

# 3 share Francis Scott Key High valedictorian honors

By JUDY REILLY  
SPECIAL TO THE SUN

**T**HE HARDEST PART of this year happened when the yearbooks came in on Thursday, and we started passing them around for signing," said

**Elizabeth Kurrie**, a graduating senior at Francis Scott Key High School.

"I wasn't prepared for it. Every other year, I've written something in my friends' yearbooks like, 'Have a good summer, see you next fall,'" she said. "Now I'm writing to people I may never see again after graduation. I don't know what to say."

Elizabeth probably hasn't always been at such a loss for words. She will share the honor of valedictorian with **Jessica Fitzgerald** and **Heather Partner** when they graduate from Francis Scott Key High at 7:30 p.m. Sunday in ceremonies at Western Maryland College.

All three have perfect grade point averages of 4.0. They will deliver a shared commencement address to 249 classmates, plus families, friends and guests. "It's our last homework assignment," said Heather. "And our worst."

Elizabeth, Heather and Jessica fall into the category of those who seem to possess it all: brains, beauty, talent and upbeat personalities.

All attribute their perfect grade point averages to hard work, staying focused, not being distracted by involvement in

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extracurricular activities — and not giving into sleep. They talked about spending many long nights solving calculus problems and the discipline it took over the years to stay awake and stay on track.

They also credit their success to family support. None of their parents bribed them to get high marks, they said, but always encouraged them to do their best. Their parents offered encouragement, showing up for the track meets, band concerts and school performances their daughters participated in.

"And getting a wake-up call after I'd been up most of the night, or having my mom pack my lunch or make breakfast when she knew I'd been pushing myself, was a tremendous help," said Jessica.

And push themselves they did. All three are members of the National Honor Society. Elizabeth played lacrosse, and with Jessica, served in the student government and ran cross-country track; Jessica sang in the show choir and chorus and joined the multicultural club.

Elizabeth acted in school plays and Heather worked on shows' technical crews. Heather was drum major for the marching band for two years, a position she said helped develop her leadership and people skills.

After graduation, Elizabeth will

travel to Chile to visit her mother's relatives before heading to Cornell University to study animal science. Heather will work for Gist Answering Service before going to Indiana University of Pennsylvania, and Jessica will work as a waitress at the Taneytown Pizza Hut before attending Western Maryland College.

All three have received scholarships.

The young women noted their own personal development over the past four years, and credited their high school's small size, friendly and close-knit atmosphere and acceptance of individual differences as a key to their self-confidence and growth.

As for advice they'd give incoming freshmen who want to succeed, they all agreed: "Do what you're supposed to do, and don't get distracted."

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# From across the world, coming home to Carroll

By **BORIS HARTL**  
Times Staff Writer

Years ago, when Dinali Jayasinghe lived in Sri Lanka, she was bitten by a dog. And with that episode etched in her memory, she learned to avoid them.

So when she arrived at the Westminster home of Lloyd Helt Jr. and his wife Ruth Gray in 1995, Jayasinghe had to face the couple's cocker spaniel. She also faced the couple's constant outpouring of affection for the dog, from regular walks to allowing the dog to sleep in their room.

"I never owned a dog or a pet, so I wasn't used to all this cuddling," she said. "I was scared of him at first, but not anymore. They [Helt and Gray] joke that they'll get me a dog for a wedding gift."

Helt and Gray like to say that there is beauty in diversity. Whenever a new student comes to visit their home, Gray and Helt show to their daughter Martha the student's country by pointing it out on a globe.

When Jayasinghe, 25, graduated cum laude from Western Maryland

College on May 22, she became the first student to stay all four years with Gray and Helt.

The couple, married for nine years, has in the past hosted students from Spain, Jamaica and France. One Mexican student's father, the attorney general for Mexico City, had visited him in Westminster.

The students stay on campus but have free access to Helt and Gray's home, especially during the holiday season.

The couple have an open-house policy, allowing almost anyone to stay

at their home. For example, Jayasinghe's uncle, Janaka, stayed at the home while Gray and Helt were in Italy. Helt and Gray had hoped to bring Jayasinghe's boyfriend to Westminster for commencement, but visa problems dashed those hopes.

"It's always a sad time saying goodbye to these kids," said Helt, a former mayor of Sykesville.

While Jayasinghe worked at a winter ranch in Colorado and traveled across the country, it wasn't until she arrived in Westminster that she wore a mask for a Halloween. Carved a turkey for Thanksgiving. Ate crabs in Baltimore.

"Carroll County has too much sameness and this diversity adds to our lives," said Helt.

It's that same openness that prompted Jayasinghe and her "adoptive parents" to have deep and meaningful conversations.

For example, Jayasinghe learned about and experienced other religions, whether through her religious studies classes or by learning the doctrines of Christianity from Helt and Gray [they are both Protestant] and Islam from her friends. But this only strengthened her devotion to Buddhism, she said.

"I rely more on what will happen to me now, at this moment," she said. "The future I cannot predict or foretell."

Helt and Gray spoke by a phone from Italy, where they were in the middle of a two-week opera tour during which they planned to see five productions, including the classic "Aida." They were unable to see Jayasinghe graduate.

Jayasinghe, who graduated from Western Maryland with a degree in business and economics, will spend the remaining nine months on her special visa as a management trainee for a Holiday Inn in Washington, D.C. The training begins sometime in the second week of June.

For Jayasinghe, the life in the faster-paced nation's capital is more suited to her tastes than the farm life of Carroll County.

"It was change for me to come to here," she said. "It [Colombo, her native city] is busy like New York. There are so many people on the streets."

Jayasinghe said she doesn't know whether she'll return to Sri Lanka or work to attain her master's degree in hotel management in the United States. Ideally, Jayasinghe would like to help develop Sri Lanka's tourism and economic development industry.

"It's a developing country," she said, while tugging on her white Sri Lanka T-shirt. "There's a lot of poverty and I hope to help my country in some way."



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Dinali Jayasinghe, shown at WMC's graduation ceremony, found a home away from home with Lloyd Helt Jr. and Ruth Gray.



**Courtney Risch**

*Congratulations on your graduation from Western Maryland College! You worked hard and we are very proud of you. Enjoy your new job and new apartment and have fun most of all!  
Love, Mom, Dad, and Stefanie*



**Congratulations**



**Chad Pickett**

*From Kindergarten to being a Senior, it seems so long to you, but such a short time to us. Wishing you the best in your future at WMC. You've made us proud.  
Love, Dad, Mom, Jenny and Chris*



**Congratulations**



**Justin  
Matthew  
Shewell**

*Western Maryland College, summa cum laude (3.9), departmental honors, Phi Alpha Honor Society, Advanced Standing University of Maryland MSW program  
Are we proud? You bet!  
Love, Your Family*



**Julie Angela Simons**  
NCHS

*Graduation is here tomorrow and I am so proud of you. I love you more than life itself. Here's wishing you the best of luck at Western Maryland College.  
Love always, Mom*

## Mangan appointed to professorship

Kathy Steele Mangan, Professor of English and the poet-in-residence at Western Maryland College has been awarded the newly created Ralph and Dorothy John Professorship in the Humanities at the college. It is the first endowed undergraduate professorship to be established in the liberal arts college's 132-year history.

Former Western Maryland College football coach and Jiffy Lube International, Inc. founder W. James Hindman and his wife, Dixie, of Westminster, were recognized as the principal donors of the professorship. The Hindmans chose to honor former Western Maryland College president Ralph C. John and his wife, Dot of Berlin, in its naming.

Dr. Mangan joined the English faculty in 1977 and has taught creative writing and literature. In 1984, she earned the Distinguished Teaching Award and has

amassed several faculty book awards, the creativity award and faculty development grants. Her most recent book, "Above the Tree Line" was published by Carnegie Mellon University in 1994. Her poems have appeared in many of the nation's premier anthologies and pre-eminent poetry journals including *The Georgia Review*, *The Gettysburg Review*, *The Pushcart Prize*, *Shenandoah* and *The Southern Review*. Dr. Mangan earned her bachelor's degree from Denison University and master's degree and Ph.D. from Ohio University.

Names of tenured faculty in the humanities were reviewed by the five-member Faculty Affairs Committee and three were selected for consideration for this honor. Their names and curriculum vitae were submitted to Dr. Ralph and Dot John for final selection. Professor Mangan will receive an annual



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supplemental stipend to pursue scholarly research and travel. The professorship will rotate every five years to faculty in the disciplines representing the humanities.



# Master's program open for human resources development degree

## WMC offers 2-year course to earn master's diploma

Western Maryland College is accepting students for the third cohort of its graduate program in human resources development.

The two-year course of study leading to a master's degree in HRD is expected to begin in mid-September. The program features six-week courses throughout the year meeting twice a week on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings. The program does short breaks for Christmas and spring, as well as an extended break in late summer.

Although the cohort model is designed so that students go through the entire program together, students can transfer eligible credits in order to graduate in less than two years, according to Sherri Lind Hughes, HRD coordinator and associate professor of psychology.

The program was developed in 1997 in response to an increase in jobs in the HRD field. Surveys indicate employers continue to value the skills emphasized in a cohort model program, such as teamwork, oral and written communication, leadership, and analysis and decision making.

Typically there are group assignments in every course, which allows students the opportunity to work on large scale projects and to simulate real work environments. There also are presentation assignments giving students the opportunity to learn current technology. One final project includes setting up a training seminar open to other HR profession-

It is the only HRD program in Maryland based on the cohort model, Hughes said. Courses are taught by WMC professors and current HR professionals.

For information on the WMC graduate HRD program, contact Hughes at shughes@wmdc.edu or 410-857-2525, or call the program message center at 410-857-2787.

## HRD students present free training seminar

Students in the graduate program in human resources development at Western Maryland College will offer a free training seminar from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

July 24.

The daylong seminar is the final project in the program's course on instructional systems design and features workshops on many workplace topics, which may include effective power point presentations, overcoming resistance to outside training and training for culturally different learners.

The seminar, the second presented by students in the program, will benefit those interested in some of the latest training methods, as well as administrators with human resources responsibilities, said Sherri Lind Hughes, HRD program administrator.

Participants will be able to choose from several workshops during each of four 60-to-90-minute sessions. A complete workshop listing will be available in late June. All sessions will be held in Hill Hall on WMC's Westminster campus.

On-site registration begins at 8:30 a.m., with the first session scheduled to start at 9 a.m. Box lunches will be available for \$5.

For information or to register, contact Hughes at shughes@wmdc.edu or 410-857-2525, or call the program message center at 410-857-2787.

## Human resources program sees first 4 earn master's

The first four graduates of the human resources development program were among the more than 300 students earning master's degrees at Western Maryland College's May 22 commencement ceremony.

The graduates were: Mary Ellen Clisham of Westminster, who was accepted into a doctoral program at Nova University; Laura Russell of Westminster, associate director of reunion programs at WMC; Virginia Story of Reisters-town, who has accepted a position in training and development at Baltimore City Community College; and Phryni Yiakoumetti, who has accepted a human resources consulting position in her native Cyprus.

The degree is Maryland's only human resources development program using the cohort model, which cycles all of the students together through the two-year course of study.

# It's time for the lazy days

## The last day of classes finally arrives for Carroll County public school students

By **BORIS HARTL**  
Times Staff Writer

Everything old will be new again when Carroll County schools open their doors in the fall.

But that's next school year.

Today is the last day of classes. And while the Columbine High School shootings and subsequent bomb threats here cast a moody cloud over the 36 schools in the county's system, summer vacation will provide a welcome break for 27,000 students.

Roy Clifton, 80, a cafeteria aide at Westminster West Middle School, was wiping tables with a damp cloth after the sixth-grade lunch Thursday afternoon when he said he was looking forward to a break.

"Nine months is a long time," he said.

Westminster West Middle School Principal Michael L. Bell agreed.

"Everybody seems happy that school is shutting down and that it will start anew in August and September," Bell said. "It's a collective sigh of relief. You come here in the morning and you never know."

When school reopens, Bell said, crisis intervention drills that encompass a number of different scenarios, from bomb threats to shootings to hostage situations, will be implemented.

"We always tell the kids that if someone makes you uncomfortable then talk to an adult and they will try to get to the appropriate

"Nine months is a long time."

— Roy Clifton  
West Middle School  
cafeteria aide

authorities," Bell said. "The kids are our eyes and ears, and we're thankful for that."

Clifton said the shootings and threats scared the kids and made them upset. "The vacation provides relief from the tension," he said.

Still, for some students, it was year of reflection.

Three months ago, Ryan Marsh, 15, soon to be a rising junior at Liberty High School, moved to Eldersburg from Dallas, Texas. Marsh's previous high school was filled with gangs, among other things.

"It's nice to be in a school where I could walk without being afraid," Marsh said.

This year he landed the role of Hugo Peabody in the musical "Bye Bye Birdie." It was one step in Marsh's dream of acting and singing. After graduation, Marsh plans on applying to a school where he can study piano or singing.

"If I don't do that, then I'm not happy," he said.

And while administrators and educators hope students will pick

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up a book or read a newspaper to keep their minds limber in preparation for the start of classes in the fall, students like Marsh have other ideas.

"Lots of sleep ... partying — that's preparation," Marsh said. "But who prepares?"

His question was met with a playful slap across the arm from Theresea Jason, 16, who will

return as a senior in the fall. This summer, she will start writing college admission essays and applying for grants and scholarships, including the Maryland Distinguished Scholarship.

"That's when I plan on doing it," Jason said. "I got to do this now. I can't wait for the last second."

Jason said the winner receives \$3,000 a year for four years to be

applied toward school expenses. With a 3.7 grade point average, she said she believes she has a good shot at the award.

When asked about going to college, Jason said she felt a twinge of sadness about starting her senior year, and right now, the thought of attending college is a bit daunting for her.

"I went to Penn State for a vol-

leyball camp and although it was three to four hours away from home, it felt really far away," Jason said.

She hopes to continue participating in volleyball, softball and basketball at the college level. Jason is currently looking at a variety of schools, including Western Maryland College and Coppin State College.



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Justin Lynn fans John Machlinski with a mortarboard as the North Carroll High School senior class lines up for its graduation ceremony at Western Maryland College Friday.

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These awards were presented during North Carroll's graduation ceremony June 4:

**Western Maryland College:**  
 Evan B. Buckingham, Emily M. Cook, Brooke E. Foster, Charis A. Fulton, Sean W. Gill, Paul M. Gleespen, Jessica E. Harris, Heather A. Hughes, Amy M. Hyde, Leah R. Kable, Mary A. Muro, Justin T. Raynor, Kelly S. Roth, Julie A. Simons, Katharine E. Wall, Christopher R. Wineke



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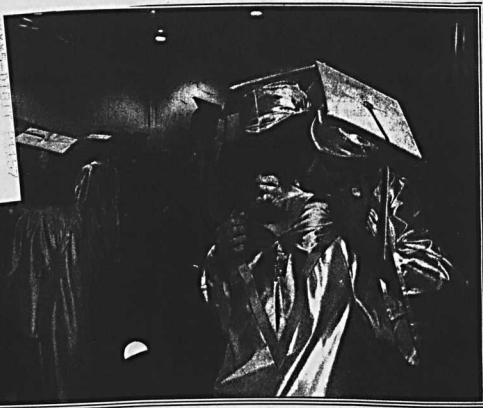


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Anda Hughes, left, gives Sarah Campitelli a hug as South Carroll High School graduates are asked to line up for commencement at Western Maryland College Saturday afternoon.

## South Carroll applauds student who 'surprised everybody'

By LYNN HONEYWILL  
Times Staff Writer

In the fall of 1997, Sarah Beth Rankin was contemplating her last year at South Carroll High School.

A senior, the Mt. Airy resident had only to complete two academic credits to attain graduation eligibility.

A vehicle accident on Oct. 10, 1997, stopped that.

"It was a shock when she came out of the coma and she realized she wouldn't graduate with her class," said her mother, Rose Rankin.

Sarah Rankin stayed in the hospital until April, then returned as a day patient until August.

This academic year, Rankin was back at South Carroll.

"She started school in a wheelchair, but by Jan. 1 had left the wheelchair behind, getting by with a wheeled walker.

"She surprised everybody," said special education teacher Jerome Ellis.

Saturday, Rankin attained her



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goal of only using a cane for assistance to walk up to receive her diploma along with the rest of the South Carroll class of 1999.

When she reached out for her diploma, applause thundered through the gymnasium in Western Maryland College's Gill Center.

As Rankin walked out of the gymnasium, this time using her walker, friendly hands kept reaching out from the crowd of students, who the prior year had been Rankin's underclassmen. Repeated calls of congratulations greeted Rankin as she passed through the milling students, still in their academic robes.

"Good job, Sarah," praised one of the graduates.

"This is an especially happy moment for us," her mother said after the ceremony. "We're very happy that she managed it this far."

When someone asked if she was happy to graduate, Sarah Beth Rankin responded with dry humor.

"Very funny question," she said, speaking slowly.

That she spent the whole year in school despite having only two academic credits to complete, was a point the tall, dark-haired 18-year-old kept emphasizing.

Her mother explained that staying in school throughout this academic year was part of her therapy.

Rankin, who is still recovering from brain damage incurred in the accident, is expected to walk unaided in three to five years, her mother said.

Teacher and senior class adviser Margi Petrella said the school community was thrilled to watch Rankin's recovery.

"We were in just despair when the accident occurred," she said. "And to see her blossom was just a gift to all of us."

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The following awards and scholarships were presented at the South Carroll High Senior Awards/Memory Night and the Senior Farewell Assembly:



LUSTER

John Luster — Athletic Booster Scholarship, Senatorial Scholarship, Senator Larry Haines, Western Maryland College Academic Scholarship



DORWART

Joseph Dorwart — Mt. Airy American Legion, Jack Weidmen Memorial Scholarship, Western Maryland College Academic Scholarship



HYNES

Adam Hynes — Western Maryland College Academic Scholarship



McDONALD

Chris McDonald — Central Maryland Conference, Presidential Academic Excellence Award, Western Maryland College Academic Scholarship



PHILLIPS B.

Brian Phillips — Western Maryland College Academic Scholarship



WADDELL

Carrie Waddell — Western Maryland College Academic Scholarship, Presidential Academic Excellence Award, Carroll Count Arts Council Scholarship



WETZEL

Jennifer Wetzel — Western Maryland College Academic Scholarship, Independent Study in Spanish Readings, Presidential Academic Excellence Award



YOHN

Christina Yohn — Presidential Academic Excellence Award, Western Maryland College Academic Scholarship



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Westminster graduates Robert Whitestone, left, April Williams, Aimee Willet, Kristen Whitecotton and Emily White look through the commencement program before graduation Saturday night.

## Westminster High's 'iron man' boosts perfect attendance

By LYNN HONEYWILL  
Times Staff Writer

Ryan Esposito graduated Saturday as the iron man of Carroll County Schools.

