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Beltsville Briefs

Behnke Garden Series

Behnke Nursery Company is offering talks on gardening topics every Saturday through March 1. The talks, free of charge unless otherwise indicated, will begin at 1:00 p.m. on the indicated dates at Behnke's Beltsville Garden Center. Please call 301.937.1100 for details and to pre-register.

February 02, Right Plant, Right Place: Landscape Solutions will be presented by Bill Mann, Director, Behnke Nurseries Design & Landscape. From pre-plant planning to the critical after-planting care this will be a lively and enlightening presentation. The lecture will be followed by a question and answer period to help you with any specific project or plant questions.

February 09, Hosting the National Capital Daylily Society, Managing Deer in the Home Garden. Speaker TBA. Not in my backyard! Deer love daylilies and most other plants. Learn the most effective ways of encouraging deer to browse in someone else's garden. Repellents, fencing, and deer-resistant plants will be covered.

February 16, Getting Ready for Spring: Everything You Need to Grow will be presented by John Peter Thompson, Chairman of the Board, Behnke Nurseries. He will discuss the tools

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24th Annual Youth Recognition Day

By Ivy Christoffers

As has been our custom for the past 24 years, The American Legion Post and Unit 217 set aside a day to pay homage to the youth of our community for their splendid accomplishments. Sunday, January 13 saw many of our youth, accompanied by their parents and teachers, come together to receive accolades and awards from the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary of College Park.

The afternoon began with the welcoming remarks by Com-

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Holding their certificates of participation are the 2007 Girl's State citizens from Northwestern High School: Ela Salinas-Caballero, Helzy Mavet Diaz, Dyan din Gabisi and Jasmine Monique Wilson. Standing at the right rear is Unit 217 President Angie Rodriguez.\

Beltsville Elementary 6th Grader Joanna Dubon Creates Winning Poster for 2008 "Read & Hit a Home Run"

The Bowie Baysox, Class "AA" affiliate of the Baltimore Orioles, honored Joanna Dubon, 6th grader at Beltsville Elementary School in Beltsville as the winner of the 2008 "Read & Hit a Home Run" Reading Program poster design contest for Prince George's County. The Educational Systems Federal Credit Union sponsored the contest.

The announcement was made at an assembly held at the school on January 22. In attendance were Beltsville Elementary School's Principal Stephen Beegle, Assistant Principal Leslie Lowe and Mrs. Margaret Schmidt, reading coordinator for Beltsville Elementary. Dubon's mother and step-



Bowie Baysox Mascot and poster contest winner Joanna Dubon at the awards ceremony at Beltsville Elementary School on January 22, 2008.

father were also in attendance, as well as all 850 students from Joanna's school. Also attending were Vic Samuels and Lydia Estes from Educational Systems Federal Credit Union and Baysox staff, including Chris Rogers, Baysox Reading Program Coordinator who was the keynote speaker for the Baysox and Louie, the Baysox loveable mascot. After a few opening remarks by the Beltsville staff, Louie fired up the crowd in anticipation of the big announcement of the poster contest winner. As her proud family and fellow classmates looked on, Joanna stood alone in front of her class-

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High Point Students Travel to Annapolis for Global Warming Solutions Rally



High Point students, among others, carry signs at global warming rally in Annapolis on January 17, 2008.

By Prince George's County Councilman Tom Dernoga

On January 17, 2008, my staff and I accompanied a dozen High Point High School students and Ecology Club advisor, Babu George, to Annapolis for a rally for the Global Warming Solutions Act. Approximately 400 environmentally concerned citizens attended the rally in support of Senator Paul G. Pinsky's Global Warming Solutions Act. Rally participants challenged their legislators to put Maryland back on track and reduce global warming pollution 25% by 2020 and 90% by 2050.

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By Karen Coakley, President, Beltsville Citizens' Association

February and March the Citizens' Association will be reviewing plans for "The Brickyard" mixed-use-plan next to the Muirkirk Train Station and "Konterra." Konterra is just beginning the review process with MNCPPC.

Nuisance Abatement Program:

Representatives from the County's State's Attorney's Office will be our guest speakers in March. They will explain the court process involved with "Nuisance Properties."

Police Department Updates and Reminders:

Major Cunningham has been transferred and Captain Scott Haines is our Acting Commander. The County Police Department is making several staff changes

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25 Years Ago in the Beltsville News

By Phil Whitman

*Extracted from the February
 1983 Issue*

Wester Wins O'Brien Contest

Paul Wester from High Point High School was chosen as the 24th annual Hugh O'Brien Leadership contest winner.

Little Miss Strut Champ

Beth Holmes, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Holmes of Beltsville, won Novice Maryland State Strut Champion, age 7-9.

20th Anniversary Celebration

The Prince George's Choral Society celebrated its 20th anniversary by presenting a concert entitled "SINGIN' SWING" on February 13, 1983 at 5:00 p.m. at the Prince George's Public Playhouse.

High Point Honor Society Inductions

On January 7, 1983, National Honor Society inductions at High Point High School included Bill McBrayer, Michelle Doyle, Yong Lee, Isabel Yang, Sheila White, Aldrienne Collins, Ricky Woo, Noland Tzou, Elena Katok and

Michelle Querry.

Track Stars Receive Honors

On November 27-28, sophomore Kathy Raisbeck and senior Bobby Shillinger received national recognition for their track accomplishments at the Nationals.

Beltsville Resident Established Law Firm

Michael F. Flynn, Jr. of Beltsville and James P. Gleason, Jr. of Damascus formed the law firm of Gleason and Flynn in Rockville, MD.

Service News

PFC William H. McNeel, son of Jack & Pearl R. McNeel of Beltsville was stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington.

Navy Seaman Recruit William R. Reid, III, son of Billie J. & William R. Reid, Jr. of Beltsville was serving on the battleship USS New Jersey.

Marine Pvt. Joseph Lopez, son of Christine A. & Emmanuel Lopez, Sr. of Beltsville completed recruit training at Parris Island, SC.

Beltsville Fire Dept. News

Tony Birdsong was honored

for answering the most alarms. The occasion was the annual banquet of the Beltsville Fire Department on January 3, 1983.

Contest Winners

Donna Cashman, 14, and Karen Hughes, 15, of Beltsville won first place in the Instrumental Category with a tuba duet at the Regency Talent Contest held at the International Hotel in Washington, D.C. on January 1983.

Obituaries

Della A. Whittaker, 46, retired technical editor and writer for the Army's Harry Diamond Laboratories was survived by husband Denis Whittaker of Adelphi and two sons, Paul E. and Jeff.

William Donal Weston, 79, of Beltsville died at Park View Hospital in Riverside, CA on January 13, 1983.

Mary Estelle Altaman, 77, died at her home in Beltsville. A retired nurse, she was survived by son Frankin and daughter Harriet E. Lassell.

Leaf Collection for Winter 2008

By Prince George's County
 Councilman Tom Dernoga

Many constituents have called into our office inquiring when leaves would be picked up in their community. A large part of them

felt the County had not made any initial pick-up before the holidays. The Department of Public Works & Transportation, the agency that coordinates leaf collection, has to decide every year when to start

leaf collection; this decision is based on several things, including at what stage the leaves have fallen. This season's leaf collection has been very challenging due to the fact that leaves fell from the trees very late in the fall of 2007. In fact, several of the communities where leaf collection initially took place had only a small percentage of leaves that had already fallen. Thus, when the leaves fell later, they became a nuisance, and it appeared no one had come around to pick them up.

The County is committed to ensuring every neighborhood that gets leaf pick-up will be visited twice this season. If many of your leaves are still on the ground from the fall, please watch for the signs that will be posted in your neighborhood for the second round of pick-up. Most communities should be completed by February. If you have any further questions, please visit the County's website, "leaf collection program" under "select a service," or call Public Works at 301.499.8576, or you can call our office at 301.952.5349.

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Neighbors in the News

Three Girl Scouts Receive Silver Awards

By Gloria O'Brien

The Silver Award was awarded to Girl Scout Julia O'Brien of troop 1392 along with Marika Nell and Caitlin Virta of troop 127 at their recent holiday party. As part of the requirement for earning the award, each girl needed to contribute thirty hours or more to a community project related to a special interest. Julia O'Brien donated her thirty hours to collecting, organizing and donating clothes to My Friend's Closet in Beltsville. My Friend's Closet is a second hand store whose profits are used to support the ARC, an organization created to help PG County's special needs population. Julia also volunteered at the store during the summer. Marika Nell earned her award by organizing the collection of soccer items



(L-r) Caitlin Virta, Julia O'Brien and Marika Nell received the Girl Scout Silver Award at a recent holiday party. Each is a student at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

for a local needy soccer team. Caitlin Virta earned her award by organizing the Weinback Scholarship Spaghetti Dinner in the spring of 2006. The three girls were pre-

sented with this award at a special candle lighting ceremony. Afterwards they celebrated with festive food and a holiday gift exchange.

