

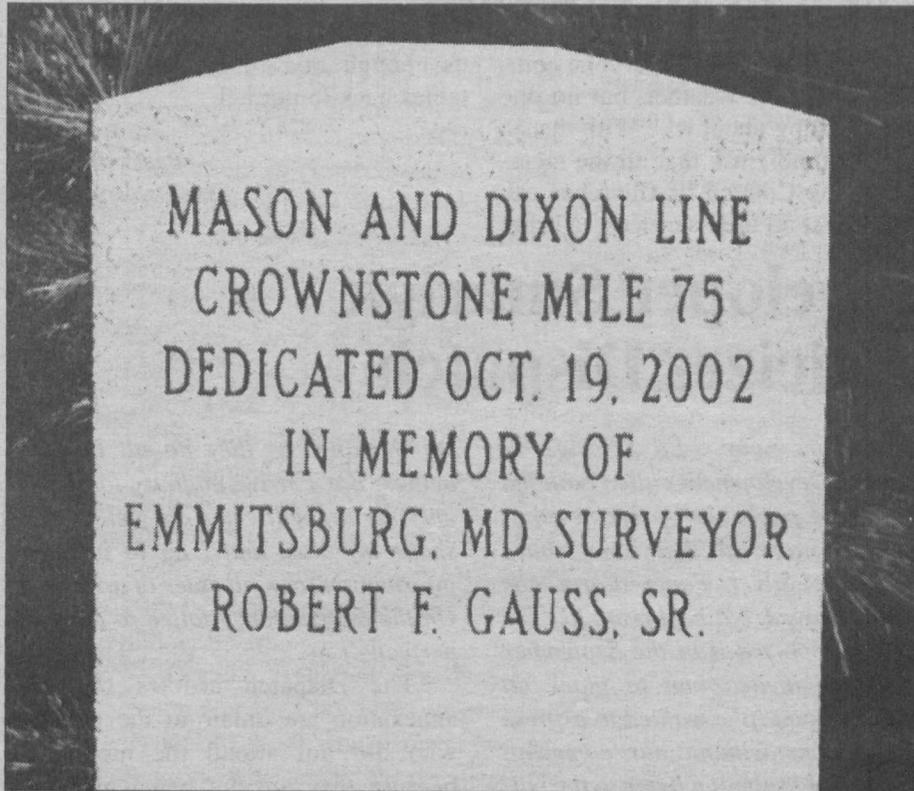


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Mason-Dixon marker engraved with name of Bob Gauss, Sr.

Staff report

The famous Mason-Dixon Line, that came to symbolize the entire border between slave and free states, is designated with stone markers. On Oct. 19 a marker that was set 235 years ago will be replaced with a 525-pound granite stone engraved with the name of a long-time Emmitsburg resident, Robert F. Gauss, Sr. He was a leading Maryland surveyor, a well known civic leader and Mason-Dixon Line enthusiast who died in May 2000.

The original boundary marker

known as "Crownstone Mile 75" was set in October, 1767, by Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon of the British Royal Observatory. They had been sent to identify the border between Maryland and Pennsylvania, still British colonies at the time. The task was expected to take 18 months. Six years later they finished what is widely renowned as one of the most remarkable surveys ever made.

The location of Crownstone Mile 75 is in a farm field in Harney, MD. Its replacement will be transported through the field in a horse-drawn wagon to the exact spot where Mason and Dixon sited the original stone. Local surveyors discovered a fragment of it in August.

Six professional organizations of land surveyors from Maryland, Pennsylvania and around the nation are hosting the re-setting of Crownstone Mile 75 in a ceremony honoring the memory of Gauss. The event is drawing historians, authors, astronomers, and the public from as far away as Great Britain.

The ceremony will begin at 2 p.m. The stone will be hoisted by a wooden block and tackle. Steadied by a timber tripod, it will then be lowered into the carefully surveyed location, marking another historic moment for Emmitsburg. Information: 800-303-6770.

Christine O'Connor contributed

Mayor signs annexation, COPE seeks vote by residents

By Raymond Buchheister
Publisher

With his signature on Sept. 6, Mayor Jim Hoover approved the annexation of 67 acres into the town limits, but Emmitsburg residents will most likely make the final decision with their votes.

Residents who had hotly contested the proposal were incensed that the town's board of commissioners could expand the town limits with a 2-1 vote. Dottie Davis, a resident for 50 years and former town commissioner, said "I don't think that 2 commissioners should decide the fate of this town." The majority of the land known as Silver Fancy Farm would be developed by Buckeye Development for 130 homes.

Commissioners Brennan and Sweeney voted for the annexation, Commissioner Rosensteel voted against it. Commission Chairman Pat Boyle reclused himself from the discussions and vote because his family

owns the largest parcel of land in the annexation proposal.

Commissioner Rosensteel had made a motion that the Town reject the petition. There are already 4 housing projects in which 236 new houses are being built in Emmitsburg. She said she thinks further growth is not wise until the Town absorbs the growth already approved and knows its impact. Her motion was not seconded.

Davis, Bill O'Neil, and other residents immediately formed a group called "Citizens Organization to Preserve Emmitsburg" (COPE) to seek a referendum. They say that everyone in the town has the right to have a say on decisions affecting the long-term welfare of the town. The group currently has 12 members.

A referendum is a special vote cast by citizens on a matter that may already be a law. To obtain a referendum on the annexation, one or more residents must draft a petition asking the mayor to arrange for a special vote.

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Larry Pavek of 101 E. Main St. sounds off as he signs the petition for a referendum on the Silver Fancy Farm annexation. COPE member Harold Craig, right, listens. Pavek says, "I'm opposed to the development because I don't think the town officials are thinking it out, there isn't enough planning being done."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Emmitsburg Dispatch encourages its readers to express their thoughts and opinions about issues that appear in this publication or affect the community. Letters must be exclusive to the Dispatch and should be no longer than 300 words in length. They must be signed and include the writer's address and phone number to be used for verification. The Dispatch reserves the right to edit for content and space. Deadline for letters is the 15th of each month.

Buckeye can see the value why can't the mayor?

Mayor Hoover's vote for the Silver Fancy Farm annexation and for unnatural growth to the area is seen by myself as a quick fix for the town's water problem. It is easy to give away what it took the people and leaders in this area over 50 decades to develop naturally. Now Buckeye will sell for profit the natural surroundings that Mayor Hoover gave away.

There are other ways to solve problems without selling off the family farm. Our fire department raises millions to solve equal problems through innovative and strong leadership. It is said that unnatural development to the area will bring more business for our local merchants. I say it will shift the balance to corporate businesses. Do you think Zurgable's can go head to head with Lowes, or Jubilee with Safeway? We are just

below the population point where the projections need to be for the corporations to move in.

It is also said that Unnatural Development will bring a higher tax base. I say it will raise taxes to support needed services including paid firefighters. This has happened in thousands of other small towns. Emmitsburg will pay the price of the Mayor's decision and be left with nothing but higher taxes and a new set of problems that only the state can solve with political conditions.

The winners of the annexation will be the property seller's and Buckeye who will finish up and move to the next town clearing the way for more unnatural growth. Buckeye can see value why can't the Mayor?

—M Register Register
Equipment Company Inc

Hats off to a great fire dept and town

On Sep. 7 Jubilee Foods had a devastating water problem on its most busy day of the week. With one phone call we saw a response from the town and the Vigilant Hose Company that was incredible. Without their help the

store would have had to close for several hours. The town and fire company showed that people in this community support one another in time of need.

—Lorne Peters
Jubilee Foods

Let's pray for rain

Mark Twain said "Everyone complains about the weather, but no one does anything about it!" With that in mind, I humbly ask that all the members of the Council of Churches ask the Lord, at all their services, to bring

us enough rain to bring our water tables back to normal.

—Becky Brown
Emmitsburg, MD

Developer Smariga criticizes Dispatch

[Editors note: Ed Smariga of Buckeye Development called both the editor and publisher of this newspaper. His proposal that Emmitsburg annex the Silver Fancy Farm has been approved, but he doesn't like the way we reported it in the September issue. We invited him to place an advertisement if he wanted to express his opinions without our comment. Or, he could submit a letter to the editor, which would be subject to comment. He sent us a letter. It's long, but Mr. Smariga's frank letter raises questions on how editors think and operate, as well as on the annexation. Below is his Letter to the Editor along with our editorial comments.]

Bill Steo stated to me that Dispatch articles have a bias against the annexation because the owner and editor are against the annexation. He stated to me that there was no way he could write an unbiased article because of his feelings toward the annexation.

[This is not a correct report. I did say our articles are biased, but not "because of feelings," but because of thoughts, opinions. There is a difference.

This editor refuses to propagate the error that reporters can write with absolute objectivity. Editors and publishers have elevated this error to mythical status, and it is one reason news people get more than average respect.

I tried to explain to Mr. Smariga: No one can write any news story absolutely without bias. It is humanly impossible. When writers include information on both sides of an issue, they may appear unbiased. In fact this even-handed style itself expresses an opinion, and every opinion is a bias.

The opinions of writers and editors inevitably skew their stories. I prefer to admit it openly.

No doubt my feelings, too, affect

my thinking, as they do all human beings. But I strive mightily to allow only my thoughts, not my feelings to shape my bias, and I try to include information from all sides of an issue. On the annexation, I failed to do this perfectly.]

The Dispatch articles on the annexation are unfair to the people who did not attend the meetings because they are not being given a complete set of facts to make up their own minds on the impacts of the annexation. As evidence of The Dispatch bias, I offer the following quick observations.

In paragraph one they stated that the Town is required to pay \$200,000 for the North Seton Avenue water line (in fact, no money outlay is required of the Town and having Silver Fancy fix this line actually saves the Town \$200,000 because this line is failing today).

[Yes, Emmitsburg will not have to pay any money "up front" for the repair of the water main. But he says, "no money outlay is required of the Town." This is false and he should know it, even if he never heard of the accrual method of accounting. Buckeye has agreed to pay the entire cost of the water line replacement upfront when the cost is incurred, and the Town has agreed to pay half of it back. The money will be credited back to Buckeye in the form of water tap fees when building permits are obtained to build the new houses. The Town will then be paying half the repair costs — eventually about \$200,000.

Yes, the N. Seton Ave. line is in poor condition, but Town officials say it ranks low on their list of infrastructure repairs.]

Another solution to the water supply problem to Silver Fancy is available at a cost of \$50,000; however,

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Notice of Availability

Environmental Assessment
Campus Expansion
National Emergency Training Center
Federal Emergency Management Agency

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has prepared a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) of the potential impacts to the natural and human environment resulting from the Proposed Action to expand training capabilities of the FEMA National Emergency Training Center (NETC) located in Emmitsburg, Maryland (Frederick County). The NETC plans to accommodate 300 additional students by completing the following expansion elements: construction of an addition to dormitory Building A, construction of an addition to classroom Building J and construction of a 150-space car parking area. The draft EA has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended.

The Proposed Action to expand training capabilities of the existing NETC facility is needed to meet the immediate and long-term FEMA emergency training mission. The proposed additions to the Building J classroom and Building A dormitory and the new parking construction would accommodate the additional emergency personnel and firefighter needs. Both Buildings A and J have been determined as non-contributing elements to the National Register of Historic Places on the NETC campus.

On the basis of the environmental impact analysis presented in the draft EA, a draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has determined that the Proposed Action to expand the existing NETC campus will not have significant individual or cumulative impacts on the quality of the natural or human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement is not required and will not be prepared.

The draft EA and FONSI are available for public review at the Emmitsburg Branch Library Temporary Location, 101 Silo Hill Road, Emmitsburg, Maryland 21727 and at the NETC Library, Building N, 1st Floor, 16825 S. Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, Maryland 21727. Interested parties are invited to submit written comments for consideration on or before 30 days after publication of this notice to Mr. Perry Joy, Buildings Manager, (FEMA-NETC EA), 16825 S. Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, MD 21727-8995.

—Ronald P. Face, Jr.
Director, U.S. Fire Administration
Federal Emergency Management Agency

COPE

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Then they have to get 20 percent of the registered voters to sign the petition. The signed petition is then presented to the mayor which obliges him to "refer" the issue to the voters.

COPE members designated 8 sections of Emmitsburg for canvassing, assigned block leaders, and have been going door-to-door collecting signatures. COPE needs 230 signatures by Oct. 21. Davis said, "By signing the petition it doesn't mean you're for or against the annexation, but it does allow the resident to make the decision at the ballot box. That's democracy in action." At press time COPE claimed it had gathered more than 200 signatures.

Meanwhile, developer Ed Smariga sent a letter promoting the annexation, apparently to all addresses in the 21727 zip code, and to the Frederick News Post and the Gazette.

In an interview Mayor Hoover told The Emmitsburg Dispatch that if the infrastructure problems weren't an issue he would have vetoed the resolution because of the majority of town residents who voiced strong opposition against it. He said, "For years prior mayors and commissioners have ignored the need to upgrade the town infrastructure. Now we have residents with poor water and poor fire protection where fire hydrants are out of service due to failing water mains. If I could guarantee residents that their water quality would be better in the 3 years I have in office, I may not have approved this annexation."

The resolution requires Buckeye Development to pay the entire cost to replace the deteriorated water main on N. Seton Ave. He must pay it "up front" — when the cost is incurred — about \$400,000. However, the town has agreed to pay half of it back to the developer in the form of water and sewer tap fee credits. The Town will ultimately pay half the repair costs — about \$200,000.

At the Aug. 5 town meeting 3 people spoke in favor of the annexation and 16 spoke against it. COPE members criticized town officials for approving the resolution. "Rather than support the people who elected them, town officials sided with the moneyed interests," remarked O'Neil. "Here's what you'll get. The Ott House will be replaced by a TGI Friday's, and Zurgable's Hardware will become a Home Depot."