A Cal Ripken of the classroom, Esposito is the only Westminster High School and Carroll student this year to complete 13 years of school with perfect attendance.

Actually, Esposito may be the first student ever to achieve a perfect 13-year attendance record at both Westminster High School and in the county, said Kent Kreamer, assistant principal.

However, Westminster High School officials don't know this for sure, said Kreamer Saturday morning before the school's graduation ceremonies at Western Maryland College's Gill Center.

"But it's rare," he said. "It's extremely rare."

From his first days in kindergarten, Esposito never missed a day of school. When he progressed to William Winchester Elementary



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East Middle School.

When Esposito reached Westminster High School, he said, he really felt the momentum start to build.

His mother, Peggy Esposito, supported her son's continuing achievement in attendance. She wouldn't even schedule his orthodontist appointments on the morning of a school day for fear he would be only given credit for a half-day, thus breaking his perfect record.

Esposito continued doing his

attending every day classes were held. In those sometimes rambunctious years common to middle schools, Esposito maintained his steadfast ways, showing up every day at

part.

On "Senior Hook Day," he relinquished his senior prerogative and stayed in school.

When Esposito finished his last day of school Friday, he could finally relax. He had made it; he had not missed a single day of

school, K-12.

"I guess it's a little bit of luck," Esposito, 17, said modestly on Saturday. "I didn't really do anything that was strenuous. I just came to school."

Esposito gave much of the credit for his flawless record to his good health.

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**Jesse L. Bitzer Jr.  
78, of Westminster**

Jesse Livingston Bitzer Jr., 78, of Westminster, died Saturday, June 5, 1999, at Hanover General Hospital, Hanover, Pa., after a brief illness.

Born April 10, 1921, in Baltimore, he was the son of the late Mary E. Chenoweth and Jesse Livingston Sr. He was the husband of Harriett Lemmon



Bitzer, his wife of 53 years, who died Oct. 20, 1998.

He was retired from Western Maryland Railroad, where he worked as a pipefitter. He then worked as a cook for Western Maryland College, retiring in 1981.

Surviving are sons and daughters-in-law Jesse "Jay" L. III and Kathryn Bitzer of Westminster, and J. Kevin and Lori Bitzer of Glen Rock, Pa.; daughter and son-in-law Janice B. and Steven Thomson of Westminster; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by brother George Bitzer; sisters Margaret Silver and Evelyn Powitz.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Myers Funeral Home, 91 Willis St., Westminster with the Rev. Frank E. Trotter Jr., of Reisterstown United Methodist Church officiating. Interment will be in St. Benjamin's (Krider's) United Church of Christ Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home.



aissance, they turned to Sondheim to chair the renewal efforts.

When former Mayor William Donald Schaefer had visions of turning a derelict waterfront into a world-renowned retail and entertainment center, he relied on Sondheim to put the plan into action.

Incredibly, he has never slowed down. At 90, he is a member of more than 20 boards — corporate, civic and philanthropic. And he continues to serve as a trusted adviser to leaders half his age.

## Walter Sondheim Jr.

*Senior adviser, Greater Baltimore Committee; chairman, Maryland Board of Education*



Age: 90  
Hometown: Baltimore  
Residence: Baltimore  
Education: B.A.,  
Haverford College

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Most Americans are ready for a life of leisure by the time they turn 65. For Walter Sondheim Jr., longtime community leader and confidant to mayors and governors,

that birthday came and went nearly 26 years ago.

Sondheim, who will turn 91 next month, is not only still working; he remains one of the most influential people in Greater Baltimore. Last July, for example, members of the Maryland Board of Education chose him as their chairman — at a time when the future of public education, particularly in the state's urban areas, is at a crossroads.

None of this is new to Sondheim, dubbed by the Washington Post as "the godfather of the state's school reform efforts." It was Sondheim, after all, who was president of the Baltimore school board when the landmark Brown vs. the Board of Education desegregation decision was handed down by the Supreme Court in 1954.

And it was Sondheim who, in 1987, led the Governor's Commission on School Performance — a group credited with bringing performance standards to Maryland public schools.

Over the years, the former senior vice president of the now-defunct Hochschild Kohn & Co. department store chain has become a local legend. When city leaders began plotting downtown Baltimore's ren-



# Graduates celebrate a year of highs, lows

## Senior class draws inspiration from classmate lost to cancer

By KEVIN MILLER  
Times Staff Writer

North Carroll High School's final class of the 20th century graduated with bittersweet emotions Friday night as the senior class celebrated its accomplishments while fondly remembering a classmate who lost her battle with leukemia earlier this year.

Graduating seniors and faculty excitedly recounted the successes of their final year at North Carroll, including seven school teams winning county titles, improvements for other teams and the school marching band, and the continued success of the North Carroll Emblem.

But the year was not without its trying periods as well, students said. Those included high tensions following shootings at a Colorado high school and the death of one of their classmates, Autumn R. Beam. Beam, a popular 16-year-old honor student, died in September after a 13-year fight with leukemia.

"It was a very emotional and difficult time for us. And during that time, we came together as a class," class President Manisha Patel told the other 301 graduating seniors and a packed auditorium at Western Maryland College's Gill Center.

Patel encouraged her classmates to use Beam's example of strength in the face of severe challenges in their own lives and futures.

"Looking back now, I believe that was Autumn's gift to all of us ... she taught us to look at the positive," Patel said during an emotional speech.

Science teacher Richard Harvey, whom the students selected to speak at the ceremony, also called on the graduates to follow in Beam's footsteps and pursue honesty, responsibility and respect in their post-high school lives.

"Somebody needs to change the lack of respect our society seems to show right now, and I say that somebody is you," Harvey said. "As

you walk up these stairs and accept your diplomas, you also accept responsibility on yourselves."

Of the 302 graduates, more than half — 152 students — received Maryland Certificates of Merit, which are awarded to students who maintain a 3.0 grade point average and take at least 12

credits in advanced course work.

Sixty-six of the graduates were on the school's honor roll throughout their entire high school careers. And the graduates were awarded approximately \$1.5 million in scholarships and grants toward their post-secondary educations, said Principal Gary Dunkleberger.

"We have undoubtedly saved the best for last: the Class of 1999 and the Class of the Century," Dunkleberger told the graduates.

Both before and after the ceremony, students excitedly chatted and hugged each other during their last time together as a class.

The effect was not lost on Matt White, 17, who is leaving for the Navy in July. White credited his parents for his success and said that while he is excited about his

future, he is also sad about leaving this part of life behind.

"I'm going to miss being with all of my friends ... it's not going to be the same in August when I am getting up early every day" at boot camp, White said.

Jen Bundra, a 17-year-old senior from Hampstead, also said she was both excited and saddened by the end of her high school career.

"There are just so many memories," Bundra said. "I've been here since freshman year. I've grown up with some of these people," she said with a nostalgic glance around the gymnasium.

Dunkleberger said that 81 percent of the seniors plan to attend colleges, universities or trade schools after graduation, 14 percent will enter the work force and 4 percent will go into the military.

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## Scholarships

Christine Michelle Ackermann — Elizabethtown College Deans Scholarship, Elizabethtown College Music Department Scholarship, Episcopal Ministries to the Aging, Inc. Scholarship  
 Jamie Kathleen Affayroux — Fairhaven Scholarship  
 Nicholas Paul Anastasion — Frostburg State University Academic Excellence Award  
 Jonathan Ross Andrews — Salisbury State University Perdue Scholarship  
 Lauren Patricia Baker — Catholic University of America Gibbon's Scholarship  
 Abigail Jean Barnett — Western Maryland College Scholarship  
 Kristina Jo Bean — Wright State University Academic Scholarship  
 Shelley Nicole Berkeley — North Carolina Wesleyan College Grant, North Carolina Wesleyan Federal Work Study Scholarship  
 Jennifer Maria Berarducci — University of Notre Dame Athletic Scholarship, Bridgestone/Firestone, Inc. Scholarship, Notre Dame Club of Maryland, (Martin's Food Store) Thomas R. Ridge Memorial Scholarship  
 David Louis Bradshaw — U.M.B.C. Presidential Scholarship  
 Rachel Lee Brelsford — U.M.B.C. Scholarship, Maryland Distinguished Scholar, Meyerhoff Scholarship  
 Kimberly Ann Campbell — Johnson and Wales University Presidential Scholarship  
 Lori Michelle Canaday — Villa Julie College Dean's Scholarship  
 Scott Stephen Carter — Wentworth Institute of Technology President's Scholarship, Lutheran Brotherhood Scholarship  
 Colleen Mary Cox — Lenoir-Rhyne College, Voigt R & Sarah Cromer Scholarship  
 Kelly Patricia Damaska — Frostburg State University Academic Excellence Award, Maryland Science and Technology Scholarship  
 Tara Renee Euler — Salisbury State University Presidential Scholarship  
 Wendy Elizabeth Frank — University of Maryland College Park Dean's Scholarship  
 Sheryl Beth Geiger — West Virginia University Scholarship  
 Timothy Dana Groves Jr. — Villa Julie College National Honor Society Scholarship  
 Laura Page Hobbs — Senatorial Scholarship  
 Emilee Magadalene Johnson — Washington College National Honor Society Scholarship  
 Lauren Elizabeth Kares — Coastal Carolina University Visual Arts Award  
 Blair Davis Kitchen — St. Mary's College of Maryland Presidential Scholarship, St. Mary's College of Maryland Ark and Dove Scholarship, Maryland Department of Higher Education Science and Technology Scholarship

Brandi Leigh Livesay — Western Maryland College Academic Scholarship  
 Rebecca Nicole Mackert — Ek's National Foundation "Most Valuable Student"

Scholarship, Sam Walton Community Leader Scholarship, Liberty Exchange Club "Youth of the Year" Scholarship, American Legion Memorial Post #223 Scholarship

Elizabeth Noel Muzio — University of Maryland at College Park Dean's Scholarship, University of Maryland at College Park Science & Technology Scholarship  
 Mark Thomas Onheiser Jr. — Wesley College Trustee Grant, Fairhaven Scholarship

Jessica Gayle Parton — College of Notre Dame Talent Award, College of Notre Dame Art Department Award

Jennifer Marie Pohl — Western Maryland College Academic Scholarship, Carroll County Scholarship

Michael Annona Powers — U.M.B.C. Scholarship

Kelly Marie Redmond — Mt. St. Mary's College Merit Grant

Micah Stephen Reese — Rider University Provost Scholarship

Abby Marie Robosson — Frostburg State University Award of Academic Excellence

Erin Elizabeth Romans — California University of Pennsylvania Scholarship

Lauren Michelle Ruch — Frostburg State University Academic Excellence

Heather Marie Schneider — West Virginia Wesleyan Leadership Award, West Virginia Wesleyan Drama Scholarship, Wesleyan Grant

Brianna Nicole Shaffer — Salisbury State University Soroptimist Youth Citizenship Award

Christina Dorothy Sheehan — Western Maryland College Academic Scholarship, Carroll County Scholarship

Lynn Michelle Sonnenleiter — Lynchburg College Presidential Scholarship

Michelle Lynne Sotak — American Legion Memorial Post #223 Scholarship  
 Robyn Elizabeth Sotak — Lebanon Valley College Leadership Award

Kristina Nicole Stocksdale — Western Maryland College Academic Scholarship

Leigh Ann Symmonds — Villa Julie National Honor Society Scholarship

Katie Carroll Upman — Fairhaven Scholarship

Nicole Elizabeth Vogel — Lynchburg College Presidential Scholarship, Episcopal Ministries to the Aging, Inc. Scholarship

Stacy Lynn Wagner — Towson University Provost Scholarship

Christopher H. Walsh — Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets Emerging Leadership, Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets Band Scholarship, NROTC National Scholarship

Michelle Helen Weber — Towson University Provost Scholarship

Christine Kimiko Worozbyt — Mt. St. Mary's College Scholarship  
 Patricia Gail Young — Villa Julie National Honor Society Scholarship



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# The final crop

Francis Scott Key bids its graduates farewell, including the final senior of the 1900s

**BORIS HARTL**  
es Staff Writer

## Francis Scott Key High School

■ **Number of graduates:** 244

■ **Speaker:**

"Keep learning so you'll be able to adapt to the ever-changing opportunities of the future."

— Former FSK science teacher Uriah Shang



Here's a trivial question: Who is the last high school senior to graduate from a Carroll county high school in the 1900s? Answer: Scott Michael Zentz. When he strolled past the podium Sunday night to receive his diploma, Zentz, a Francis Scott Key graduating senior, officially became the answer. He is the last graduating senior in the area at the last county school to hold graduation exercises in 1999.

"I had no idea," Zentz said moments before he took part in the procession. "I'd never thought about this."

The Western Maryland College-bound physics major said while he's "pretty stinking happy to graduate," he'll be slightly sad to see his friends leave to attend their schools.

Graduating seniors and faculty members from Francis Scott Key High School celebrated the school's accomplishments and achievements, but the night was bittersweet as the school remembered classmates Domini Wigle and Jessica Bassler, who were killed April 4, 1998, when the vehicle they were riding in collided with another vehicle on Pa. 194.

In his graduation address, Uriah Shang, a former science teacher at the school, said that while life brings joyful moments, it also teaches dramatic lessons.

"Last year we saw a school community coming together and that gave us hope of what a future can bring," Shang said to

the 244 graduating seniors and a packed auditorium at Western Maryland College's Gill Center. "The outpouring of sympathy and support was a sight I'll never forget."

The graduating seniors wore flowers on their gowns in remembrance of the deceased classmates who would have graduated with

them.

This year, Bassler's family created a memorial award in her honor. Joshua Edward Clark won the one-time \$1,000 award. To win, the applicant had to follow requirements including maintaining at least a 3.0 grade point

average and writing an essay on how music played a role in the student's life.

In his address, Shang said graduation from high school brings with it the means for celebration, trepidation, change and hope. He continued to say that classes, dances, jobs and friends helped shape every student's education.

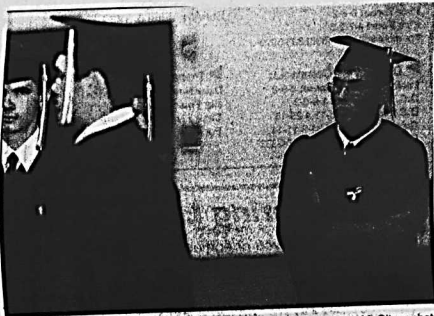
"These experiences have been our best teachers," he said. "They help us progress beyond high school to seek opportunities to learn and grow."

Heather Partner, one of the school's three valedictorians, told her fellow classmates that as their high school careers were officially drawing to an end, they should try to remember those high school memories and moments as they

pass.

"Let's get past these moments together and let us hope our future is as meaningful as these moments," Partner said.

And as the sunlight gave away to dusk, a young couple stopped to look at a white Mercury parked in the college's parking lot. A side window echoed Partner's sentiment: "Save the best for last. 1999."



Seth M. Gitner photo

Scott Zentz, 17, stands at the end of the Francis Scott Key graduation procession line Sunday evening in WMC's Gill Center. Zentz was the last person to officially graduate from the Carroll County public school system in the 1900s.

June 7, 1999

# 'Don't look back'

Liberty graduates begin the next phase of their lives

By **BORIS HARTL**  
Times Staff Writer

At Liberty High School's 18th commencement ceremony, members of the 1999 senior class celebrated their accomplishments of the past year while turning their eyes to the future.

School officials reminded the 325 graduating seniors of their success during their last school year, which included county championships in boys tennis and girls lacrosse, success of the school's music program, and the nine students who were named valedictorians — the largest number in the

## Liberty High School



■ **Number of graduates: 325**

■ **Speaker:**

"Slay your dragon, find your utopia, paint your masterpiece — and will somebody please come up with a cure for male pattern baldness?"

— Thomas J. Delise  
English teacher

school's history.

Nicole Elizabeth Vogel, one of two student speakers chosen by the graduating class to speak at commencement, reminded her classmates that their four years of school created a treasure trove of memories, which included first dates, favorite teachers and friends, and now they should

"cherish the past, but not live in it."

"If an opportunity passes by, grab it," Vogel told a packed auditorium at Western Maryland College's Gill Center. "Don't look back and say 'what if.'"

School officials said more than 73 percent of graduating seniors will enroll in either a two-year or four-year school.

During his 15-minute commencement address, Thomas J. Delise, a popular English teacher at the school, reflected on the day he saw the scared and anxious looks of the freshmen class that walked the hallways four years ago.

"And now some of you are feeling scared and anxious about where the journey of life will lead you."

During those years, the lessons learned — no matter how small or mundane — from teachers, studies, parents and friends would prove valuable in the future, Delise said.

"Leave behind the experiences of Liberty High School and they will be replaced by new places and new faces," he said. "You cannot stay in one place [all of your life]. You must move ahead."

But before those graduates did so, Delise told them to give credit to their parents who had supported them in their formative years. He urged the graduates to carry com-

passion in their hearts and to teach it to their children as "your parents taught it to you."

At one point in the commencement, school officials asked the parents of the graduates to stand and they received a barrage of applause from those in attendance.

After the ceremony, some students high-fived each other with diplomas and carnations in hand while others hugged their fellow classmates for possibly the final time.

After she took off her graduation gown, Patti Stromberg cradled her 5-month-old son, Tyler, in her arms.

"I'm relieved and excited," Stromberg, who will now enroll at Carroll Community College. "It's been hard, but this is unexplainable feeling."

# Roadwork causes traffic woes

By J.L. LAWS  
Times Staff Writer

Construction along Md. 140 between Md. 27 and Leidy Road is expected to be finished by August.

That's on time as far as the State Highway Administration is concerned, but it's another two months of hassles for people who have to drive on that stretch or conduct business along it.

"It's a headache, but we're managing to get through it," said Ronnie Hoffman, manager of Ben's Rentals Inc. on Md. 140 near Leidy Road. "Almost everybody that comes in complains about the traffic and the delays."

Hoffman said he doesn't really expect much relief from congestion once the project is done, either.

"It's going to go from three lanes to two right in front of us," he said. "That should be interesting. And we're going to have a ringside seat."

Hoffman said the state should at least widen the highway to three lanes all the way to I-795. Better yet, it should extend I-795 through Carroll into Pennsylvania, leaving Md. 140 to local motorists, he said.

"Now there's your solution," he said. "I know it doesn't sit well with a lot of people, but I don't think these latest improvements to 140 are going to do anything."

Last week, lane closures between Md. 27 and Leidy Road corralled several motorists onto Main Street Westminster,

backing eastbound traffic all the way to Western Maryland College at worst and to Ralph Street at best.

All the congestion worries Westminster firefighters and emergency medical crews, who not only have to find their way out in emergency vehicles but also rely on volunteers who might get stuck in traffic on their way to the fire station.

"We're trying to avoid using 140 as much as possible," said assistant chief Jay Wallace. "Unfortunately, you can't always avoid it. And we've definitely noticed the overflow on Main Street."