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mates in the auditorium, realizing her accomplishment as she was chosen as this year's poster contest winner for Prince George's County.

"I had no idea that I would win, a lot of students, even in my own class, had very good designs, so I was shocked when I won," said Dubon of her poster design. "I worked on it for about a week; I really like art projects." When asked if she was thinking about being an artist for a career, Dubon laughed and said, "Maybe."

Joanna's design was selected from thousands of entries and will be the centerpiece of the program's poster for Prince George's County. Over 3,000 Reading Pro-

gram posters will be displayed in schools throughout the county. Joanna also received a prize pack including a Baysox hat and t-shirt, a ticket package, and the distinction of throwing out a ceremonial first pitch at Prince George's Reading Night on Saturday, April 28th.

Since the inception of the "Read & Hit a Home Run" Reading Program, students throughout the region have read more than 3.5 million books. This year, over 200 elementary and middle schools are participating in the program throughout Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Howard, Montgomery, Prince George's, St. Mary's and Queen Anne Counties. Students involved in the program who read four or more books are rewarded with a free ticket to a

Baysox game. Students that complete the program will also be invited to their county's Reading Rewards Night at Prince George's Stadium to celebrate their accomplishment.

The Bowie Baysox will enter its 16th season as the "AA" Affiliate of the Baltimore Orioles. The Baysox will open the 2008 Eastern League season and its 71-game home game schedule on Thursday, April 3rd against the Erie SeaWolves (Class "AA" Affiliate of the Detroit Tigers) at Prince George's Stadium in Bowie, MD. Baysox full season, partial season and flex pack tickets are available now for the 2008 season. More information is available by calling the Bowie Baysox Ticket Sales department at 301.464.4880 or by logging on to www.baysox.com.

Wauschek Makes Dean's List

William Wauschek, a High Point High School graduate, has been named to the Dean's List of Towson University for the Fall 2007 semester. William is a History major with a Political Science minor. He is a member of Phi Alpha Theta - Towson's History Honor Society, and he enjoys long distance running. William remains active with Boy Scout Troop 1033 when he is home from school. Great Start William!



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Update on Sellman Road Construction Project

By Prince George's County Councilman Tom Dernoga

No doubt, you have noticed the recent construction activity on Sellman Road in the vicinity of Weymouth Avenue and Woodbine Road. During the last few months, crews from the Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPWT) have been clearing brush, trees and an abandoned house from the property of Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. This activity was the commencement of the Sellman Road project, which involves straightening the road and installing a roundabout. The intent of the project is to improve traffic flow and provide a safer roadway.

The project was introduced at a public forum in 2004, and, based on public comments, a revised plan was presented to affected homeowners in 2005. At that time, homeowners chose Alternate 4 as their preferred alternate. BARC graciously granted an easement on its property for a portion of the realignment and that is the property that has been getting cleared.

The realignment project will take approximately fifteen months to complete, barring complications. The project construction manager is Dwight Joseph, and he can be reached at his office at 301.883.5640 if you have any questions or concerns. The specifics of the project, as well as its progress, can be viewed by accessing Internet address http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/Government/AgencyIndex/DPW&T/Improvements/cherry-hill_Road_project.asp or on my webpage with a link to DPWT. A PDF of the planned road alignment is available at the same Internet address. As always, if you have any questions please feel free to contact my office at 301.952.3887 and ask for Judy Thacher, my Legislative Aide

21st District Delegation Introduces Bills to Promote BARC

Senator Jim Rosapepe and Delegates Joseline Peña-Melnyk, Barbara Frush, and Ben Barnes (D – 21), introduced resolutions in support of the Henry A. Wallace Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) and the National Agricultural Library (NAL), both located in Beltsville, Maryland. The resolutions request that the Governor urge the President of the United States and the Maryland Congressional Delegation to secure federal funds for BARC and NAL.

Senators Douglas Peters (D – 23) and Paul Pinsky (D – 22) co-sponsored the resolution. All delegates who represent Prince George's County are co-sponsoring as well.

NAL is the world's largest agricultural library, and BARC is the flagship location of the Agricultural Research Service and the largest and most comprehensive agricultural research center in the world.

Delegate Peña-Melnyk noted, "This legislation is a result of deep concern about the present direct and future viability of the operations of these two key federal institutions. Information about the decline in world-class researchers from over 400 to the present level of 260, along with reports of up to forty (40%) percent of the buildings at BARC being vacant, has given rise to the Delegation's concerns."

Senator Rosapepe echoed the

urgency by noting, "This information, as well as knowledge of leaking windows at the library, and budget cuts that require the library to cease foreign journal subscriptions, by all appearances, do not seem to bode well for the continuing operations of these two entities—both of which perform critical work on behalf of the citizens of Maryland and the nation."

Delegate Frush commented, "The recent news that the Director and the Associate Director of BARC have been transferred with little or no warning, thereby resulting in a loss of any sense of administrative continuity at BARC, has heightened the concern."

Delegate Barnes pointed out, "BARC employs 442 Prince George's County residents and a total of 943 people in the State of Maryland. BARC has a total direct economic impact that exceeds \$250 million annually, while NAL has a total direct economic impact that exceeds \$44 million annually."

Even when the annual appropriations of BARC and NAL include greater funds for salaries, the increase is usually less than sufficient to fund fully employee salaries, and it does not include an increase for benefits, which are a fixed percentage of an employee's total salary.

This lack of funding has resulted in the elimination of many positions

and has led to a decrease in the total number of Ph.D. scientists, which has dropped from 390 to 259 since 1989.

In the past 10 years, the Consumer Price Index has increased 26% and over the same time period, increasing utility rates have resulted in BARC's utility costs increasing more than 40%, despite a 20% reduction in total energy usage. In contrast, BARC's total appropriation has increased only 27% in the past 10 years. As a result of these factors, BARC faced a situation in fiscal year 2007 when about one-third of its research units could not meet their salary budget and it was necessary to downsize by 65 full-time employees, about 5% of its total employee population. Any further cuts could send BARC into a "death spiral."

Although the costs of purchasing books, journals, and other library materials have increased as much as 12% annually over the last two decades and while NAL's increases in staff costs have been similar to BARC's, NAL's appropriated budget has remained essentially constant in real terms since 1987.

NAL has been forced to reduce programs and services, abolish jobs, cancel thousands of journal subscriptions, and slow or eliminate purchases of equipment, books, and services.

Beltsville-Adelphi Boys and Girls Club Spring Registration

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Registration ends February 15, Teams fill fast so register early. Sport fee- 40.00

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February 23, Orchid Repotting Workshops, \$20 fee; advance registration only

Carol Allen, Orchid Expert Morning session at 10:00 a.m. repeats at 1:00 p.m.

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to help your orchids re-bloom. Bring one orchid from home to repot.

Repotting materials included in fee. NOTE: You must pre-register. Limit of 15 people per session.

March 01, DOO: the Right Thing. Organic Products and How They Work by Bob Peterson, Cockadoodle DOO: Organic Lawn and Garden Products. Everyone wants to go organic. Learn about organic products for lawn and garden care and how they work to build healthy soil and improve your plant's tolerance of

insect and disease problems. There is an alternative to harsh chemical fertilizers and herbicides! Make your garden a safer place for your kids and pets.

New Kind of Sign Language is Being Invented to Teach Yoga

Every Friday evening at Greenbelt Om Community Yoga, the energy runs high but the decibel level drops really low. This is when the weekly sign-interpreted

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Patuxent Research Refuge Public Programs for February

Although the National Wildlife Visitor Center is temporarily closed for repairs, outdoor programs will continue and grounds will remain open until 4:30 p.m. daily, except federal holidays.

Please make sure you provide accurate contact information when you register. The following programs will be conducted at the North Tract, located on Route 198 between the Baltimore Washington Parkway and Route 32.

Owl Prowl

Saturday February 9 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. All Ages. Explore the refuge at night while looking and listening for owls.

Bird Walk

Sunday, February 10 from 8:15 to 10:15 a.m. All Ages' Search for birds in several refuge habitats on this guided hike. Field guides and binoculars recommended.

Signs of Spring

Sunday, February 10 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. All Ages'

Explore the refuge for the first signs of spring plants such as skunk cabbage and spicebush on this guided walk. Field guides recommended.

The following programs will be held at the National Wildlife Visitor Center located on Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore/Washington Parkway and Route 197

Refuge Management Walk

Wednesday, February 13 from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. Ages 16+

Discover the way Patuxent provides habitat and manages for wildlife on this guided hike.

Birds of Prey

Saturday, February 16 from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. Ages 8-10

Learn about the various birds of prey that can be found around Patuxent and search for them on this guided hike.

