

# The Emmitsburg Dispatch

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## Election Day April 29, 2003

On Tuesday, April 29, 2003, registered Emmitsburg voters can exercise their Constitutional right to vote. The Town will give them a simple ballot with only 2 things to vote on. One is called an "Annexation Resolution." The other item on the ballot is the choice of one of 3 candidates for a 3-year term as Town commissioner. Their names, backgrounds and positions appear in a Voter's Guide on page 10 inside this issue of The Emmitsburg Dispatch.

The polls will be open at the Town Office, 22 E. Main St. from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Voters must be registered in Frederick County and reside within the Town limits. Anyone who meets these qualifications but will be out of the area on Election Day may contact the Town Office to obtain an absentee ballot.

**Annexation.** Last summer 2 Town commissioners were able to decide that the Town should annex a 67-acre parcel north of the present Town boundary for a housing development. It is the largest unplanned area within walking distance

of the Town square.

Citizens opposed to the housing development obtained more than enough signatures to require the Town to hold a referendum - a direct vote by the people - on the resolution. That referendum is one item on the ballot.

At the Town office on Election Day, the Town plans to give voters a summary of the resolution. In its draft form the summary contained 10 points of legal importance.

Of special interest are statements: 5: the developer or builder may erect as many as 50 townhouses or row houses. 7: the largest of the 4 parcels to be annexed will be exempt from taxation "until the Town begins providing services to the property" or at least within 5 years. 9: the developer or owners "will also pay certain engineering costs" incurred for their housing development. This amounts to only a percentage of the costs, as little as only 50 percent. Town taxpayers will pay the rest.

**Candidates forum.** The Emmitsburg Dispatch is sponsoring an open forum and has invited the candidates to come to present their thoughts and to answer questions from the audience. The free event is scheduled at the Sleep Inn beginning at 7 p.m. Monday, April 14. All voters and other interested persons are invited.

—Staff writer Susan Allen contributed to this report

## \$414,000 loan to upgrade water line on Mt. View Rd. announced yesterday

Residents along Mountain View Rd. will be getting a new water supply line.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has approved a loan of \$414,000 to upgrade the line that is decades old, has inadequate capacity, poor water flow, low pressure, and poor

quality water. The line serves 1,600 users in 700 houses.

The USDA loan, made through its Rural Development office, has a rate of 4.5 percent and a term of 40 years. Congressman Roscoe G. Bartlett (MD-6) announced the loan yesterday, April 10.

## Let's honor citizens serving our country

*The Emmitsburg Dispatch wishes to publish the names of Emmitsburg citizens serving our country anywhere in the world, and those whose spouses, parents, or children live here (zip code 21727). Please send the name, title, service, and location of anyone you know, and the names of their relatives here. Send pictures - we hope there are none - only of any who may have given their lives. Mail to: Editor, P.O. Box 358, Emmitsburg, MD 21727, or leave for Editor at the Town library.*

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## Community Forum

The Emmitsburg Dispatch to sponsor a Community Forum. Candidates for Town commissioner will answer questions from residents.

Monday, April 14, 7 p.m. at  
the Sleep Inn Hotel.

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## Town meeting, April 7, 2003

## Of changing 'change' in the minutes, then, are new flags already obsolete?

By Raymond Buchheister  
Publisher, and  
Bill Steo, Editor

Armed with Robert's Rules of Order, Town Council President Pat Boyle fired the first shot of the Town meeting April 7. Before the minutes of the March 3 meeting was voted on, Boyle made a motion that the Council members explain what they understood by a single word used at that meeting.

The minutes recorded that on March 3 a motion by Commissioner Brennan was passed, 3-0 (Rosensteel abstaining), "to change the town flag and town seal to reflect the incorporation date." What did we all mean by "change"? Boyle wanted to know. He

paused.

Change facts? Mayor Jim Hoover broke in with an objection: the minutes are a record of what was said and, if correct, could not be changed. To change the wording of the motion, Boyle would have to put it back on the Town agenda. Boyle disagreed and insisted that he was doing the right thing at the right time. He made reference to several pages in Robert's Rules.

Boyle proceeded and, after Commissioner Cliff Sweeney seconded his motion, he called for a vote on his motion to get clarification of "change." He and Sweeney voted Yes. Rosensteel abstained. Ted Brennan was absent.

Sweeney then rose to say, "I thought we agreed to... the incorpora-

tion date being added to the seal. But we did not change the founding dates and did not make a motion to have it removed from the seal or flag." Boyle offered a document with dictionary definitions of "change," and noted that the word "also means 'subtract' or 'add'."