The congestion has slowed the

company down a little, Wallace said, but has not caused any life-threatening delays.

"Fortunately, we've lucked out with people yielding the right of way to us," he said.

Construction crews are actually working on three Md. 140 projects simultaneously, in an effort to improve traffic flow and drainage along the busy highway.

In addition to the Md. 27 to Leidy Road section, crews are rebuilding the highway from Leidy Road east to Sandymount Road and from Md. 27 west to Lit-tlestown Pike. The eastern section of road is supposed to be complete by early fall, while the western section is supposed to be complete by next summer.

In some areas, the road is going from two lanes to three, and some intersections are getting double left turn lanes. Crews also installed a new interconnected traffic signal system that will be programmed to minimize congestion by synchronizing the signals, State Highway Administration spokeswoman Sandi Dobson said Monday.

"State Highway Administration engineers spent a lot of time preparing plans for this project with input from the community," Dobson said. "With a project as important as this one, we put the time in to make sure it would create the kind of traffic flow that's necessary for a growing community."

Dobson said the contractor, Valley Quarriers Inc. of Chambers-

burg, Pa., have permission to close one lane of traffic during the day. But most of the heavy work is being done at night, she said.

"If they didn't work during the day, they'd be out there twice as long," she said, adding that message boards are up to alert motorists to lane closures in advance.

Kevin Gonzalez, general manager of Koon's of Westminster, said there's still a lane up for paving right in front of the dealership, and that he'll be glad when the work is done.

"I wouldn't say it's causing a problem," he said. "But the whole project kicks up a lot of dust, so we have to clean the inventory more often."

Gonzalez did say he'll make it worthwhile for customers to brave

the construction if it ever seriously limits access to the dealership.

"I know it's a little bit of a bother

for people to come over this way with all the delays road work can cause," he said. "I don't have anything set in mind, but whenever there are fewer people coming in the door, it benefits the consumer."

### **Cooper wins writing award**

Lee Ann Cooper of La Plata was a winner of the 1999 Edith Farr Ridington Phi Beta Kappa Writing Award at Western Maryland College. The award is given to graduating seniors who prepare the best honors papers.

Cooper, a biology major, was recognized for her paper, "The Expression of cryIA(b), an Inducible Gene, in Broccoli Transformants and their Progeny."

Cooper is the daughter of Martha and Richard Cooper.

Cooper graduated summa cum laude and was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. She is also a member of Beta Beta Beta, a national honor society in biology. She will join the graduate program in biochemistry and molecular biology at Cornell University.

## Promotions at Union National Bank

Union National Bank announced the following promotions: Alan D. Bevard, Mark E. Blacksten and Doreen L. Capece were promoted to assistant vice presidents and Stephanie C. Haines to operations officer.

Alan Bevard of Frederick joined the bank in February 1995 and has been a funds management officer since 1997. He is responsible for financial reporting, investment portfolio maintenance, budgeting/forecasting and funds management. He earned his Associate of Arts Degree at Frederick Community College.

Mark Blacksten of Westminster began his career with Union

National in April 1990 and has held various positions in several areas of the bank. He earned a Master of Business Administration at Mount St. Mary's College and his undergraduate degree at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

Doreen Capece joined the bank in June 1975. She serves as manager of the West Main Street office. A graduate of Western Maryland College, she earned a Bachelor of Arts in psychology. She is a 1988 graduate of the Maryland Bankers School held at the University of Maryland.

Stephanie Haines of Westminster joined the bank in May 1986. She directs all aspects of deposit operations. She has continued her professional education through the American Institute of Banking and the Bank Administration Institute. She is a graduate of the Maryland Bankers School held at the University of Maryland and is a Certified Internal Auditor.



# WMC grad earns tryout with Ravens

By PETER ZELLEN  
Times Staff Writer

OWINGS MILLS — Western Maryland College special teams coach Paul McCord will work out as a punter for the Baltimore Ravens Thursday, hoping for an invitation to the team's training camp which begins July 29 in Westminster.

McCord, a two-time all-Centennial Conference punter at Western Maryland before he graduated in 1993, will kick for Ravens special teams coach Russ Purnell at the team's Owings Mills training facility.

"I've got a really positive feeling about this," McCord said.

McCord met Purnell at the Dick Pierce Kicking Camp in Reno, Nev. two years ago. The camp is an annual event at which free agent and former college kickers get to talk with and perform in front of NFL special teams coaches. As many as 24 NFL special teams coaches attended the camp two years ago, Purnell said.

But McCord has been sending videotape of his punting to Purnell, and other special

teams coaches in the NFL, since he graduated almost six years ago.

"I've seen him punt and I know he's a big guy with a strong leg who can hang the ball well," said Purnell, whose previous jobs were in Seattle — with All-Pro punter Rick Tuten — and with the former Houston Oilers — with All-Pro Rich Camarillo. "It's tougher for young guys to get into camps and there's not a lot of turnover at the position. There's a lot of

talented young guys that just need a break."

Purnell has recently seen tape of McCord punting for the Toledo (Ohio) Cannon of the Regional Football League. After briefly leaving the Cannon several weeks ago because the team was having financial problems and was unable to pay its players for one game, McCord returned last week to kick again and amass more tape to send out NFL teams.

In six games, he was leading the RFL with a 44.0-yard average and a 41.0-yard net average. McCord punted 21 times with seven going inside the 20. He had just one punt of less than 35 yards.

The Ravens aren't his only NFL possibility. McCord worked out in New Jersey Saturday for Dallas Cowboys director of scouting Jim Garrett and he may get an offer to tryout for the Cowboys. McCord attended training camp with Dallas in

1995 but was cut.

McCord took a leave of absence from his full-time position at Western Maryland and said Green Terror head coach Tim Keating gave him until mid-July to come back.

That's a full two weeks before most NFL training camps start, however. Thus, if he receives an invitation to a camp, McCord may have to give up his job at Western Maryland. Besides coaching the kickers and return teams, McCord was also an excellent recruiter for the Green Terror, which has won the last two Centennial Conference titles.

"I'll make my decision when I have to," McCord said. "I'd like to be back with Western Maryland but I really want that challenge [of training camp]. I want to punt in the NFL. If things don't work out then I hope coach Keating will take me back."

Kyle Richardson punted for the Ravens last year after beating out Greg Montgomery in training camp, averaging 43.9 yards per punt with a 38.3-yard net average.

## Two ladies are Good Samaritans

**Editor:**

On May 17, my faith was renewed in the human race by the generosity of two walkers at the Western Maryland College athletic track.

While walking down to the track my leg slipped from under me and I injured my ankle seriously. Unable to walk, I pondered about how I would get home. Two ladies stopped their exercising to ask me if I needed assistance.

From this point they helped me to their car and took me to my home, they continued to spend time with me attempting to make me comfortable. Their kindness continued as they made arrangements to get me to the hospital and even offering to take my child to school.

I would like to personally thank these ladies for their kindness, sincerity, and love shown during this trying time period.

Carol Groomes  
Westminster

## Festival info

**What:** Mid-Atlantic Music & Arts Festival

**When:** noon to 8 p.m. June 19-20

**Where:** Maryland State Fairgrounds, Timonium

**Tickets:** Advance tickets are \$20 per day, \$40 for both days, by calling 410-461-SEAT, or 202-432-SEAT; tickets are \$25 per day at the gate, \$45 for both days; children under 12 free with an adult.

**Information:** 410-771-4862

sic ends.

They had been thinking about doing the festival for two, maybe three years before deciding to make it a reality. First they had to find the right place. Oregon Ridge was nice, but not what they needed. They knew success depended on adhering to the old real estate axiom: location, location, location. They kept coming back to the State Fairgrounds. It was big enough, had the name recognition and a Light Rail stop. Last summer, they signed on for June 19 and 20, which just happened to be Father's Day weekend. The Selkos' daughter, Sare, the family's holistic conscience, pointed out that the festival also falls just before the summer solstice.

"Once we got locked in on the fairgrounds, that was it," says Brad Selko. "We knew the train

was running."

Gabriel suggested the Selkos name the production company "Higher Ground," after a Stevie Wonder song. It fit their philosophy. For suggestions and advice they turned to Walt Michael, another local promoter. Five years ago, Michael started "Common Ground on the Hill," a weeklong series of concerts and classes built on the same themes the Selkos wanted for their event. This year's "Common Ground on the Hill" will be the week of July 4 at Western Maryland College in Westminster.

"We're children of the '60s and we take that pretty seriously," says Michael, 52. "Back then the music was part and parcel of the culture. There were all kinds of amazing things going on. The Civil Rights Movement was peaking. Music was central to all that. All kinds of music was being listened to and now we've got this age of specialization. 'Are you into this? Are you into that?' Racism is rampant. All the things that we thought would go away haven't."

Michael supports the idea of being upfront about the festival's intent. No need to be shy about wanting to do a bit of good for the community. The Selkos, who are handing out 1,000 free tickets, say they will spread some of the proceeds around to local non-profit groups. They already have given out \$65,000 through the Hot August Blues festival. One of their models, the New Orleans Jazz Fest, gives some of its proceeds to 27 organizations in and around

the Crescent City.

"There's just no end to what you can put back into the community," says Marcia. "I mean, it's like a musical United Way."

So far, the Selkos have lined up corporate sponsors, hired sound and lighting technicians, worried over thousands of details. The bill could come in at about \$200,000, says Gabriel Selko. Before throwing himself into this project, he sold insurance and often helped friends with businesses at Pimlico or Camden Yards. The arts festival tapped his true interest. At Syracuse, he helped put together Earth Day celebrations. Organizing festivals, it seems, is in the blood.

"Everything. All my drive. All my passion just sent me back in this direction," he says. If at times the work seemed overwhelming, son, mother and father just smiled and pressed on, he says. "We said we just want to put together the most incredible show that anybody in the area has seen and that we got using."

They sampled CDs, tapes, records as they tried to get the right mix of musicians.

Gabriel brought a cross-generational balance to his parents' deep knowledge of blues.

"One day I came up here and put on some Third World, Toots and the Maytals," he says. "And

then he'll turn me on to somebody like T-Bone Walker, somebody I never heard of, and it'll be great."

In Marcia's words, "the whole thing kind of unfolded like the leaves of a lotus petal." Brad says he looks at the lineup and shakes his head. All the ingredients are there, from international acts to local performers like the Choir Boyz, a contemporary gospel group.

"We're excited about it and we can't wait to minister to the people," says Randy Roberts, the group's leader. "We're looking forward to another opportunity to share God's word through song."

Now, the Selkos just hope for decent weather and good crowds. Michael, the "Common Ground" promoter, knows what they're feeling during these final days.

"It's an art in and of itself to bring all these people together," says Michael, a hammer dulcimer player whose string and percussion ensemble is scheduled to play at the festival. "It's a little different than booking the Stones at Camden Yards."

The return, however, can be priceless. Already, the Selkos are thinking about next year.

"Why we're not sitting by our swimming pool sipping Pina Colodas, I don't know," says Marcia. "We're just not that kind of people."

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# Banding Together

The unifying forces  
behind the cross-cultural  
Mid-Atlantic Music & Arts  
Festival make no  
apologies for their  
positive spirit. Judging  
by the musical lineup,  
there's good cause for it.

By M. DION THOMPSON  
SUN STAFF

**M**arcia Selko has turned the polite, outdoor conversation into a monologue as she reels off the good things she hopes will happen during the two-day arts festival her family is organizing for mid-June.

People are going to have a great time listening to gospel, jazz, blues, she says. They'll get to stop by a wellness center. There will be arts and crafts, strolling performers, a sculpture exhibit, a stage for acts aimed at children. The Mid-Atlantic Music & Arts Festival is going to be a party with a purpose.

"We're not just trying to have another party," she says, emphatic as she walks back and forth across the large, shaded porch of her Monkton home.

She is a diminutive, unstoppable force of nature. Her son and husband, who had been having a quiet discussion, look on, helpless. No one can get a word in. Marcia is in the thrall of her enthusiasm, extolling the benefits, the virtues, the absolute goodness of this event. Then a visiting cynic stops her, asking if she wants the festival to end with everybody holding hands and singing "We Are the World."

"And what would be wrong with that?" she asks, wheeling around and staring down the questioner. "Do you think it's too hokey? Supposing we did hold hands. Oy," she says, putting a hand to

her forehead. "Wouldn't that be wonderful?"

her forehead. "Wouldn't that be wonderful?"

It is hard to argue against that vision. Every interdenominational, interracial and cross-cultural group wants the same thing. Rodney King pleaded for us all to get along. Quasi-governmental groups talk about ending the suburb-vs.-city animosity. Now the Selkos want to give everybody a chance at togetherness.

They are unlikely concert promoters. Brad Selko, 49, retired from Monumental Paper and never figured he'd spend hours burning up the telephone lines, trying to line up musicians; his wife, Marcia, 47, is a visual artist; their son, Gabriel, 23, graduated from Syracuse University two years ago with a degree in English and economics. But in one sense, this event builds on a long love affair with music.

A second-floor room in their restored farmhouse feels like a musician's playhouse. Electric and acoustic guitars rest on holders, a drum set sits in the corner, an electronic keyboard waits by the banisters. Downstairs there's an old upright. They could be their own band.

Since 1993, the Hot August Blues festival has been held on the Selkos' 30-acre farm. The annual,

daylong concert benefits the Baltimore Blues Society and other local groups. Three years ago, the Selkos helped revive the career of Larry Johnson, a bluesman and close friend of the late, great Rev. Gary Davis. In between they have gone to countless festivals, always noting the behind-the-scenes work of staging a successful show.

They have booked 47 acts and added programs to cut across every imaginable fault line — racial, economic, generational, political. One find, the Cold Mountain Rhythm Band, is driving in from Missoula, Mont. Teen-age blues shouter Shemekia Copeland will be there, along with reggae legend Jimmy Cliff. If the Selkos have their way, the Maryland State Fairgrounds will become a cultural discovery zone.

"There are things I know that music does. Music unites people," Brad Selko says during the calm before his wife takes center stage on the porch. "I don't know what happens when they go home."

The real world sets in. That's what happens. Festivals are breaks from the everyday world. Where you're from, what you do for a living, even your beliefs do not matter when Buddy Guy, Los Lobos or Vickie Winans is on stage and the spirit is moving through the crowd. The Selkos hope some of that spirit lives on after the mu-

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# North Carroll High recognizes seniors' achievement

By PAT BRODOWSKI  
SPECIAL TO THE SUN

**T**HE BALFOUR KEY is awarded annually to a group of outstanding scholars at North Carroll High School, usually those who earn a 4.0 grade point average.

In this school, the Balfour Key recognizes every student of top merit; no valedictorian is selected. The awards have an element of suspense because recipients don't know if they've won until their names are announced during graduation exercises.

Scholarships to Western Maryland College were received by Evan Buckingham, Emily Cook, Brooke Foster, Charis Fulton, Sean Gill, Paul Gleespen, Jessica Harris, Heather Hughes, Amy Hyde, Leah Kable, Mary Muro, Justin Raynor, Kelly Roth, Julie Simons, Katharine Wall and Christopher Wineke.

# Scholarship's rules are an exact science

Traditional fields  
not part of program

By MICHAEL HILL  
SUN STAFF

When is biology not considered a science? When you're looking for \$3,000 from the state of Maryland to help out with college tuition.

That's what William F. Clark found out when his daughter Anne applied for help under the Maryland Science and Technology Scholarship Program, which bears an awarding money this year to state students majoring in those fields at schools in the state.

Education officials budgeted for 2,000 scholarships, and 700 applicants were approved for the program, which, despite its name, does not cover most traditional science majors.

Anne Clark graduated in the top 5 percent of her class at Bel Air High School, easily meeting the B average re-

quirement of the scholarship program, and planned to major in biology at the Johns Hopkins University.

William Clark heard about the program and thought his daughter was a shoo-in for a scholarship. But, after repeated calls to the Maryland Higher Education Commission and an unsuccessful visit to its Web site, he discovered that biology isn't covered by the program. Neither are chemistry or physics. The program gives money only to students majoring in specific engineering and computer fields.

"If biology is not a science, then what is?" asked Clark. "They have all this money sitting there that they are not awarding. I don't understand why they don't extend the program. No wonder people are going out of state for college."

Patricia S. Florestano, the state higher education secretary, said the program arrived at the MHEC, which administers it, with the name at— [See Science, 10s]

tached but was always intended to target areas in which the state needs trained employees.

"We did an extensive survey in determining these areas and found that there was no shortage in many scientific areas, such as the biological sciences," Florestano said.

She said it is possible that having "science and technology" in the name of the program caused confusion but that she does not

think it is widespread.

"If that had been the case, we would have had more applications that we had to turn down," she said. There were 1,500 applicants, and state officials said most were rejected for lack of a B average.

Martha O'Connell, admissions director at Western Maryland College, said many applicants to that school assumed they were eligible for the program, only to learn otherwise.

"It definitely caused confusion," O'Connell said. "We got an awful lot of phone calls about it. People were disappointed to find out it did not cover many majors."

No course of study offered at WMC is approved for the program. The school in Westminster offers a minor in computer science and majors in traditional sciences: biology, chemistry, physics and biochemistry.

The majors approved for the program are applied sciences, not biology, but biomedical engineering at Hopkins and biological resources engineering at the University of Maryland, College Park; not chemistry, but chemical engineering at those two schools and a variety of computer and engineering majors at 19 schools in the state.

The scholarships came out of an attempt by the administration of Gov. Parris N. Glendening to get a HOPE-type scholarship program in Maryland, similar to one pioneered in Georgia that pays full tuition at state public schools for any high school graduate with a B average who maintains that average in college.

That was rejected by the Gen-

eral Assembly in 1997, and the Science and Technology program, which is more closely tied to economic development and business needs, was passed the next year.

It pays \$3,000 for any four-year state school — a large percentage of tuition at public colleges but a small dent in a typical \$20,000 bill at a private school — with a requirement that the student work in the state for one year for every year the scholarship was received. Community college students with approved majors are eligible for \$1,000 grants.

"What needs to be emphasized is that the governor wants this program to apply to all majors, in the sciences and all other fields," said Michael Morrill of Glendening's office.

Morrill said this year's session of the General Assembly expanded the program to include students planning to be teachers starting next year and has authorized expanding it to cover all students in the future.

"What I would say to people who are disappointed in this program is that it will eventually cover every major," Morrill said.

For now, Western Maryland's O'Connell agreed with Clark that the state should consider expanding the current program.

"I understand that the state wants to target areas that businesses want, but what employers tell us is that they like liberal arts graduates who can write and express themselves, that they can teach them the technical stuff," O'Connell said. "I wish they would take that into account."

# 'Peter Pan' highlights summer theater at WMC

## ■ Theatre on the Hill season begins June 18.

Theatre on the Hill, a professional summer theater company in residence at Western Maryland College, has scheduled its 1999 season, including "Peter Pan," a musical favorite for all ages.