Discovery Hike

Sunday, February 17 from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. Ages 5-7

Come learn about animals by looking for the signs they leave behind in this hands-on interactive hike.

Earth Walk

Sunday, February 24 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. All Ages

Connect with nature during this guided hike by using your five senses. Learn about the ecology of Patuxent Research Refuge on this "sense-sational" hike!

All programs are FREE, however, donations to The Friends of Patuxent are greatly appreciated! Programs DO require advance reservations. Reservations are taken by calling 301.497.5887. Please advise us of any special needs so that we may accommodate you. Visit us on the web at patuxent.fws.gov.

Programs Continue at Visitor Center Despite Building Closure

Spring tram tours and other programs are planned despite the fact that the National Wildlife Visitor Center will remain closed for repairs throughout most of the spring. The Visitor Center is located on the south part of the Patuxent Research Refuge in Laurel. The building closed last November in order to facilitate repairs to the heating/ventilation system. "Repair work is progressing nicely, but is taking a bit longer than expected," said Refuge Manager, Brad Knudsen.

The Annual Patuxent Wildlife Art Show and Sale, sponsored by Friends of Patuxent and scheduled for March 28-30, will be held this year at nearby Capitol College. Visit www.friendspwrc.org or call 301.497.5789 for more information.

Weekend public tram tours on the Visitor Center grounds will begin the first weekend in April. Tram tours may also be scheduled on weekdays by reservation. A variety of other programs are scheduled for the public several times a month on both the Visitor Center grounds

and at the Refuge's North Tract entrance off of MD Route 198. Program information for both the Visitor Center and the North Tract is listed on the refuge's web site, <http://patuxent.fws.gov>. The trails at both entrances are open daily except federal holidays. Prospective visitors may wish to call 301.497.5763 or check the web site for construction and program updates.

The National Wildlife Visitor Center is located off of Powder Mill Road between Maryland Route 197 and the Baltimore/Washington Parkway, south of Laurel.

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Games Award and recognized by the Keep Prince George's County Beautiful, Inc. Troop 1033 consists of 34 scouts and over the past two years 5 scouts have become Eagle Scouts and 5 scouts have been elected to the Order of the Arrow (which is the National Honor Society for Scouting). Our troop has also given back to the community over 800 hours of volunteer work including road side clean up along Powder Mill Road, gardening at the Beltsville Elementary School, building bleachers for the Boys and Girls Club, cleared hiking trails and picked up trash at the Fran Uhler Natural Management Area near Bowie State University, collected food for the hungry and visited the veterans retirement home. Please note that all efforts to organize and operate this sale are 100% volunteered by supporters of Scouting in Beltsville. See our web page at www.bsabeltsville.net for additional information.

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Scouts Reorganize for the New Year

By Gary Bauchan, Scoutmaster

The boys in the troop have been reorganizing patrols and electing new troop leaders. David Timus has been elected the new Senior Patrol Leader and Evan Carr has been appointed Assistant Senior Patrol Leader. Patrick Deery, Charleston Laymon and Jamie Garcia have been elected by their patrol to become their patrol leader. The following appointments have also been made: Junior Assistant Scoutmaster: Gregory Bauchan and Eddie Mellott; Scribes: Adrian Villarroel and Robert Shafer; and Instructor: Michael Clifford who has completed an entire year as the Senior Patrol

award for 2008 by obtaining the Boy Scout Centennial Quality Unit Award. The troop received this award for meeting and in some cases exceeding goals that were determined at the beginning of 2007. The troop was able to recruit 5 additional scouts and 2 additional adult leaders, retained 85% of its members, more than two thirds



Scouts enjoy team-building exercise.

Leader. The new troop leaders attended a four hour Troop Youth Leadership Training Program at Mr. Pat Nunan's GeoDome on Sunday, January 13 led by Scoutmaster, Gary Bauchan and Assistant Scoutmaster Rick Deery. The scouts learned about what it takes to be good leaders, leadership styles, problem solving, conflict resolution, team building, and learned their responsibilities for their leadership positions in the troop. All this was directed by the adult leaders and by playing games to reinforce the lessons that were taught.

Troop 1033 received its first

of the scouts advanced in rank, all of the scouts had an outdoor experience, all of our adult leaders are trained, we conducted an annual program planning meeting and we developed a budget to fund the program through our fund raising sales in the spring and fall. This is a new program within Boy Scouting as we gear up to celebrate our 100th anniversary of scouting in 2010. If your son is interested in scouting you can be assured that he will be joining a Quality Boy Scout Troop here in Beltsville. Our troop meets every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at Emmanuel United Methodist Church.

Engagements

Kevin and Carol Spaulding of Laurel announce the engagement of their daughter, Stacy Spaulding, to John Jowers, son of Rik and Gina Jowers of Beltsville. The wedding will take place in September at Eastern Yacht Club along the Chesapeake Bay.

Stacy is a graduate of the University of Maryland College Park, class of 2006. Currently, she is a 4th grade teacher in Montgomery County Public Schools.

John is also a graduate of Maryland, class of 2005. He will be a physical therapist after graduating from University



Stacy Spaulding & John Jowers are engaged.

of Maryland Eastern Shore this September.

In this unique summer proposal, John took Stacy on a leap of faith ... literally. They jumped out of a plane together to go skydiving! As if that wasn't enough of an adrenaline rush, Stacy got a double rush as she was parachuting back down. As she got closer, she suddenly noticed a large banner on the landing strip that boldly said, "Stacy, will you marry me?" She landed in front of the banner, ecstatic and shaking, where John was ready on one knee with the ring to pop the question. And the rest is history.

Obituaries

Bristow, Rebecca Sarah

Rebecca "Becky" Sarah Bristow, 42, formerly of Beltsville, passed away on January 12, 2008 at the Sticht Center of Baptist Hospital in Winston Salem, NC due to complications of Multiple Sclerosis. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, January 15, at 11:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Jamestown, NC. Interment was on January 17 at 1:00 p.m. in the Fairview Cemetery in Culpeper, VA beside her grandparents.

Becky was born on April 13, 1965 to Andy and K'Jo Bristow in Silver Spring, MD. She attended Maryland University and received her BS in Economics in 1987. Becky was an accomplished athlete and cello player for many years. She was recognized as the first girl to play on a boys varsity soccer team during Junior High in Prince George's County, was all county in softball and volleyball in High School and went on to play varsity softball and volleyball for the University of Maryland.

Shortly after Becky graduated, she was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. But she lived beyond the boundaries of her crippling disease and participated in all family activities/adventures; tubing the James River, fishing on her sister's boat, tubing on the lazy river at Disney World, cruises with her mother, sisters, aunt and uncle, and road trips to see her brother in Georgia and her sister in Maryland. Becky was a trooper! She earned the pet name, "Brahma Bull" by her family for she was resilient and she fought to survive. Becky was preceded in death by her grandparents, Orien & Polly Peevy, and Henry & Lenore Bristow. Surviving are her parents, K'Jo Bristow of Jamestown, Andy Bristow of Greensboro and sisters Polly Bristow of Greensboro and Julia Blalock and husband Gordon Blalock of Ellicott City, MD. Also surviving are brother Tom Bristow

and wife Tarus of Columbus, GA, five nieces and nephews (James, Emory, Andrew, Caroline and Sarah), aunts and uncles (Helen & Mert Ewals of Pilot Mound, IA; Dorothy & Tony Jones of High Point, NC; Giles & Barbara Bristow of Cumming, GA; Orion & Karin Peevy of Mathias, WV; Tom & Tomarie Boyd of Culpeper, VA; and cousins (Brad, Brian, Brent, Debbie, Sandy, Randy, Larry, Chris, Chad, Tiff and Dave) that all loved her dearly.

Also, very special to Beck were the neighbors of Cedarwood, fellow Christians of Tabernacle Baptist and Jamestown Baptist and the many friends of immediate family members. It often took a small village to help with Becky and without those friends, she would not have experienced all that she did in life. Becky loved all of you very much.

The family wishes to send out a special thanks to Larissa Jackson and other CNAs, the Department of Social Services, Baptist Hospital, Wesley Long Rehab. Center and Eagle Physicians for all the care and friendship provided to Becky during her illness.

Memorial contributions may be made to the MS Society, your local chapter, or look for Beck's Team during the next Tanglewood Ride or the next Virginia Beach MS Walk. There will always be a team riding or walking for Becky. Make your contribution to the cause in her name.

Online condolences may be made at www.Mem.com

Keane, Dorothy E.