COPE members say they have grave concerns regarding insufficient water reserves, traffic congestion, pollution, higher expenditures and taxes, overcrowded schools, and the loss of

Emmitsburg's friendly small-town atmosphere and relaxed way of life. Harold Craig, a retired attorney and resident for 36 years said, "I cannot see how 130 new houses will improve the traffic, pollution, school and water situation here."

Mayor Hoover said that the issues raised by the group were considered and some addressed, such as water supply and a treatment facility, which are to be made prior to the construction of homes. The Town resolution requires the developer to donate to the Town the land and infrastructures so that the Town can drill additional wells and build a water tower within the development. There is a consensus among residents that traffic is a major problem now. Mayor Hoover commented, "It is a fact that a large majority of traffic comes from Pennsylvania not from the residents of Emmitsburg." He believes that the section of Brookfield Drive that would be part of the new development is needed to divert some traffic from Main St. to Rte. 15.

At the Aug. 5 Town meeting a local school teacher stated that in her experience the schools are already crowded, and O'Neil charged that figures for school estimates were completely wrong. Mayor Hoover concluded, nevertheless, that the schools serving the property will be under capacity through at least year 2010. He said, "Looking at the facts provided by the school board I don't think this development is going to overcrowd the schools."

Lisa Elder, a COPE member, voiced her concerns on Aug. 5: "My family has lived in Emmitsburg and the nearby Mount St. Mary's College area since 1736. Emmitsburg represents one of the few remaining, relatively unaffected, pre-Civil War small towns in America. It has personality, charm, and gracious hospitality. I find it appalling that this 200-year old treasure could be forever ruined by the short-sighted decision of 3 men and a few individuals who hope to pocket a huge amount of money; none of whom represent the interests of the majority of Emmitsburg residents." Mayor Hoover replied, "I don't believe 130 more homes will make Emmitsburg a big town nor do I believe we would lose our small town charm."

Although Mayor Hoover approved the resolution, he thinks that this annexation should be decided by residents. After COPE members submit the petition to the mayor with the necessary 230 signatures, he intends to create a committee to verify the signatures. If the petition is otherwise proper, he will issue a proclamation that the resolution is suspended pending the referendum vote.

Training center to expand for 300 more students

Staff report

Changes planned at The National Emergency Training Center (NETC) on S. Seton Ave. in Emmitsburg would accommodate 300 more emergency personnel and firefighter students. The increased student population is expected in training programs run by its host, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

NETC plans to build an addition to dormitory Building A, an addition to classroom Building J, and a 150-space car parking area. FEMA finds that the additions will not have signif-

icant individual or cumulative impacts on the quality of the natural or human environment. Therefore, it does not have to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement, but it has drafted an Environmental Assessment (EA) of the potential impacts on the environment

Both proposed additions have been judged not to affect any buildings in the National Register of Historic Places on the NETC campus.

The public can review documents on these matters at the Emmitsburg Branch Library Temporary Location, and at the NETC Library, Building N, 16825 S. Seton Ave.

No parking spaces planned for new Ambulance Co. building

By Christine O'Connor
Staff Writer

The all-volunteer Emmitsburg Ambulance Company plans to break ground for a state-of-the-art building this autumn. According to President Joe Pelkey, the planning process has taken more than 2 years and 5 meetings with town officials.

Rapid growth of the community in the last 5 years has made a larger ambulance needed. "Call volume is going to be constantly increasing," Chief Brian Koenig said. He also cited a need for an emergency shelter. "We've never been able to house anybody. It would be, for people who don't have family or friends nearby, a place to sleep so they wouldn't be out in the cold."

The building will contain a 3-bay garage, kitchen, bathing facilities, training area, administrative office area, and a dual-function hall that would accommodate over 300 people in an emergency. At other times the hall will be used for fundraising activities and social events.

"We're looking out for the future," Pelkey explained. "We're going to need a third ambulance in the next 5 years. We have to store patients' records for 10 years. And we're think-

ing, God forbid, a disaster like a flood or tornado. It wouldn't have to be a major disaster. It would be a refuge for people to get out of the weather."

One remaining hurdle for the ambulance company is the lack of an adequate parking for a building of its size. "Everything was a go," Pelkey said. "But the County told us that we'd need to contact the Town for the additional parking. The town said No until we come back with new plans."

The Town offices will be moved to the Community Center, and Town officials maintain that they will need the parking spaces. "The architect and the Town are trying to come to a compromise," Vice President Jamie Eyler said. "Zoning has been approved. Variances have been approved. Parking is where we are held up."

Eyler shares his colleagues' belief that the community needs an emergency shelter. "We will have generator service to the new building. People could come to our facility and we could give them what they need to get by."

The non-profit Ambulance Company plans to begin raising funds for the new building soon. Contributions will be acknowledged on plaques displayed in the new building. Information: 301-447-6626.

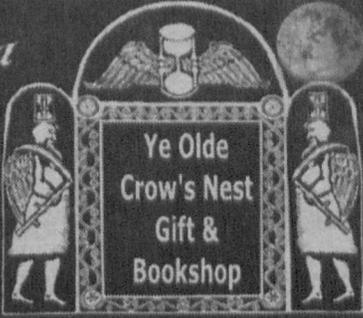
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Smariga

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Silver Fancy is willing to pay more because of the overall benefit to the Town with the North Seton Avenue solution.

[Buckeye could obtain water for the development via another route, at great saving to Mr. Smariga; the Town refused, imposing a high monetary cost on him and an incalculably higher social cost on the Town.]

The Dispatch failed to mention in paragraph 3 (or anywhere else) that there are strong planning considerations for annexation, including:

[Here he lists 3 zoning conditions that merely make it possible for the Town to annex the property, but do not make it desirable or necessary. His error is the fallacy of inferring that because something can be done, it should be done. From the fact that Emmitsburg can meet zoning standards, he says that, therefore, it should.]

We may reply to him: if you acquire this property, you can leave it

empty, and therefore you should. Town officials swallowed the same error and repeated it to citizens. Then he said:]

The schools serving the property are projected to be under capacity through at least year 2010,

[Teachers in local schools disagreed with this claim at a Town meeting which Mr. Smariga attended. That he does not report their argument is an instance of acceptable bias. He is not obliged to cite arguments against himself. He continues:]

The Town has adequate sewer and water to serve this project.

[Do we? Not during a water ban and a continuing drought. See article, "Concrete Jungle,"]

Revenues from Silver Fancy should have a positive effect on the Town's cashflow.

[Revenue? If Buckeye's staff had done their homework, they could have handed out statistics to support this claim. At present this is an empty guess. Mr. Smariga's point seems to be: If houses are built, the people in them will pay taxes and probably spend money here. Yes — let business owners decide whether their increased sales would justify the radical diminishment of life in Emmitsburg — its downtown will be enclosed by housing developments!]

Taxes? Yes, new residents will pay taxes, but will not the services they need consume the taxes they pay, and possibly require more? In fact the Town will likely incur a net loss from the new housing development.

The Town commissioners and the mayor failed to have Mr. Smariga, or the Town staff, calculate the cost for services, maintenance, and other expenses caused by the new residents. They told us about projected tax revenues, but not costs. They didn't even

guess. That was not merely biased reporting. It was a form of deceit.]

In paragraph 4, when talking about water usage, The Dispatch failed to mention that the actual water usage in the Town is 135 gallon per day per home versus the 200 GPD per home that the Town is requiring. The Dispatch knew this fact (it was in the Town Staff Report).

[Yes, we knew it. We also knew that the Town staff based this 135 GPD figure on water usage during a drought and a water ban when usage is abnormally low. The mayor guessed at this fact and upped the number to 200 GPD, but even this number fails to conform to State and other agency standards — 250 gallons per day.]

Mr. Smariga may not have known the last fact. But why did not the Town officials know it? And why did Mayor Hoover approve the annexation even after he knew the figure did not meet the standards?]

In paragraph 6 (and throughout the article), The Dispatch failed to mention any of the positive aspects of this project. These benefits include:

1. Premium environmentally-sensitive home sites for existing and future Town residents,

2. Extension of Brookfield Drive, which will help relieve existing traffic on Main Street, *[Correct. This newspaper did not mention these 2 attractive features of the proposed housing development. This was a failure on my part.]*

3. Providing a Water Tank and Well site to the Town, which are already needed without Silver Fancy *[Not correct. See the Town manager's report. Also, we mentioned the well; see the September issue, page 1, col. 4, at the top.]*

4. Providing in excess of \$1,000,000 in short term revenue and benefits to the Town, *[What is Mr. Smariga talking about? He may be referring to alleged impact fees. But where is this prediction justified with detailed estimates? It is a fine claim.]*

5. Silver Fancy will provide a well to the Town that will provide more than the amount of water consumed by the Silver Fancy residents. *[See comment on 3, above.]*

In paragraph 9, where The Dispatch talks of the Town Staff Report and "potentially favorable outcomes of the annexation," The Dispatch fails to list even one positive. However, The Dispatch went into great detail on the discussion of the potential negatives throughout the article.

[Again, Mr. Smariga is right. We should have listed the positives. He has now done so, above.]

It is not fair to ask The Dispatch to write a story that favors development. However it is fair to ask The Dispatch to make a minimum effort to provide both sides of the story. The Dispatch failed to provide both sides.

[Yes. To the extent that we failed to do this, it was a mistake, and the editor is responsible. For this reason I thank the writer for helping to correct our report. He gave his opinion bluntly, knowing I was not obliged to publish his letter. I compliment him for this. But the damage to be done by annexation far outweighs any hope for benefits he alleges.]

— Ed Smariga

*Buckeye Development,
Developers of Silver Fancy Farm*

[This letter, from someone who reads newspapers, suggests that what a newspaper is and does is not well understood. But of course. Who sits back and reflects deeply on the art and craft of newspaper editing? This is why I threaded my comments on the letter with strands about editing as well as about the annexation. These ideas are shared by the publisher, Raymond Buchheister. If you disagree with any, write a letter to the editor. It is most unlikely that it will receive a critique like this, or any at all.]

— W. Steo

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EDITORIAL

Choose your bias

"But getting back to bias: For a reviewer like me, what, exactly, is bias? Is a movie critic biased for admiring Spielberg's work? Is a theater critic biased for praising Sondheim's stuff? The great thing is that once you learn what a reviewer likes, you can use that consistency as your own personal landmark of taste, even if you disagree" David Pogue, NY Times, July 25, 2002.

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Emmitsburg Elementary Pledges Across America

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 On Tuesday September 17, 2002, students at Emmitsburg Elementary School joined President George W. Bush in the Pledge Across America. At 2:00pm students stood in their class-

rooms and in the school gym waiting for President Bush to lead the nations school students in the Pledge of Allegiance on television. With their right hand on their chest the students recited the pledge. Students took great pride in participating in this pledge.

Concrete jungle adds to water woes

By S.L.Paxton-Daily
 Staff Writer

While the Baltimore-Washington area experiences the worst drought in a century, half the nation is also suffering from drought conditions. But that's not the only cause of decreased water resources. According to some environmental groups another cause is suburban sprawl.

Widespread development has added many roads, shopping malls, office buildings, and parking lots to our nation's landscape.

Environmentalists point out that these structures are built on ground that normally absorbs rainwater. Now, when it hits pavement and concrete, it flows down the storm drain.

Town Manager Dave Haller

reports that probably 48 percent of water flowing into, and treated by, Emmitsburg's wastewater treatment plant is run-off.

Ground water supplies 40 percent of Americans with their daily water and is responsible for half the water in rivers and lakes. Not only are groundwater levels low due to lack of rain, but even when it rains, the levels are not rising as they should.

Persons concerned with the environment say that new growth should occur in places where people already live, to reduce the amount of roads needed. Parking lot designs need to incorporate more planted open space for water absorption.

Currently 365 acres of open space is destroyed hourly for suburban development.

Breathing new life into the Emmitsburg Grange

By Christine O'Connor
 Staff Writer

Sylvia Brauer Smith repeatedly assured her father Charles Brauer that she would see the Emmitsburg Grange revitalized. Six months later she kept the promise to her late father who was Master of the Grange for close to 20 years.

During a meeting in July she and other Grangers honored charter member Anna Margaret Martin who has been active in the Grange since its inception in 1945. Dorothy Smith also was honored for 25 years of service.

"A simple thank you does not express my appreciation," Ms Smith said. "If it hadn't been for their work when the Grange was in its heyday, there would've been no Emmitsburg Grange."

Eight new members will be inducted in a future ceremony. Ms. Smith notes that, "the Grange is open to every age and religion and welcomes people with a variety of talents." Young people can become full Grangers after age 13.

"My father had 3 loves, Mrs. Smith said. "He loved his church, the fire company, and the Grange."

The Grange is a national organization with local lodges comprised of people who share an interest in their community, in agriculture, and in working together in a family environment. The programs, projects and activities offered in every local Grange reflect the interests and talents of its members while focusing on family activities. At the core of the local Grange is community service.

Grange members plan to visit residents of St. Catherine's Nursing Home once or twice a month. "It is a small thing that we can do, but it's a big thing for them," explained Ms. Smith. Grangers also held a toy drive for the ambulance company for the benefit of apprehensive children encountered during emergency calls.

Ms. Smith urges anyone in the community with project ideas or knows of someone who would enjoy a visit to contact the Emmitsburg Grange. Information: 301-447-2128.

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TOWN NEWS

Town Manager's Report For August, 2002

Emmitsburg Town Manager Dave Haller's report is excerpted and summarized here.

Code Enforcement. 117 parking tickets and 4 zoning violation notices were issued. Fines and fees collected amounted to \$1,552.66

Parks. The Parks Committee sponsored a concert in Memorial Park on Aug. 18. See story on p 7.

Streets. More new paving overlay on W. Main St., from Welty Ave. to PA line. Town staffers adjusted valve boxes to match up with new paving.