The schedule for TOTH's 17th season also includes "Sleuth," "No Way to Treat a Lady" and "Rumpelstiltskin." There will be a pre-opening night benefit performance for each of the three major productions. Each year, Carroll County charities are selected to sell tickets for the benefits with the organizations keeping 100 percent of the sales.

■ "Sleuth," a thriller pitting a mystery writer against a handsome young rival in a funny, but chilling game, opens the season on June 18. The Anthony Shaffer comedy/drama, which after a successful Broadway run it was made into a movie, is directed by WMC assistant professor of theater Elizabeth Van den Berg.

Show dates for "Sleuth" – June 18, 19, 24, 25, 26, 27, 30, July 1, 2, 3 with a benefit on June 17, all shows at 8 p.m. Reserved seating tickets are \$14 for adult, \$11 for seniors and students, \$8 for children under 12.

■ Take off for the "second star to the left and straight on 'til morning" to capture the magic of Neverland when "Peter Pan" opens July 9. In this musical version of the James Barrie story directed by TOTH's Ray Ficca ("Princess and the Pea," "Aladdin"); the Darling children follow Peter Pan through adventures with a tribe of Indians, the Lost Boys and, of course, the crew of Cutthroats led by the sinister Captain Hook.

Show dates for "Peter Pan" – 8 p.m. on these dates: July 9, 10, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24 with a benefit on July 8. Matinees will be at 2 p.m. on these dates: July 11, 18, 24, 31 and Aug. 1. Reserved seating for all shows is \$19 for adults, \$16 for seniors and students, \$10 for children under 12.

■ The Broadway smash, "No Way to Treat a Lady," opens July 30. Based on the script and lyrics by Douglas Cohen, the musical comedy thriller is

directed by Josh Selzer ("Greater Tuna," "Blood Brothers"). Also a thriller filled with a lot of twists and turns, "No Way to Treat a Lady" brings together a frustrated actor and an equally frustrated New York cop who both get the fame they think they deserve during a city killing spree.

Show dates for "No Way to Treat a Lady" – July 30, 31, Aug. 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14 with a benefit July 29, all shows at 8 p.m. Reserved seating tickets are \$18 for adults, \$15 for seniors and students, \$10 for children under 12.

■ This year's family after-noon production is "Rumpelstiltskin," featuring a script by Frederick's Vaughn Abbott and music and lyrics by Leon and Cathy Borden, also of Frederick. Ray Ficca will direct the show.

Show dates for "Rumpelstiltskin" – June 26, July 3, 10, 17, Aug. 7, 14, all shows at 2 p.m. All tickets are \$7.

*Money-saving season subscriptions are available. For information or to order tickets call the WMC box office at (410) 857-2448.*

## Joins State Farm

Shannon Michele Tinney has joined State Farm Insurance Co.'s Seaboard Regional Office in Frederick.

She is a 1999 graduate, phi beta kappa and summa cum laude, from Western Maryland College with a degree in sociology and minors in psychology and human resources management.

Ms. Tinney is the daughter of John and Susan Tinney of Walkersville.

At Western Maryland College, she was president of AIDS: Support, Awareness and Prevention; interned as an admissions counselor for the college and was an assistant market researcher for the college's human resources graduate program and Carroll County Bank & Trust Co.

She is a member of two leadership societies: The Trumpeters and Omicron Delta Kappa, as well as two academic societies: Pi Gamma Mu and Psi Chi. -



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Tampa Bay and Seattle will be watching McCord and other players.

McCord said playing with the Ravens would be the best fit.

"I really want to be here, I already feel like part of the family," McCord said after his workout. "I know [place-kicker] Matt Stover, [punter] Kyle Richardson, and I know Russ. I've practiced here before with Western Maryland and feel like I'm a part of this area. I think it would be good for me and it's good for the Ravens to have a local guy here."

However, McCord said the team which offers him a contract first would likely have the best chance at signing him. If he attends an NFL training camp, McCord will have to resign from his full-time coaching position at Western Maryland.

After transferring from

Delaware as a defensive player, McCord played three seasons (1991-93) for the Green Terror offense. In his first game, McCord averaged 47.6 yards on five punts against Albright — a single-game school record. McCord graduated in 1993 with a career 36.6-yard average, with 27.6 percent of his punts landing inside the 20.

McCord — at 6-feet-6 and 240 pounds — was also the team's starting quarterback for his sophomore and junior seasons. He had a 37.6 percent completion rate and threw for 1,722 yards, with 17 touchdowns and 21 interceptions.

Even if McCord gets an invitation from the Ravens, he would be coming in as a big underdog to Richardson, who beat out veteran Greg Montgomery for the starting job last year.

Richardson, though, can empathize with McCord. After graduating from Arkansas State in

1996 as the school's all-time leader in punts and punting yards, Richardson went undrafted and signed with the Rhein Fire of the World League. But after finishing second in the league with a 44.2-yard average, he was signed by Miami on two separate occasions in the 1997 season.

After being cut by the Dolphins a second time, Richardson signed with Seattle — only to be cut two weeks later. His three stints in the NFL in 1997 totaled just five games and 19 punts but now he's punting full time for the Ravens.

"[The Dolphins] just worked me out," said Richardson, who averaged almost 44 yards a punt in 1998. "They knew I played in the World League but they really didn't put any stock in me. Then I just had a great workout and that really opened up the door. I've had to come in and open up some eyes."

# McCord will wait for call

By PETER ZELLEN  
Times Staff Writer

**OWINGS MILLS** — Paul McCord got his chance and, for the most part, made the best of it. Now he sits and waits to see what it will bring him.

McCord, a coach and recruiter for the Western Maryland College football team, worked out at punter yesterday for the Ravens at the team's Owings Mills training facility and could receive an invitation to training camp in the next week.

Ravens special teams coach Russ Fournell had McCord punt about a dozen times, measuring him for distance and hang time. He also had McCord punt in different situations, such as pooch kicks and kicking in certain directions.

McCord, 27, admitted it wasn't

Stephen Cherry photo

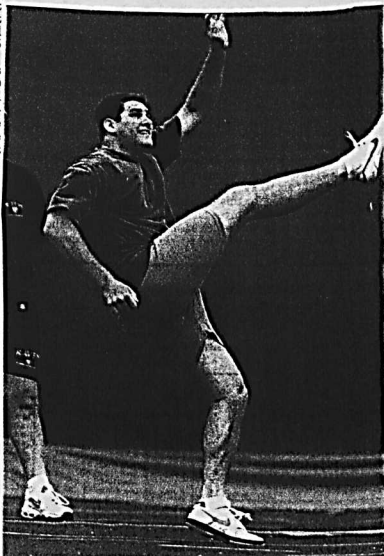
Paul McCord watches one of his punts while working out with the Baltimore Ravens during the team's mini camp Thursday.

his best workout but he still had several punts travel over 50 yards and was fairly accurate on his pooch kicks.

"He's fundamentally and technically a sound punter," Fournell said. "He showed he could still hit some long balls and get a nice tight spiral off of his foot. He had a couple of real good punts hang-time wise — he had a couple that were over five seconds. I thought he had a good workout, not an outstanding one, but a good workout."

McCord, a two-time All-Centennial Conference punter at Western Maryland, also worked out last weekend for Jim Garrett, a scout with the Dallas Cowboys. McCord participated in the Cowboys' 1995 training camp but was cut.

McCord has been playing this spring with the Toledo (Ohio) Cannon of the Regional Football League, commuting from Maryland for the last several games. He plans to play in the Cannon's game at Mobile (Ala.) Saturday night and said scouts from Washington,



## Theatre on the Hill announces season

Theatre on the Hill, a professional summer theater company in residence at Western Maryland College in Westminster, has scheduled its 1999 season, including "Peter Pan," a musical for all ages.

The schedule for Theatre on the Hill's (TOTH) 17th season also includes "Sleuth," "No Way to Treat a Lady" and "Rumpelstiltskin." Most of the performances are scheduled for weekends, but there will be Thursday night performances in July and August. Also, there will be a pre-opening night benefit performance for each of the three major productions. Each year, producer Ira Domsler said, a few Carroll County charities are selected to sell tickets for the benefits with the organizations keeping 100 percent of the sales.

"Sleuth," a thriller pitting a mystery writer against a handsome young rival in a funny, but chilling game, opens the season on June 18.

The Anthony Shaffer comedy/drama, which after a successful Broadway run was made into a movie, is directed by WMC assistant professor of theater Elizabeth Van den Berg.

Take off for the "second star to the left and straight on 'til morning" to capture the magic of Neverland when "Peter Pan" opens July 9. In this musical version of the James Barrie story directed by TOTH's Ray Ficca, the Darling children fol-

low Peter Pan through adventures with a tribe of Indians, the Lost boys and, of course, the crew of cut-throats led by the sinister Captain Hook. TOTH's Peter Pan is Julie Herber. She will make her way around the skies of "London" and "Neverland" with the aid of Foy Flying. The large cast production also features numerous area children ages 6-18. There will be several afternoon matinees of "Peter Pan" and two productions on Saturday, July 24.

The Broadway hit "No Way to Treat a Lady" opens July 30. Based on the script and lyrics by Douglas Cohen, the musical comedy thriller is directed by Josh Selzer. Also a thriller filled with a lot of twist and turns, "No Way to Treat a Lady" brings together a frustrated actor and an equally frustrated New York cop who both get the fame they think they deserve during a city killing spree.

This year's family afternoon production is "Rumpelstiltskin," featuring a script by Frederick's Vaughn Abbott and music and lyrics by Leon and Cathy Borden, also of Frederick. Ray Ficca will direct the Saturday, 2 p.m., matinees which open on June 26.

Ticket prices vary for each production and money-saving season subscriptions are now available. For information, call the WMC box office at 410-857-2448.

## If you go . . .

Who: Theatre on the Hill

What: 1999 summer season, including "Sleuth," "Rumpelstiltskin," "Peter Pan" and "No Way to Treat a Lady"

When: June, July and August

Where: Western Maryland College campus, 2 College Hill, Westminster

Admission cost: ticket prices vary for each production; season subscriptions are \$40 for adults and \$35 for seniors and students

For more information: call the box office at 410-857-2448

"You really can't be in theater if you don't want to — it's too hard," she said. "It's long hours, little pay, little recognition. You wouldn't be there."

She said she's also learned where to draw the line. She considers her father to be too much of a pushover at times with his cast and crew.

"So I'm just going to be a tyrant," she said, laughing.

Another thing she could learn from her father is his business savvy. After 15 years of small financial losses that were covered by Western Maryland College, the theater has broken even for the past three years.

That's the goal, Ira said, because the theater is a nonprofit organization. Any income that exceeds this year's \$100,000 budgeted expenses would be used to raise salaries or buy new equipment for the theater, he said.

As producer, Ira chooses the shows the theater presents each summer. He does so with an eye on potential ticket sales.

"I try to pick plays that appeal to the Westminster audience," he said. "A lot of it is based on what worked in the past. Children's theater has become a major draw."

He called "Peter Pan" a crossover show that appeals to adults as well as children.

"Peter Pan reminds you that it's good to go back and play pirates and have the wonderment of childhood," he said. "But there are bad things, too. Captain Hook was the Darth Vader of his time. He even had a sword."

Ira said he's particularly excited about offering "No Way to Treat a Lady," a show he's never seen produced elsewhere.

"It's very seldom that I listen to the score and like it the first time,"

an added benefit this year is smaller casts and fewer people on the payroll — 43 compared to more than 70 last year. "Lady" has only four actors, and "Sleuth" has only two. Also, some of the children in "Peter Pan" are not paid.

Careful budgeting aside, Ira said he is optimistic that this year's attendance rates will be as strong as they have been in the past few years.

"Carroll County," he said, "has finally discovered us."

# Father and daughter's efforts can be seen in Theatre on the Hill this summer

By SHERRY SLATER  
Times Staff Writer

While some folks claim to have greasepaint in their blood, Cassie Domser's devotion to the theater goes even deeper than that. It's probably embedded in her DNA.

Cassie is the daughter of Ira Domser, theater professor at Western Maryland College and founder of Theatre on the Hill, Westminster's professional theater company.

"Ever since I was 5, I've known I wanted to be in the theater," she said. "At first, I wanted to be a director. But then, as I got into it and learned more, I found I liked costumes. So I'll be a costume designer, hopefully."

"When I started coming to the theater, when I was too young to work, they threw me in the costume shop, where I couldn't hurt myself."

That's when she was 6 or 7 years old.

Now she's 19 and right in the thick of things during her second official season with Theatre on the Hill. She is stitching costumes for all four productions, acting as stage manager for "Rumplestiltskin," and playing an Indian in "Peter Pan."

But acting is her least favorite task.

"I hate being on stage," she said. "I sort of dug myself a hole. I promised to dance in the next musical [Ray Ficca] directed, and this was it."

Cassie, who will be a junior year at Western Maryland College in the fall, is learning theater arts from her dad in class as well as out of it. He's been her instructor for two classes already, including set design last semester.

## Theatre on the Hill schedule

"Sleuth" is a thriller pitting a mystery writer against a handsome young rival in a funny, but chilling game.

June 18, 19, 24, 25, 26, 27, 30 and July 1, 2, 3

All shows at 8 p.m.  
Reserved seating tickets are \$14 for adults, \$11 for seniors and students, \$8 for children younger than 12.

"Rumplestiltskin" is a fairy tale that features a script by Frederick's Vaughn Abbott and music and lyrics by Leon and Cathy Borden, also of Frederick.

June 26, July 3, 10, 17 and

Aug. 7, 14

All shows at 2 p.m. All tickets are \$7.

"Peter Pan" is the musical version of the James Barrie story, which was a Broadway hit with Mary Martin in the lead role.

July 9, 10, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24 evening performances, with all shows at 8 p.m.

July 11, 18, 24, 31 and Aug. 1 matinee performances, with all shows at 2 p.m.

Reserved seating tickets are \$19 for adults, \$16 for seniors and students, \$10 for children younger than 12. Prices are

the same for matinee and evening shows.

"No Way to Treat a Lady," musical comedy thriller, brings together a frustrated actor and an equally frustrated New York cop who both get the fame they think they deserve during a city killing spree.

July 30, 31 and Aug. 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14

All shows at 8 p.m.  
Reserved seating tickets are \$18 for adults, \$15 for seniors and students, \$10 for children younger than 12.

"I think there's more pressure on her to do the best," Ira said, responding to the notion that he might favor his daughter in class. "If she didn't do good work, I'd fail her."

He laughed and admitted that he probably wouldn't let it get that far. He said the father in him would give her a stern warning to turn things around before the end of the semester.

But he hasn't warned her away from a career in the theater, a business known as much for its heartbreaks as for its joys.

"I think the most important thing in life is to enjoy what you do, if at all possible," Ira said. "A lot of people hate what they do."

"The kick is when you look into the faces of the audience and they are thrilled. That's when I get my paycheck, when they are thrilled. When they're not, I go hide somewhere."

Despite the stars in her eyes, Cassie had learned that show business isn't an easy life.

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# A familial passion



Ken Koons photo

Cassie and Ira Domser work together on Theatre on the Hill's productions.

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Administrator, said North Bay Blue Grass Association, based in Havre de Grace, dropped its two-year sponsorship of the music competition a few weeks ago. But Freeman and her staff decided it was too good to let die.

"With the help of a bunch of instrumental people, we're going to put this on," she said.

Walt Michael, artist-in-residence at Western Maryland College and a renowned hammered dulcimer player, is serving as the stage manager.

Schoepf said he'd heard that a Harford County music competition sponsored by the

North Bay Blue Grass Association closed last year, and he was concerned about the fate of the local event. He was thrilled by the news that the Farm Museum has assumed the sponsorship.

"You've made my day," he said. "That's great. The Farm Museum is a beautiful place to have it."

# Just fiddling around

## Farm museum will host a fiddlers' convention on Sunday

By SHERRY SLATER  
Times Staff Writer

Rosin up your bows, boys and girls, there's a fiddlin' contest this weekend in Westminster.

Traditional old-time and bluegrass styles of American folk music will take center stage as musicians compete in the Farm Museum Fiddlers' Convention. Gates opens at 9:30 Sunday morning. The event lasts until 8 p.m.

"If you've never been there, then I say you've absolutely got to go," said Frank Schoepf, a machine shop office manager who lives in Millers.

Schoepf said he likes to meet up with friends at the annual gathering and play bluegrass on his banjo — but not for competition.

"Probably as much fun as anything is [that] people like to get together under a big shade tree and play music," he said. "Oftentimes, you'll hear better music out there than you will up on stage."

Schoepf knows what he's talking about. In the early years, when the 28-year-old event, then known by a dif-



Times file photo

**Roy Tollivel of Arlington, Va., plays during a jam session on the front porch of the Carroll County Farm Museum at last year's convention.**

ferent name, was still in Harford County, he volunteered as a judge a few times. It's hard work, he said, adding that the quality of the competition is high.

These days he'd rather keep things casual.

"Go get a chicken dinner and a funnel cake and it's a fun day," he said. "If somebody enjoys hand-picked music that you don't get to hear by turning on

### If you go. . .

**What:** Farm Museum Fiddlers' Convention

**Who:** hosted and sponsored by the Carroll County Farm Museum

**When:** 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday for the public; contestants may register for the competition beginning at 8:30 a.m.

**Where:** Carroll County Farm Museum, 500 S. Center St., Westminster

**Admission cost:** \$8 for adults; \$2 for children ages 7 to 18; free for children 6 and younger who are accompanied by an adult; anyone younger than 18 not accompanied by an adult will be charged as an adult; museum memberships will be honored

**For more information:** call 410-848-7775 or 410-876-2667

a radio, then by golly," they'll enjoy themselves.

Organizers say additional food for sale includes Polish sausage, hot dogs and sauerkraut, ice cream and snowballs. Crafters will also offer a variety of items for sale, including wood furniture, handmade jewelry and homemade jellies and jams. The Farm Museum's General Store also will be open to sell

### The competition

More than \$3,000 in cash prizes will be awarded at the Farm Museum Fiddlers' Convention in the following categories:

- bluegrass band
- old time band
- bluegrass fiddle
- old time fiddle
- bluegrass banjo
- old time banjo
- guitar
- mandolin
- vocalist (solo)
- bass fiddle
- Dobro
- young performer
- special performer (e.g. bagpipes, Autoharp, dulcimer, flute, etc.)

handmade items, souvenirs and candy.

Visitors are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs so they can sit and enjoy listening to the music, according to the organizers. Alcohol and pets are not permitted on the grounds, however.

The event is scheduled for rain or shine.

Dottie Freeman, the Farm Museum's





Western Maryland College biology major Lee Ann Cooper deserves a hand for writing an award-winning honors paper.

The topic of the paper, though, is a little unsettling. The paper was titled "The Expression of cryIA(b), an Inducible Gene, in Broccoli Transformants and their Progeny."