Dorothy E. Keane passed away on Sunday, January 6, 2008. She was the beloved wife of James E. Keane; loving mother of Stephen A. (Karen) Keane, Susan A. (Joe) Panizari, Paul E. (Leslie) Keane, James P. (Debra) Keane and Brenda L. (Clarence) Newberry; sister of Marylou Andrus, Raymond Muckelbauer; Regina

Lang and Betsy Tompkins. Also survived by 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Relatives and friends called at Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Rd., Beltsville, MD on Thursday, January 10 from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. when a Memorial service was held. Memorial contributions may be made to Little Sisters of the Poor, 4200 Harewood Rd., NE, Washington, DC 20017.

Morris, William L., Sr.

William L. Morris, Sr. of Beltsville died on Saturday, December 22, 2007 He was the beloved husband of Norma J. Morris; father of Mary L. Smith, William L. Morris, Jr., David P. Morris, Robert S. Morris, Elizabeth G. Licht and Christopher D. Morris; brother of Bernard Morris; grandfather of Kristen Palmer, Maria Bowers, William L. Morris, III, David P. Morris, Norma Jean Morris, Christine Morris, Andrea Frazier, Alex Hayden Licht and Robert William Morris. Also survived by six great-grandchildren. Funeral service was held at Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville on Thursday, December 27 at 1:00 p.m. with Deacon Finis Thompson officiating. Interment Fort Lincoln Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice.

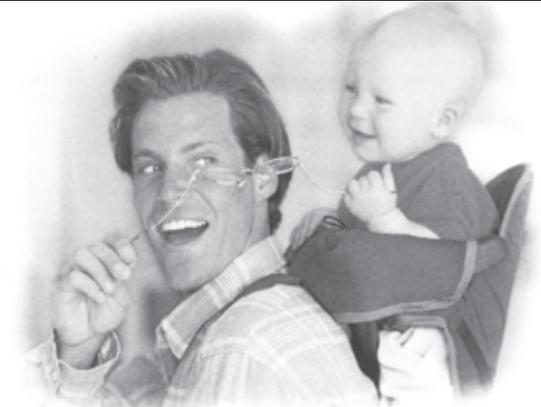
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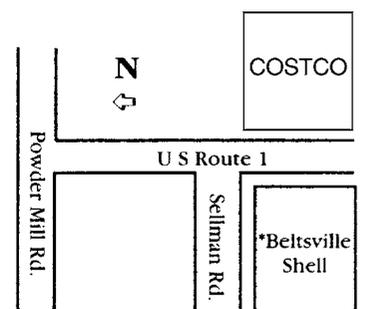


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Beltsville Briefs (Cont. from page 5)

yoga class happens, and it's like no other yoga class you've seen.

While teacher Joel Moodie guides hearing students through a normal level I yoga class, sign interpreter Jamie Yost or Folami Ford addresses the growing group of deaf students in the class in several ways: by using American Sign Language, by pointing out specific things on Moodie's body—the alignment of a knee, the angle of a foot—and by any other means necessary. Yost and Ford, both yoga students themselves, often get quite a workout just trying to stay within the line of sight of the deaf students as they, the students, move into postures that turn their heads in a different direction, or fold themselves forward (which inverts their gaze and points it to the back of the room.)

Moodie has observed that the deaf students in his classes often "get" new postures more quickly because they are so adept at minute visual observation of the poses as he demonstrates them.

Yost and Ford, both employed by Gallaudet University, are having a great time refining their interpretation techniques, along with plenty of input from a core of dedicated deaf students. The interpretation method they use is a collaborative work in progress.

Greenbelt Om provides the only sign interpreted yoga class in the Washington, D.C. metro area.

About Greenbelt Om Community Yoga: Located in historic Old Greenbelt, on the 2nd floor of Roosevelt Center over the movie theater, Greenbelt Om offers over 20 classes each week in a wide variety of yoga styles, plus T'ai Chi and Pilates. Greenbelt Om's mission is to serve Greenbelt and the surrounding communities with superb classes, workshops and special events in a beautiful, convenient studio. Greenbelt Om is a committed corporate citizen—owner Kim Kash is also the president of the Roosevelt Center Merchants Association—and it is their stated goal to work to improve the community of Old Greenbelt, which is also home to the owners and many of the teachers, by bringing more people to the downtown area and by offering programs that bring value to Greenbelt. For more information, contact Kim Kash at kkash@greenbeltom.com or call 301.220.0084.

Invitation to Emmanuel United Methodist Church

Attention Beltsville Community! Rev. Daniel Mejia and the people of Emmanuel United Methodist Church invite you to join us in Christian fellowship. New Sunday morning hours of worship beginning February 10, 2008 are:

- 9:00 - 10:00 - Contemporary Worship Service (NEW)
- 10:10 - 10:50 - Sunday School

for children and adults.

11:00 - 12:00 - Traditional Worship Service

New at Emmanuel in 2008 is a Contemporary style worship service. It will be replacing the more traditional family service held at 9:30. More contemporary music is planned.

Also new is the addition of four adult Sunday School classes. To be added are one adult, one young adult, one parenting couples, and one adult sign language class.

Hope to see you there.

Blood Drive at College Park Knights of Columbus

Sir Knight, John Landicho, Grand Knight, announced that on Monday, February 11, 2008, Prince George's Council 2809 would hold its quarterly blood drive in conjunction with the American Red Cross. The Council, located at 9450 Cherry Hill Road, College Park will be open from 1:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for this blood drive. The blood is needed for urgent needs within our area. You are welcome to donate. So that your time can be used efficiently, please call either Co-Chairpersons—Sir Knight, Tom Young 301.498.1946 or Sir Knight, Hugh O'Donnell 301.937.6605 for an appointment. The Grand Knight also announced that 3 more Blood Drives are scheduled during calendar year 2008, on Mondays, May 12, August 11 and November 10. The Grand Knight also noted that this activity is a part of our service to the community and our Council has been conducting blood drives for many years.

Basket Bingo

St. Joseph's Parish will conduct a Basket Bingo on Friday evening, February 29 in the Parish Hall at 11011 Montgomery Road 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.

Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department Fundraisers

Each year the Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department (BVFD) asks businesses and residents of the community for their support in a form of a tax-deductible donation. This is done by holding three types of Fundraisers that are:

- 1) From September through November: Portrait Fund Drive. This is our annual door-to-door Fund Drive for the residents of the community. Every family that donates is given a coupon for a

free professional portrait that is taken at the Beltsville Fire Station. Representatives from the Mutual Funding Corp. will have a 'Badge Type Picture ID' tag as well as a letter (on Official BVFD letter head) explaining the purpose of the Portrait Fund Drive. This is a tax-deductible donation that has been well received and supported in the community over the past 11 years. Donations are made directly to the BVFD.

2) November: A Business mailer is sent to the businesses of the community. Donations are made directly to the BVFD via a returned envelope.

3) March: A Resident mailer is sent to the residents of the community. A follow-up mailer is sent around July. Donations are made directly to the BVFD via a returned envelope.

Proceeds raised from our Fundraisers are used by the BVFD for training classes, to purchase new equipment as well as the upkeep of the existing equipment.

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Thank you for supporting your local Beltsville Volunteer Fire Department. Please feel free to contact us at 301.937.3160 (good time to call is Monday after 7:00 p.m.) if you have any questions concerning our Fundraisers or any other Fundraisers related to the fire service. Please ask for the Fire Chief, President or the Chairperson of the Board of Directors.

Ducks Unlimited Annual Dinner

The General George G. Meade Chapter of DUCKS UNLIMITED will hold its annual SPONSOR DINNER open to the public on Friday the 7th of March at SNYDER'S WILLOW GROVE, 841 N. Hammonds Ferry Rd, Linthicum Heights, MD from 6:00 to 10:00 pm. The price for this event is \$85.00 per couple or \$45.00 per person. Children under 14 only pay \$20.00. There will be great food, limited open bar, silent and live auctions, raffles and many attendance prizes awarded. Bring your whole family! For further information please call Bob Shaw at 410.674.6523 or Charles Brown at 410.750.7263 or email bobshaw82@aol.com. For more information about DUCKS UNLIMITED go to our Website at: <http://www.ducks.org/Aboutdu/default.aspx>.

Club News

Beltsville Garden Club

By Louise DeJames

The Beltsville Garden Club will hold a general meeting on Wednesday, February 27, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the James E. Duckworth School, 11201 Evans Trail, Beltsville. Our speaker for this month is Paula Shrewsbury, PhD, and her topic will be "Ornamental and Garden Pest Management." Dr. Shrewsbury will discuss the role of plant community diversity in promoting beneficial insects to reduce the likelihood of pest insect outbreaks and plant damage.

Dr. Shrewsbury is an associate professor and extension specialist on ornamental and turf integrated pest management in the Department of Entomology at the University of Maryland. Her research is on the development of alternative, less toxic control tactics, biological control and community ecology. A major focus of her research is to identify methods to restore plant and insect community dynamics to create more sustainable landscapes and nurseries.

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.beltsville-gardenclub.org.**

Beltsville VFW

By Ray Schar, Sr.