Add? or replace? Sweeney, noting that the motion said, "to change the town flag and town seal to reflect the incorporation date," commented "so, reflecting it would be adding it to the seal. But we didn't have a motion to take off anything else." Boyle said, "That's correct. We did not say to remove the founding date of 1757 from our seal."

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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.

### Is President Bush's war just?

Is there ever any justification for war? I can't believe we are involved in another war! In my life time we had the Pearl Harbor attack, 5 years later the Korea War, and 12 years later Vietnam. The magnitude of the losses were unbelievable! President Bush was determined to go ahead with his call for this war regardless if other nations were convinced to join us in battle.

Our armed forces are marching into Baghdad, with opposition from many governments and protests in many major cities. This disastrous foreign policy will probably alienate many of

our former allies. The compassion much of the world felt for us following 9/11 will turn to hatred. Ultimatums are never good diplomacy! As our armed forces go into battle to fulfill their orders the casualties will be a certainty!

We need to support the men and women risking their lives for our freedom. We also need to question President Bush's policy for pre-emptive warfare. Pray for a successful outcome!

—Jean Brown  
Taneytown, MD

### Thanks for \$10,560 raised for Up-County at dinner-auction

On March 21 Up-County Family Center celebrated 15 years of service to our community. A dinner and auction was held in JoAnn's Ballroom at the Carriage House Inn. The fund-raising event was a huge success raising \$10,560 for Up-County.

On behalf of the Advisory Board Gala Committee I wish to thank all attendees, donors and volunteers who

made the evening a success.

Personally I wish to thank Albert Hobbs, Audrey Glass, Terry and George Gelles, Peg White, Chica Golibart, Rita Carroll, Theresa Karsteter, Don Butt and his team and Samantha Golibart. Hats off to you!

—Bob Hance  
Up-County Advisory Board President

### Turning arrows would control traffic at Town square

I would like to address the opinion made by a reader from 2 issues ago. This person had suggested a solution for the problem with the traffic at the light in Town. Her solution was to eliminate the parking spots at the Town square thus making it into a turning lane.

I live at the Town square with my 9-year-old son, my 9-month-old son, and I'm now due for my third one in August. If there were no parking in front of my building it would be a huge task for me to unload my children with a car full of groceries. I would end up having to walk about a block or 2 just to get to my building, then I get to climb 2 flights of steps just to get to

my apartment.

I don't know about others but when you're pregnant and have two children it makes things very difficult. My suggestion is to leave the parking spots where they are and just add a light with the red, yellow, and green turning arrows on them. This way the folks who need to turn can do so and the ones who need to go straight can do so also. This idea would be better for the people in town who are used to things being the way they are and much more cost effective.

—Sabra Billings  
Emmitsburg

### Protect Town from suburban sprawl

Emmitsburg, the home of my dear grandmother, Mamie Kelly, is a precious place... really a shining star and one of the most historically significant places... I accept that some change is inevitable. However, I feel that the way the change is unfolding needs emergency re-examination. It appears that a sprawl-like model is in place [and] suburban sprawl is choking us all to death.

Most people have an awareness of the smart-growth alternatives that have been advanced. So I wonder about the forces that are allowing this to happen in a haven such as Emmitsburg. Do the citizens of Emmitsburg... want to lose the neighborliness that has molded them into the genuine and caring people they are? Have they thought about the indelible impact [housing] development will have on the spirit of Emmitsburg?

... the destruction of the rural environment, landscape, and the charm of Emmitsburg's village design; the loss community closeness and subsequent alienation of the elderly and needy; the

stress from traffic and driving; the inability to walk to shops, parks, churches; the loss of children's independence; the crime; the noise and pollution; the tacky plastic buildings; and the expensive demands on the town's roads, water, schools, fire, police, social services, etc.

Sprawl doesn't happen overnight. It isn't planned. It creeps up on you like a cancer and then all of the sudden it's there in your midst. I implore you to carry on Emmitsburg's existing mixed-use, grid style of community planning, while preserving much of the outlying rural zoning and all historic structures.

In this way, Emmitsburg will prevail as a unique community, a great place to visit, and a model town. How unbearably sad it would be to see Emmitsburg turn into yet another sprawling suburban mess of asphalt, gridlock and Wal-Marts.

—Kathleen Kelly Walker  
Falls Church, VA

### We will be taxed to furnish services to annexed property

The Town of Emmitsburg's water, sewer, street and school systems are already overloaded. And it is pure folly to suppose that there will not be another drought. Why, then, allow hundreds of new houses to drain our water resources? Who benefits from this? Surely not the present residents.