Trash. Pickup days remain Monday and Friday

Wastewater. The wastewater treatment plant is sometimes over-taxed by the inflow of wild water (natural runoffs from rain, etc.). Approximately 48 percent of the wastewater treated at the plant daily can be the product of wild water infiltration into the sanitary sewer system.

Water. Staff is working to get additional tests of well #7 (Emmit Gardens) to determine appropriate treatments for water in this well

— The existing (old) plant is still operating and supplying the town's water.

— The Town has accepted a change order/ bid from the Johnston Construction Co., for \$32, 650, to

install the 'contact tank' and piping necessary to complete the new water plant. The tank must be manufactured and so will not be available until November. It now appears that the new plant will not be fully functional until early 2003.

— On Aug. 23 the Town started purchasing 30,000 gals of water per day from Mt. St. Mary's College

— Water production & consumption for the month are as follows: daily avg. production 304,870 GPD total daily allocation 463,000 GPD. Total monthly production 9,450,970 GPM (an increase of 497,098 or 16,035 per day). Total water purchased from Mt. St. Mary's College 270,000 GPD.

— Large volume water users:

The Fire Academy's water consumption increased during August to 31,821 GPD, about 6684 GPD over their target consumption which is a 10 percent reduction of their pre-water ban consumption.

For August the Provincial House water consumption increased to 98,918 GPD. They recently have been responsible for almost one-third of the Town's total water consumption.

— Overall the Town's water consumption increased by 6410 GPD (2.1 percent) over July, and by 13,870 GPD (4.8 percent) since June when the water ban was eased.

Zoning. Six permits were issued.

A word from a commissioner

The Emmitsburg Parks and Recreation Committee

The Parks and Recreation Committee is a vital and necessary part of our community. As liaison commissioner for the Committee, I am appealing to citizens of Emmitsburg to consider get involved in its activities.

How can I become involved? One way and the most important is by volunteering to be a member of the Committee. And how can I do that? By submitting your name to the town office or calling me, Joyce Rosensteel, at 301 447-2435 (leave a message if no answer).

We need your assistance, guidance, direction and expertise to complete and plan the following projects:

— Bathrooms, already scheduled for Community Park close to the pavilions.

— Walking paths to be created.

— The development of a planned band shelter.

— Special shows for the children and teenagers.

— We hope to schedule more Sunday night concerts in the park. We had our first one in August with a performance by the Rohersville Band. It was successful — about 85 people attended — and everyone enjoyed their music.

The Committee remains involved with the ball fields for all of the local teams: softball, little league, and soccer, etc. The town of Emmitsburg takes great pride in the upkeep of all

the fields used by our players.

The Parks and Recreation Committee remains the sole caretaker of the town swimming pool. The pool is available from Memorial Day to Labor Day for use by all the citizens of Emmitsburg and the surrounding area.

The Fourth of July Community day is also sponsored by the Committee in cooperation with the Lions Club, and this has been an annual event for many years. It's also a time when Emmitsburg honors our own, whether it be a person, club, business or organization, for their contributions to the community. The town ends this community day celebration with fireworks. Each year the many donations by the citizens, clubs and organizations that come forward help defray the cost and make Emmitsburg's fireworks the best in this part of Frederick County.

In conjunction with the local American Legion Post #121, the town has an annual Halloween Parade and a reception afterward for the citizens. It includes judging, cider, gingerbread and music.

And one of the most beautiful functions sponsored by the Committee is the annual Christmas decorations that are made by volunteers and placed around the square and the light posts.

I am sure there are many other functions from time to time that the Parks and Recreation Committee becomes involved in to make our Community a safer and happy place to reside.

Many of the above projects are sometimes funded by grants secured by the Town Office to avoid placing them in the capital budget.

As I mentioned above you can get involved with the many projects and functions that the Parks and Recreation Committee sponsor. If you feel you cannot commit to be a member of the committee, please feel free to attend any of the meetings and submit your ideas, thoughts, suggestions and criticisms. They are also welcome and will be given serious consideration. Meeting times are posted on the town TV and on the bulletin board outside the Town Office.

Thank you, your town needs and welcomes your input and support.

— Joyce Rosensteel
Commissioner, Town of
Emmitsburg

—Ted Brennan
Commissioner, Town of
Emmitsburg

New water committee formed

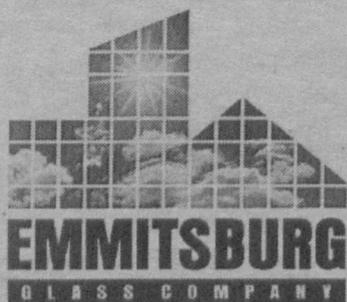
On Sep. 9 the Emmitsburg Town Council agreed to establish a committee to address water use in our town. The mid-Atlantic states are still suffering from a severe drought. Although Emmitsburg has a stable supply of water, it is actively seeking to find new sources and improving existing ones. However, developing water supplies is not enough. Responsible conservation efforts must be undertaken in order to maintain a plentiful water supply.

Until this current drought, water was being used as if it would never run out. The United States is the only nation where citizens generally use drinking water to wash cars, water gardens and clean driveways. While using water for these purposes is not unreasonable, it is not the best use of this precious and limited resource. We

must look for ways to conserve our water and put it to better use. That is what I expect the water committee to do. The water committee will be made up of 4 volunteers from Emmitsburg. It will also seek alternative ways to fund water projects. Several experts in water use and resource development have agreed to work with the committee to help develop a water use plan. Meetings of the committee will be held once a month and will be open to the public.

Anyone interested in serving on this committee, please call me at 303-447-3746 or the Town office at 301-447-2313.

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From Mayor Hoover Referendum, It's not a bad thing!

Passing the annexation resolution gives residents an opportunity to petition the Town for a referendum to overturn or support the commissioner's vote. If 20 percent of the registered voters sign a referendum petition, the Town must hold an election for residents to vote Yes or No for the annexation. This vote may take place at a special election or at an annual Town election. The Town will pay all reasonable cost for a referendum.

Some other thoughts on passing the resolution: N. Seton Ave.'s water main should have been replaced when Northgate was developed. The developer is required to pay the total upfront cost to replace the 60+-year-old inadequate water main on N. Seton Ave. and for the design cost to replace DePaul Street's water main. To avoid paying any out-of-pocket expenses, the Town will pay its share of the cost through tap fee credits. Every house built in Emmitsburg is charged \$7,000 (tap fee) to connect to Town sewer and water. As the developer builds homes the Town will credit the developer's tap fees until the Town's 50 percent is

paid.

The developer is also required to supply the Town with additional water with a treatment facility and all of the needed treatment equipment at no cost to the Town. It is a fact that Emmitsburg residents use an average of 135 gallons of water per day per house. I recommended this developer be required to supply a minimum of 200 gallons of water per day per house. I am certain that the 200-gallon minimum will supply the Town with more water than this development will use. The developer is also required to donate to the Town the land and infrastructures for the Town to drill additional wells and build a water tower within the development in the future.

The resolution requires the developer to replace N. Seton Ave.'s water main and provide the Town with 26,000 gallons of additional water per day prior to homes being built. The 26,000 gallons of water is equal to 200 gallons per day for 130 homes. The maximum number of homes allowed on this property is 130 homes. This means the developer must improve the

Town's current situation prior to the construction of homes.

The resolution has many other requirements; copies are available at the Town office. One of the most important is the replacement of the water line in N. Seton Ave. Without delaying the replacement of other water lines in Town, this requirement will replace the water lines in N. Seton Ave. and DePaul Street in the very near future. The need to replace as many old inadequate water mains as soon as possible is very important. The conditions of these lines cause residents to not receive the best quality of water and cause several fire hydrants to be inadequate for fire protection. Town officials have put off the importance of updating the Town's infrastructure for too long. In addition to the Town just recently acquiring approximately an \$800,000 dollar debt (not including the million dollars of grant money) to replace the old water plant, we still have approximately two million dollars worth of other needed repairs to sewer and water mains. Now, the Town must take serious measures to guarantee funding will be in place to update the Town's infrastructure.

Music in the air

By Sabrina Paxton-Daily
Staff writer

Toes were tapping as 85 people turned out for the first free concert presented at the Emmitsburg Memorial Park on Sunday evening, Aug. 18. For an hour-and-a-half, the Rohrsersville Band, organized in 1837, entertained listeners with a selection of classical, marching and patriotic tunes. Older adults and several families with small children attended the event hosted by the Parks committee.

"It was an enjoyable way to spend the evening and a great opportunity for children to be exposed to live music," commented one resident. Another attendee said he hopes that future concerts showcase some jazz and modern music bands. He feels this might draw in a younger audience, and be one way that Emmitsburg could provide recreational activities for the teen and young adult population.

Committee chairperson, Town Commissioner Joyce Rosensteel, said she hopes that the committee will host more concerts next year.

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Back then, in 1945 (or was it '46?) Boy Scout Troop 284 went camping at Weishaars farm. L-R (top row) Unknown, Bob Jordan, Gene Rosensteel, Dick Topper, Bill Sterbinsky, Donald Rodgers, Dave Adams, Kenny Keilholtz, Allen Stoner, unknown, George Greco, Robert Gillelan, Dee Rodgers, ScoutMaster (S/M). (middle) Joe Rodgers (S/M) Paul Harner, unknown, Chip Corl, Bo Cadle or Pat Boyle (?), John Miller, John Hollinger, Kenny Van Brankle, Buzz Walters. (bottom) Brooke Damuth, Frank Stinson, Bill Umbel, Charles Baker, Rover (?), Dow Strader, Jack Wagerman, Jack McCleaf, Bill Rodgers (S/M). Paul Harner, who submitted this picture, courtesy of Robert Gillelan, says it was probably taken by Guy Kessler (S/M). Missing from picture, possibly, are Guy Baker, Jr., Ed Houck, Bob Shorb, and Mike Boyle - or are they among the unknowns? Are the names right? Know any unknowns? If you have any information, please contact Paul Harner, 717-642-6202. Or email: pharner(~cvn.net). Shortly after this picture was taken, the camp was flooded.

Boyd's opens teddy bear store, gives \$1M to children's fund

Staff Report

Boyd's Bear Country has opened a 5-story teddy bear store and museum in a barn near Gettysburg, PA, in time to mark the 100th anniversary of the teddy bear in November 2002. It is said to display 70,000 bears, hares and other critters in the 120,000 square-foot building.

The 5,000 square-foot museum exhibits some of the first teddy bears ever created at Boyd's as well as a history of how company founders, Gary and Justina (Tina) Lowenthal, built one of the world's largest teddy bear compa-

nies, selling millions of bears since the firm's creation in 1979.

Boyd's has now given one million dollars to the Starlight Children's Foundation, raised through the sale of 4 specially designed plush and resin bears. The company has 15,000 dealers nationwide.

With the funds raised for Starlight, Boyd's planned to open the "Starlight Room" Sep. 25 at Johns Hopkins Children's Center in Baltimore, MD, a transformed children's visiting room with "the most off-center group of Bears 'n Hares ever created," a Boyd's

spokesperson said.

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When arrow hits target

By Jack Deatherage
Dispatch Writer

SssstThwap! SssstWhop! SssstThip!
I can usually tell, by the sound the arrow makes striking the target, whether I've hit near the bull's-eye. At 20 yards my eyes aren't up to picking out the knock of an arrow, even a fluorescent one. Of course listening only works when I'm shooting at an old target indoors. The target's center is usually riddled by some better archer before I sling a shaft at it.

Archery was introduced to me in high school. The bows were horrible fiberglass recurves. The arrows cheap and wooden. I loved them! Archery was something I was fair at. I didn't have to run, jump, hit a ball or send one through a hoop. I did have to stand still, grip the bow correctly, draw a string against about 25 pounds of resistance, locate a solid anchor point, sight properly and release cleanly. The skill was in doing everything exactly the same way each time.

Last year, Wanda, Jack and I began hurling arrows at round hay bales, paying to shoot indoors and looking for an archery club to join. We were also visiting bow shops within an easy drive of Emmitsburg. Eventually we found June's Custom Archery (JCA, 717-642-6564).

June has been very helpful in getting my scores up. He "tweaks" bows at no charge to his customers, sometimes working for an hour or more getting a setup "just right." Other shops charge for this service, but June says he's "more concerned with getting new shooters into the sport without emptying their pockets." Archery equipment can be expensive if a newcomer doesn't get good advice or have a solid understanding of the equipment that's available.

"A good shooter can shoot well with even bad equipment," June told me when I asked about a \$1,000 bow I'd recently heard of.

"But a poor shooter won't shoot any better with the best equipment. If you want to spend the money I can get you a thousand-dollar bow." He grinned at me. "But you can do better with what you have, so why waste the money?"

That's the kind of shopkeeper I like!

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Civil Air Patrol trains for emergencies

By Michele Cuseo
Staff Writer

Do you have an interest in aviation, a career in the Air Force or a desire to serve the community? Members of the Emmitsburg-Liberty Composite Squadron have all of these interests and opportunities. Members include both adults and children 12 years old or older.

The Squadron is part of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP), a U.S. Air Force auxiliary composed of volunteers who serve our country primarily through emergency and community services. The CAP is a group of Squadrons within a State known as a "Wing". The Emmitsburg-Liberty Squadron is part of the Maryland Wing.

According to Squadron Leader Capt. Joe Mackin, the emergency services provided by CAP squadrons mostly involve in-land search and rescue missions. In an acute emergency, such as a downed plane, a call would go out from the Air Force Rescue Coordination center to the State Wing Commander who would then make contact with the Squadron leaders with requests for help. Capt. Mackin, a former member of the Air Force, is currently the only qualified local Squadron member to engage in CAP emergencies.

There are 10 local members: 3 adults and 7 children. Youth members beginning in the Squadron are called "Cadets." This past year the cadets participated in field training exercises

to gain ground team member experience. The training exercises included compass navigation, fire building, and working with dog teams for searches.