The Jacob A. Bladt Memorial Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10260 held its first meeting of the New Year on January 15 at the Beltsville Boys and Girls Club. Post Senior Vice Commander Walter Snow conducted the meeting in the absence of Post Commander George Barclay.

Following the usual custom of having the Post's books and records audited each year, two officers of VFW District 17, Frederick Robinson, Jr., District 17 Commander, and Sammie Whitehead, District Inspector, arrived early and conducted the audit. Everything was found to be in order.

The Beltsville Post has always supported youth contests sponsored by the VFW. In light of this, Post members voted to provide \$100 Savings Bonds for India Deahl, Oxon Hill, MD, for winning the patriotic contest and Christopher Presley, Upper Marlboro, MD, for placing first in the Voice of America contest.

The Christmas dinner held on December 18 was the usual success of this once-a-year celebration by the Post's members and their families. The dinner, with all the trimmings, was prepared by

some of the best cooks in the area. Following the fine meal, various Post members recited some of their best stories, and yes, jokes for the enjoyment of their audience.

The February meeting of the Post will be held on the 19th at the Beltsville Boys & Girls Club on Roby Avenue. Members and potential members are encouraged to attend and take part in the various Post activities.

Beltsville Young at Heart

By Barbara Schofield

We had our first meeting of the month on January 3. Marge Koebke, our new president, opened the meeting and our new chaplain, Rosa Stiggers, led the devotion, pledge and song. Our new officers are doing a great job. Marge outlined the areas that need to be filled and asked people to step up and fill them. Remember that this is your club and everyone needs to take a turn. None of these jobs takes a lot of time or energy. Our January 17 meeting had very low attendance because of the weather, but 33 members braved the storm and made it. We had a speaker from the Prince George's County Department of the Aging, Miss Sparks, who told us about a lot of services for seniors in the county. We had refreshments and a fifty/fifty drawing before everyone bundled up to brave the storm

and went home. Tommy was very helpful putting salt down on the sidewalks and lending his broom to clear windshields. Thanks Tommy. Well, I will leave you with these wacky days in February. February 4 is Thank a Mailman

Day, the 16th is do a Grouch a Favor Day (my personal favorite) and February 29 is Leap Day. These are just a few that I found. Take care, and be good to yourself.

Action at the Beltsville Rotary Club

By Yuksel Sagirlioglu, CTC, President

As promised, I just returned from the Philippines on January 10. It was an interesting trip. I visited many Rotary Clubs there. I am getting more involved with their activities. My wife and I were invited to several Christmas Parties.

One of the Clubs has a project with the Soya Product Producing Machine. I

was at their inaugural day and saw how the machine works. This was a big project and they accomplished it very well. This machine will produce soya milk for school children and other products that will be sold

to cover expenses. What a great idea. They are also encouraging farmers to plant soya beans. This will provide help to a



(L-r) Ms. Ivy Christoffers, Past President, Ms. Kelly Speakes-Backman, speaker, and Yuksel Sagirlioglu, CTC, President

greater community.

It is always good coming back to home sweet home. I was happy to come back home, except for the weather.

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Women's Community Club of Beltsville February Program

By President Mae Whitehead

On Monday February 11 the Women's Community Club of Beltsville (WCCB) will resume its monthly meetings. The Library Committee will serve as Host and all are invited to join us for a presentation by Jack Booz and Mario Ellis from the Prince George's County Office of the Sheriff. Their focus will be on child support,

custody, protection, and domestic violence. If you or someone you know can benefit from this information please join us at Emmanuel United Methodist Church 11416 Cedar Lane Beltsville at 12:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

The WCCB is a 501 (c) 3 charitable organization. Our meetings and programs are open to all in the community and we welcome your membership. As always in support

of our ongoing Community Giving project please bring a canned food donation. We thank our members, business and individual supporters over the years for their generous contributions. For more information about WCCB please contact Club President Mae Whitehead: 301.572.7464 or email: presidentwccb@yahoo.com. "Spreading a little sunshine year round."

ROTARY CLUB

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The weather in the Philippines was 70-90 degrees versus 30-45 degrees here.

Unfortunately, our club lost some members. Most of them relocated their residences. As we all

know, nothing lasts forever. Now we are in need of new members. In Beltsville there are citizens who like to be involved in community affairs, and they should come and join us. I know you would be pleased to be a Rotary Club member. Helping other people gives you a great feeling.

As you all know, Rotary International involved two new projects worldwide; one is to provide clean water for people who do not have it (In Maryland 45,000 people do not have access to clean water); second is world peace. We Rotarians are trying to bring peace to the entire world so that the world will become very peaceful. We will make it happen, just like Polio eradication and other projects we have had in the past.

Last week we had a speaker from a company located in Beltsville, Ms. Kelly Speakes-Backman, Director of Marketing for the SunEdison Company. They have been involved in providing Solar Energy for companies for a long period of time. It was interesting. Using Solar Energy definitely will reduce your regular electric expenses. Of course this depends on your location and how much sunshine you get throughout the year.

We are positively looking forward to a great year in 2008. Please come to our meetings to see how we do things in our community as well as abroad.

This year we will be doing some joint ventures with some foreign Rotary Clubs. As you all know, Rotary shares. God Bless America.

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YOUTH RECOGNITION

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mander Tom Davis and the advancement of the colors by the NJROTC from Northwestern High School, after which we had the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of the National Anthem by Miss College Park, Shannon Beam, followed by the opening prayer by Chaplain, Mary Keller. Next was the introduction of special guests by Commander Tom Davis and President Angie Rodriguez. Guests, of which there were many, included Steven Brayman, Mayor of College Park and several Council members. Senator Jim Rosapepe, although recuperating from a serious accident, favored us with a visit. Many Department and Southern Maryland District American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary officers and chairmen were in attendance. Senator Rosapepe was introduced and brought greetings and a word of encouragement to our young folks. He also thanked Post and Unit 217 for their commitment to our youth. At last it was time to begin recognizing the honorees.

First up was The Hollywood Elementary School who was represented by the school principle, Barbara Caskey, and four students: Cindy Gonzalez, Reina Alvarez, Julian Ventura and Jocelyn Reyes who were recognized for their efforts in accumulating seven large boxes of school supplies for the children in Iraq. This was done over the course of one week and involved all the children of Hollywood Elementary School from pre-K through 6th grade. A beautiful Community Service Excellence Plaque was presented to the school from Post, Unit and Squadron No. 217.

Receiving recognition for

their winning Americanism Essay entries were the following: Angela Alvarez, Gina Bado, Bradley Brunk, Kimberly Castellon, Louis Consoli, Erica Harmon, Jack McGinis, Lisa Puglisi, Neomi Roa, Daryn Robinson, Kasey Un, Noah Waldron, Callun Walton and Arden Walton. Although all of the mentioned essay winners could not be with us, the six who did come read their essays to a most appreciative audience. These children had already received their awards from Judy Slarb during their respective school award assemblies. Next it was time to hear from our Girl's State Citizens: Ela Salinas-Caballero, Helzy Mavet Diaz, Dyan din Gabisi, and Jasmine Monique Wilson. There was a special presentation by Paola Flores, who attended Girl's State as a Junior Counselor. Next it was time to hear from the Boy's State Citizens who were: Wilber Alvarez, Michael Hang, Jeffery Hernandez, Aaron Mack, Francisco Romero-Nunez and Maurice Thomas.

Our Eagle Scout recipients from Troop 1033 this year were: Sean Halper, Kris Smith and Michael Stewart. Miss College Park gave an accounting of her year that will be up on February 16 when the new Miss College Park will be crowned. Shannon has been an excellent Ambassador for our Post and Unit and the entire College Park community. The Miss College Park Scholarship Pageant has received a generous grant from the City of College Park that enables us to be even more generous in awarding scholarship funds to these young ladies.

Others recognized were those who received Military Excellence awards: Jennifer Arana-Vasquez, Nelson Deras-Penate, Helzy Diaz, Dian din Gabisi, Michael Hang, William McCombs, Francisco Romero-Nunez, Maurice Thomas

and Katrina Vito. Receiving recognition for Scholastic Excellence were: Wilber Alvarez, Shasun Banks, Angelica Deras-Penate, Jeffery Hernandez, Aaron Mack, Walter Measday, Netsanet Woldergerima and Ela Salinas-Caballero.

College Park Mayor Steven Brayman was introduced for special remarks that were well received.

During the program Mark Beard and Wayne Miller favored us with a patriotic song that added greatly to the afternoon's enjoyment. As the proceedings were winding down, all the honorees present, there were 25, were called to the front of the room and presented with a special American Flag that had flown on the National Mall during the American Legion Auxiliary's Healing Field of 1,000 flags during the week of November 9-17, 2007 to commemorate Veteran's Day. Each flag was folded in the correct way, 13 folds with the star field showing, and came with a picture of the Healing Field and a letter of authenticity. Along with this also came a booklet on the flag, entitled, "A Symbol of Pride," a patriotic bookmark and a lapel flag pin. The program ended with a prayer by Post Chaplain, Ron Gray, and the singing of God Bless America, led by Shannon Beam, Mark Beard and Wayne Miller.

