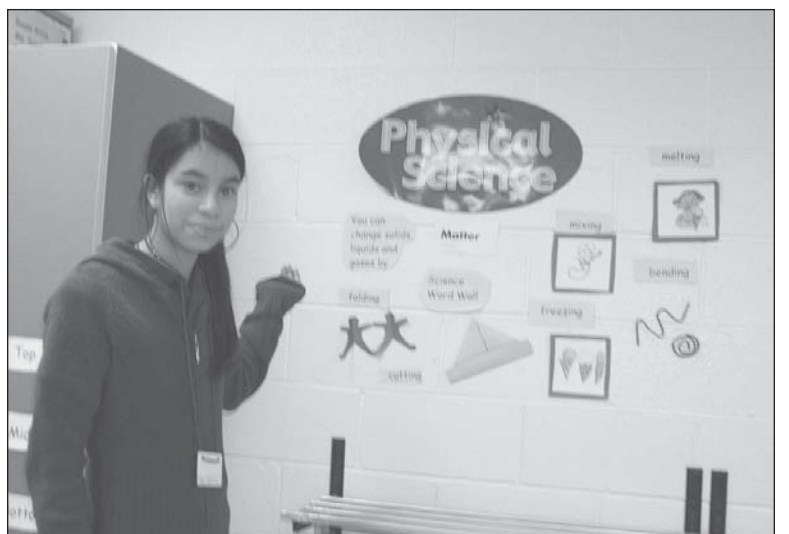
My Words...

My words scream to get out
To roam the world
To adventure near and far
To express themselves
To calm the people
Yet they are hidden
Deep inside of me
Asleep now
Will wake soon
Waiting to be unleashed
Beware!

Barack Obama

Written by the poet Mrs. Wood

Because of You
The smile of mankind reaches out
To me
With me
In me
New energy lifts my spirit
Varied complexions blend into
the color of unity
Everyday routines take on more
purpose
I care more
I give more
I want to be more
I vow to take personal responsibility
I will make a difference
For America
For myself
For humanity
Because of you



Laura Prudencio, High Point student, shows off her kindergarten bulletin board.

School News

Eleanor Roosevelt High School Band & Orchestra Festivals

The Band Festival Concert at Eleanor Roosevelt High School is scheduled for Friday, March 6th and the Orchestra Festival Concert is scheduled for Wednesday, March 11th. Both concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. The Band Concert will feature the four award winning bands: Concert Bands I & II, the Symphonic Band and the Wind Ensemble, all under the direction of Mrs. Sally Wagner. The Orchestra Concert will include the four outstanding orchestras, conducted by Dr. David Yarbrough. Students in the Eleanor Roosevelt instrumental music program are from all over the northern Prince George's county. The musicians from Beltsville include: Emily Romani, Monica Cunanan, Brandon Cusack, Natalie Herder, Brian Cusack, Markus Brown, Becky Sowers, Patrick Deery, Calvin

DeSilva, Robert Shafer and Lynita Karley. All concerts at Eleanor Roosevelt High School are free and open to the public. The school is located at 7601 Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

The annual Florida Citrus Fruit Sale is winding down for the year. The March fruit order will be the last of the school year. Temple Oranges and Pink Grapefruits will be available for pick up or delivery on March 12th. The proceeds of the fruit sale are used to supplement the dwindling funds for music education from the Prince George's County school board. The money is used to purchase items for the band and orchestra program and to repair school instruments. To order fruit, contact a member of one of the Eleanor Roosevelt bands or orchestras, or call the fruit line at 301.345.5393.