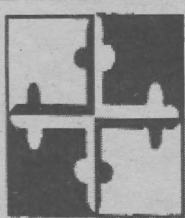
While growth in Frederick County may be inevitable, growth in Emmitsburg is not. Despite what parties with a beneficial interest would have us believe, all growth is not a blessing. We, the present residents, shall be taxed to furnish services to

these hundreds of new houses. They will not pay their own way.

Such residential development is a cancerous growth that will overwhelm our Town's vital organs. Fortunately, we can save ourselves from this curse.

Vote on April 29 against the annexation of the Boyle farm, Silver Fancy, with its proposed 130 new houses. Elect a Town commissioner who will listen to use, work with us, and not against us. Vote for Art Elder.

—Harold C. Craig, Jr.  
Emmitsburg



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## Brennan calls for formation of coalition against drug abuse

Staff Reporter

People abuse drugs in Emmitsburg. "This may not be a big problem but it's a problem," says Town Commissioner Ted Brennan. The problem gets big when people do nothing about it. A congressional staffer for the House International Relations Committee, Brennan says that as part of his job, he has traveled to Peru and Columbia, among other countries, searching for drug sources.

Brennan has called for a meeting at 7:30 p.m. April 15 at the Ambulance Company to establish an "Emmitsburg Coalition to Prevent Drug Abuse." Those who attend can express their opinions, offer solutions, help prepare a mission statement, and set the agenda for the coming year. There are 4700 such coalitions across the country.

At a March 27 meeting at the Ambulance building, Emmitsburg commissioners Boyle, Brennan, and Sweeney were among about 35 Emmitsburg citizens who heard about the drug problem and coalitions to fight it. The keynote speaker was Mary Ann Solburg, Deputy Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy. She addressed the subject generally to promote the formation of coalitions.

One startling fact she mentioned: In the United States the greatest drug



**Mary Ann Solburg, Deputy Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy.**

use under 18 years of age occurs among 6th graders.

The drug abuse problem has come to Frederick County from Baltimore. Some of that city's 60,000 addicts have been ranging out into the County because they can make a large profit to support their habits. They buy a capsule of heroin for \$10 in Baltimore and peddle it in the Frederick area for \$25.

Heroin is an extremely addictive drug. Whatever pleasure it gives when first used soon becomes mere relief from the pain of withdrawal. This is what forces the addict to seek more, to avoid pain.

## State Sen. Brinkley votes for death penalty and to make it easier to apply

By Bill Steo  
Editor

A bill to halt executions temporarily in Maryland was defeated by one vote in the State legislature on March 16. The bill (SB53) proposed a moratorium on the death penalty until officials could review how Maryland applies it.

A University of Maryland study showed the death penalty has been imposed differently according to race and geographical locations. The measure would not have ended executions but only put them on hold until the State could figure out how to end the possibly unjust application of the death penalty.

District 4a State Sen. David

Brinkley voted against it.

Another bill (S12) would have raised the standard of proof for imposing the death sentence. After a conviction courts weigh circumstances that influenced the commission of the crime to see whether death or some lesser sentence should be imposed.

The State Senate defeated this bill, too, with the help of Brinkley's vote. Circumstances can be alleged for the death penalty even if there is a reasonable doubt about them.

Gov. Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., lifted the moratorium against the death penalty put in place by his predecessor, Parris N. Glendening. He promised to veto the 2 bills if the State legislature passed them.

## Bulk Trash Pickup May 16

Emmitsburg resident can get a free pickup of large items that don't fit into a trash can -- if they schedule a pickup by calling 301-228-2890. No call, no pickup.

Bulk trash, according to Frederick County, which is providing the service, includes household furniture and appliances.

The County lists many more items that it will not pick up: tires, batteries, automotive products/parts, wire, fencing, steel cable, gas tanks, oil tanks, propane tanks, barrels, drums, buckets, paint cans, explosives, radioactive material, hazardous waste, farm machinery/parts, construction/building material, yard trimmings, commercial/industrial/medical waste.

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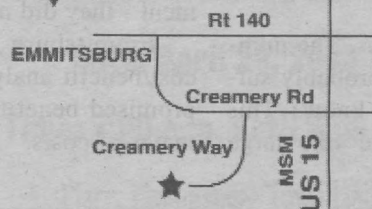
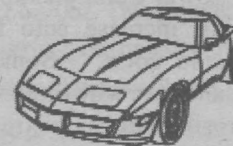
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## EDITORIAL

### Why Emmitsburg should not have another housing development

What is the charm of a small town? It is like the glory of the heavens graced with clouds and the sun.