According to Capt. Mackin and his cadets, the most exciting and memorable experience was the Glider Camp event. Cadets were given the opportunity to fly with a glider pilot and learn about the controls, navigation equipment, and air protocol.

Three members of the Squadron shined this year with accomplishments. Cadet Staff Sgt. Brian Howard and Cadet Senior Airman Nick Stiles graduated from the Tri-Wing Encampment. Camp activities involved rigorous military style activities and was attended by 200 cadets from Maryland and surrounding states. Cadet Staff Sgt. Howard and Cadet Airman Justin Sizemore graduated from the Glider Academy Camp in Frederick. They each took 2 glider flights and received instruction on aviation and radio communications.

Capt. Mackin states that "Belonging to the Squadron is ideal for kids interested in the U.S. Air Force. Squadrons follow the Air Force standards of customs and courtesies, military chain of command rules, and leadership building."

Capt. Mackin says new adult and youth members are welcome. The CAP meets at the Emmitsburg Ambulance building every Wednesday at 7 p.m. (except the third in the month). The Maryland Wing web site is: <http://mdwg.cap.gov>.

OBITUARIES

Mary A. Burns

Mary A. Burns, 80, of Long Beach, CA, died at home Sep. 15, 2002, attended by her family. She was born Mary Anna McNair Emmitsburg. She was the second of 9 children of to Harry and Helen McNair.

Mary graduated from Emmitsburg High School and Lancaster General Hospital School of Nursing. She was an Ensign in the US Navy during WWII where she met her husband of 58 years, William F. Burns. Mary and William moved to Long Beach in 1952, where they raised 2 children, and she continued her nursing career until she retired in 1982.

Mary is survived by her husband and children, Michael Burns, and Patricia Walter, and by 5 sisters Helen Neely, Carolyn Tarantino, Peninah Smith, Rebecca Wisotzkey, Alice Campbell, and 2 brothers: Paul David McNair and Harry McNair and many grandchildren.

Mary Theresa Hollinger

Mrs. Mary Theresa Hollinger, 74, died Wednesday, Sep. 18, at the Gettysburg Hospital, Gettysburg, PA. Born in Emmitsburg, MD, she is survived by her husband, John S. Hollinger, of Emmitsburg and 5 living children: John S. Hollinger, Jr., Steven M. Hollinger, Bruce T. Hollinger, Sandra H. Feeser, William Douglas Hollinger. Two sons had died previously. Also surviving are her 6 grandchildren, and 2 sisters Barbara Vaughn, and Sister Baptista Peters, DC.

Mrs. Hollinger was a member of the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, of Ladies of Brute, the VFW Post 6658 Ladies Auxiliary, of the Blue Ridge Sportsmen's club.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, and her remains interred in the Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery.

Margaret Opekun

Margaret Peg Opekun, 96, formerly of Emmitsburg, MD, died Tuesday Sep. 3, 2002 at Bon-Secours-Venice Nursing & Rehab Center in Florida. Born Jan. 9, 1906 in Jermyn, PA., she was a daughter of the late John F. and Ellen Coughlin Loughney. Her husband, Walter J. Opekun, died Dec. 18, 1996. She is survived by many nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Opekun was a member of Epiphany Catholic Cathedral, Venice, FL, and a retired secretary at Mount St. Mary's College, Emmitsburg.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in Mount St. Mary's College Chapel of the Immaculate Conception. Interment was in new St.

Joseph's Cemetery, Emmitsburg.

Eileen M. Stay

Eileen Marie Berry Stay, 79, of Emmitsburg, Tuesday, Aug. 20, at St. Catherine's Nursing Center, Emmitsburg. Born March 11, 1923 in New Jersey, she was a daughter of the late William and Angeline Fencelaff Berry. Her husband, Fred Stay, died in 1992. She is survived by a son, Fred Stay, Jr., a daughter, Susan M. Valenti of Emmitsburg; and 3 grandchildren.

Mrs. Stay served in the U.S. Navy as a storekeeper third class. She was a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Peter Claver Church, Montclair, NJ. Interment was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Bloomfield, NJ. Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg, was in charge of local arrangements.

Mary A. Stultz

Mrs. Mary Alice Lingg Stultz, 85, of Fairfield, PA., died Tuesday, Sep. 3, at St. Catherine's Nursing Center, Emmitsburg. She was the wife of Charles Wilbur Stultz, who died June 28, 1991.

Born Feb. 8, 1917, in Emmitsburg, she was a daughter of the late Felix and Roselia Brawner Lingg. She is survived by one daughter, Marlene Marie Holt, 2 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Regina Eiker of Emmitsburg. She was a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg. She had retired from Freeman Shoe Co., Emmitsburg.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church and her remains interred in Elias Lutheran Cemetery, Emmitsburg.

A word about pre-arrangements and pre-financing



The funeral serves a wide range of purposes, with religious, psychological, and physical significance. There are many aspects and details to the meaningful funeral that are arranged with the assistance of the professional funeral director, usually at the time of need. However, some people prefer counseling prior to need.

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A word from the pulpit Like Peas in a Pod

By Rev. Bill Warehime
Pastor
Tom's Creek United Methodist Church

1 Corinthians 12:12-31

The Body of Christ metaphor has been a favorite of preachers for hundreds of years. Let us take a fresh look at these verses written by the apostle Paul to the church at Corinth. Let me tell you a story:

Long ago, in a garden far away, there lived some peas. These peas lived in pods, three peas in each pod. They hung in their pods from the vines. Because they were hanging down from the vines, one of the peas was *always* on top. One was *always* in the middle. And one was *always* on the bottom of the pod. It was the same in all the pods all over the garden.

And all over the garden in all the pea pods, the peas would talk down to one another. The top pea would say, "Look at me! It must have been the Great Gardener's plan for me to be on top. Since I am on top, all of you peas underneath me must give me the respect that is due me for I have the place of honor."

The middle pea was a little ashamed to be beneath the top pea; but was unable to argue with this line of reasoning. (You see, this is how it was in all the pods in the garden and it had always been this way.) The middle pea said, "Yes, you have the place of honor in this pod, but I also have a place of honor. I may be underneath you, but at least *I am not* on the bottom. The bottom pea must give me the respect that I must give the top pea."

The bottom pea could feel nothing

but shame at hearing the middle pea talk this way. There was no other pea who could honor the bottom pea. All over the garden, all the bottom peas were ashamed because of their positions in their pods. Then one day, a bottom pea had an idea and tried to share it with the middle pea in the pod.

"Hey, middle pea, can we talk?" he asked.

The middle pea looked around. This pea was quite shocked since bottom peas never talked to the peas farther up in the pod. "What ever you want, make it quick before any of the other peas see you talking to me," the middle pea replied.

The bottom pea spoke up, "I was thinking, maybe the Great Gardener put each of us where we are for a reason. Maybe we all have a role to play here in the garden. Maybe I am just as important as the other peas in this pod."

Shock and indignation swept over the middle pea. What the bottom pea had said was unthinkable. If the other pods heard such talk, it could change the order of things in the garden forever.

The middle pea called up to the top pea, "Did you hear what the bottom pea said?"

The top pea replied, "Yes, and look, it is already causing trouble in our pod. You have never had the nerve to speak up to me before. This is very bad." The top pea decided that the best thing would be to talk to all the other top peas in all the pods in the garden so they could take precautions. But, it was too late. The word had

spread from all the bottom peas to all the middle peas and finally to all the top peas. It was decided that the only thing to do was to have all the top and middle peas push downward, thus forcing all the bottom peas out of their pods. It was done and all the bottom peas fell to the ground.

Upon seeing the pods burst open at the bottom, the Great Gardener decided it was time to harvest the peas. The Great Gardener went to the vines and pulled all the pods.

The peas who remained in the pods were excited. They also felt that it must have been the right thing to push all the bottom peas from their pods since this seems to have brought

them the honor of being taken from the vines and being removed from their pods. They were so proud of themselves, that is, until they all were placed in a pot of boiling water. Some became soup but most ended in pot pies.

We are all vital to the life and growth of the Church.

You may be wondering what happened to all the bottom peas. Each one sprouted a new pea plant with tall vines and many pea pods. Yet, they never forgot their idea of each pea having a different, but equal, function. So even to this day, all the peas, top, middle, and bottom, live together "like peas in a pod."

Emmitsburg Council of Churches

The Emmitsburg Council of Churches (COC) met Sep. 10 in St. Anthony's Parish Hall. Its pastor, Rev. James Hannon opened the meeting with a brief service of scripture, song and prayer dedicated to peace on the eve of the first anniversary of 9/11. Some of the discussions:

— Bill Derbyshire explained the role of Community Agencies School Services (CASS), noted the success of the Emmitsburg Summer Day Camp, and the fact that remaining funds will be used for next year's program.

— Bill Wivell told of his experiences with the "Christmas in April" program and suggested that the Council take on such a project. The Council countered that it devote its efforts to create a permanent site for the Community Food Bank, now temporarily housed at Elias Lutheran Church. The Council voted to open a line of credit to the Food Bank for \$1,000.

— Phyllis Kelly spoke of the

CROP WALK to be held Oct. 20. Because of security regulations at the Fire Academy and EMS, several members of the Council will explore holding the CROP WALK near Motter Station Road.

— The Parish Nurse Task Force held an informational breakfast of community and organization leaders Sep. 23. The Council voted to call the program "Caring Hands of Emmitsburg: An Interfaith Caregiving Ministry."

— The Thanksgiving Community Service will be held on Thanksgiving Day at 10 a.m. at Incarnation United Church of Christ. Rev. William O'Brien, the new pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, is scheduled to bring the message.

— The Council appointed a nominating committee to present a slate of officers for next years.

The Emmitsburg COC will meet next on Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. at the United Presbyterian Church.

Emmitsburg Area Churches

Incarnation United Church of Christ
Founded in 1758 as a German Reformed Congregation. In 1860's the church moved into town. The current brick building was rebuilt after a fire in 1950. The current congregation is now UCC.

124 West Main St.
Sunday service: 10 a.m.
Interim Pastor: Rev. Ted Haas
301-447-2270

St. Joseph's Roman Catholic
St. Joseph's Parish dates its beginning to 1786. Rev. Matthew Ryan was the first resident Pastor. The Parish has been administered by the Vincentian Community since 1852. The present church was completed in 1842.

100 N. Seton Avenue
Weekly services: Monday - 7:30

p.m.(with the Miraculous Medal Novena); Tuesday through Saturday - 8:30 a.m.; Saturday Evening - 4:30 p.m.; Sundays- 8:00, 10:15, 12:00 noon.

Pastor: Rev. William O'Brien, C.M.
301-447-2326

St. Anthony Shrine

St. Anthony's roots intertwine with the old St. Mary's on the Hill and date back to the 1700s. Our present church, St. Anthony Shrine, opened its doors on October 26, 1897.

16150 St. Anthony's Road
Mass schedule: Saturday, 4:00 p.m., Sunday, 7:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. James W. Hannon

Trinity United Methodist Church

Trinity United Methodist Church was founded in 1833. The present sanctuary was built in 1807. Trinity has been

a religious presence in Emmitsburg for 168 years.

313 West Main St.
Services 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m.

Pastor: Rev. Wade A. Martin
Emmitsburg Presbyterian

Emmitsburg Presbyterian Church has been a part of the Emmitsburg Community since before the American Revolution. The original meeting house stood about a mile north of Emmitsburg along the Gettysburg Rd. The grave of Samuel Emmitt, founder of Emmitsburg, is located in the old cemetery.

415 West Main St.
Service 11:00 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. R. Benjamin Jones
Tom's Creek United Methodist
10926 Simmons Road

Sunday Services at 8:15 and 10:30
Pastor: Rev. Bill Warehime
301-447-2693

Elias Evangelical Lutheran

In 1797 the Lutheran and Reformed congregations built a sanctuary in Emmitsburg after they outgrew their shared church at Tom's Creek. The Reformed congregation constructed a new church in 1869 on West Main Street while the Lutherans remained in the stone church where they continue to worship today.

100 West North Avenue
Service of the Word, 8 a.m.; Sunday School, 9 a.m. Worship Service (Holy Communion) 10:30 a.m.
Interim Pastor: David. S. Knodel
301-447-6239

Council of Churches launches interfaith parish nursing

By Susan Allen
Dispatch writer

The first interfaith parish nursing program in Frederick County was announced Sep. 23, by the Emmitsburg Council of Churches (ECOC). Different faith communities have been sending volunteer registered nurses, "parish nurses," to persons in need. The ECOC has now begun coordinating these works of mercy in a program it calls, "Caring Hands of Emmitsburg: An Interfaith Caregiving Ministry."

Parish nurses visit the sick but do not perform ordinary nursing duties. Their work is to assess the medical needs and act as advocates for those needing care by linking them to agencies that provide it. Parish nurses also educate individuals and the community on health issues, including illness prevention, and train other volunteers.

The special service of parish nurses is spiritual. They are motivated by their own religious faith and their appreciation, as medical professionals, of emotional and mental factors in physical health.

Under the new ECOC program anyone from any faith community, or even without church affiliation, can obtain a visit from a parish nurse.

The ECOC had invited religious and community leaders to the breakfast. Three pastors and Emmitsburg Commissioner Pat Boyle were among those present. Rev. Wade Martin, pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church, introduced 2 guest speakers: Jodee Rudy, parish nurse coordinator at the Frederick County Health Department, and Betsy Minnick, parish nurse consultant and volunteer.

Ms. Rudy stated that there are more than 100 parish nurses in Frederick County. Most are volunteers, and 95 percent work full-time in other positions. Once a year registered nurses can take an interfaith parish nursing course to learn the role of spirituality in the healing process.

Betsy Minnick noted that a 2001

report by the National Cancer Institutes revealed that the 21727 zip code area had the highest rate of cancer and cancer deaths in Frederick County. Health issues are among the top 5 concerns of the area residents.