Rock Your Conscience Event Scheduled at High Point

High Point High School's SGA of Beltsville, Maryland will like to cordially invite you to our first annual Rock Your Conscience, "Your Change for Change" event. This is an event to raise awareness about the crisis that is striking the Congo and how your personal change can make a larger change. The event is scheduled for March 6, 2009 at High Point High School's Auditorium from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

The conflict and humanitarian crisis in the Democratic Republic of Congo has taken the lives of 5.4 million people since 1998

and continues to leave as many as 45,000 dead every month. Studies found that 5,400,000 people have died from war-related causes in Congo since 1998 and it has been declared as the world's deadliest documented conflict since WW II. We can't do this alone. It takes the community, family, and friends to get the word out so that the Congo does not have to struggle, so please join us at 3601 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville as together we contribute to the aid of our brothers and sisters thousands of miles away in the beautiful homeland of the Congo.



Students at Paint Branch Montessori School presented a Spanish Assembly at school. The students from age 3 to grade six learned the alphabet, vowels, numbers, colors, and parts of the body and many songs in Spanish. Mrs. Singh, an elementary teacher, agreed that learning Spanish in our multi-lingual world is very important. The Spanish teacher, Ms. Ana Geumbes, focuses on Spanish grammar, correct pronunciation, and reading skills. Different songs and dances were also presented in the Spanish Assembly. Me gusta espanol!

MARCH 2009

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EXHIBIT

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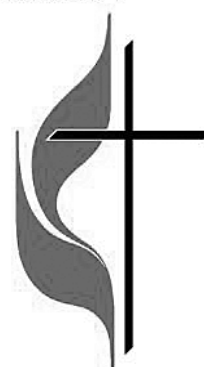
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- ♦ Sunday School for all ages, including adult Bible studies (10:10 AM)
- ♦ English classes during the week



CALENDAR

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BELTSVILLE LIBRARY

Contact the Beltsville Library by phone at 301.937.0294. Visit us at 4319 Sellman Rd., Beltsville, next to the police station. Visit our web site at www.pgmls.info. Hours are Monday-Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Thursday-Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., closed on Sunday.

FRIENDS OF THE BELTSVILLE LIBRARY MEETING

Tuesday, March 3 at 6:30 p.m. Get involved with your library and give your input.

PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES

CHESS CLUB

Tuesdays, March 10 and 24 at 7:00 p.m. Come to learn or just to play with other players and have fun. For all ages and levels. Everyone welcome.

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Monday, March 30 at 7:00 p.m. Featuring the picture books of Mo Willems and his loveable characters, Pigeon, Elephant, Piggie, and Leonardo! Families welcome.

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COMPUTERS FOR EVERYONE

INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS

Thursday, March 12 at 10:30 a.m. Join us to learn basic computer skills, terminology and how to use the library's computers. Registration required.

INTRODUCTION TO MICROSOFT WORD

Thursday, March 19 at 10:30 a.m. Don't be intimidated by computers! Learn terminology and how to create a document. Registration required.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

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Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs, and fingerplays. Ages 3-5.

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Mondays, March 23 and 30. Call the library for the time of the meetings. Ages newborn to 18 months.

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

MORNING BOOK DISCUSSION

Tuesday, March 17 at 10:30 a.m. Khaled Hosseini's *The Kite Runner*.

FRIENDS OF THE BELTSVILLE LIBRARY BOOK DISCUSSION

Wednesday, March 11 at 7:30 p.m. Greg Mortenson's *Three Cups of Tea*.

PROGRAM FOR TEENS

CREATE YOUR OWN RESUME

Monday, March 23 at 6:30 p.m. Ages 13-18. Registration required. Contact the Beltsville Library for more information.

FEES FOR THE BELTSVILLE AND VANSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTERS

Fees for programs, services, and courses can be paid by cash, check, and MasterCard and Visa credit cards. However, the inability to pay for programs, services, or classes does not exclude participation. Formal proof is required. For more information, or to receive an application, please contact either the Beltsville Community Center or the Vansville Community Center.

BELTSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

3900 Sellman Rd., Beltsville. The Beltsville Community Center offers a wide variety of programs, services, and courses in the areas of: Visual Arts, Sports, Performing Arts, Martial Arts, Lifestyle & Learning, Fitness & Health, Crafts & Hobbies, and Computer Skills. Please call 301.937.6613 for information on these and other March programs, services, and courses. TTY: 301.445.4512. The current scheduled general hours of operation are: Monday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Friday-Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

COMPUTER COURSES

March 2009 computer courses will begin the week of March 1. Each course consists of four one-hour sessions. Subjects covered include Word, Access, Computer Skills, Internet Skills, Internet Security, Digital Darkroom, Digital Scrapbooking, Web Page Design for Teens,

and PowerPoint. Fee: \$35.00 residents, \$42.00 non-residents.

XTREME TEENS EVENTS

Fridays and Saturdays from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Ages 13-17. Free with Xtreme Teens ID card.

VANSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

6813 Ammendale Rd., Vansville. The Vansville Community Center offers programs in Fitness & Health and for people with disabilities. Call 301.937.6621 for more information. FAX: 301.937.6623. TTY: 301.445.4512. The scheduled general hours of operation are: Monday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please call the center for more information on these and other programs and to confirm dates and times.

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Tuesdays from 8:00 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. for ages 18 and up; Thursdays from 8:00 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. for ages 30 and up. Center ID required. Call 301.937.6621 for details.

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School News

Math Lessons at Paint Branch Montessori

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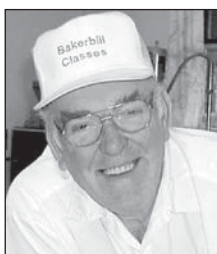
to see shapes in the form of a sphere, a cube, and a cone in the color blue. From the quiet of the lesson there emerged an excited outcry from a young boy who purposely headed towards the pink tower cubes, picked up one of these cubes, and enthusiastically

matched it with the newly learned blue cube. He so enjoyed making this connection on his own!

This spontaneous application of a new lesson to a preceding one is a large part of what Montessori is all about. Each material increases in difficulty from the previous lessons,

and the skills learned become a part of the student. By the time the child moves up to the Elementary grades, he/she has a strong foundation, and is ready for the higher level of abstraction.





Baker Bill

STUFF 'N THINGS

I have been doing some research of late, looking into the meaning of antioxidants. Is this the same as free radicals? I think advertisers made both up. I have asked doctors, nurses, and visited Internet Web sites looking for the answer. None have been able to tell me what antioxidants or free radicals are. Remember about a year ago when I wrote that the carob craze would not last and of late that trans fat would pass as well. I also wrote that we would never see two-dollar gas again. Well, I am glad I was wrong on that one. Not on the others. Don't get me wrong. I am not complaining about the advertising. I just get a laugh out of it. I wonder what is next. You see, I am a realist. I see things as they are, not as I would like them to be, in all things.

I got a nice call from a lady that remembers secret sauce. She remembers it from the Mighty Moe restaurants and I think it was from Topp's drive-in. After some thought, I decided she was right about Mighty Moe burgers. Both were drive-in's in the late 50's. Just before sending this off to the editor I got E-Mail from a friend saying I was right, that it was Topp's.



I also had a phone call from a gentleman from the Cross Creek area who reads my stuff, I was never sure that Cross Creek was in 20705. He told me he was sitting in his car and remembered he needed something from inside. He let the car run. He was gone less than a minute. When he came out there was another car in driveway. As soon as he saw him the stranger quickly left.

Then there's the letter from Perth Australia writing how much she liked my Web page at bakerbill.net and has used some of the recipes on it. She lived in Beltsville back in the late 70's and loved the Bakery. It makes her feel at home when she misses this place. Hey thanks. I love fan mail.

I love the month of March. It's the month I may be able to play a bit of golf after sitting and looking out the window all winter. But be advised that March is the snowiest month for us. All of our major snowstorms were in March, but the snow melted quickly. A good time to put down grass fertilizer.