Nothing at all against Cooper. But broccoli strikes fear in enough people; they don't need to worry about it transforming itself, or producing transformed little broccoli plants with expressive genes all over the place.

We trust that Cooper will find a way to stave off this threat. She's obviously bright enough: She graduated summa cum laude and is off to Cornell University for graduate study in biochemistry and molecular biology, and the school is paying her way.

Well done, Lee Ann.

track and field. "The following day I came to practice and when I started jumping I didn't get close."

But he quickly learned the trade by watching Pat Chittchang, a standout jumper for South Carroll in Ani's first two years in the sport. Ani used him as a measuring stick until Chittchang's graduation in '97.

"He began to see he could be the big dog on the porch," said Fisher. "It gave him something to aim for and something to work toward. That can also work against you."

Ani, a fierce and intense competitor, became a perfectionist. He watched videos, read books and visited web sites dedicated to jumping.

He stayed after practice to work with Fisher one-on-one, quizzing his coach on each phase of his technique.

"You don't want to start doing [the triple jump] like you're painting a picture by the numbers," Fisher said. "There were a couple of times when I had to flat out tell him to get away from it or go do something else. The intensity got to be a detriment to him."

Then, while jumping at practice two weeks into the season, Ani landed hard on the edge of the pit and twisted his ankle. He ignored the pain and his doctor's request, refusing to sit out as the distance of his jumps failed to meet his expectations. He placed fourth and fifth in the triple jump and long jump, respectively, at the Westminster Invitational.

"After I got hurt, mentally I defeated myself," said Ani, who along with Fisher decided to tone down his practices. "I couldn't [rest] because I'm expected to score points for the team. So I just car-

**"After I got hurt, mentally I defeated myself. ... So I just carried on. Somehow, miraculously, my leg started getting better."**

— Ifeanyi Ani  
Westminster field athlete

ried on. Somehow, miraculously, my leg started getting better."

Results came quickly as Ani was a double winner at the county and region meets despite scratching on several attempts.

In the triple jump at states, Ani struggled with his steps, landing only one of six attempts in two rounds.

Ani says his injury and disap-

## ANI FILE

Name: Ifeanyi

Ani

School: Westminster

Year: Senior

Exploits: Set a

school record in

long jump at

Class 4A state

meet. ... Fin-

ished third at the state meet in

both long jump and triple meet. ...

Will attend Western Maryland Col-

lege in the fall.



pointing performance at states will motivate him to train this summer. In the fall, Ani will attend Western Maryland College where his father teaches. Ani plans to hone his skill while competing in indoor and outdoor track for the Green Terror.

"I don't want to class him as being a total technician, but it's getting close," said Fisher.

# Field Player of the Year is a student of his craft

By JOSH SMITH  
Times Staff Writer

At the start of the outdoor track and field season, Westminster coach Jim Shank insisted Ifeanyi Ani had "the long and triple jump down to a science."

Shank's comment captured the essence of his senior jumper.

Ani, whose family emigrated from Nigeria five years ago, relishes learning about the minuscule elements of jumping. His school project reporting the mechanics of Jonathan Edwards' world record triple jump of 60-feet- $\frac{1}{2}$ -inches was evidence of that.

"I compared how I did in the triple jump to how [Edwards] did," says Ani. "Everything was perfect for him. There's a lot of stuff involved. I tried analyzing how fast I was going, the angle of elevation of the foot, the wind velocity when you were doing it."

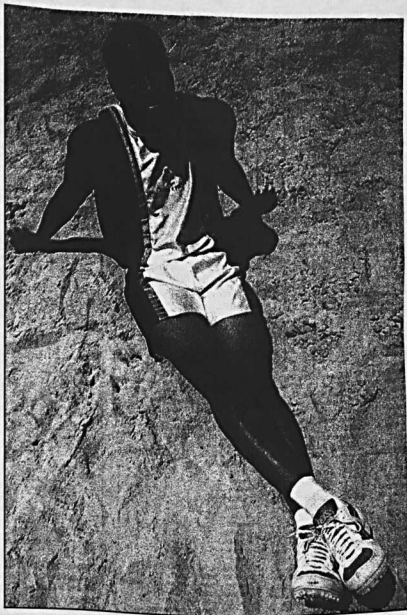
"I tried analyzing all of that to compare his results to what I have. I ended up finding there's a lot of stuff I have to work on."

Don't get him wrong, though. There are few high school jumpers as fundamentally sound as Ani. He won the Central Maryland Conference, county and region championships in the long jump and triple jumps before taking third in the pair at the Class 4A state meet, making him the *Times'* Field Athlete of the Year.

In the 1998 outdoor season, Ani won the county and region titles in both events but set out to break the school records in '99. He earned Westminster's long jump record with a leap of 22-2 at states, but fell  $7\frac{1}{2}$  inches short of Matt Knights' triple jump mark, leaping 46-2. Ani, however, has conquered jumping with the same fervor that helped him master the English language.

"The best way to describe Ifeanyi is diligent and persistent," said Owls jumping coach Tom Fisher. Fisher taught Ani as an eighth grader at West Middle when he first arrived in the country and then coached him for four years at Westminster High. "He became a student of the [triple jump]. He wanted to know every little detail, every little angle."

And he had a lot to learn. In his



Ken Koons photo

Ifeanyi Ani is the *Carroll County Times'* Boys' Field Player of the Year.

## ALL-COUNTY BOYS' TRACK TEAM

FIRST TEAM		
Mike Muller	Sprints	12
Rob Hanson	Sprints	12
Jason Santucci	Distance	12
Jesse O'Connell	Distance	11
Bobby Mead	Distance	10
Jared Craig	Hurdles	12
Matt Cox	Hurdles	12
Ifeanyi Ani	Field Events	12
Josh Schwartz	Field Events	12
Clint Day	Field Events	12
Ryan Burkhead	Field Events	12
Troy Borneman	Field Events	10
	Field Events	10

### SECOND TEAM

Francis Scott Key: Andre Gerald, senior, sprints; Sam Becker, junior, jumps. Liberty: Marc Falcone, junior, jumps; Ryan Ford, sophomore, jumps; Rocco Pugliese, junior, throws. North Carroll: Matt Doamberger, senior, jumps; Jeff Graham, senior, distance. South Carroll: Steve Hammell, senior, distance; Chris McDonald, senior, distance; Jason Blocher, senior, sprints. Westminster: Sean Valls, senior, pole vault; Tristian Gilbert, sophomore, distance.

freshman season, a confident Ani came out for the team on a whim in the middle of the spring. He heard a coach say the team needed someone who could jump 19 feet.

"I measured 19 feet and said, 'That's not far,'" said Ani, who admits he knew nothing about

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**Theatre on the Hill Guld meets:**  
6 p.m., Green room, Alumni Hall,  
Western Maryland College, W. Main  
St., Westminster. Volunteer organi-  
zation for theatre enthusiasts open  
to community members age 15+  
who want to participate behind the  
scenes. Information: Nan Ficca,  
410-857-2592.

# Parents shouldn't forget to reward good behavior

With everyone's attention focused on student killers, how does a good kid get any attention anymore?

The lack of focus on the good things our children do is a growing issue and has been a big concern of mine for some time.

The media have always tended to focus on the negative. But things have really gotten worse. When I watch the local news lately, I feel like they purposely focus on the bad things in life. A child killing another child is certainly more sensational than writing about the exceptional student who gets good grades and volunteers at a local senior center.

Do we really want to teach our children that the best way to receive recognition is by doing something completely dumb or stupid? If not, then we better start paying significantly more attention to all the kids out there who are doing the right things in life.

As a parent, it is easier to recognize the child who is really misbehaving than the child who is quietly reading a book. Sometimes parents take away points when a child misbehaves. This is called "response cost."

A better method is to provide points following appropriate behavior. This is called "token economy."

In the case of response cost, the child gets attention by losing points every time he misbehaves. In the case of token economy, the child gets attention by gaining points when he does what he is supposed to do. Token economy is better because the parent's energy



Thomas J.  
Zirpoli

is spent rewarding positive behaviors. This makes for a more positive environment for both parents and child. More importantly, it teaches children that positive behaviors earn attention.

This is graduation season for all the local high schools and hundreds of students will be receiving awards for outstanding achievement in various academic endeavors. This newspaper always does a good job recognizing students from every local high school who have won awards, scholarships and achieved other worthy accomplishments during their high school years.

But we need to do more. Let's give these kids the year-round recognition we give to student athletes. Let's tell our children what to say "yes" to by teaching them what is really important in life.

When we have a whole newspaper section on sports, we communicate to our children that participation in sports is important. But what about the kids who participate in other worthy activities? For example, a few months ago Maryland conducted its annual high school state debate competition. I did not see a word about it in any Maryland newspaper. What message does this communicate to the hundreds of

students who participated?

We all need to focus more attention on what our children do well, instead of what they do poorly. We also need to be more balanced in what we promote and encourage as a society. We need to spend more time thanking our children for what they do right, and give them less attention for their mistakes. We also need to draw more attention to the other activities in which our children participate beyond the world of sports.

As a college professor, I attend a lot of graduations. I'm always

amazed at some of the stories of accomplishment I hear. Young people all over our nation are doing some wonderful and incredible things. Unfortunately, we don't hear enough about them. If we did, I think that we would see an increase in kids doing good things. We should give it a try and promote copy-cat achievers instead of more copy-cat killers.

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Summer play: Theatre on the Hill will present the mystery thriller "Sleuth" at 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday, June 24-27 and 30, and July 1-3 in Alumni Hall at Western Maryland College. Tickets are \$14 for adults, \$11 for senior citizens and students, and \$8 for children. Information: 410-857-2448.

Carroll Co. Sun  
6-21-99

Summer play: Theatre on the Hill will present the mystery thriller "Sleuth" at 8 p.m. Thursday through Sunday and June 30, and July 1-3 in Alumni Hall at Western Maryland College. Tickets are \$14 for adults, \$11 for senior citizens and students, \$8 for children. Information: 410-857-2448.

Carroll Co. Times  
7-1-99

"Sleuth": 8 p.m., Alumni Hall, Western Maryland College, 2 College Hill, Westminster. Presented by Theatre on the Hill. Reserved seating tickets are \$14/adults, \$11/seniors and students, \$8/under age 12. Information: 410-857-2448.

Carroll Co. Sun  
6-24-99

Summer play: Theatre on the Hill will present the mystery thriller "Sleuth" at 8 p.m. today through Sunday and June 30, and July 1-3 in Alumni Hall at Western Maryland College. Tickets are \$14 for adults, \$11 for senior citizens and students, and \$8 for children. Information: 410-857-2448.

Carroll Co. Sun  
6-23-99

Summer play: Theatre on the Hill will present the mystery thriller "Sleuth" at 8 p.m. Thursday through Sunday and June 30, and July 1-3 in Alumni Hall at Western Maryland College. Tickets are \$14 for adults, \$11 for senior citizens and students, and \$8 for children. Information: 410-857-2448.

Hanover Sun  
6-17-99

"Sleuth": June 18, 19, 24, 25, 26, 27, 30 and July 1, 2 and 3, 8 p.m.; Western Maryland College's Alumni Hall, Westminster, Md.

410-857-2448.

Carroll Co. Times  
6-25-99

"Sleuth": 8 p.m., Alumni Hall, Western Maryland College, 2 College Hill, Westminster. Presented by Theatre on the Hill. Reserved seating tickets are \$14/adults, \$11/seniors and students, \$8/under age 12. Information: 410-857-2448.

Carroll Co. Times  
6-27-99

"Sleuth": 8 p.m., Alumni Hall, Western Maryland College, 2 College Hill, Westminster. Presented by Theatre on the Hill. Reserved seating tickets are \$14/adults, \$11/seniors and students, \$8/under age 12. Information: 410-857-2448.

Hanover Sun  
7-1-99

"Sleuth": July 1, 2 and 3, 8 p.m., Western Maryland College's Alumni Hall, Westminster, Md.; 410-857-2448.

Carroll Co. Times  
6-30-99

"Sleuth": 8 p.m., Alumni Hall, Western Maryland College, 2 College Hill, Westminster. Presented by Theatre on the Hill. Reserved seating tickets are \$14/adults, \$11/seniors and students, \$8/under age 12. Information: 410-857-2448.

Carroll Co. Sun  
6-20-99

Summer play: Theatre on the Hill will present the mystery thriller "Sleuth" at 8 p.m. Thursday through next Sunday and June 30, and July 1-3 in Alumni Hall at Western Maryland College. Tickets are \$14 for adults, \$11 for senior citizens and students, and \$8 for children. Information: 410-857-2448.

PaHo-Sun-LIVE  
6-24-99

"Sleuth" Comedy-thriller presented by Theatre on the Hill through July 3 in Alumni Hall, Western Maryland College, 2 College Hill, Westminster. 8 p.m. today-Sunday and June 30-July 3. \$8-\$14. Call 410-857-2448.

Carroll Co. Times  
6-26-99

"Sleuth": 8 p.m., Alumni Hall, Western Maryland College, 2 College Hill, Westminster. Presented by Theatre on the Hill. Reserved seating tickets are \$14/adults, \$11/seniors and students, \$8/under age 12. Information: 410-857-2448.

Hanover Sun  
6-24-99

"Sleuth": June 25, 26, 27, 30 and July 1, 2 and 3, 8 p.m., Western Maryland College's Alumni Hall, Westminster, Md.; 410-857-2448.

Frederick Post  
6-25-99

"Sleuth" comedy-thriller cont. June 25, 26, 27, 30, July 1-3. Theatre on the Hill at WMC, Westminster; Alumni Hall. \$14, \$11 and \$8. 410-857-2448.

Carroll Co. Sun  
6-27-99

Summer play: Theatre on the Hill will present the mystery thriller "Sleuth" at 8 p.m. today and Wednesday-Saturday in Alumni Hall at Western Maryland College. Tickets are \$14 for adults, \$11 for senior citizens and students, and \$8 for children. Information: 410-857-2448.

## Barbara Sheehan, 58, taught emotionally disturbed pupils

Barbara Sheehan, a former biology teacher and teacher of emotionally disturbed children, died Sunday of cancer at her Towson home. She was 58.

Mrs. Sheehan taught emotionally disturbed pupils at the Children's Guild in Baltimore from 1988 to 1992. Most recently, she was a special assistant at Woodhome Elementary School in the city.

She received a bachelor's degree in biology from Western Maryland College in 1963 and taught the subject for several years in Baltimore County schools. She also had worked for the National Education Association.

She was a volunteer with the Baltimore Symphony Decorators Show House for many years and had served on the board of Chesapeake Center Camp.

She was an elder, Sunday school teacher and member of Women's Circle 8 at Towson Presbyterian Church, where, in the early 1970s, she pioneered an overnight girls camp at the church's Beetree retreat in northern Baltimore County.

The former Barbara Earhart was born in Harrisonburg, Va., and raised in Westminster, Mount Airy and Frederick.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. tomorrow at Towson Presbyterian Church, 400 W. Chesapeake Ave.

She is survived by her husband, John Marr Sheehan Jr., whom she married in 1967; a son, John M. Sheehan III of Towson; a daughter, Tracey Sheehan of Towson; her mother, Mary Frances Brown of Frederick; a brother, Robert A. Earhart of Baltimore; her stepfather, Fred J. Brown of Frederick; two stepbrothers, Eric Brown of Mount Pleasant, S.C., and Richard Brown of Falls Church, Va.; and several aunts and uncles.



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BALTIMORE SUN  
June 15, 1999

**SHEEHAN, Barbara**  
On June 13, 1999  
**BARBARA** (nee Earhart), beloved wife of John Marr Sheehan Jr., devoted mother of Tracey Jean Sheehan and John Marr Sheehan III, daughter of Mary Frances Brown, sister of Robert A. Earhart, his wife Kelly and their two sons Robert and Sean, stepdaughter of Fred J. Brown of Frederick, sister-in-law of Carol J. Sheehan of Baltimore, Heather S. O'Brien, her husband Will and their two sons Casey and Kevin of Chatham, Ontario, David J. Sheehan, his wife Betty and their two children Michael and Kerri of Baltimore. Also survived by many uncles, aunts and cousins.

Friends may call at the Mitchell-Wiedefeld Funeral Home Inc., 6500 York Rd (at Overbrook) on Tuesday and Wednesday 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 P.M. A Funeral Service will be held on Thursday 10 A.M. at Towson Presbyterian Church, Interim Memorial Gardens, Memorial contributions may be made, in Barbara's name, to Towson Presbyterian Church Memorial Fund, 400 W. Chesapeake Ave., Towson MD 21284.

**INDEPENDENT**

Frederick Post  
6-15-99

## Mrs. Barbara Sheehan

Mrs. Barbara Earhart Sheehan, 58, of Towson, died Sunday, June 13, at her home.

She was the wife of John M. Sheehan III.

Born Jan. 14, 1941, in Harrisonburg Va., she was the daughter of Mary Frances Earhart Brown of Frederick, and the late Dr. Quentin L. Earhart.

When she lived in Frederick her home was what is now the Spring Bank Inn.

A graduate of Frederick High School and Western Maryland College, she went on to become a biology teacher, and taught for several years in Baltimore County. Later she worked in the Baltimore city schools special education program.

She was active in church work at Towson Presbyterian Church.

She also devoted time to other community and charitable activities, including Baltimore Symphony Associates. In 1996 she was general chairman of that organization's principal fund-raiser, the Decorators' Show House.

In addition to her mother and husband, she is survived by one daughter, Tracey Sheehan, and one son, John M. Sheehan IV, both of Towson; one brother, Robert A. Earhart and wife Kelly of Owings Mills; nephews Robert and Sean Earhart of Owings Mills; and her stepfather, Dr. Fred Brown Jr. of Frederick.

Friends may call at Mitchell-Wiedefeld Funeral Home, 6500 York Road, Towson, Tuesday, June 15, and Wednesday, June 16, from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

Funeral services will be held at Towson Presbyterian Church, 400 W. Chesapeake Ave., Towson, on Thursday, June 17, at 10 a.m.

Interment will be in Delaney Valley Memorial Gardens.

HANOVER SUN  
June 16, 1999

Carroll Co. Sun  
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## Common Ground promotes diversity through art and music

Common Ground on the Hill will host its fifth summer program at Western Maryland College in Westminster July 4 to 9.

The program in residence at WMC promotes diversity, bringing together people of all backgrounds to learn other cultures through music, art and philosophy. Participants can take classes ranging from the music of Africa to the sounds of Appalachia to native American philosophy and how to build a dulcimer. Other classes include (some in many musical styles): banjo, bass, bluegrass, dance and percussion, dulcimer, fiddle, gospel, guitar, harmonica, harp, jazz, mandolin and piano.