From a personal viewpoint, I feel we can rest a little easy knowing that our future is in such concerned and dedicated hands as those of these young citizens mentioned here.

Next it was time to enjoy the special meal prepared with the children in mind, hamburgers, hot dogs, French fries, baked beans, and cake and ice cream for

dessert. It was a very successful and enjoyable day. Thanks go out to all the volunteers who worked to make this possible. Many Post, Unit and SAL members were involved from the initial planning stage to the setup of the room, to the programs, to the menu and preparation of the food, to clean-up after the fact. It takes us all to bring such an event to successful fruition. The new Americanism Chairman, Judy Beard, was instrumental in the success of this pro-

gram. Past Americanism Chairman, Judy Slarb, who chaired this program for 11 years and now lives in Laurel, DE has promised to work with the new chairman to ease the transition.

This is just one of the many programs designed to motivate our youth and recognize their accomplishments. Would you like to be part of this organization? Call 301.441.2783 and inquire if you are eligible to join in our endeavors.



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Captain Marvin Heinze, USN, son of Peter and Mary Agnes Heinze, formerly of Cedar Lane, has retired from the Navy, serving most recently as the Chief of Staff for the United States SIXTH Fleet in Naples, Italy. Having attended Beltsville Elementary and Beltsville Junior High Schools, Captain Heinze is a 1975 graduate of High Point High School and was a local Eagle Scout with Troop 1033.

Captain Heinze was a Navy Special Operations officer during his 28 year Navy career, specializing in Explosive Ordnance Disposal. His assignments included three command assignments; an EOD detachment in Concord, CA, an Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit in Norfolk, VA, and the largest Explosive Ordnance

Disposal Group in the Navy, EOD Group ONE in San Diego, CA. Other assignments included Force Nuclear Weapons Officer for the Pacific Fleet Naval Surface Force, Fleet Operations Officer for THIRD Fleet and as a federal executive fellow with RAND in Santa Monica, CA. Locally, in the Pentagon, he served as the Head of Congressional Coordination on the Navy Staff, Chief of Antiterrorism Operations and Analysis on the Joint Staff and the Chief of Military Support to Domestic Civil Authorities.

Captain Heinze will return to Coronado, California, where his wife, Jill Olen, is the Chief of Public Safety for the City of San Diego.

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School News

Eleanor Roosevelt High School Instrumental Music Program

The award winning instrumental music program at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, 7601 Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt, MD, is preparing for the Prince George's County Band and Orchestra Festivals by presenting concerts during the month of February. On Wednesday, February 27 at 7:30 p.m. all four bands will perform the festival music at the Band Festival Concert. On Thursday, February 28 at 7:30 p.m. all four orchestras will perform in the Orchestra Festival Concert. All instrumental music concerts at the Eleanor Roosevelt are free and open to the public.

The Beltsville students performing in the Festival Concerts are: Ashley Kaippallil, Calvin DaSilva, Lynitta Karley, Robert Shafer, Natalie Herder, Monica Cunanan, Brendan Cusack, Kimberly Chin, Markus Brown, Pat-

rick McVeigh, Emily Romani, Eddie Mellott and Nicholas Smith.

The citrus fruit sale has two more months this school year. Temple oranges and pink grapefruits are available for pickup on February 14, and March orders for oranges or grapefruit are due February 28. Orders for citrus fruit can be made through any instrumental music student or by calling the fruit line at 301.345.5393.

The Dixieland Combo from Eleanor Roosevelt High School will perform at the Pancake Supper at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane, Beltsville, MD on Saturday, February 2. The supper begins at 5:00 p.m. and the concert will begin at 5:45 p.m. Tickets for the supper and/or the concert will be available at the door or by calling 301.937.7114.



Calverton Elementary School's kindergarten class poses with Ms. Emily Rand, one of several students from the University of Wisconsin who spent an intense week at Calverton Elementary as part of a course in multiculturalism.

Calverton Elementary School News

Calverton is very proud that two of the sixth grade students took first and second place in the annual VFW essay contest. The theme this year was "Why I am an American Patriot." Wesley Hunte took first place and Joy Olatunji took second place. Wesley was awarded a total cash prize of \$300 and Joy received \$100. This essay contest is open to all Prince George's County students in 6th through 8th grades each year. Calverton has had winning essays each year that they have participated. Writing teacher Mrs. Wood is looking forward to having more student participation for the next school year.

Fourth grade was very busy in January. They welcomed the New Year by learning the Maurice Sendak poem "January" (from *Chicken Soup with Rice*) and reciting it for all the teachers at school while presenting them with a cup of warm chicken soup. They went to see a musical production, *Once Upon a Mattress*. Mrs. Fulcher's class hosted an intern from the University of Wisconsin, Ms. Faching. Fourth grade also has begun their States and Capitals unit. Each child is keeping a folder to help memorize the 50 states and their corresponding capitals. So far, they have learned Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island. The children are

learning the states' postal abbreviations. All of the fourth grade students will participate in the States and Capitals Bee in April. They are also busy working on their Science Fair projects that will be judged on February 28. Five students in the fourth grade had reached the goal of 2500 stickers in First in Math by January 1. Congratulations to Elijah Achu, Ahkita-Maat Page, Rodrigo Romualdo and Bruno To.

Mrs. Freeman's kindergarten class was very excited to also have one of the interns from the University of Wisconsin. Ms. Rand was one of the students who came to Calverton for a week in January while taking a January course on multiculturalism and education. The students are also lucky to have a lending hand from three High Point students who come as part of a class they are taking this year. They are Ashley Giuns, Sharon Camacho, and Denise Diaz-Montego. They recently assisted the students with Leap Frog skills cards emphasizing letter sounds. The kindergartners are also learning about digital and analog clocks and the name and value of coins. The class is also thrilled to have the loving assistance of parent volunteer, Mrs. Hernandez, who gives so much of her time and talent to help the students and Mrs. Freeman.

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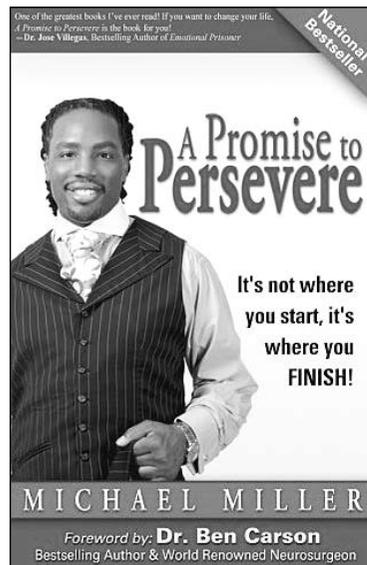
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School News

An Evening with Dr. Michael Miller at High Point High School

Please join us at 7:00 p.m. in High Point High School's newly renovated auditorium on Friday, February 22nd for an evening of music and inspiration with Dr. Michael Miller. Dr. Miller, a native of Baltimore, was recognized on the Oprah Winfrey show as a "Beating the Odds Scholar," is the author of a bestselling book, and is an inspirational speaker on the power of education. He will be joined by the award-winning High Point High School choir and student spoken-word performances for a truly uplifting program. Tickets cost \$5 and can be purchased in advance in the High Point High School Guidance Office or at the door. Box office will open at 6:00 p.m. Copies of his book will also be on sale before and at the show.

Dr. Michael Miller's story is a powerful testament to the pow-



er of perseverance in the face of great obstacles. He grew up in extreme poverty in Baltimore and fell into the role of "troubled youth." Shrugging off education and accepting a life on the rough streets of a Baltimore ghetto, Miller was ill-equipped to deal with the challenges of his own life. Faced with death at the age of 25,

however, he found a way to overcome the many great challenges of his life through education.

When Miller began his race toward success, he became the first person to obtain a GED, an Associate's Degree, and a Bachelor's Degree in the span of three years. After graduating from Morehouse College, he was recognized by Oprah Winfrey as a "Beating the Odds Scholar." She provided financial support for him to pursue his Masters and Ph.D.

Now Dr. Miller is the author of a bestselling book, "A Promise to Persevere," and works with the U.S. Department of Education speaking to students, families and educators about his experiences. He delivers a powerful message that is inspiring to students, educators, families and communities. Please join us at High Point for this inspiring evening. Dr. Miller truly embodies his statement that life is a race, but "it's not where you start, it's where you finish!"