Frederick County has a sizeable aging population. By 2010 one-third of its residents will be over 45, the age at which chronic health problems begin to appear.

In Emmitsburg, she said, a positive factor which might contribute to the success of the parish nursing program, is its high rate of church affiliation and involvement, estimated to be 95 percent of residents.

Rev. Martin reported that the ECOC has submitted documents to incorporate "Caring Hands of Emmitsburg" as a non-profit group. He has drafted a request to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for \$35,000 to pay a full-time parish nurse coordinator. He invited participants in the meeting to send supporting letters to accompany the grant application.

In October and November, each congregation within the Council of Churches will be visited and briefed about the program. Some churches have already offered office space and phone service for the coordinator. Joe Lydon of St. Catherine's Nursing Center said that St. Catherine's will provide at least one scholarship to a registered nurse interested in parish nursing. The Council hopes to begin interviews for the coordinator's position in spring 2003.

Pat Boyle asked how the town government might assist the program, aside from funding, which is not available. Pastor Martin responded that public information, "a billboard, any way to get the word out," would be helpful. Mr. Boyle countered with a suggestion to apply to the mayor to get it on the agenda for an upcoming town meeting. It might be possible as well, if the group acts quickly, to get permission to send a notice with the quarterly water bills.

U.S. Sea Services honored

The Daughters of Charity hosted the Annual Pilgrimage for the Sea Services of the United States — Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marine. A committee of 28 retired naval officers reestablished the event in 1998 and currently sponsors it.

Committee Chair Admiral James D. Watkins, USN (Ret.) helped establish the celebration of "A Day for the Navy" and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton as

patron of members of the sea services. The Most Reverend Edwin F. O'Brien, S.T.D., Archbishop of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, presided as the principal celebrant of the Eucharist and gave the homily. Music was provided by The Naval Academy Catholic Midshipmen Choir from Annapolis.

The liturgy, open to the public, was held in the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

Visionary still forbidden to use church property

By Bill Steo
Editor

The prohibition against using "church properties for any activities associated with [the] alleged apparitions" to Gianna Talone-Sullivan remains in force. In a letter of Sep. 27 Cardinal William Keeler confirmed that "the prohibition of the Thursday evening prayer meetings at Emmitsburg remains in effect."

The meetings at St. Joseph's Catholic Church consisted primarily of praying the rosary followed by a celebration of the Eucharist. Parishioners initiated the meetings in September 1991, 2 years before Mrs. Sullivan came to Emmitsburg, and continued to hold them in the church on Thursday evenings until banned by the cardinal. The last took place September 7, 2000.

Mrs. Sullivan claimed to see the Blessed Virgin Mary during the recitation of the rosary. During these apparitions, she says, the mother of Jesus gave her messages for humanity which she wrote down at once on notebook paper. She handed them to the presiding priest who reviewed and then read them to the congregation.

Cardinal Keeler, the archbishop of the archdiocese of Baltimore, instructed St. Joseph's pastor, Rev. William O'Brien, C.M., to have the letter read at all masses on Sep. 28-29. He granted the pastor's request to limit the reading to only those excerpts from the 4-page letter which he required.

The cardinal's letter comes after an investigation during more than 2 years by a commission of 3 theologians. The cardinal says the commission "unanimously concluded that there is no evidence of supernatural intervention in the Emmitsburg messages." It was concerned, he wrote, "about some alarming language, in evident conflict

with traditional Catholic teaching and the Scriptures from which this teaching flows." He added, "The Commission recognizes the positive benefits associated with the prayer meetings."

Rules set by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith specify 3 possible judgments which a bishop can make about an alleged apparition from heaven — negative: it is clearly not miraculous, or positive: it shows all the signs of being miraculous, or neither: it is not clear whether the apparition is authentic or not.

Significantly, Cardinal Keeler did not issue a negative judgment which would imply Mrs. Sullivan is not trustworthy. His judgment falls into the third category — "there is no evidence of supernatural intervention." This verdict leaves the case open and the questions he asked "regarding the authenticity of the messages and their theological content" unanswered.

Also notable is the fact that the cardinal does not explicitly instruct Mrs. Sullivan to refrain from holding prayer meetings of her own, or distributing messages for the public, but only forbids using church property for these purposes. She has observed this prohibition, reported no heavenly messages during the commission's 2-year investigation until August this year, and held no prayer meetings. The Marian prayer group, also, during whose meetings she says she received messages, has obeyed the ban.

In a brief letter Cardinal Keeler's Delegate for Canonical Affairs, Rev. Msgr. Jeremiah F. Kenney, informed Mrs. Sullivan of the decision. She responded with a thank-you note in which she wrote, "It is a great gift to belong to the Catholic Church; and we are always safe when we bow in obedience under her wing."

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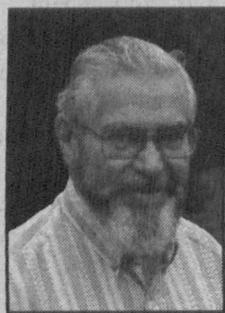
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*The (retired) Ecologist's Corner***Of patriotism and unnoticed outcomes**

Bill Meredith
Dispatch writer

When their leaders decided that Congress should convene in New York last month, most members of the House and Senate were delighted at the opportunity to parade their piety and compassion before the public. A conspicuous exception was West Virginia's crusty Sen. Robert Byrd. In a moment of candor rare among politicians, he said, "I think Congress should be here [in Washington], working. There's not anything I can do by going up there. Lord knows, there's not anything more that can be said about our sorrow."

I didn't agree completely with the Senator, but I understood where he was coming from; it was the kind of thing my father might have said. I remember going to the funeral of an old family friend when I was about 10 years old. My dad was visibly saddened, but as soon as the burial was completed, he got us started for home, noting that we had to be back by milking time. The bereaved family understood; they were from a generation that had learned to survive by being mentally tough and unsentimental, and they would have done the same thing if they'd been in our place. I learned a lesson from that: it does not mean we are callous or lacking in compassion for those who have suffered loss if we admit that, for the rest of us, life goes on.

Nevertheless, I think if I had been in Senator Byrd's place, I'd have gone to New York. He was right in saying nothing more can be said; except for the poem read by Poet Laureate Billy Collins, the speeches I heard were untainted by originality, and, in many cases, self-serving. But the simple fact

that the leaders of the nation took the time to be there seemed to make the people who lost members of their families and friends feel better; and to the extent that it did, the trip was worthwhile.

A year ago, I wrote that the world did not change as a result of the terrorist attacks; rather, it was our perception of the world that changed. I still believe that is true. The world was a messy, dangerous place before the attacks; we as a nation thought that as the sole superpower, we were invulnerable. But I have to admit that, for some people, perception is reality. The trauma suffered by those who lost friends and family, and by those who were present at the sites and survived, is real. Their world did change, and they deserve every manner of support we can give them.

Whether life goes on for the rest of us seems to depend on which generation we belong to. With the caveat that there are many individual exceptions, I think people under the age of 30 were most severely affected. Unlike the two previous generations, most of them had not heretofore lived through a single catastrophic event that had the effect Pearl Harbor had on my generation, or that the Kennedy and King assassinations had on those growing up in the '60's. My generation grew up in the Depression and World War II; we had to be frugal, self-disciplined and cautious to survive. But the fact that we did survive taught us that life goes on; it made us basically optimistic and patriotic, and instilled in us the belief that government can be well-intentioned.

The generation of "baby boomers" were born under the mushroom clouds that heralded the beginning of the Cold War. They were idealistic about the environment and civil rights; they joined the Peace Corps with enthusiasm. They were less concerned with material things, and completely lacking in caution where sex and drugs were concerned. Vietnam made them resentful of authority and cynical

about the intentions of the government; "You can't trust anyone over 30" was their byword. Their attitudes changed as they reached their 40's and 50's, and it was amusing to see them adopt some (but not all) of our values. They, too, learned that life goes on.

The "under-thirty" generation is different than its predecessors. The national malaise of Watergate was not a catastrophic event for them, though it left them confused. In the '80's, Teflon-coated Ronald Reagan convinced them that there was no need to worry about the environment, the national economy was a simplistic matter of unending growth, and government officials like those involved in Iran-Contra were not subject to the same standards of personal integrity as the rest of us. In the '90's, the Gulf War was a crisis to be survived by the few who participated in it directly, but for the rest it was a television spectacular, almost a video game. And at the end of the decade, Bill Clinton offered them the proposition that moral behavior isn't really important if you're smart enough and glib enough. For most of this generation, September 11 was the first real catastrophe they had to face, and coming to terms with the fact that life goes on will be the great formative event in their lives.

It is this generation that worries me most, because, as every graduation speaker has told them, they are the future of the nation. But they have not been challenged by the national leadership, the media, or, in many cases, the educational system, to think critically, to distinguish between facts, opinions and propaganda, or to deal with complexity and ambiguity on an intellectual level. Hence they are vulnerable to the un-noticed changes that have occurred in our culture as a result of 9/11.

The upsurge in patriotism was noticed immediately; what went unnoticed was the way it was exploited. People seemed not to see the difference between the genuine patriotism that led everyone to display the flag in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks and the blatant play for audience support by professional wrestlers and boxers who wear the stars and stripes on their shorts. This lack of discernment was quickly and profitably exploited by the purveyors of country music, who filled their pockets as they filled the airways with lyrics that run the gamut from mawkish sentimentalism to vulgarity... recall that Peter Jennings got more criticism than

praise for not allowing one of the more repugnant examples to be performed on his Fourth of July program. And it has exposed us to a new level of hypocrisy as we hear "God Bless America" intoned at the end of speeches by politicians who see the inside of a church only on occasions when their constituents will notice them, and whose private lives and policy positions bear no relation to Christ's teaching.

The most dangerous change was that after 9/11, government officials became immune to criticism. For some time it appeared that the President and the Attorney General were the only ones who noticed this. The public rightly responded to Mr. Bush's call for unity in the days after the attacks. But in the ensuing weeks and months he took advantage of this public support to make decisions and policy changes that will have potentially disastrous long-term effects on matters having nothing to do with terrorism.

The President's refusal to support, or even attend, the Conference on Sustainable Growth must be interpreted either as callous disregard for, or unawareness of, the most fundamental problem facing humankind, the unchecked growth of the world's population and its inability to feed itself. This should have caused outrage in the media and protests on campuses all over the country; instead, criticism even from political opponents was muted and timid. Likewise, his changes in policy on forest management are at worst biased toward industrial exploitation and at best insufficiently analyzed; yet environmentalists are curiously silent. And just last month, under pressure from the energy industry, the White House ordered the EPA to remove the section on Global Warming from its annual report, despite the fact that 2002 was the hottest summer since 1930.

It is important that we support our leaders in times of national emergency, but it is equally important, indeed it is a patriotic duty, to be critical if their actions are precipitous or have irreversible consequences. To remain uninformed and to avoid public debate at times when vital decisions are being made, and to ignore the chance to elect leaders with wisdom instead of those pandering to special interests, are the most unpatriotic things we can do. The two older generations must lead by example; we must teach the younger generation this true meaning of patriotism as we help them to get on with their lives. This would be the best way we could honor the anniversary of 9/11.

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Emmitsburg Lions Club begins third decade of service

By Susan Allen
Staff Writer

If you go in search of the Emmitsburg Lions Club, you won't find a building bearing its emblem, but it is makes its presence felt by its many charitable activities, especially related to health. The history of Lions' activities may not be as long as that of other community organizations. However, in the last 21 years it has created a distinguished record of service to individuals and families in Emmitsburg.

The International Association of Lions Clubs is the world's largest service organization, claiming over one million members. The Emmitsburg Lions Club is part of District 22W, which includes Frederick, Carroll, Washington, Allegany, and Garrett Counties. Membership comes by invitation, and is extended to both men and women.

The Lions are probably best known for their efforts to prevent blindness and assist the vision-impaired through the organization's SightFirst program. Its work in this field began in 1925, following an address to the national convention by Helen Keller, a person born blind and deaf who achieved a high level of education.

The organization is now working to raise public awareness of diabetes and its frequent effect on the eyes, diabetic retinopathy. District 22W has a diabetes coordinator, Sharon Andrews to work with member clubs to publicize the problem and prevention of vision loss among adult diabetics. In Emmitsburg the Lions work with local schools to provide eye examinations and glasses for needy children. According to Lion Herb Gingell, "many, many kids" have benefited from this project.

Once a year, on White Cane Sunday, club members visit the area churches to request donations for the Wilmer Eye Clinic at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. The Lions collect used eyeglasses which are sent to the international body for distribution throughout the world. The Lions also provide funds for the hearing-impaired.

The Lions Club also supports the higher education goals of graduating senior high school students in the 21727 zip code area. Every year it grants 2 scholarships of \$1,000 each to graduating seniors. The scholarships are named after former Emmitsburg citizens and are administered through the Catoctin High School Guidance Office. It also awards a third annual scholarship, established with the Community Foundation of Frederick County, Inc. by the Lions and Mrs. Elizabeth Prongas, honoring

her late husband, Dr. Harry Prongas.

The Emmitsburg Lions are perhaps best known for providing its annual Community Day in this town, with games, activities, parade, music, and fireworks. The 20th was held this year on July 6. Following the yearly Halloween parade, the Lions help with games for the children at the ambulance building, and sponsor the children's

Christmas party held each year at the Fire Hall; an event which has been an Emmitsburg tradition for nearly 71 years.

Each March, with Gettysburg Hospital, the Lions Club raises funds for their good works with a Health Fair at Mother Seton School. Near Christmas, with the Council of Churches, it runs a food drive to serve Emmitsburg's needy citizens. It encourages and collects donations of food and deliver boxes of food to families.