The program also offers workshops on Native American philosophy, as well as numerous Native American crafts like sweetgrass basketry, bead work and shell carving. One of the world's finest wooden spoon carvers

is on the instructional staff and so is one of the top visual and performance artists. Fine arts and crafts classes also include Celtic printmaking, metal-smithing, origami, chair caning and more.

The structured children's program also includes learning through the arts. And there are nightly concerts featuring instructors and students.

Common Ground on the Hill was founded by WMC alumnus and now artist-in-residence Walt Michael, a well-known dulcimer player who has performed throughout the United States and abroad. There is a tuition fee, as well as fees for room and board. (Total full-time costs are \$525.) Graduate credit is available for an additional fee.

For more information call Walt Michael at (410) 857-2771 or e-mail [cground@qis.net](mailto:cground@qis.net) or [www.common-groundonthehill.com](http://www.common-groundonthehill.com).



## The Lesson Tee

### Think your way around course for lower scores



One of the things I often encounter when working with middle and high handicap golfers is their desire to hit the ball longer and their never-ending search for the perfect golf swing.

Unfortunately, as much as these players want to succeed, they are often restricted by several factors including physical ailments, lack of practice time or financial limitations with regards to hitting range balls. In working with students including my own college players, we spend a considerable amount of time focusing on course management.

These skills are often overlooked by the average player although they are the easiest to develop due to requiring no athletic ability. Consider the following the next time you set foot on the golf course and watch your scores drop.

■ When teeing off, select a club that will give you the best chance of putting your ball in the fairway. This is not always your driver. Remember, the trees are full of long hitters.

■ Consider playing to the 150 yard markers. For example, if you are playing a 350 yard par 4 hole tee off with whatever club you can hit straight 200 yards.

This could be your 5-wood or a long iron. Your chances of pulling off a good shot are a lot better from 150 yards out in the fairway than in the heavy rough or the woods.

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### Michael Diehl

is a teaching professional at Western Maryland College Golf Course in Westminster.

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■ When hitting your approach shot to the green consider your best option.

Attacking the flag is usually not one of them. Play the percentages. Be happy with your ball on the putting surface.

■ Plan one shot ahead. Identify which side of the green gives you the best chance of getting up and down should you miss it. Tour players only hit on average 13 greens in regulation. How many do you hit? Work hard on your short game.

■ Do your prep work around the green before chipping. Identify which side of the hold you want your ball to end up in order to give you an easier putt. Play the break with your chip shot just like you would with your putt. You'll be surprised at how many you can make.

Developing course management skills coupled with good swing fundamentals will take you a long way in lowering your scores.

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*Michael Diehl, Western Maryland College golf professional and assistant golf coach, can be reached at 410-848-7667 to set up a lesson.*

CARROLL COUNTY SUN  
June 16, 1999

Children's play: Theatre on the Hill will present "Rumpelstiltskin" at 2 p.m. June 26, July 3, 10, 17, Aug. 7 and 14 in Alumni Hall at Western Maryland College. General admission is \$7. Information: 410-857-2448.

Carroll Co. Times  
6-20-99

"Rumpelstiltskin": 2 p.m., Alumni Hall, Western Maryland College, 2 College Hill, Westminster. Presented by Theatre on the Hill. \$7/person. Information: 410-857-2448.

Hanover Sun  
6-17-99

"Rumpelstiltskin": June 26, July 3, 10, 17, Aug. 7 and 14, 2 p.m., Alumni Hall, Western Maryland College, Westminster, Md.; 410-857-2448.

Carroll Co. Times  
7-10-99

"Rumpelstiltskin": 2 p.m., Alumni Hall, Western Maryland College, 2 College Hill, Westminster. Presented by Theatre on the Hill. \$7/person. Information: 410-857-2448.

Carroll Co. Times  
6-27-99; 6-26

"Rumpelstiltskin": 2 p.m., Alumni Hall, Western Maryland College, 2 College Hill, Westminster. Presented by Theatre on the Hill. \$7/person. Information: 410-857-2448.

Carroll Co. Sun  
7-4-99

Children's play: Theatre on the Hill will present "Rumpelstiltskin" at 2 p.m. Saturday and July 17, and Aug. 7 and 14 in Alumni Hall at Western Maryland College. General admission is \$7. Information: 410-857-2448.

CARROLL COUNTY SUN  
June 17, 1999

Children's play: Theatre on the Hill will present "Rumpelstiltskin" at 2 p.m. June 26, July 3, 10 and 17, and Aug. 7 and 14 in Alumni Hall at Western Maryland College. General admission is \$7. Information: 410-857-2448.

Carroll Co. Sun  
6-20-99

Children's play: Theatre on the Hill will present "Rumpelstiltskin" at 2

p.m. June 26, July 3, 10, 17, Aug. 7 and 14 in Alumni Hall at Western Maryland College. General admission is \$7. Information: 410-857-2448.

Carroll Co. Sun  
7-16-99

Children's play: Theatre on the Hill will present "Rumpelstiltskin" at 2 p.m. tomorrow and Aug. 7 and 14 in Alumni Hall at Western Maryland College. General admission is \$7. Information: 410-857-2448.

Carroll Co. Times  
7-11-99

"Rumpelstiltskin": 2 p.m., Alumni Hall, Western Maryland College, 2 College Hill, Westminster. Presented by Theatre on the Hill. \$7/person. Information: 410-857-2448.

Carroll Co. Sun  
7-2-99

Children's play: Theatre on the Hill will present "Rumpelstiltskin" at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 10 and 17, and Aug. 7 and 14 in Alumni Hall at Western Maryland College. General admission is \$7. Information: 410-857-2448.

Hanover Sun  
7-1-99

"Rumpelstiltskin": July 3, 10, 17, Aug. 7 and 14, 2 p.m., Alumni Hall, Western Maryland College, Westminster, Md.; 410-857-2448.

Balto. Sun - LIVE  
7-15-99

"Rumpelstiltskin": 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7 and 14 at 2 p.m. at Western Maryland College, Theatre on the Hill, 2 College Hill, Westminster. \$7. Call 410-857-2448.

Carroll Co. Sun  
6-21-99

Children's play: Theatre on the Hill will present "Rumpelstiltskin" at 2 p.m. Saturday and July 3, 10, 17, Aug. 7 and 14 in Alumni Hall at Western Maryland College. General admission is \$7. Information: 410-857-2448.

Carroll Co. Times  
7-4-99

"Rumpelstiltskin": 2 p.m., Alumni Hall, Western Maryland College, 2 College Hill, Westminster. Presented by Theatre on the Hill. \$7/person. Information: 410-857-2448.

Carroll Co. Sun  
6-24-99

Children's play: Theatre on the Hill will present "Rumpelstiltskin" at 2 p.m. Saturday and July 3, 10, 17, Aug. 7 and 14 in Alumni Hall at Western Maryland College. General admission is \$7. Information: 410-857-2448.

Carroll Co. Sun  
7-22-99

Children's play: Theatre on the Hill will present "Rumpelstiltskin" at 2 p.m. Aug. 7 and 14 in Alumni Hall at Western Maryland College. General admission is \$7. Information: 410-857-2448.

HANOVER SUN  
June 17, 1999

Carroll Co. Sun  
7-6-99

Carroll Co. Sun  
7-12-99

"Peter Pan": July 9, 10, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 8 p.m.; July 11, 18, 24, 31 and Aug. 1, 2 p.m., Western Maryland College's Alumni Hall, Westminster, Md.; 410-857-2448.

Carroll Co. Sun  
7-16-99

Family play: Theatre on the Hill will present the classic "Peter Pan" at 8 p.m. today, tomorrow and Thursday and July 23 and 24, and 2 p.m. Sunday and July 24, 31 and Aug. 1 in Alumni Hall at Western Maryland College. Tickets are \$19 for adults, \$16 for senior citizens and students, and \$10 for children. Information: 410-857-2448.

Carroll Co. Sun  
7-22-99

Hanover Sun  
7-1-99; 6-24

### Best Bet

Family play: Theatre on the Hill will present "Peter Pan" at 8 p.m. today, tomorrow and Saturday, and at 2 p.m. Saturday, and July 11, 18, 24, 31 and Aug. 1 in Alumni Hall at Western Maryland College. Tickets are \$19 for adults, \$16 for senior citizens and students, and \$10 for children. Information: 410-857-2448.

Carroll Co. Times  
7-4-99

"Peter Pan": 8 p.m., Alumni Hall, Western Maryland College, 2 College Hill, Westminster. Reserved seating tickets are \$19/adults, \$16/seniors and students, \$10/under age 12. Presented by Theatre on the Hill. Information: 410-857-2448.

Carroll Co. Sun  
7-9-99

Family play: Theatre on the Hill will present the classic "Peter Pan" at 8 p.m. today and tomorrow, July 16-17, 22-24 and 2 p.m. Sunday, July 18, 24, 31 and Aug. 1 in Alumni Hall at Western Maryland College. Tickets are \$19 for adults, \$16 for senior citizens and students, and \$10 for children. Information: 410-857-2448.

Carroll Co. Times  
7-25-99

"Peter Pan": 2 p.m., Alumni Hall, Western Maryland College, 2 College Hill, Westminster. Reserved seating tickets are \$19/adults, \$16/seniors and students, \$10/under age 12. Presented by Theatre on the Hill. Information: 410-857-2448.

Benefit play: Theatre on the Hill will present a benefit preview of "Peter Pan" at 8 p.m. in Alumni Hall at Western Maryland College. Proceeds will go to Shepherd's Staff and the Montessori Society of Westminster. Tickets are \$20 for adults; \$17 for seniors and students; and \$11 for children 12 and younger. Information: 410-857-5944.

"Peter Pan": July 9, 10, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 8 p.m.; July 11, 18, 24, 31 and Aug. 1, 2 p.m., Western Maryland College's Alumni

Hall, Westminster, Md.; 410-857-2448.

Carroll Co. Times  
7-10-99

"Peter Pan": 8 p.m., Alumni Hall, Western Maryland College, 2 College Hill, Westminster. Reserved seating tickets are \$19/adults, \$16/seniors and students, \$10/under age 12. Presented by Theatre on the Hill. Information: 410-857-2448.

Balto. Sun LIVE  
7-8-99

"Peter Pan" Musical presented by Theatre on the Hill tomorrow, Saturday, July 16, 17, 22, 23, 24 at 8 p.m.; Sunday, July 18, 24, 31 and Aug. 1 at 2 p.m. in Alumni Hall, Western Maryland College, 2 College Hill, Westminster. \$10-\$19. Call 410-857-2448.

### Future

Family play: Theatre on the Hill will present the classic "Peter Pan" at 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday and July 22-24 and 2 p.m. July 18, 24, 31 and Aug. 1 in Alumni Hall at Western Maryland College. Tickets are \$19 for adults, \$16 for senior citizens and students, and \$10 for children. Information: 410-857-2448.

Carroll Co. Times  
7-23-99

"Peter Pan": 2 and 8 p.m., Alumni Hall, Western Maryland College, 2 College Hill, Westminster. Reserved seating tickets are \$19/adults, \$16/seniors and students, \$10/under age 12. Presented by Theatre on the Hill. Information: 410-857-2448.

Carroll Co. Sun  
7-4-99

### Future

Family play: Theatre on the Hill will present the classic "Peter Pan" at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and July 16-17, 22-24 and at 2 p.m. July 11, 18, 24, 31 and Aug. 1 in Alumni Hall at Western Maryland College. Tickets are \$19 for adults, \$16 for senior citizens and students, and \$10 for children. Information: 410-857-2448.

Carroll Co. Sun  
7-19-99

### Future

Family play: Theatre on the Hill will present "Peter Pan" at 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 31 and Aug. 1 in Alumni Hall at Western Maryland College. Tickets are \$19 for adults, \$16 for senior citizens and students, and \$10 for children. Information: 410-857-2448.

Hanover Sun  
7-22-99

"Peter Pan": July 22, 23, 24, 8 p.m.; July 24, 31 and Aug. 1, 2 p.m., Western Maryland College's Alumni Hall, Westminster, Md.; 410-857-2448.

June 17, 1999

■ The 31st annual Western Maryland College/Eugene "Stoney" Willis Invitational is set for July 10 at the WMC course. The invitational event is open only to area businesses and service organizations. For information, call 410-848-7667.

■ The Western Maryland College Junior Amateur is set for Aug. 10. It's open to boys and girls aged 10-16 with a 10-12 age group and a 13-16 age group. There is no fee. Lunch is included. For more information call 410-848-7667.

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7-1-99*

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## Reflections of Carroll's past



Courtesy of Historical Society of Carroll County

Longtime Western Maryland College football coach **Charles Havens** in his Maryland State Guard uniform. Each day throughout the rest of the year, the *Carroll County Times* will publish a vintage photograph showing Carroll from early in this century up to more recent years.

## Workshops to explore link between Africa, Appalachia

Common Ground on the Hill's  
summer workshops July 4-9 at

Western Maryland College might provide the shortest route between Africa and Appalachia.

"As we are pitted against each other, usually we lose touch of the fact that our traditions have the same roots," said Walt Michael, founder and director of Common Ground on the Hill. "We could not have bluegrass without the influence of African-American music, and we could not have black gospel without Western sacred music."

Participants can take classes including the music of Africa, the sounds of Appalachia and how to build a dulcimer. Other classes include: banjo, bass, bluegrass, dance and percussion, dulcimer, fiddle, gospel, guitar, harmonica, harp, jazz, mandolin, piano and songwriting.

The program also offers workshops on Native American philosophy and numerous Native American crafts such as sweet-grass basketry, bead work and shell carving.

One of the world's finest wood-ven spoon carvers is on the instructional staff, and so is one of the top visual and performance artists. Art and craft classes also include Celtic printmaking, metal smithing, origami and chair caning.

A children's program also is available. Nightly concerts will be held on campus.

Full-time workshop tuition, including room and board, is \$525. Full-time commuter student tuition is \$350. Students can attend on a part-time commuter basis, and graduate credit is available for an additional fee.

Information: 410-857-2771.

## Council scholarships help recipients study arts

The Carroll County Arts Council has awarded five \$500 scholarships, one to a graduate of each of the county high schools.

Scholarships were awarded to a senior planning on studying art in college and based on artistic promise and financial need.

Recipients were: Joann Wheatly from Liberty High, to Hofstra

University to study audio/visual film; Jason Lehigh from Francis Scott Key High, to Bradley Academy for the Visual Arts to study multi-media design.

Also Emily Sater-Murray from North Carroll High, to Villa Julie College to study theater; Carrie Waddell from South Carroll High (Anne Miller Scholarship), to Western Maryland College to study art; and Nicole Bailey from Westminster High, to Goucher College to study drama.

### Miller made a Life Fellow

Attorney E. Suzan Miller has been made a Life Fellow of the Maryland Bar Foundation.

Membership in the Fellows is a distinct honor, limited to the top 3.5 percent of Maryland attorneys.

Membership is granted only to those attorneys with outstanding professional accomplishments and exemplary character. Nomination to the Fellows is extended only upon recommendation of a current Fellow and the endorsement of the Board of Directors.

The main purpose of the Fellows is to work to maintain the honor and integrity of the profes-



sion, to improve and facilitate the administration of justice, to advance the interests of the organized Bar of Maryland and to promote civic leadership.

Miller, whose offices are in Westminster, obtained a juris doctor degree magna cum laude from the University of Baltimore School of Law in 1986 and served as editor-in-chief of the university's law review. She holds a master of science degree summa cum laude in biomedical sciences from Hood College and a bachelor of arts degree in chemistry from Western Maryland College. She has engaged in postgraduate studies in pharmacology at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

Miller has served on the Board of Directors of the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, Greater Westminster Development Corporation, Carroll County Health Services Corporation, Carroll County General Hospital Foundation, Carroll County Bar Association and the Tourism Council of Carroll County.

She serves on the Advisory Board of Farmers & Mechanics National Bank. She is a member of the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce Legislative Committee and the Bonds Meadow Rotary Club. She is a panel member for the Attorney Grievance Commission and the Committee on Resolution of Fee Disputes.



# Arts groups delighted with state grants

## Carroll agency gets boost after years of scrimping

By SHERIDAN LYONS  
SUN STAFF

The executive director of the Carroll County Arts Council celebrated her second anniversary on the job with a hefty increase in her budget, courtesy of the Maryland State Arts Council.

"It's wonderful: a \$15,159 increase for us, and that's not small potatoes," said Sandra Matthews Oxx, the council's executive director. "It will really make a difference."

"I've just been working on my budget for next year, and it's wonderful to not be thinking, 'How can I get envelopes printed for free?' or 'How far can I turn the heat down?'"

Five Carroll County arts groups won \$77,275 in grants, recommended by the state council and approved by the governor as part of about \$8.5 million awarded across the state for fiscal year 2000.

Carroll County Arts Council Inc. received most of the local money with its \$67,725 community arts development grant, which Oxx said is "a darn big chunk of our budget next year." Up to 60 percent can be used for administration and \$2,000 for arts programs in the schools. The rest is discretionary, for such things as programs, classes and the art gallery.

It was the first time in years that arts groups across the state had received an increase rather than begging to try to keep what they had, she said.

An \$800 grant to the city of Westminster will go toward its first public art project, a painted mural on the wall of the Optical Solution at Locust Lane on East Main Street. Work is to begin next month.

"All right!" said Karen Bland-

ford, the city's manager of housing and community development, upon learning of the money. The city had hoped for \$2,000 toward the \$8,000 project, but "I'm glad they've decided to be our partner on this," she said.

"This is the first piece of public art for Westminster, and we hope it won't be our last. Everyone we talked to is very excited about seeing the artists executing the work and seeing it by Fallfest."

The winning entry, among 19 designs submitted, is a scrolled map, based on an 1877 county atlas, with a panoramic street scene taken from old postcards along the bottom. Lewis Schlitt and others from ArtHouse in Westminster submitted the winning design, Blandford said.

The Westminster Choral Arts Society received \$750, and the state arts council also awarded grants to three groups that operate at Western Maryland College: \$500 to Chamber Music on the Hill; \$4,500 to Theatre on the Hill, which opens its first summer play, "Sleuth," today; and \$3,000 to the multidiscipline Common Ground Music Harvest Ltd., better known as Common Ground on the Hill.

"They're a big part of our community, and it's nice to see all of the activities on the hill recognized," said Donald Schumaker, a Western Maryland College spokesman. "I think it shows the great diversity of activities here—folk and bluegrass, and chamber music, and theater."

Aside from the county arts council grants, the state money is awarded on a competitive basis to organizations that show artistic merit, financial stability, service to the community and involvement by Maryland artists and audiences, according to the state Department of Business and Economic Development.

Nine statewide organizations received grants totaling about \$4.4 million, including \$1.5 million to the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, \$916,000 to the Baltimore Mu-

seum of Art, \$743,000 to the Walters Art Gallery, \$432,000 to Center Stage, \$377,000 to the Baltimore Opera Company and \$30,000 to the American Visionary Arts Museum.