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MLK MS and High Point HS PTA's Receive Christmas Presents

By Prince George's County Councilman Tom Dernoga

I got to play the role of Santa's Elf at the Martin Luther King Middle School Christmas concert. When the FedEx warehouse on Trolley Lane in

very appreciative and the PTA wrote a very heartfelt thank you note to Scannell Properties. Further, in finishing the expansion project, Scannell will also be providing a thick layer of landscaping along its common boundary with MLK.



I understand that the PTA has decided to use the funds to help expand the computer lab.

Just before going to MLK, Mr. Taub and I had dropped in at High Point High School PTSA's Board meeting and presented the Board with a \$5,000 donation.

Beltsville decided to expand, I negotiated with the developer, Scannell Properties, to encourage them to provide support to some local schools. Scannell Properties, located in Indianapolis, Indiana, had expressed an interest in working with the community to be a good corporate neighbor and had offered to make donations to both schools.

At the MLK MS Christmas concert, I brought a Scannell representative (local attorney Larry Taub) who presented a \$5,000 donation to the PTA. The parents in attendance were

The PTSA leaders have a number of projects, ranging from teacher appreciation lunches to scholarships, that they want to undertake this year. This donation will be of tremendous help and the PTSA Board was very pleased.

When the two events were over, and Mr. Taub was heading home, he expressed what fun he had playing Santa Claus and described the evening events as seeing for "the two schools roar in appreciation." It was a great way to start the Holiday season.

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Rosapepe's Report to Beltsville

By Senator Jim Rosapepe (D-21)

Protecting BARC open space

As you know, the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) is the largest piece of open space in northern Prince George's, as well as the premier agricultural research facility in the world. But, because it's in our growing corridor, developers are always eyeing it for strip malls and intense development. Allowing them to destroy BARC would undermine the quality of life in Beltsville, boost water pollution and global warming, and reduce our country's ability to compete in agriculture and the life sciences.

That's why when I was in the House of Delegates, I helped pass the state law that says that if any BARC land is sold, it goes directly into agricultural zoning -- not commercial, industrial or residential. Now BARC faces another threat -- the federal government has cut funding for the past several years, reducing the number of PhD scientists working there from 390 in 1989 to 259 today. The federal government has done the same to the National Agricultural Library (NAL), which is on Route 1, right across from the BARC headquarters.

That's why Delegates Barbara Frush, Joseline Peña-Melnyk, and Ben Barnes and I have introduced a resolution in the Maryland legislature urging the federal government to reverse these budget cuts and investment more in BARC and NAL, international treasures that mean so much to us here in Beltsville. To read a full copy of the resolution, go to <http://mlis.state.md.us/2008RS/bills/sj/sj0002f.pdf>. US Senators Barbara Mikulski and Ben Cardin and Congressman Steny Hoyer are



Senator Jim Rosapepe

also champions of BARC. We hope that a strong statement from the Maryland legislature will provide support for their efforts.

Banning Panhandling

At the request of a number of local citizens in Beltsville and elsewhere in our district, the Delegates and I are also sponsoring a bill to ban panhandling on public roads in Prince George's. It's a public safety issue, as well as a quality of life issue. The homeless need real help, both with housing and with other problems they have. And we are strongly supportive of such efforts. But panhandling is not the right solution. We passed a similar law in Anne Arundel County last year.

Reducing Speeding on our roads

One of the major concerns I hear from Beltsville residents is amount of speeding on our local roads, which endangers pedestrians as well as drivers and passengers.

I'm particularly sensitive to this problem now because, as you may have heard, I was hit by a hit and run driver in mid-December while I was walking outside my hotel

on an out of town trip. The good news is that I was quickly taken to a nearby hospital and got great medical treatment. I have a broken leg, which means I can't walk easily or drive for a while, but I'm on the road to recovery. Thanks to all those who have wished me a speedy recovery!

But many other neighbors have not been so blessed. Governor O'Malley has proposed a state law allowing local governments, including Prince George's County, to install cameras, as the District of Columbia and Montgomery County can, to record the license numbers of speeders in residential and school zones to hold them accountable for the dangers they pose. I'm strongly supportive of this proposal and will push to expand it to major roads such as Route 1 as well.

Come to Annapolis March 3 for 21st District Reception

The Delegates and I hope you can join us in Annapolis the evening of March 3, 6:00-8:00 p.m. in Room 170 of the Lowe House Office building on Rowe Blvd near the State House. It will be an opportunity to learn more about what's going on in the state government, see the legislature in action, and just catch up with friends. Call 301.858.3141 or email Rosapepe.Aide@inbox.com with questions about parking or other matters and to RSVP. We look forward to seeing you!

Contact us

Please feel free to be in touch if the Delegates or I can be of help to you. Just email Senator. Rosapepe@inbox.com or call 301.858.3141.

ON THE AGENDA

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and as we go to press they have not named Major Cunningham's replacement.

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High Point High School PTSA

By Vicki Murphy-Wauschek, PTSA President

HPHS PTSA would like to extend special thanks to the Prince George's County Gang Task Force members Major Robert Liberati, Captain Bill Lynn, Detective Tony Aven-dorph, Sgt. George Norris for being presenters at our first community meeting on Jan. 15th. Amber Waller, PG County School Board Member at large moderated the meeting. Although parent attendance was lighter than expected, some of our guests included Dr. John Deasey, Mr. Conyers - High School Consortium, several school board members - Don-

na Hathaway-Beck and Ron Watson, DJ Rico from WPGC, Margo Bauman from Senator Rosapepe's office, and Judy Thacher from Councilman Tom Dernoga's office. The presentation was informative and stressed that gang problems begin at home. Parents need to pay attention to their children, which includes any changes in their behavior, their grades, and a sudden increase of money and new clothes for no apparent reason. We also need to keep the pressure on our legislators to make sure the laws keep up with the severity of the crimes and the ages of the children committing the crimes.

On a lighter note, the PTSA plans to provide birthday celebrations for High Point staff each month at their faculty meetings. There will also be Valentine's Surprises, Teacher Appreciation Week celebration, and awards given for "Perfect Attendance" to teachers at the end of the school year. Guidance counselor Mr. Peabody will distribute the applications for scholarships for our senior PTSA members in a few months. Mark your calendar for our next Executive Board Meeting: Tuesday, Feb. 19th at 7:00 p.m. in room 108. Agenda: Truancy. As always, all are welcome to attend.

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School News



Second grade singers perform at St. Joseph's Catholic School .

Christmas Celebrations at St. Joseph's Catholic School

Signs of Christmas were strong at our school with a different theme featured each day.

On class color day, the students adorned the halls with their rainbow of attire. Each grade showed their spirit by wearing their class color.

On Twin/Triplet day, many were identically dressed. What a fun and creative show of spirit, especially for the middle school teachers that became triplets.

Professional day was all about the future. Choosing a career and dressing the part was a wonderful way to express the students' personal interests.

On Wednesday, all enjoyed a special performance by "Step Afrika!" This group of men and women showed the art and energy of stepping. We learned that universal life skills could be achieved using the values of "Teamwork, Commitment and Discipline."



During this jubilant season, the students took time to entertain and delight parents, teachers, family and the community. On a caroling trip to Hill Haven, the 6th graders enjoyed singing Christmas carols while residents enjoyed clapping and keeping time with small instruments.

The handmade bookmarks were an early Christmas gift for the residents.

Our Band Concerts included the inspirational songs of "Carols

of Joy," "Soul Rock," and "Jingle Bells." An encore of "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" was played at the request of the younger crowd.

A Christmas program completed our Spirit week. Under the direction of Ms. Scarlett Lant, Music Teacher, "The Christmas Story" was told through songs and scripture readings.

The Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 7th and 8th grade choirs, the recorders of the 3rd and 4th graders and the hand bells of the 5th and 6th graders all contributed to a joyous and memorable performance.

Before and after the show, members of the ecology club offered an organic cookie sale. Cookies were made with organic ingredients and were sold in environmentally friendly, "holiday green" packaging.

Our Christmas celebrations were festive and fun.



Prince George's County Councilman Tom Dernoga (front left) accompanied High Point students to Annapolis on January 17, where they visited several elected officials.

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the time it was over. TV stations, radio stations and newspapers interviewed some of the students, which was a great experience for them – and they did great.

After the rally, the High Point students met with Senator Pinsky and asked many tough questions

relating to his bill. Following the meeting, I took them to meet with our District 21 Senator, Jim Rosa-pepe. We also had the opportunity to speak with Senators Douglas Peters and Nathaniel Exum. It was another great experience for the students, and the adults learned a lot just watching the students work.

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School News



Mrs. O'Brien and Principal Michael J. O'Loughlin shown with geography bee winners (L-r) J. Butler, K. Weaver, and A. Russo.