Sometimes in the morning or early evening the sun crowns and pierces the clouds with orange and yellow rays. Clouds and sun transfigure the azure sky into a vision that makes us pause and breathe deeply. An hour later the heavens have changed into a resplendent vision, dramatically different but equally exquisite. On another day clouds of an endless variety of grays paint a wholly different, lovely picture. Each vision is unique yet the beauty of each is similar.

Small towns are like that, I think; at least some. Each has its own unique beauty in a greater or lesser degree.

It is impossible to tell why the rolling, valleyed and peaked cloud mountains, haloed with light, and the wisps and streams of vapor stained by the sun, and the valiant patches of blue remaining exposed - how can we tell anyone why all this stuns us with its glory?

How, also, can we tell why we love Emmitsburg as it is? Unlike Shakespeare, we are unable to "count the ways" we love it or adequately say why.

Shattered charm. If the proposed housing development becomes a suburb, Emmitsburg's charm will be shattered just as a jagged row of buildings make a beautiful sky a mere background swatch.

The housing development will also pollute our environment. We will lose a large open space near the center of Town. Cars, pickups, motorcycles will increase auto fumes, pot-holes, and noise. Some birds and small animals will die or flee. Open fields rimmed with trees will be smothered with concrete sidewalks and black pavement.

Decreased friendliness. The number of people, too, will probably surpass the number we can know. This Town may well become like large

cities where passing strangers neither look at, nor address each in a friendly manner.

This is the deepest reason we urge citizens to vote No to the annexation proposal on April 29 — the housing development, which includes row houses, will destroy the small town splendor of Emmitsburg. But there are other good reasons, explained in the July, August, September and November issues of The Emmitsburg Dispatch. The Town alleges benefits from the housing development:

Tax revenue? The increased cost for Town services will be exceeding any future tax revenues from the housing development.

New business? The people moving to a suburb of Emmitsburg will shop where they work, like other suburbanites, not create a demand for any new store in their neighborhood. They will come here to escape their places of business, not start new ones.

Pay for water line? The agreement is that the developer would pay only a fraction of the cost of the new water line he needs to service his property. We taxpayers will pay the rest. That's a net loss to us.

Poor business practice. The Emmitsburg Dispatch has been grievously concerned that Town officials have failed to use good business practices in this matter. They presented a glowing report about the potential benefits of the annexation - outlined above. They could have demanded that the developer provide this, but they paid Town staff members to do. And in one respect the report seemed rigged: the staff calculated the water required by housing development to be much less than public agencies recommended.

On the other hand, what Town officials should have done - calculate the possible costs and damages resulting from the housing development - they did not do or tell us.

Emmitsburg citizens needed cost/benefit analysis. The Town only promised benefits and made no estimates of costs.

Not needed. There's nothing wrong with the Town annexing land. The issues are: Do we need it? What is it to be used for?

Emmitsburg does not need another housing development for any of the alleged benefits. The Town can attract new business without a giveaway like this. Tap fees from over 230 new houses in 4 existing housing developments will produce nearly \$2 million - enough to pay for all the water main projects.

In 1998 Emmitsburg obtained control of its growth so that the

County cannot develop surrounding areas according to its own plans. If Town officials seriously searched for the best use of the Boyles' land, they could get something truly beneficial for Emmitsburg — a park, a research center, an arts complex, a low impact industry like software development, or many things other than a housing development that would increase taxes, harm the Town's environment and way of life, and is altogether unnecessary.

— Bill Steo

Editor, The Emmitsburg Dispatch

### The people of a nation at war: without answers and helpless

On Wednesday, March 19, 2003, President George Bush ordered the start of a war against Iraq. American forces began to bomb the country to disarm it and, it seems unsuccessfully, to kill Saddam Hussein. At 10:15 p.m. the president told the nation the war had begun "on my orders."

Apparently, the war actually started earlier than the White House claimed. According to news reports Bush acted on intelligence that Iraq's leadership could be decapitated quickly. In fact the war may have started months earlier. We may never know how many special forces penetrated Iraq long before March 19 to gather intelligence, rally Kurdish resistance, protect the oil fields, and carry out other missions.

Countless questions. Did Iraq pose an imminent threat to a distant mighty nation? Were al Qaeda cells supported by Saddam's regime? Were they acting independently? Is there any proof there were such cells in Iraq? Where's the threat?

The U.S. complained when inspectors found Iraqi ordnance that could travel more than 150 miles. If Iraq had weapons of mass destruction, did it have the means to send them 8,000 miles to our shores? How was any threat imminent?