Today is a cold snowy day. I have just come from the bakery where I made cookies. I was restless so I made a batch of my corn muffins. And they turned out great. To make them you need cornmeal and a can of cream corn. In a med size bowl place ¾ cup sugar, 1 cup flour, 1 tsp baking powder, and a pinch of salt. Stir together. And add 2 eggs, and stir in. add ¼ cup milk, and ½ cup Crisco oil. And mix well. So far so good. Now add 5 heaping tablespoons corn meal and 3 tbsp cream corn. Bake in 6pk muffins filled full or in 4x6 pan at 425 degrees. After about 15 minutes turn back temp and bake until brown with no wet spots in the cracks. It could take 30 minutes or so. They're done. Put the balance of the cream corn mix into pancake batter and make corn fritters for breakfast. Make the batter as you always do, then add the corn. Follow the recipe as written and yours will turn out good as well.

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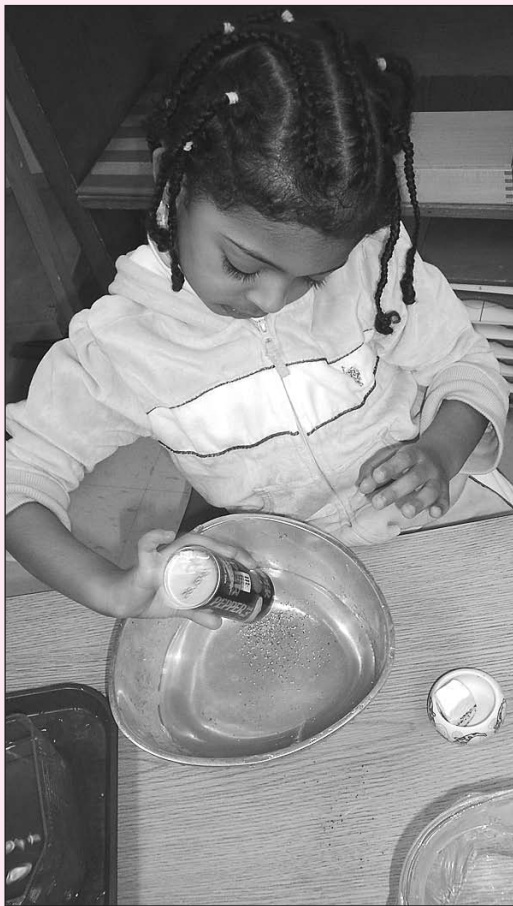
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Science Lessons for Primary Students



During the week of February 16th, 2009, the Primary class at Paint Branch Montessori School had a science week. Each day the students, ages three through six years old, had the opportunity to work with a new science experiment. The experiments were designed to introduce basic concepts and scientific terminology, such as hypothesis, surface tension and volume. In keeping with the Montessori philosophy, each new experiment was introduced in the morning, and the children used the materials independently throughout the day.



Youth Conservation Corps at Patuxent Research Refuge

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Patuxent Research Refuge in Laurel, MD will be hosting a Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) program on the Refuge this summer. The YCC is a summer employment program for young men and women from all segments of society, who work, earn, and learn together doing outdoor conservation projects.

The program is open to young men and women ages 15 through 18 years of age, who are citizens or legal residents of the United States. Enrollees work full time for 8 weeks (Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m.) and earn minimum wage. The program runs from June 22 through August 14, 2009. Enrollees are expected to be available for the entire program. A strong interest in outdoor work and natural resources is recommended.

Applicants will also need a Social Security card prior to the first day of work, and must be



able to provide their own transportation to and from work. Public transportation is not available.

Previous work projects on the Refuge have included repairing fencing, clearing vegetation, building and improving trails, cleaning water control structures, removing invasive plants and contributing to wildlife management programs. Participants also participate in educational activities.

Interested youth should visit <http://patuxent.fws.gov> for a YCC application form or for additional information on the refuge and the YCC program.

Youth may also call 301.776.3090 for information. Applications must be postmarked by April 13, 2009, and sent to:

YCC Coordinator,
Patuxent Research Refuge,
12100 Beech Forest Road,
Laurel, Maryland 20708.
Selection will be by lottery.

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