Geography Bee at St. Joseph's Catholic School

In our 4th-8th Grade classes the Geography Bee is a fun competition to test students' knowledge of the United States and the World. The classroom winners met on January 15, 2008 and narrowed the field to one. J. Butler, 7th grader,

won his fourth 1st place award. In second was K. Weaver, 6th grader and placing third was A. Russo, an 8th grader. Congratulations to all who participated, and good luck to our winner as he continues on to the local Geography Bee.



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MLK School News

By Michelle Mariani Williams

MLK staff members have selected four students and one teacher who best exemplify the qualities of their Renaissance program: high academic achievement and demonstrating good citizenship. The "Living the Dream" award winners are Sarah Escoto, Danielle Gibbs, Kimberly Graninger, Jorge Hernandez and Mr. Alan Tirdil, MLK's 7th grade geography teacher. Mr. Tirdil was recognized for his classroom instruction, work ethic and for being a positive role model.

Service learning is a teaching method that combines service to the community with curriculum-based learning. MLK has included service learning into its curriculum and all Prince George's County Public School students must have a minimum of 75 student service-learning hours (SSL) to successfully meet the service-learning graduation requirement. Service learning has been incorporated into the science and social studies curricula for grades 5-10 for a total of 51 hours. In addition, students must complete 24 independent hours of service learning.

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BLACK HERITAGE WALK EVENT

Saturday, February 16 Join the Freestate Happy Wanderers at their 5 km and 11 km walk in Bowie, MD. Start between 9:00 a.m. and noon and finish by 3:00 p.m. In conjunction with Black History Month the trail will wind through the campus of Bowie

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BELTSVILLE EVENTS

HIGH POINT NIGHT AT MOE'S

Saturday, February 2, at Moe's, located at 10250 Baltimore Avenue, adjacent to IKEA, will donate 10% of dinner tabs during 5:00-10:00 p.m. to High Point's Booster Club.

JOHNNY SEATON IN CONCERT

Friday, February 15 at College Park Knights of Columbus, 9450 Cherry Hill Road. Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Show from 8:00-11:00 p.m. \$25 per-person. Call 301.345.4076 for info.

VANSVILLE CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

Monday, February 11 at 7:00 p.m. at Franklin Brown Building, Vansville Recreation Park, 11733 Old Baltimore Pike, Vansville.

WOMEN'S COMMUNITY CLUB OF BELTSVILLE

Monday, February 11 at 12:30 p.m. at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane in Beltsville.

BELTSVILLE RECREATION COUNCIL

Monday, February 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Beltsville Community Center.

BELTSVILLE CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

Wednesday, February 20 at 7:00 p.m. at the Beltsville Elementary School located at 4300 Wicomico Avenue.

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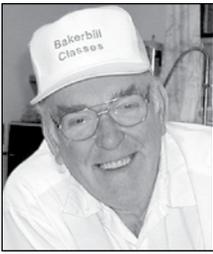


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"Holly Hill Manor" \$425,000

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Baker Bill

STUFF 'N THINGS

The holidays have come and gone and it's time to get back to normal. I am pretty sure you didn't need me to tell you that. A gentleman at church asked me about writing this article and I told him that sometimes it's hard because I like to write about current events, but by the time it's in print the events are no longer current. For example, the mess they made of the end of Montgomery road. That was to be a two-way street. They

even had a sign up and you could see they made a cutoff for it. Now it is blocked off. All because the day they drew the plans they did not make the curve wide enough for two cars to pass.

I had a good holiday season and I hope you did as well, with no tears. The bakery that bears my name did well. I made over 600 dozen of the hand cuts. Thanks to you, the customers, I think they did well. John and his wife work

very hard and I am proud to have my name still on the place. Raulin's Bakery is one of a very few bakeries left in the area where you can get fresh donuts and rolls, etc.

Have you noticed prices lately? All foods have gone up 20% or so. I saw the bakery's raw material invoices last week. I could not believe what they need to pay for simple items. All flours went up 20% in the last few weeks. Sugar, wow! Nuts, like pecans, are over \$350 for a 20 pound box. I shop once a month and normally spend \$75. Now it's \$100 with no meat. I refuse to spend \$18 for steak that is tough, no matter what they advertise.

As I have written, the bloom is off the organic rose. I wrote there is no way everything in the store can be organic. The other night in

the news the newscaster was talking about the law of everything having a sticker of origin on all hard products or hardware. The law does not apply to vegetables. We have no way of knowing where the vegetables come from, and also have no way of knowing if they are organic or not. The point is that some vegetables come from countries where you can't drink the water. We need to hope for the best. The newscaster added

that the law would be changed by this summer.

Go to my Web site and click on recipes. Print out the best corn muffin recipe ever; I have no room to write it out this month. Some people have told me they miss my words of wisdom. I have found a new source. Here it is. An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest.

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English Classes Held at Emmanuel United Methodist Church

Emmanuel United Methodist Church will once again be filled with excitement and learning when it holds its second semester of classes in English for Speakers of Other Languages (also called ESL) beginning Tuesday, February 12 at 7:00 p.m. On that night, students will be assessed and placed into the class level that best fits them. Then, for the next 12 weeks, students will improve their speaking, reading, listening and writing skills in English. The classes will meet at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 11416 Cedar Lane, and last from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Students can receive additional help by coming to tutoring on Thursday night at the church. The cost for all classes and tutoring is \$20.00. Last fall, three levels of English classes were offered to 53 students. If you are interested in attending the classes, please come to registration on February 12.

We will also need people to help with the classes, whether as a teacher, a teacher's assistant, or a person volunteering in any other way. If you would like to be a part of this important and fun program, please contact the church office at 301.937.7114 or e-mail eumcbeltsville@earthlink.net.

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ST. JOSEPH YOUTH MINISTRY

Attention teens, grades 7 - 12. All are invited to attend the St. Joseph Youth Ministry Kick-off Planning Session/Pizza Party, Sunday, February 24, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. To make this a successful ministry, we need YOUR INPUT. Come help decide when you will meet, what you will do, and what you will accomplish. For additional information call 301.937.7183.

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1st and 3rd Thursdays 11:00 a.m. at the Beltsville Community Center. For ages 55 and over. Activities include speakers, entertainment, trips and socials. Info 301.937.6613

BELTSVILLE LIBRARY

Book Discussion

Tuesday, February 19 at 10:30 a.m. Dennis Lehane's *Shutter Island*

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Book Discussion

Wednesday, February 13 at 7:30 p.m. Alexander McCall Smith's *Blue Shoes & Happiness*

Toddler Time

Wednesdays, February 4, 11, & 25 at 10:30 a.m. Stories, Songs, and Fingerplays for toddlers ages 18-36 months with Caregiver.

Storytime

Wednesdays beginning January 9 at 10:30 a.m. for ages 3-5 years.

Reading Theater for Homeschoolers

Thursday, February 21 at 10:30 a.m. Jane Kurtz's *Faraway House*. Be a character, member of the chorus or the audience and have fun reading out loud with a group. Ages 7-9.

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Dear Maryland Democrat,

I am writing to ask your support and vote to serve as Maryland State Delegate for Senator Hillary Rodman Clinton's Presidential Campaign at the 2008 Democratic National Convention.

I am committed to electing Senator Hillary Rodman Clinton. America needs Hillary Clinton's strength, experience and leadership – both at home and abroad.

We are ready to shatter the highest glass ceiling with the candidate who is the most qualified to serve as President of the United States.

We deserve a president who is committed to our future, a president who will protect Social Security, who will protect Medicare, who will make college affordable for all Americans, who will provide universal Pre-K, and who will work to reform the health care system so every single American can have access to quality affordable health care.

I have spent a lifetime working to break down barriers and create a more transparent and representative government. I know that Senator Clinton is equally committed to these goals.

Senator Clinton will be “the president who will prioritize the policies that matter most to women,” and the president who will work “to make the seemingly impossible, possible.”

I would welcome the opportunity to represent your voice at the Democratic National Convention this August in Denver, Colorado as a Maryland State Delegate for Senator Hillary Rodman Clinton, our nation's next President.

I respectfully ask for your vote and for your support.

Together we can make a difference in the lives of working families.

Sincerely,



Sylvia Bolivar
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My Fellow Marylanders,

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In the face of a politics that's shut us out, that's told us to settle, that's divided us for too long, Obama believes we can be one people, reaching for what's possible, building that more perfect union.

As President, Barack Obama will stop talking about the outrage of 47 million Americans without health care and start actually doing something about it. He expanded health care in Illinois by bringing Democrats and Republicans together. By taking on the insurance industry, and winning.

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We need leaders who will fight the tough battles, not play politics as usual. We need leaders who will inspire and raise the level of political discourse of what is possible for our country.

That is why I am asking for your vote and support to represent your voice at the Democratic National Convention as a Maryland State Delegate.

Please join me to help make change in our nation.

Respectfully,



Mark Cook,
Councilmember, City of College Park
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