The awards to individual groups are competitive, but all of the county arts councils receive state money, and some small councils' entire budgets depend on the state.

Oxx celebrated her second anniversary in Carroll this month after years of "a bureaucratic nightmare" raising funds in New York.

"I've found the Maryland State Arts Council to be really there for me, for dumb questions and big money. It's gratifying. I've been involved so many times saying, 'Don't cut the arts, don't cut the arts,' so it's nice to be fighting for an increase."



# White candidates minority in city

## Observers speculate on black voters' views

By GERARD SHIELDS  
SUN STAFF

Campaign signs on the sides of Baltimore buses are boasting the Rev. Martin Luther King's familiar civil rights motto: "They will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."

The twist, however, is that the signs support white mayoral candidate A. Robert Kaufman. Four years after a racially divisive mayoral race, white citywide candidates such as Kaufman find themselves running as the minority.

African-American voters hold a 63 percent to 37 percent edge over white voters in the city, an advantage exemplified by Mayor Kurt L. Schmoke's trouncing of his 1995 white opponent, Mary Pat Clarke.

Yet, even Schmoke acknowledges that a return to a white Baltimore mayor looks possible in the first mayoral race without an incumbent in 28 years.

If the city's black vote is fractured by being spread over numerous African-American contenders, the odds of a white winner in the Sept. 14 Democratic primary rise.

"That's a real possibility in Baltimore," said the Rev. Douglas Miles, president of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, the city's largest group of black ministers. "I think it's always in the back of people's minds."

A growing number of majority-black U.S. cities in the past three

years have elected white mayors. Voters frustrated with violent crime, unemployment, poor schools and drug-addicted neighborhoods are abandoning racial solidarity to choose the candidates they believe most likely hold the most experience to get the job done.

Black voters in Gary, Ind., which is 90 percent black, recently re-elected Scott King, the first white mayor in 30 years. Oakland, Calif., where a black has been mayor since 1977, recently chose former California Gov. Jerry Brown as its mayor.

With a crowded field, Schmoke contends that his successor could win the Baltimore race with as little as 40 percent of the vote.

In addition to Kaufman, white Democratic mayoral candidates being discussed include state Comptroller and former mayor and Gov. William Donald Schaefer, who has said he will not run, and Northeast Baltimore Councilman Martin O'Malley. Schaefer, the city's last white mayor, who served from 1971 to 1987, recently topped a poll of 411 city voters asked who they would support if the race were held that day.

"If you have enough strong black candidates in the race, a white guy can come right up the middle," said Gene Raynor, former director of the city and state election bureaus.

The poll by Gonzales/Arscott Communication Inc. of Annapolis, however, included strong African-American contenders and some who are considering running. That field will likely narrow by the filing deadline, July 6.

The three declared African-American politicians seeking to succeed Schmoke are City Council President Lawrence A. Bell III, former East Baltimore Councilman Carl F. Stokes and Register of Wills Mary W. Conaway.

Former city Police Commissioner Bishop L. Robinson is also considering a bid. Neighborhood activists Phillip A. Brown Jr. and William Edward Roberts Sr. have also filed.

If only three strong black contenders remain in the race, a white candidate hoping to win 40 percent of the vote would face a larger hurdle.

"White, middle-class voters in Baltimore are quite accustomed to voting for African-American mayoral candidates," said Herb C. Smith, a Western Maryland College political science professor. "And the black vote in Baltimore would have to be badly fragmented."

Kaufman said he hoped to tap into black civil rights consciousness with the bus ads after becoming disappointed with his unsuccessful 1995 run for City Council. Kaufman, who is well-known in the city's civil rights community, failed to win one black precinct.

"Politically, I'm as black as anybody in this town who has stood up for the rights of black people," Kaufman said. "To be discriminated against by the community, I dedicated my life to disturbed me."

# ART NOTES

## Twist, turns in 'Sleuth' to challenge audiences

The mystery thriller "Sleuth" opens Theatre on the Hill's summer season today in Alumni Hall at Western Maryland College.

The play is a thriller pitting a mystery writer against a handsome young rival in a funny, but chilling, game.

This play within several plays challenges the watcher to figure out the solution before the end of the production.

"The first act is simply hilarious, and the second is quite demoralizing," said Ira Domser, the producer. "There are plenty of real twists and turns, including a real twist surprise, that keep the audience guessing right up to the final act."

"Sleuth" will be performed at 8 p.m. today, tomorrow, Thursday, June 25-27, June 30 and July 1-3.

For information and tickets, call 410-857-2448.



**Plot:** In Theatre on the Hill's "Sleuth," Milo (left), played by Ray Ficca of Westminster, is surprised by Andrew Wyke, played by Tom Neubauer.

Bal Ho. Sun-LIVE  
6-17-99

Carroll Co. Times  
6-13-99

"Sleuth" Comedy-thriller presented by Theatre on the Hill tomorrow through July 3 in Alumni Hall, Western Maryland College, 2 College Hill, Westminster. 8 p.m. tomorrow-Saturday, June 24-27 and June 30-July 3. \$8-\$14. Call 410-857-2448.

"Sleuth": 8 p.m., Alumni Hall, Western Maryland College, 2 College Hill, Westminster. Presented by Theatre on the Hill. Reserved seating tickets are \$14/adults, \$11/seniors and students, \$8/under age 12. Information: 410-857-2448.

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6-18-99

Carroll Co. Times  
6-19-99

Carroll Co. Times  
6-20-99

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Carroll Co. Sun  
6-17-99

Carroll Co. Sun  
6-16-99

Carroll Co. Sun  
6-10-99

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Summer play: Theatre on the Hill will present the mystery thriller "Sleuth" at 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday, June 24-27 and 30, and July 1-3 in Alumni Hall at Western Maryland College. Tickets are \$14 for adults, \$11 for seniors and students, and \$8 for children. Information: 410-857-2448.

Summer play: Theatre on the Hill will present the mystery thriller "Sleuth" at 8 p.m. June 18-19, 24-27 and 30, and July 1-3 in Alumni Hall at Western Maryland. Tickets are \$14 for adults, \$11 for senior citizens and students, and \$8 for children. Information: 410-857-2448.

Carroll Co. Sun  
6-9-99

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June 23, 1999

**Jean H. Bare  
82, of Westminster**

Jean Harlow Bare, 82, of Westminster, died Saturday, June 19, 1999, while with her family in Columbus, Ohio.

Born Oct. 4, 1916, in State College, Pa., she was the daughter of the late Richard C. and Naivette Gilpin Harlow. She was married for 56 years to George Schaeffer Bare, who died in 1995.

She was a graduate of Western Maryland College and pursued post-graduate work in Boston studying interior design. She was a member of Grace Lutheran Church, as well as several women's clubs in Westminster. She previously served on the vestry of Valley Forge Episcopal Church in Valley Forge, Pa.

Surviving are son George Harlow Bare of Columbus, Ohio; daughter Cresson Bare of Lincoln, R.I.; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at Grace Lutheran



Church, 21 Carroll St., Westminster, with the Rev. David Helfrich officiating. Interment will be in Kriders Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Pritts Funeral Home & Chapel, 412 Washington Road, Westminster.

Memorial contributions may be made to Grace Lutheran Church, c/o Table of Grace, 21 Carroll St., Westminster, MD 21157.

## **Idamae Garrott, 82, state delegate, senator**

Services were held Thursday at Woodside United Methodist Church in Silver Spring for Idamae Garrott, 82, who served two terms in the House of Delegates and the state Senate. Mrs. Garrott died Sunday from complications of a broken hip at Montgomery General Hospital.

Mrs. Garrott, who lived at Leisure World in Silver Spring, was known for her stand against uncontrolled growth in Montgomery County and an intercounty highway.

She served on the County Council from 1966 to 1974 and was elected in 1978 to the House of Delegates, where she represented the Kemp Hill section of Silver Spring for two terms. In 1986, she was elected to the Senate from District 19 and served until retiring in 1994.

The former Idamae T. Riley was born in Washington and reared in Prince George's County, where she graduated from Hyattsville High School. She earned her bachelor's degree from Western Maryland College and was an educator in Baltimore public schools for 10 years.

She is survived by her husband of 51 years, William N. Garrott; a son, W. Riley Garrott of Worthington, Ohio; a daughter, Katherine Hussmann of Brookeville; and two grandchildren.

June 23, 1999

# Horn returns to SC

By NATHAN WHITE  
Times Staff Writer

Introducing the new coach of the of the South Carroll girls soccer team — Jim Horn.

No, there wasn't a strange coincidence that the new coach and the former coach share the same name. They are the same person.

Horn, who announced his retirement in November as the Cavaliers coach after 12 years, was persuaded to come back by athletics director Gene Brown and his players.

"They were having trouble finding someone in the school to take the job," Horn said. "Mr. Brown and the kids kept bugging me and my wife said she's fine with it."

Horn left the Cavaliers with a 117-38-13 record. He said when he left, he was very tired and needed to retire. But a trip to a soccer convention in Philadelphia over the winter returned the joy of the game to him.

"I realized this was fun stuff. I really enjoy it," Horn said.

Other coaching changes from around the county for the 1999-2000 season include:

- Bonnie Grauch and Alison Weiss move from the junior varsity to the varsity at Francis Scott Key.
- Grauch replaces Joe Linthicum as girls soccer coach and Weiss takes over Minda Wagner's field hockey program.
- Amy Eggers, a North Carroll

graduate, takes over the girls lacrosse program from Denean Koontz, who stepped down to spend more time with her family.

- At Westminster, long-time cross country and track coach Jim Shank, will no longer be heading the girls cross country team and girls' basketball coach Sue Conklin also has stepped down.

Shank coached the cross country team for seven years. FSK and Western Maryland College graduate Sarah Ensor will take over the program. Conklin leaves after two years. Dick Ebersole, who coached the Owls from 1980-1989 and coached Conklin when she played at Westminster, returns to the program.

"I stayed with basketball

**"It's going to be great to get Dick back into the program."**

— Steve Thomson  
athletics director at Westminster on Dick Ebersole

through doing color commentary at Prestige Cable," Ebersole said.

"The reason I got out before was my son was getting involved in rec ball. But he's a sophomore-to-be in college and my stepdaughter is going to be a freshman and this will give me something to occupy my time. Besides, I miss the teaching and counseling."

Owls athletics director Steve Thomson said that Ebersole's return is a good fit.

"It's going to be great to get Dick back into the program," Thomson said.

Two positions in the county still need to be filled. Tom Davidson stepped down as cross country coach at North Carroll. Athletics director Bill Rumbaugh a replacement will be found soon.

And at Liberty, Ken Johnson has recommended a new girls soccer coach to replace Sam DeLaurentis to the Carroll County Board of Education.

## Big blazes

In 1998, Tim Warner investigated 80 fires and in that time arrested 19 people for 14 of the blazes. The prosecutions in each of those cases were successful.

Some of Warner's biggest cases in Carroll are:

■ The investigation into the Dec. 31, 1996, blaze that gutted the 58-year-old Gill Gymnasium at Western Maryland College. Don Schumaker of Western Maryland College's public information office said as far as the college knows, the cause of the blaze remains unknown, but that it is thought to have been acci-

dental.

■ Investigating the burning of two houses under construction, one barn and two cars, Kevin William Wayson was convicted of setting these blazes and is currently serving a 10-year prison sentence;

■ Investigating the fire at the Westminster Laundorama on East Main Street in early December. The cause was determined to have been electrical.

■ The continuing investigation of eight barn fires in and around Hampstead within the past two years.



# Trying to be like Art



Justin Keirn, 12, of Port Deposit and Charlie Mahone, 11, of Annapolis attempt to catch the foot-  
ball Wednesday during the final day of the Art Monk Football Camp held at Western Maryland Col-  
lege in Westminster.

Seth M. Gitner photo

# The Lesson Tee

## 'Short'-cuts to lower scores



Human nature being what it is, we are infatuated with how far athletes can hit a baseball, throw a football, or hit a golf ball. This seems to be especially true for beginners and high handicap golfers. For some, distance and power is their only objective. Go to any driving range and you'll see what I'm talking about.

Golfers who are really serious about lowering their scores should spend more of their time practicing the short game. Considering a large percentage of your shots will be from around the green, a lot of players either lack the knowledge or proper technique to execute these shots. The nerves aren't quite as steady when hitting "touch and feel shots."

■ When you are chipping determine how far the hole is from the edge of the green. This will determine what club you will hit. Don't always reach for your sand wedge.

### Michael Diehl

is a teaching professional at Western Maryland College Golf Course in Westminster.

■ you have a lot of green to work with and have caught a good lie consider using a 5-iron or an 8-iron. The objective of this technique is minimum air time and maximum roll. The lower you keep the trajectory of the ball, the better your chances are that it will take the break and react like a putt. Thus, enabling you to get the ball closer and maybe even make a few from off the green.

To execute this shot:

- 1 — Use a narrow and slightly open stance with the ball opposite your right foot.
- 2 — For more control and accuracy, choke down on the club 6-inches with your hands ahead of

the ball.

3 — Keep a quiet lower body through out the swing.

4 — In making the stroke, accelerate through the golf ball. Equal distance back and equal distance through.

5 — As with a putt, ply the break of the green.

6 — This same technique can be applied with your pitching wedge or sand wedge depending on your lie.

Plan on the ball coming out lower and allow for the roll.

Remember the short game is the great equalizer. Anytime you miss the green, you still have a 75 percent chance of getting the ball up and down, or even in.

Here's how:

- 1 — Make your chip/pitch shot.
- 2 — Make a good chip/pitch shot giving you an easy putt.
- 3 — Hit a poor chip/pitch shot, but make the putt.
- 4 — Totally mis-hit the shot.

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6-23-99

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7-7-99; 78

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7-22-99

"Rumpelstiltskin": Aug. 7 and 14 at 2 p.m. at Western Maryland College. Theatre on the Hill, 2 College Hill, Westminster. \$7. Call 410-857-2448.

Hanover Sun  
7-29-99

"Rumpelstiltskin": Aug. 7 and 14, 2 p.m., Alumni Hall, Western Maryland College, Westminster, Md.; 410-857-2448.

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"Rumpelstiltskin": June 26, July 3, 10, 17, Aug. 7 and 14, 2 p.m., Alumni Hall, Western Maryland College, Westminster, Md.; 410-857-2448.

Carroll Co. Sun  
7-9-99

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Carroll Co. Times  
7-16-99

"Rumpelstiltskin": 2 p.m., Alumni Hall, Western Maryland College, 2 College Hill, Westminster. Presented by Theater on the Hill. \$7/person. Information: 410-857-2448.

Carroll Co. Sun  
7-19-99; 7-21, 7-23

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Hanover Sun  
7-15-99

"Rumpelstiltskin": July 17, Aug. 7 and 14, 2 p.m., Alumni Hall, Western Maryland College, Westminster, Md.; 410-857-2448.

Hanover Sun  
7-8-99; 7-22

"Rumpelstiltskin": July 10, 17, Aug. 7 and 14, 2 p.m., Alumni Hall, Western Maryland College, Westminster, Md.; 410-857-2448.

Carroll Co. Sun  
7-26-99; 7-27, 7-28

Children's play: Theatre on the Hill will present "Rumpelstiltskin" at 2 p.m. Aug. 7 and 14 in Alumni Hall at Western Maryland College. General admission is \$7. Information: 410-857-2448.

**CONCERT TODAY**

Today's "Music on Mainstreet" concert in downtown Westminster features Eric Byrd on piano.

Mr. Byrd teaches and directs the Western Maryland College Gospel Choir and the Carroll County Common Ground Mass Choir, which he led on a concert tour to Vienna, Austria, in December 1996.

He is the jazz pianist for the

Howard Burns Quartet, teaches music at Frederick Community College and plays blues guitar with various touring artists.

His solo release is titled "The Fire

Within."

The free concert begins at noon (weather permitting) and will be held at Locust Lane Mall.

## Western Maryland College announces graduates

The following residents were awarded degrees at Western Maryland College, Westminster.

**Brunswick:** Sandra Domestiel, master of science degree.

**Emmitsburg:** \*Kelly Benvenuti, M.S.

**Frederick:** Eryn Althouse, bachelor of arts degree, cum laude, daughter of Nancy and John Althouse; Jessica Boehman, B.A., summa cum laude, Departmental Honors in Art and Art History, daughter of Linda and Robert Boehman; \*Matthew Butts, M.S.; \*Rachel Butts, M.S.; \*Tara Campbell, M.S.; \*Toby Daniels, M.S.; Amy Doane, B.A., summa cum laude, Departmental Honors in Sociology, daughter of Ellen and Robert Doane; \*Anthony Driebelikes, M.S.;

\*Karen Emmerich, M.S.; Susan Givens, M.S.; \*Demetria Govotzos, M.S.; Phyllis Grish, M.S.; \*Sharon Grossnickle, M.S.; \*Helen Huffer, M.S.; Joseph Jordan, M.S.;

\*Margaret Moran, M.S.; Melaney Mullineaux, M.S.; Jamelyn Nystrom, master of liberal arts; \*Christy Polce, M.S.;

Teresa Svincek, M.S.; \*Tina Tingler, M.S.;

Erin Williams, B.A., summa cum laude, College Scholar, Departmental Honors in Biology, daughter of Susan Smith of Frederick and John Williams of New Windsor.

**Jefferson:** Jolene Luttrell, M.S.; Lori Seaton, M.S.

**Keymar:** \*Robin Townsend, M.S.; and Sarah Welty, M.S.

**Middletown:** \*Nicole Belanger, B.A., cum laude, daughter of Jeanne Florczak Dorsey Gilbert, M.S.; \*Sheila Peksenak, M.S.

**Monrovia:** Frieda Cooney, M.S.; Richard Hines, B.A., Departmental Honors in Exercise Science and Physical Education, son of Verna and Richard Hines.

**Mount Airy:** \*Joel Bridges, B.A., son of Irene and Edward Bridges; Jennifer Clagett, B.A., daughter of Suzanne and Richard Clagett; Jennifer Radl-Harris, M.S.;

\*Dawn Hood, M.S.; Thomas Lapato, B.A., summa cum laude, son of Patricia and Robert Lapato; Nicole Mechalz, B.A., cum

laude, College Scholar, Departmental Honors in Biology, daughter of MaryLou and Thomas Grimm; & Adell Nestor, M.S.;

\*Rusty Powell, M.S.; Beth Reilly, M.S.;

\*Marc Rosenberg, M.S.; Melissa Shartle, B.A., Departmental Honors in Sociology, daughter of JoAnne and Francis Shartle.

**New Market:** Kara Barth, M.S.; Carol Curley, B.A.; Margaret Gaudino, M.S.;

Karen London, M.S.; \*Stacy Reno, M.S.;

Jason West, B.A., cum laude, College Scholar, Departmental Honors in Economics, Woods, B.A., summa cum laude, College Scholar, Departmental Honors in Psychology, daughter of Diana Woods.