The Emmitsburg Lions also raise

funds with their locally famous chicken barbecues. The concrete-block foundation of their grill has been often found in front of the community center, although recently across from the Getty station at the top of Tollgate Hill.

The various events sponsored by the Lions Club, members maintain, build precious memories for families, and contribute to the quality of life in Emmitsburg. Thanks to them, they say, it really is possible to have a "big time" in a small town. Information: Herb Gingell, 301-447-6236.

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I am writing in reference to the article, "Visionary claims Mary has a new message for the public," published in the September issue of The Emmitsburg Dispatch. It was published without our knowledge on a page which Mount St. Mary's College and Seminary has appeared to sponsor in full. The placement of this article has caused us to receive inquiries regarding Mount St. Mary's position

on the alleged apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Dr. Gianna Talone-Sullivan. Mount St. Mary's College and Seminary fully supports the position of the Archdiocese of Baltimore in this matter.

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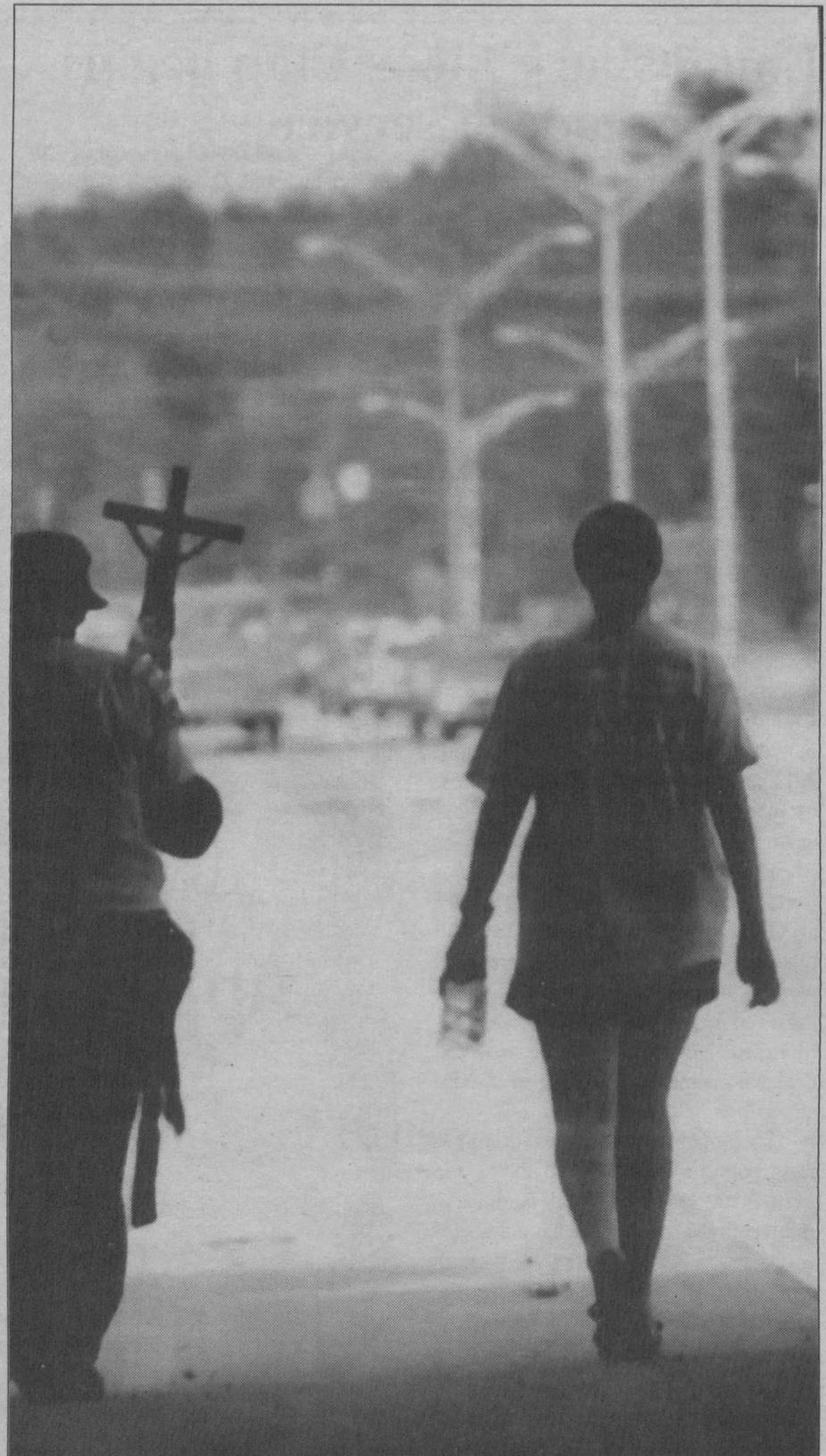
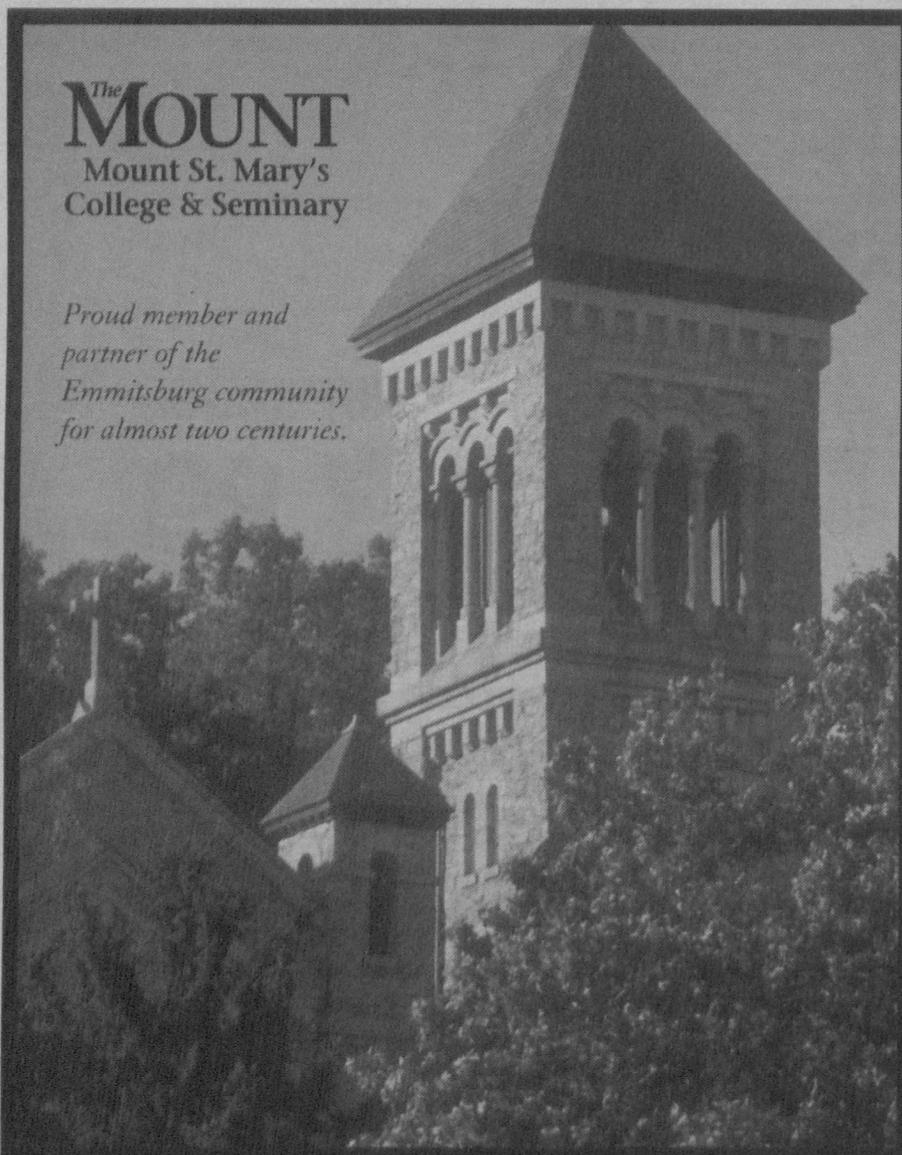
William F. Sheahan, former Mt. St. Mary's women's basketball coach (1981-1998) died Sep. 7 as the result of a traffic accident. He was 63. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, H. Patricia Gladmon Sheahan, and his 4 children, Deborah, Brian, Kerry, and Timothy. He retired after 17 years with one of the highest winning percentages in NCAA college history, having posted a record of 372-104. In 1999, he was inducted into the Mount St. Mary's College Sports Hall of Fame. After a Mass of Christian burial his remains were interred in the parish cemetery of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Gettysburg, PA.



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Praying for those who are contemplating an abortion, Mt. St. Mary's junior Diana DeFilippo made a pilgrimage through the South last summer.

Mount student makes pilgrimage across south

Staff Report

This past summer Diana DeFilippo, a junior theology major at Mount St. Mary's College, participated in a walking pilgrimage from Clearwater Florida through Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana. Following her belief in the sanctity and dignity of human life, she walked along praying for those who are contemplating an abortion and educating

youth about the Church's position on abortion.

The pilgrimage was conducted through Crossroads, an organization of Catholic volunteers that challenges people to become more involved in the movement to save lives.

American Life League president, Judie Brown, joined the last 2 miles of the journey which ended with a Mass at St. Patrick's Church in New Orleans.

October at the Library

Regular Storytime

Babies With Books (birth-24 months with an adult) Tues. Oct. 22 at 10:30 a.m.

Two Terrific! (age 2 with an adult) Tuesdays Oct. 1, 8, 15 at 10:30 a.m.

Preschool Storytime (ages 3-5 with an adult)

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

Family Storytime (all ages)

Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

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Teen Book Drawing for Grades 6-12. Enter your name in a book drawing when you visit the library during this week.

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Teens Mystery Night (grade 6 & up) An evening of

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Special Programs

Pumpkin Pizazz! (all ages) Come and learn some unique ways to decorate pumpkins. Carving not required! Bring your own pumpkin(s)! Mon. Oct. 21 at 7 p.m.*

Spine Tingling Ghost Stories (age 11 - adult) teacher, storyteller & veteran guide for Ghosts of Gettysburg candlelight tours, Anne Griffith, will provide chilling ghost stories of Gettysburg. Wed Oct. 16 at 7 p.m.*

Book Discussion Groups

2nd Tuesday Oct. 8 at 7:30 p.m..

Selection: *The Map that Changed the World* by Simon Winchester

2nd Friday Oct. 11 at 1:00 p.m..

Selection: *Chocolat* by Joanne Harris (call for location)

Programs are held at the Emmitsburg Library at 101 Silo Hill Road unless designated by an asterisk (*) programs will be held at Trinity United Methodist

Church, 313 W. Main St. Registration or other information 301-447-2682.



Mary Margaret Bittle displays new computers in the learning center of Gateway Community Services in Thurmont. Persons over 18 can use them as they prepare to take high school equivalency exams and earn a GED.

New GED preparation center now operating in Thurmont

Persons who did not graduate high school have another place in this area to prepare to take the General Education Diploma (GED) exam. Gateway Community Services (GCS) in Thurmont has opened a learning center with 3 computers and the latest software to allow clients to master subjects at their own pace and at no charge. Volunteers who assist students have received training from the county Adult Education Office.

Adults age 18 and older can use the learning service provided by GCS, if they reside in the extended Thurmont area: Creagerstown, Emmitsburg, Lewistown, Rocky Ridge, Sabillasville, and Wolfsville. Another place in this area to prepare for GED exams is the Up-County Family Center in Emmitsburg which is authorized to grant high school diplomas.

Fundraising for the new GED pro-

gram at Gateway began with seed money from the Thurmont Ministerium (council of churches). Matching funds came through the Lutheran Brotherhood, Graceham Moravian Church, and from other donations.

"Please tell your readers we need volunteers," Mary Margaret Bittle asked The Emmitsburg Dispatch. "We need help in the office, to pick up and distribute donations, and for transportation." Mrs. Bittle is vice president of the GCS board of directors.

Gateway Community Services, the community outreach arm of the Thurmont Ministerium, offers other services, including tutoring and mentoring, job and life skills, after school programs, health services, family crisis intervention, clothes closet, housing, eviction prevention, energy assistance, transportation, and food bank.

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Life Chain protests killing unborn

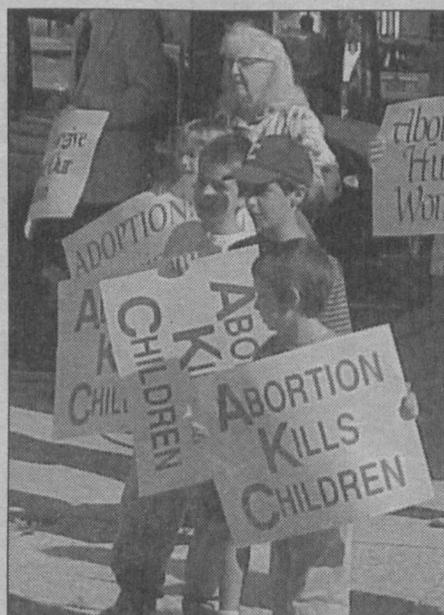
Staff report

On Oct. 6 people who uphold the dignity of human life, born and unborn, formed the Emmitsburg Life Chain. It was a linkage of over 40 people of all ages and denominations originating in the town square.

Since 1987 this annual demonstration has been duplicated on the first Sunday in October, Respect Life Sunday, at the same time of the day in each time zone along main streets throughout the United States. The events now occur in more than 800

cities. For one hour starting at 2:30 p.m. the demonstrators join hands, carry signs, and pray for an end to abortion on demand.

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in iron.

The healthy body will only take up 10 percent of the iron eaten. In certain people, the body absorbs up to 20 percent of the iron eaten. Overdosing on iron either from absorbing too much or eating too much iron can cause many health problems.

The body stores most of the excess iron in the liver. When the liver is full then the liver starts making storage chemical containers for the iron. One of these storage containers is called ferritin — protein plus iron. Ferritin can sit undisturbed floating in the cells of the body. When there is a large amount of ferritin, it forms globs of a substance called hemosiderin. This is not a friendly concoction. It causes hemochromatosis, the disease of iron overload.

Too much ferritin and hemosiderin make the cells of the liver, heart, pancreas, pituitary gland, intestines and adrenal glands to become brittle and fragile and inflamed. Sometimes the inflammation is enough to cause cancer of the liver. It is not known whether diabetes is cause or effect of too much iron absorption. I suspect that there is an interaction in which one makes the other worse. When heart muscle has to store the iron in these packages it becomes weak and can even quit working. In those past



Denise L. Beltowski has joined The Emmitsburg Osteopathic Primary Care Center as a physician's assistant.

puberty, loss of underarm hair can be a sign of iron overload.

While many may carry a gene that could cause the body to absorb much more iron than is needed, most have no disease consequences. However, for some, two recessive inherited codes (unique combinations of genes) cause the disease to become manifest. The marker is on Chromosome 6. Inflammation of the small intestine and/or pancreas, from infection, alcohol, or other diseases may make the body absorb even more iron. The excess iron stores deposited in the hormone producing cells of the intestine and pancreas again cause more inflammation and more absorption of iron. In those who are under siege from iron, taking high dose Vitamin C can make matters even worse. Vitamin C encourages the absorption of iron.

Though hemochromatosis is not considered a common disease, it is found locally. Further, there seems to be an increase, lately, in those diagnosed with hemochromatosis. More men than women are affected by hemochromatosis. It is thought that menstruation helps unload the iron and so the women are protected until menopause. The ratio of men affected

to women affected is 20 to 1. Adult men and menopausal women should avoid iron-fortified vitamins to reduce the risk of hemochromatosis.

When a state of hemochromatosis exists, immediate treatment is essential. Drawing off blood, sometimes twice weekly for a while, helps unload the excess iron. Phosphates (soda), and acid reducers such as Zantac, and Pepcid can help reduce the absorption of iron. Sometimes a chelating chemical that will bind the iron is needed. Monitoring the ferritin level and iron level in the body will help mark the success in these interventions.

A recent medical review article wondered if all children should be screened for this illness. The cost benefit did not seem to be there. However, for those at risk or with signs of hemochromatosis, certain blood tests and other diagnostic tests could be of help. For those who have been diagnosed with hemochromatosis, it is appropriate and needed to test related family members. Dr. Carol Blanc, MD (Gettysburg Pediatrics) is a pediatric genetic specialist who is a great resource. Her office phone number is 1-717-334-7681.

Heartly House aids and shelters handicapped victims of abuse

Staff Report

Victims of domestic violence often do not get help because of the emotional pain of talking to someone about it. The hearing-impaired and physically handicapped encounter even greater obstacles. Heartly House of Frederick County offers assistance — counseling, shelter, legal services — to victims of abuse who have special needs like these.

Heartly House has a 24-hour crisis hotline staffed by interpreters fluent in over 140 languages, and a TTY hotline for hearing impaired victims. Persons without access to a TTY machine may

ask a trusted person to call or use the Maryland Relay system at 1-800-735-2258. American sign language interpreters are available. Heartly House's entrances and amenities are all handicapped accessible, including a room at the emergency shelter.

Heartly House conducts educational seminars for civic groups. Their staff can provide information on sexual abuse, and child or elder abuse as well. Their TTY number is (301) 662-1565. Their 24 hour hotline number, (301) 662-8800, may be used for non-crisis calls between 8:30 am and 4:00 pm Monday through Friday.

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Millions of eligible children lack health insurance

S. Paxton-Daily
Staff Writer

Roughly 75,000 of Maryland's children, among 4.7 million children nationwide, are without health insurance. Many of these children are eligible for Medicaid or State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP). Medicaid provides insurance for the poorest of America's children.

Children unable to qualify for Medicaid can often obtain insurance through SCHIP, which provides affordable insurance for children in

families whose household income is above the poverty line, but lower than \$34,100. The cost of SCHIP is determined on a sliding scale.

Millions of children eligible for Medicaid or SCHIP are not enrolled. In some cases, caregivers choose not to enroll them because of the hassle of re-enrolling every year, or out of a reluctance to accept charity. But, apparently, part of the population is simply not aware that these programs exist and that their children may be eligible. Information: 1-877-543-7669

Those mysterious hot flashes

By Patty Bianca
Staff Writer

Hot flashes are the most common symptoms of menopause, affecting as many as 80 percent of women. Despite this, little is known about what causes them or how to avoid them completely.

A hot flash is a sudden, intense version of what the body normally does to cool down when it is overheated — blood vessels near the skin dilate to dissipate heat, and the person breaks into a sweat. Symptoms include feeling a rush of heat, a drenching sweat and intense flushing of the face. They may only last a few minutes, but can recur as many as 10 times a day and several times more at night.

Hot flashes are definitely linked to declining estrogen levels. In women who have their ovaries removed surgi-

cally, the onset of hot flashes can be almost immediate. But apart from declining estrogen levels, the cause of hot flashes remains an enigma.

Researchers theorize that hot flashes originate in a region of the brain (hypothalamus) where body temperature is regulated. It is not yet known how lower estrogen levels acts on that region; nor is it known why the frequency of attacks varies in women with similar levels of estrogen. Doctors have also been unable to discover why the symptoms eventually recede on their own.

For years doctors have relied on hormone replacement therapy (HRT) to treat their menopausal patients, but recent evidence suggests that HRT may increase a patient's risk of heart attack, stroke, breast cancer, blood clots and gall bladder disease. Other drug thera-

Fitness

Exercise may help ease headaches

Sometimes you know you should go for a walk but a nagging headache changes your mind. Well, think again before you decide not to go. Depending on the type of headache you have, walking could be just the answer.

A stress or tension headache can actually be eased and may even disappear completely during a walk. Getting your blood pumping will do one of two things. It will either take the headache away or make it noticeably worse. The problem is not knowing which will happen this time. Most of the time exercise will help because you are concentrating on your walk and what you are seeing or talking about with your walking partner and you tend to forget about your headache. Suddenly, when you do remember it, it's gone.

If you have frequent headaches and can't determine what is causing them, contact your doctor. Headaches can be caused by many different stimuli.

One cause of frequent headaches is allergies to food. Many people can not use artificial sweeteners. I used them

pies used successfully in some women include antidepressants like Paxil and Effexor, but so far nothing seems to work as well as estrogen. Alternative ways to ease the symptoms of hot flashes include using air-conditioning, wearing light clothing in layers, and drinking cool beverages. Limited studies also suggest that the deep breathing techniques taught in yoga classes can reduce the rate of hot flashes by about half.

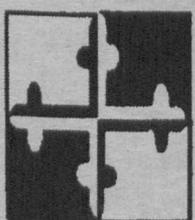
for years and my headaches slowly got worse and worse. Due to a recent accident, I did not eat much for about two weeks. When I started to eat more, I noticed my headaches returning. Since my body was cleansed of almost all food, I slowly incorporated back what I normally ate and to my surprise discovered that the sweetener was the cause of my headaches. A very, very big problem solved by cutting out one thing.

Foods, odors, sounds and even colors can cause headaches for some people. Try to solve your headache problem by conducting some simple test yourself, but if that doesn't work, call your doctor. I now have my life back and it makes such a difference living headache-free.

Sharing your personal experience or solution to headaches or other ailments can help someone else. That's why I felt it was so important to write this article. If I had only known years ago, I would not have suffered with headaches for so long. The answer to your headache or other ailment may also be the answer for someone else. Tell your friends and family if you have discovered something like I did. It may be just what somebody needs to get their life back and feel good again.

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Weight and heart failure; anti-hunger hormone

Staff Report

New research confirms what doctors keep telling their patients — even a few extra pounds increase the chance of heart failure. Other new research has uncovered an anti-hunger hormone that gives promise of easier treatment of weight problems.

A recent study of 5,881 persons

compared men and women in 3 weight categories — normal, overweight, and obese. Those who are overweight face a risk of heart failure 34 percent higher than those in the normal weight range. The risk is double for those who are obese. Researchers learned that the risk rose gradually with weight levels.

Heart failure occurs when the heart isn't able to pump enough blood

through the body. Symptoms include shortness of breath, fatigue and swollen feet and ankles.

People who are overweight, or obese, are at risk of other health problems, too, including diabetes, heart disease, strokes and certain cancers.

What weights are associated with the risk of heart failure? The researchers used a measurement called the Body-Mass index (BMI). This is a number that results from comparing weight to height. A person with a BMI of less than 25 has normal weight. If the number is between 26 and 30, a person is overweight, and more than 30 obese.

It is estimated that more than one billion humans on the planet are "extremely overweight." But help may be available soon.

In a different study other researchers claim they have discovered a chemical that our body releases after we eat. They injected the chemical, a hormone, into the bloodstream of a test group and found that it tricked the brain into thinking the stomach was full.

One researcher spoke of possibly identifying foods which cause the body to release more of the hormone and thus help to limit appetite naturally. It may be possible to incorporate the hormone into a tablet which would have the same effect.

Meanwhile, persons who want to lose weight by conventional means can use their BMI as a guide. A BMI is determined in 3 steps based on a person's weight in pounds and height in inches: (1) divide weight in pounds by height in inches, (2) divide again by height in inches, and (3) multiply the result by 703.

Example of how Body-Mass Index is determined:

Weight: 130 lbs; height: 5' 6" (which equals 66 inches)

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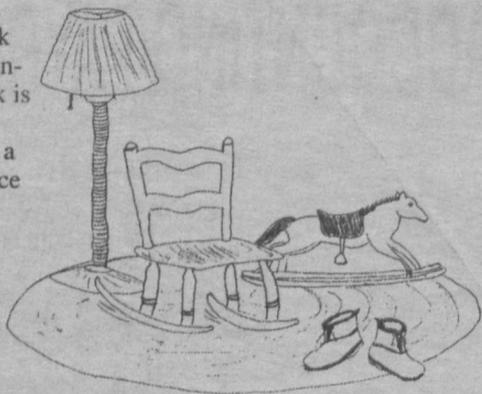
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dancing skills. The Studio offers beginner, intermediate, and advanced classes, for ages 3 through adult, including adult "move n' groove" classes.

Debora now operates a sister studio in Thurmont, MD, where she has given instructions for 28 years. The studio has received more than 300 Regional Titles and 200 National Titles from organizations around the country. Dance Olympus, a national organization for teachers, named her Best Choreographer for the year 2000-2001. Some of her students have become professional dancers. Others have opened their own dance businesses. Deborah herself still takes workshop classes in dancing. Her Encore Star Productions Studio is located at 100 Buford Avenue, Suite A, across from the Post Office. Information: 717-337-3559.

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Court rules student Bible club protected by First Amendment

Staff Report

The Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which earlier this year ruled that including the phrase "Under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance was unconstitutional, once again has taken on the issues of separation of church and state, and free speech.

On Sep. 9 the court overturned a lower court ruling which threw out a complaint by a high school Bible club leader, Tausha Prince, that her First Amendment rights had been violated. It agreed with the student's complaint that the Bethel School District of Washington State had violated her rights of speech and religion, and had broken a 1984 law forbidding federally funded public schools from excluding religious extracurricular clubs if they allow others.

The school district refused to give Ms Prince's club the same benefits granted to other school groups, such as access to facilities and student body

money for activities, which was granted to other clubs. It claimed that granting religious groups the same status as secular groups would violate the constitutional separation of church and state.

All three Circuit Court judges ruled in favor of the student, citing that her club, the "World Changers," was strictly voluntary and student-led, as opposed to the more mandatory, teacher-led recital of the Pledge of Allegiance.

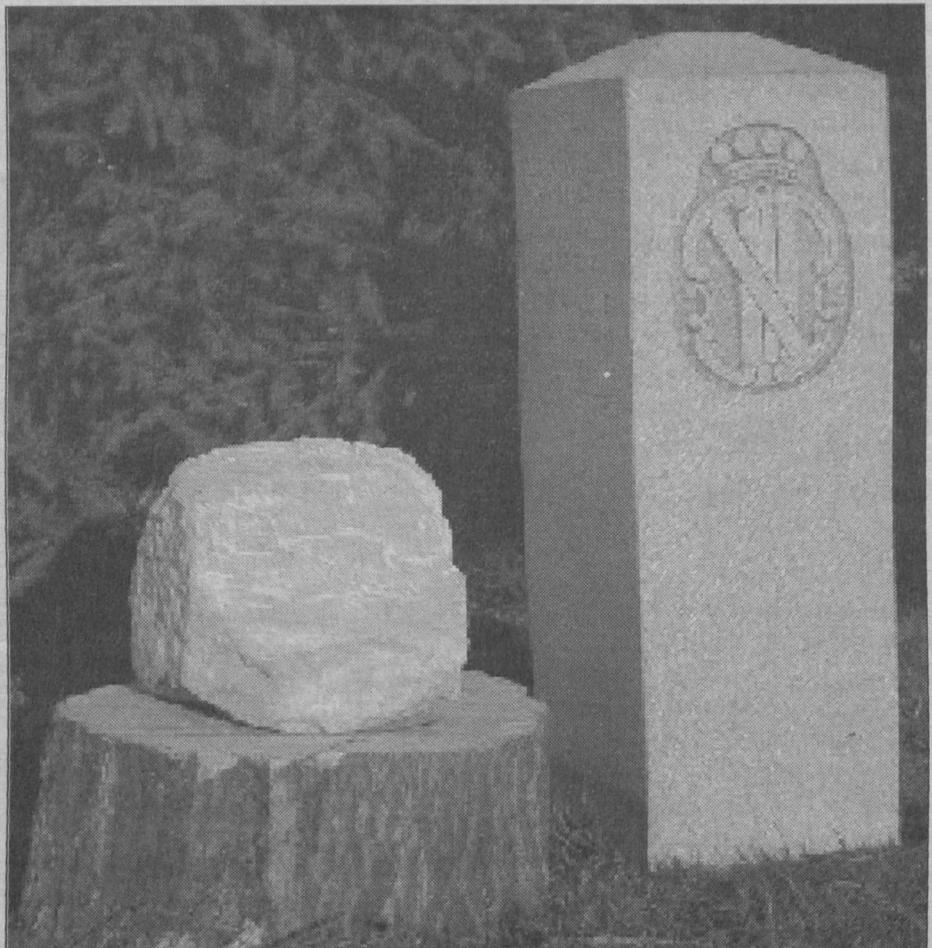
Judge Kim Wardlaw declared the goals of the "World Changers" were secular in nature. That "these more secular goals are pursued through a religious perspective or religious means cannot form the basis of excluding them [from receiving equal access to funds and facilities.]"