**New Windsor:** \*Shirley Fetchko, M.S.;

Stephanie King, M.S.; Lora Miller, B.A., daughter of Judy Lovell of New Windsor and Leo Miller of Baltimore; Kellie Nichols, B.A., daughter of Margaret and Charles

Nichols; Sandra Reppe, B.A., daughter of Nancy and Robert Reppe; Erin Webb, B.A., daughter of Melissa and William Webb III; and Mary Zadnik, M.S.

**Sabillasville:** Kathleen Krietz, M.S.

**Thurmont:** Mark Resch, B.A.; RoseAnn Rippeon, M.S.; \*Susan Soisson, M.S.

**Walkersville:** Grant Rice, B.A., Departmental Honors in Theater Arts, son of Marti Rice of Frederick and Bryan Rice of Walkersville; Shannon Tinney, B.A., summa cum laude, Departmental Honors in Sociology, daughter of Susan and John Tinney;

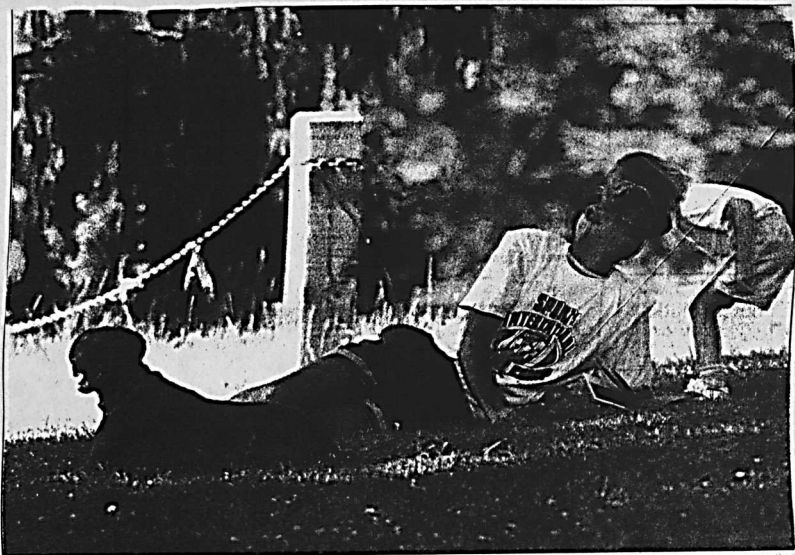
Kelley Welty, M.L.A.; Veronica Zito, B.A., cum laude, Departmental Honors in English, daughter of Lynette and William Zito.

**Woodbine:** Crystal Ecker, B.A., daughter of Nina and Dennis Ecker.

**Woodsboro:** \*Summer Lyles, B.A., daughter of Mary and Howard Lyles Jr.

*\*conferred in August or December 1998.*

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## Halftime break

Jeff Kendall, a receivers coach for Virginia Tech and a coach at the Art Monk Football Camp at Western Maryland College, is kissed on the cheek by his niece, 3-year-old McKenzie Clark of Sparks, after a morning practice session.

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7-29-99

Carroll Co. Sun  
7-29-99

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Carroll Co. Sun  
8-1-99

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Carroll Co. Sun  
8-2-99

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Carroll Co. Sun  
8-4-99

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Hanover Sun  
8-12-99

"Rumpelstiltskin": Aug. 14, 2 p.m., Alumni Hall, Western Maryland College, Westminster, Md.; 410-857-2448.

Carroll Co. Sun  
8-9; 8-10-99

Children's play: Theatre on the Hill will present "Rumpelstiltskin" at 2 p.m. Saturday in Alumni Hall at Western Maryland College. General admission is \$7. Information: 410-857-2448.

# Best Bets

Each Friday, we offer a capsule listing of places to go and things to do in Carroll County and surrounding areas.



## Spinning straw into gold

Theatre on the Hill premieres the charming children's play "Rumpelstiltskin," featuring original songs and audience participation, on Saturday at 2 p.m. Matinee performances are scheduled every Saturday through Aug. 14, with the exception of July 24 and 31. All tickets are \$7. Theatre on the Hill is presented on the Western Maryland College campus, 2 College Hill, Westminster. For more information, call 410-857-2448.

Carroll Co. Times  
8-8-99

"Rumpelstiltskin": 2 p.m., Alumni Hall, Western Maryland College, 2 College Hill, Westminster. Presented by Theatre on the Hill. \$7/person. Information: 410-857-2448.

"Rumpelstiltskin" Shows Aug. 7 and 14 at 2 p.m. at Western Maryland College, Theatre on the Hill, 2 College Hill, Westminster. \$7. Call 410-857-2448.

Carroll Co. Times  
8-1-99

"Rumpelstiltskin": 2 p.m., Alumni Hall, Western Maryland College, 2 College Hill, Westminster. Presented by Theatre on the Hill. \$7/person. Information: 410-857-2448.

Carroll Co. Times  
8-6-99

"Rumpelstiltskin": 2 p.m., Alumni Hall, Western Maryland College, 2 College Hill, Westminster. Presented by Theatre on the Hill. \$7/person. Information: 410-857-2448.

Hanover Sun  
8-5-99

"Rumpelstiltskin": Aug. 7 and 14, 2 p.m., Alumni Hall, Western Maryland College, Westminster, Md.; 410-857-2448.

Carroll Co. Sun  
8-6-99

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Carroll Co. Times  
8-12-99

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# Teaching our children about money

I was listening to someone on the radio the other day and he asked the following question: What do we teach our children by the way we spend our money? It is a great question that can be examined both as a society and at the family level.

First, as a society, how do we spend our money? What message do we send our children, for example, by the amount of money we invest in our educational system? When a student enters their local school, what do they see and what is their perception?

When I visit some schools in Carroll County, I see near-poverty conditions. Most of the schools are overcrowded because the building of new schools is not a county priority. The technology at many schools is primitive. The computers in classrooms are so old they should be used to teach computer history, not computer science. Many classrooms can't take advantage of the Internet or current educational software because their computer hardware is not



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compatible with current technology.

Then there is the physical condition of some school buildings. I know of at least one school in the county where some of the classrooms — former storage closets — have little or no heating or cooling.

What must a child think after visiting a beautiful, glittering, bright and fun shopping mall at night, and the next day attend a school that is old, dark, dirty and hot? Where do you think the child would rather be and what are we teaching this child about the importance of education?

The United States offers the best university system in the world. Students from all around the world want to come to the United

States for college. Why is this system so successful? Because colleges have endowments and the ability to raise vast amounts of money from alumni and other sources. With these resources our colleges and universities can build the buildings, buy the technology and attract the best teachers. All this adds up to a quality program that is the model for the world.

Our public elementary and secondary schools in the United States have few of these resources. Public education is not a national priority. What is the message to our children during the most important years of their development?

At home, we also send messages to our children by how we spend and manage our money. Indeed, what we purchase with our money communicates our priorities and values. For example, there are many lessons to be learned when children see their parents putting money in the collection basket at church or synagogue, or when we support a local charity.

I was recently at a meeting where it was said that our baby boomers don't know how to save money or wait for anything. Whatever we want, we have to have it now. Indeed, many of our children think this way, too.

When you think about it, the skills of saving money and waiting are very similar. Both require maturity and patience. These are important skills for our children to learn. Teaching them to save and wait for what they want will help them become better adults.

As always, our children learn more from us than we think. From our collective behavior as a society and individual behavior as parents, we provide our children with many important lessons. So, what are we teaching our children? A good question, indeed.

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## A. Patrick Linton elected president of Maryland Bankers Association

A. Patrick Linton, president and chief executive officer of FCNB Bank and FCNB Corp. in Frederick, has been elected president of the Maryland Bankers Association.

Mr. Linton has been in the banking profession for more than 26 years. A graduate of Western Maryland College and the University of Pittsburgh, he joined the Comptroller of the Currency office of the U.S. Department of Treasury in Winchester, Va., as a bank examiner and field officer.

He joined what was then Frederick County National Bank in 1979.

Mr. Linton also is a director of the Chamber of Commerce of Frederick County, a trustee of the Community Foundation of Frederick County Inc. and chairman of the board of The Learning Center of Frederick Church of the Brethren.

The Maryland Bankers Association represents 85 commercial banks and 34 thrifts in the state and

is dedicated to sound, safe, ethical banking practices that serve the industry and the public.

The association provides services as an advocate for the industry, a provider of banking education and other member services.

Other officers of the association include William J. Reuter, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Farmers & Merchants Bank and Trust, president-elect; John M. Bond Jr., president and chief executive officer of Columbia Bank, vice president; John B. Bowers Jr., executive vice president and treasurer; and T. Wayne Kirwan, vice president and corporate secretary.



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# Board of Education announces promotions, transfers, hirings

## 11 assistant principal changes OK'd

The Frederick County Board of Education approved two changes in central office administration and 11 changes in assistant principal positions at the July 21 meeting. Eight are promotions or transfers within the Frederick County Public Schools, and five are new hires.

Nancy FitzGerald has been promoted to the position of supervisor of special education. With 13 years of classroom experience, Ms. FitzGerald has served the past six months as acting supervisor of special education and two-and-a-half years prior to that as elementary coordinator of special education. She holds both bachelor of science and master of science degrees in special education from James Madison University and completed administrative certification course work at Hood College.

Anita Young will serve as FCPS pupil personnel worker, having held that position for the past 13 years in Calvert County. Ms. Young holds bachelor of science and master of science degrees in speech pathology from James Madison University in Virginia.

Four assistant principal assignments were announced at the elementary level:

— Kelly Benvenuti, a first-grade teacher at Orchard Grove Elementary, has been promoted to a newly created assistant principal position at Kempton Elementary. Ms. Benvenuti has been a teacher in Frederick County since 1988. She received a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Shepherd College and recently earned a master's degree in curriculum and instruction, with a minor in administration, from Western Maryland College.

— Tracy Hillier has been a first grade teacher at Carroll Manor Elementary for nine years. She has been promoted to the position of assistant principal at Orchard Grove Elementary, replacing Cheryl Crawford, who was promoted to principal. Ms. Hillier holds a bachelor's degree in early childhood education from Delaware State and a master's degree in curriculum and instruction from Western Maryland College.

— Barbara Silver, an elementary teacher in Maryland for 11 years, currently teaching at James McHenry Elementary in Lanham, will become assistant principal at Ballenger Creek Elementary. Ms.

Silver holds a bachelor's degree in early childhood education from Brooklyn College, a master's degree in elementary education from Syracuse University, and a master's degree in administration and supervision from Johns Hopkins University.

— Karen Locke has been employed by Washington County Public Schools for four years. Currently the assistant principal at Fountaindale Elementary, Ms. Locke becomes assistant principal at Thurmont Elementary. Ms. Locke received her bachelor's degree in elementary education and her master's degree with a concentration in reading from the California University of Pennsylvania.

Three assignments were announced at the middle school level:

— Jeffrey Wood has been employed the past five years as a technology education teacher at Frederick High, also serving as assistant director to the summer middle school career camp. Mr. Wood has been promoted to the position of assistant principal at Thurmont Middle. He holds a bachelor's degree in technology education from Millersville University in Pennsylvania and a master's degree in educational leadership from Hood College.

— Jay Heidel has been promoted from the position of school support teacher at Thurmont Middle to assistant principal at Brunswick Middle. She holds a bachelor's degree in biology from West Virginia Wesleyan College and a master's degree in educational leadership from Hood College. Ms. Heidel has been employed as a teacher with FCPS for 30 years, teaching at Thurmont Middle, Gov. Thomas Johnson Middle and Emmitsburg schools.

— Everett Warren currently employed by the Talbot County public school system, will become assistant principal at New Market Middle. Mr. Warren earned a bachelor's degree in social studies and a master's degree in history from East Stroudsburg University in Pennsylvania. He is working on his master's degree in educational leadership

from Wilmington College.

Four assignments were announced at the high school level:

— Gwendolyn Burcker is promoted from the position of English teacher and service learning coordinator to assistant principal at Middletown High. Ms. Burcker holds an associate's degree in nursing from Hagerstown Community College, a bachelor's degree in English and secondary education from Hood College and a master's degree in educational leadership from Hood College.

— Alicia Crandall will leave the position of assistant principal at Brunswick Middle to serve as assistant principal at Frederick High. Before moving to Frederick, Ms. Crandall taught for 15 years in several other school systems nationally and internationally. She holds a bachelor's degree in education from the University of Texas, a master's degree in English from Old Dominion University and a master's degree in criminal justice from Saive Regina College in Newport, Rhode Island.

— Christopher Krivos, now school support teacher at Urbana High, is promoted to a new assistant principal position at Middletown High. Mr. Krivos holds a bachelor's degree in mass communication from Towson State University. He completed educational certification at Western Maryland College and is enrolled in the master's program in educational leadership at Hood College. Having worked for two years in private industry, Mr. Krivos has been employed as an FCPS teacher for nine years.

— Stacey Mounts, currently a teacher in Springfield, Mo., will become assistant principal at Linganore High. Holding a bachelor's degree in biology from South Dakota State University and a master's in environmental biology from Hood College, Ms. Mounts is enrolled in a distance learning doctoral program at the University of South Dakota. She taught science at New Market Middle and Ballenger Creek Middle and served as middle school science teacher facilitator three years prior to working at the International School of Bangkok.

## Edward G. Crawford, 65, trucking firm owner

Edward Grafton Crawford, the retired owner of local trucking and delivery firms, died Thursday of pancreatic cancer at the Gilchrist Center for Hospice Care in Towson. Mr. Crawford, who lived in Parkton, was 65.

Mr. Crawford owned and operated the Crawford Carting Co., a trucking company that picked up containers from the Dundalk Marine Terminal and moved products for local manufacturers including Lever Brothers. He also owned Spangler Transportation, which delivered multiple listings, contracts and other documents for real estate companies throughout the Baltimore area.

He owned the companies for three decades, dissolving them a few years ago so he could retire. The firms operated out of the same office in downtown Baltimore.

He was born in Baltimore, moving as an adult to Timonium and later to Parkton. He was a graduate of Forest Park High School, where he was a star lacrosse and football player. He later played semi-pro hockey. He attended Western Maryland College and the University of Maryland.

"He loved animals, always looking to take in stray puppies and kitties, both at his work site and home," said his daughter Kim Crawford of Parkton.

He owned two condominiums in Ocean City, where he liked to spend his free moments. "He was a lifeguard at 18, and never lost his love of the ocean," said his wife, Sharon Crawford of Parkton.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. tomorrow at the Lemmon Funeral Home of Dulaney Valley, 10 W. Padonia Road in Timonium.

Mr. Crawford is also survived by his daughter Elise Griffey, also of Parkton.

# WMC music building plans back on track

## 70 years later, Westminster college proceeds with project

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Halley's Comet swings by Earth every 75 years. Opportunities for the Western Maryland College music department to get a new building come about as often.

In 1929, the stock market crash dashed plans for a music building at the Westminster college. But the school

has finally returned to the task and next spring will finish a \$1.5 million project that gives the department adequate space for the first time. It's been 70 years. Pardon the faculty for their pessimism.

"I didn't believe it until I started breaking ground," said band director Linda Kirkpatrick. "It's actually happening. This is really going to be a building."

If it's not Carnegie Hall to folks here, it's close.

It means that the 55-piece concert band can stop rehearsal in the cramped loft

of Baker Memorial Chapel.

Try squeezing a 32-inch timpano, or a kettledrum, through the loft's narrow door. Timpani being what they are — not at all foldable — it doesn't work.

So timpanists rehearse on what should be a four-piece set, short the fourth drum. The granddaddy drum is added for the dress rehearsal on the performance stage.

The entire percussion section, as well as others, suffers from the lack of space. Percussionists have to leap from one instrument to another

mid-rehearsal, even mid-tune. That's rough when half the instruments are four or five steps up on a platform elevated from the band. "You had to run up and down," said Adam Schwanager, 21, a percussionist from Easton who graduated this year.

The new building means Kirkpatrick can stop giving flute lessons in her office that lacks elbow room. The department, which is in Levine Hall, can store its instruments and its 12 filing cabinets full of sheet music somewhere other than the chapel balcony.

Levine Hall, a 1891 former dormitory, lacks "acoustic value," says department chairwoman Margaret Boudreaux. Translation: The walls are really, really thin, not lined with fancy tiles that suck up noise. When a drummer pounded his set, if a student studying next door seethed, the drummer was banished.

The new building, which will connect to Levine, will have acoustic value. Lots of it. Lots of noise-sucking tiles.

"This is the first time in the history of the college that we'll have a building built for music," said Boudreaux, who commends the college for its dedication to music — despite the 70-year delay.

"Excellence is expensive," she said.

The two-story addition features a spacious main-floor rehearsal hall with an 18-foot cathedral ceiling. (The door is wide enough for any timpani.)

The Levine expansion ends a long saga for a never-say-die department in search of a good home.

"It's always been this little family without support, a ragtime fugitive fleet using old rusty instruments and a recital hall infested with ants," said Bob Pick, a 1992 graduate who played trumpet in the band.

Maude Gesner, an acclaimed classical pianist, chaired the music department in the 1920s and was dead-set on a new building.

She got her wish in 1922, when college trustees supported the construction of a Conservatory of Music. Meeting minutes indicate they wanted to spend \$60,000 on the project, part of a 10-year, comprehensive college expansion.

Comprehensive expansions take time, of course. Priorities are set, and music was not at the top. A science building, Memorial Hall, was completed first, in 1928, at a cost of \$250,000.

Then the market crashed late the following year, a time when funding for the expansion was already dwindling because many of the project's supporters had left. The college suffered. Student enrollment dropped. The endowment shrank. Faculty saw their \$2,000 salaries cut.

"They were eking out an existence," said James Lightner, emeritus professor of mathematics and college historian.

And the college was putting up more buildings.

Music moved into Levine in 1940. The college renovated the building, trying to turn a dorm into a music facility.

Gesner, still chair, was evidently skeptical as renovations continued over the summer of 1940. On vacation in Oregon, she wrote to the college president:

"We need pianos desperately. ... And, if you weren't a man you would know there must be closets for mops and brooms, etc. ... It's perfectly awful, terrible to be three thousand miles away imagining what is not being done, and what is being left undone, and what is being done right, and what is being done wrong."

The college has funded sundry other projects since the Depression. A dormitory and gym in 1937. Another dorm and Baker Memorial Chapel in 1947. A student center in 1975. A library in 1990.

The music department withered in the 1960s and 1970s because there was little interest among incoming students and the college threatened to abolish it. But enrollment is growing now. The number of band members has nearly tripled since 1995. The number of full-time and adjunct faculty, now 21, has doubled since 1989.

Boudreaux said she is watching closely to make sure everything in a project that waited generations to be completed is perfect.

Above all, she said, faculty wanted to be sure the large timpani would fit in the elevator.

"We had people go out there with tape measures," she said.