The American Center for Law and Justice initiated the case in 1998.

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Clean energy near standstill

Staff Report

Burning fossil fuels like oil and coal keeps filling the earth's atmosphere with carbon dioxide which traps heat like a blanket. This is one reason why the planet is getting warmer, icebergs are melting, and various weather-related catastrophes occur, including storms and droughts. Yet the world relies mainly on fossil fuels, while renewable energy sources, not including hydroelectric power, provide only a tiny fraction of the world's energy.

Renewable energy technology remains at a near standstill primarily because of money. A recent summit meeting in Johannesburg on developing countries omitted global warming from the agenda, mostly at the insistence of the United States and oil-exporting nations.

Energy derived from sunlight and wind, the greatest renewable energy sources, is more expensive than fossil fuels although prices have fallen over the last decade. But the average prices of coal, oil and natural gas remain relatively lower.

Solar systems are expensive to build

and technology that would enable the whole industry to cut costs substantially is a long way from maturity. Wind power has become competitive, but few people want towering windmills in wind parks nearby, and wind does not blow reliably.

The major oil companies are researching and manufacturing renewable energy sources — especially fuel cells and hydrogen. Driven by consumer demand this research has already resulted in fuels that are inexpensive and burn more cleanly. Yet it may be years before the devices will be cheap enough for ordinary consumers.

Experts agree, however, that for the production of energy from renewable sources to thrive, governments will have to act. Ideally, they argue, countries will impose carbon charges on power generated by fossil fuels, to reflect the environmental damage they cause. Japan has stepped in that direction, offering incentives and tax breaks for building solar-powered structures.

A question asked by some citizens is whether the movement toward cleaner energy could begin on a small scale with action by local governments.

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These grandparents want this man to stay near, and they do something funny to make it happen, in "Over The River And Through The Woods," a family comedy by the Blue Ridge Theatre Guild starting Oct 25. Cast members pictured L-R (top) Homer Wood and Frank Green; (bottom) Beth Royer Watson, Steven Ross and Doris Merson.

Family comedy drama to open in Fairfield

Staff report

A family comedy, "Over the River and Through the Woods," is scheduled to run Oct. 25-27 at the Carroll Valley Resort Hotel in Fairfield, PA. The Blue Ridge Theatre Guild will stage the show also in 2 other locations near Emmitsburg on successive weekends: Nov. 1-3 at the Thurmont American Legion, and Nov. 9-10 at the Arendtsville, PA V.H.S. One of the performers is Lori Drega, Director of the Advanced M.B.A. Program Office at Mount St. Mary's College.

Director Spence Watson describes the play as the story of Nick Christano and his 2 sets of Italian-American grandparents. Nick is a New York City marketing executive who has

been offered a promotion to move to Seattle, but he is the only relative close enough to his grandparents to visit them weekly and they desperately do not want him to go! So they hatch a little plot to have him meet the niece of a canasta player friend of theirs in hopes that he will find a stronger reason to stay. The fun begins when they secretly invite her over to dinner, to Nick's surprise and embarrassment over their table conversation.

The Carroll Valley and Thurmont shows feature dinner, brunch, or dessert options, and senior/students discounts. Information, Carroll Valley: Gary Bechtel 717-642-5211; Thurmont 301-271-3052 or e-mail thurmontthespians@yahoo.com.

Quilters

Join or form a club but quilt together

Mary Ellen Cummings
Dispatch writer

Quilt making with a group is an option some women are hesitant to try. The reasons for this hesitancy are as numerous as the women. Sometimes all that's needed is a little push. However, not all groups of quilters are Utopian, and the new member gets discouraged.

Several quilting magazines feature quilt groups, but approach the subject from the accomplishment angle. Photos and text attest to what these groups have done — for community, "in memory of," and charities. The "Aids quilt" and those made to commemorate 9-11-01 are well-known examples of group efforts. However, not everyone is comfortable being involved in such a grand scale.

Not many publications featuring quilts escape my attention, and, I remember only on article actually focusing on groups. The author had advised "don't quilt alone," citing benefits of being part of a group. If you are interested, check church activity groups; senior centers, community events groups, or your favorite fabric shop. If you fail to find a group to work with, start your own. All it takes is 4 or 5 people interested in getting together to talk, snack, work on hand-work or crafts.

One option is to join a quilt guild. These are structured groups, men and women, who are interested in the world of quilts. Some guilds have as many as 300 members. The meet in splinter groups, but all members are working on the same projects.

A guild in Gaithersburg, MD, held a one-day workshop to make baby quilts. Fifty women made 65 small quilts that day. One lady in that guild does not quilt, or ever sew. She just

loves quilts and collects old ones.

Guild meetings are usually monthly and have structured programs. Jinny Beyer, Kaye Wood, and Alex Anderson are typical of the nationally known experts in quilting who appear at Guild meetings. They also have classes and demonstrations.

Informal quilting groups, like senior groups, are unstructured, have fluctuating hours and no dues to pay. Get together usually include lunch or snacks. You don't have to be a quilter to join in. The project may be one quilt a year to raffle or quilting for other people, or each other.

Attend a quilting session with several groups to see which has the style you like. But, don't be misled. All groups are not alike and none are problem-free.

One ladies-aid group at a large church quilted on only one quilt at a time and quilted only for customers. Some ladies, who did not quilt, attended, but complained there was nothing they could do and felt left out. The leader suggested these ladies could fix lunch each week. One woman did nothing but thread needles for the eight quilters.

One quilter, a family member, worked at three different senior centers. At each one she "climbed a miff tree" (her favorite saying) and quit.

Some quilters are fast, some slow. Some leave knots showing. Others make uneven stitches. One woman may complain all day and one may talk more than she works. But, hey, that's how it is with a family.

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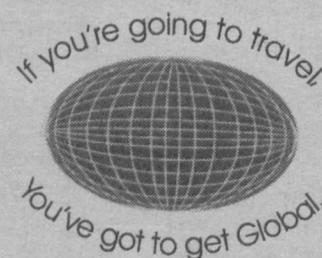
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Looking Ahead

Oct. 9. Youth recreation. The Youth Alliance of Thurmont and the Catoctin Area Recreation Council (CARC) have decided to join forces. They had been meeting on different nights in different weeks. They're inviting both young people and adults to the next meeting, Oct. 9, to recommend youth activities. The Council offers recreational opportunities for adults, as well. It meets the second Wednesday of each month at the Knott Auditorium in classroom B at 7 p.m. The Council says it is looking for ideas; no one will be asked to lead an activity.

Oct. 12. Ridgefest. Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church of Rocky Ridge will host festivities Oct. 12 and 13 at Mt. Tabor Park in Rocky Ridge. Apple butter will be available for sale (advance orders: 301-271-2880). Flea markets, crafts (for free space call 301-271-2135), good home cooked food, and a country store. Mt. Tabor Park is home to the "big slide" a giant sliding board.

Oct. 17. Tree well awards. Silver Fancy Garden Club plans to give out awards to those who planted flowers and otherwise tended the tree wells on Main Street. When? At its meeting Oct. 17 in the Emmitsburg Ambulance building on S. Seton Ave. The club does a lot of planting in Emmitsburg and also helps with the decorating of the town at Christmas time. It has scheduled a guest speaker scheduled for the meeting which will be open to the public. The Emmitsburg Dispatch has sponsored 2 tree wells on the square. Information: Frankie Fields, 410-756-2380.

Oct. 18. New Orleans jazz. The Preservation Hall Jazz Band performs at the Weinberg Center. 301-228-2828.**Oct. 19. Gardening Seminar.** Master Gardeners of Adams County is holding an all-day workshop and invite all gardeners in the area to attend. Topics of workshops include native plants, trees and shrubs, home fruit trees, drought gardening, and garlic, popcorn and vegetable rotation. The keynote speaker, Joel Lerner, will address the topic "Anyone Can Landscape." Mr. Lerner is the author of a weekly gardening column in The Washington Post and author of books on landscape and garden design. The cost for the day, \$35 per person, includes continental breakfast and box lunch. Information or registration: Pat Simpson, 670 Old Harrisburg Road, Suite 204, Gettysburg, Pa. 17325. Fax: 717-334-0166. E-mail: pas35@psu.edu.

Oct. 20. Breakfast. Taneytown Rod & Gun Club Inc. on 12380 Shoemaker Rd, will be having a good

old country breakfast, 7 a.m. - 11 a.m. Adults \$5.00, children ages 6 to 12 \$4.50. Information: (410)751-1685

Oct. 21. Crop Walk. The Emmitsburg Crop Walk will be held on the J. Long property which Trinity United Methodist Church owns. Registration will begin at 1:15 p.m., and the walk will start at 1:30. Crop walks are sponsored by the Church World Service Organization. The emphasis this year is on hunger in Sudan, Africa's largest nation by area. It suffers from the world's longest running civil war — 35 of the last 46 years. One-fourth of the money raised by the crop walk here will stay in Emmitsburg to help support our local food bank. Everyone is invited to participate in the walk or sponsor someone else. Forms can be obtained from a church member. Those who recognize God's goodness to them may consider this a way to help those less blessed. Information: 717-642-6963.

Oct. 21. Wilderness Adventures, 50 Years of; retired geologist Dick Nickelson will speak on this topic at the meeting of South Mountain Audubon Society speaker, 7:30 p.m. at the Adams County Agricultural and Natural Resources Center, 670 Old Harrisburg, Rd., Gettysburg. Free.

Oct. 26. Bike-a-thon. The Senior Resource Center of Frederick County will sponsor its first annual bike-a-thon on Oct. 26. Riders can choose either a 17-mile course for experienced cyclists or a 22-mile flat terrain route suitable for families and recreational riders. Both rides start and end at Thurmont Community Park. Sign up before Oct. 15 and receive a free T-shirt. This is a fundraising event for the non-profit Senior Resource Center, which assists low-income senior citizens throughout Frederick County. Information and early registration: 301-696-1800, and www.forseniors-us/bike-a-thon.index.html; email: Global_Vision@compuserve.com. Rain date: Oct. 27.

Newspaper Late?

The publisher intends to have The Emmitsburg Dispatch printed during the first week of the month. In the last week of September a life was extinguished and another lighted, and both events delayed publication. The father of our paginator, Toya Warner, past away suddenly, and Raymond Buchheister's wife, Jennifer, brought a baby boy into the world. His name's Matthias. Also, the printer schedules this newspaper among other daily and weekly publications. These factors interfered with the normal flow of work of a small, very small staff. Thank you for your interest.

Around Town

Car show and dance, normally held in October as the major fund raiser for Tribute to a Friend Scholarship Fund, has been moved to March 1. The fund will help a student with college tuition. The dance will be held in the newly renovated student union building at MSM College. Big band "Big Cam and the Lifters" will entertain with its 50's music. Rosensteel Studio has begun a waiting list for the 600 tickets to be sold. They will go on sale at the beginning the first of the year. Contributions to the fund can be made at F&M Bank. Information: 301-447-6272

Girl Scout troops are forming in the Emmitsburg area, for girls in grades K - 6. There is a Brownie troop for girls in grades 1-3 and a Junior troop for girls in grades 4-6. Leaders in place for a Daisy troop for kindergarten age girls. Brownie and Junior

troops are available after school at Mother Seton School. Information flyers: 301-662-5106 or 301-447-6316.

No hunting yet on the new Town property on the mountain. It won't be open to the public until it is marked with safety zones, probably for next year's hunting season.

Peacemaker Award was given to the Up-County Family Center Sep. 12 by Frederick Community Alternative Mediation (CALM). This is the second such award given by the organization to individuals and groups that "engender and foster the cause of peace." The Center was honored partly because it teaches anger and confrontation management and clear communication skills. CALM also gave a certificate to a Center volunteer, John Ford, who was nominated for an award.

Up-County has a new director, James Jesudas, who begins working at the Center on Oct. 2.

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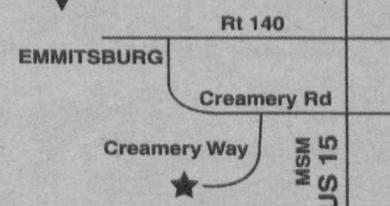
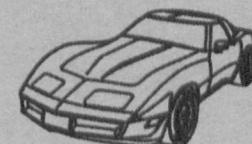


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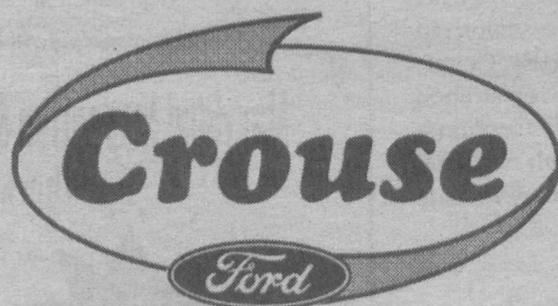


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