Even a layman can think of dozens of questions that need to be answered before anyone can understand this war. At present, without such answers, the war against Iraq appears to be the most unreasonable action of an American

president in our history.

Opposition. Before the war most Americans, the heads of most nations, most United Nation members, most North America Treaty Organization members, and a large number of military and other experts with impressive credentials, pointed out the many-faceted folly of a war against Iraq.

The top religious leaders of the world also spoke out against war but, according to a March Pew report, Americans heard little from their church pulpits and say they have been little influenced by their religious beliefs.

Helpless. Finally, what can ordinary citizens, in small towns and big cities, do about the war being fought in Iraq? Next to nothing. No one can stop the firing of a single \$80,000 missile. We cannot influence strategy or suggest a tactic that our military leaders have not thought about. No individual knows what they know.

And what can The Emmitsburg Dispatch or any small newspaper report that has not been blared out by radio and television stations day and night? Nothing. Actually, your editor had some questions, but his telephone calls and emails to the press offices of the Pentagon received not even the courtesy of a "no comment."

In one small and comforting way, however, we can influence the service of front line troops, at least indirectly. We can boost their morale with our letters. And we can pray for them and for peace.

  
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## TOWN NEWS

### Town Manager's Report April 2003

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

**Wastewater.** The Town is still suffering due to wild water infiltration. The Town consumed only an average of 288,500 gallons per day of drinking water but treated an average of 976,000 GPD at the wastewater treatment plant. The Town was treating 687,500 GPD of wild water, which is not used by residents. This amounts to 70 percent of all of the water treated at the plant this month.

In the first week of March the plant treated over 1,000,000 gals. every day (the daily avg. capacity of the plant is only 800,000 gallons).

On 11 days it treated over one million gallons.

The most treated on one day was 2,513,000 gals., on March 20.

**Water.** Rainbow Lake is full and

spilling water over the spillway. All wells are at non-drought levels.

**Streets.** Hauled snow, replaced 'stop' sign at Jamison Ave & W. Lincoln Ave. Cleaned Main St., misc. cold patch street repairs. Installed U.S. flags on Street Lights around the Square.

**Parks.** In Memorial Park: removed fencing from old recycling location; turned on the water and checked the restrooms; painted parts of the Little League, girls softball field dugouts, and the little concession stand to cover-up graffiti painted by vandals on these facilities over the winter. Dragged infields of ball fields; started to repair roads and parking lots in parks.

**Zoning.** Issued permits for 5 new houses in Pembroke Woods.

**Code Enforcement.** Collected: Parking meter fees, \$1,259.31, parking fines: \$510, other \$304. Total: \$2073.31.

### A word from a commissioner Pigeons-B-Gone

What is the Town's stand on the removal of pigeons? This question has arisen in recent Town meetings. This article is to help property owners who are experiencing problems, and to tell what and who is responsible for eliminating the problem.

In order to help the Town property owners I have done some research and came up with the following alternatives and suggestions.

It is not the responsibility of the Town to eliminate the pigeons or their droppings as long as they roost on the owner's property. It can be the responsibility of the Town to issue a letter of enforcement should the pigeon droppings become a health hazard. Should this occur, the Town would ask the property owner to do a wash-down.

A bit of background information on pigeon control, which can become very controversial: One of the approaches is killing. Maryland has a criminal statute making it a crime to kill, maim, or trap a carrier pigeon (Section 10-6-22 of the Criminal Law Article, Md. Code Ann.). According to the revisors' note, a "carrier" is an "Antwerp or homing" pigeon. This meaning would still apply since the recent revision was non-substantive. Therefore, any extermination plan must carefully discriminate among these birds.

Furthermore federal law will also come into play, as migratory birds are

protected under federal statutes and regulations. Therefore, it is probably best that a licensed exterminator be utilized by both private and public parties when exterminating or deterring birds from roosting.

From a health point of view, pigeons can and do carry infectious diseases, though the incidence is low. While a Town government can certainly regulate citizens' feeding pigeons, the solution thought most effective is pigeon eradication programs, which can be controversial even though Towns are exercising their valid police powers.

Some programs involve retro filling areas in which pigeons like to roost with wires, nets and other deterrents. Others involve using ultrasonic devices that annoy the birds, although they can quickly get used to the same sound. Also, some forms of tape and gel are available.

Descriptions of human techniques to remove pigeon populations may be found in publications such as *The Pocket Guide to the Human Control of Wildlife, and Wild Neighbors*, published by the Humane Society of the United States. The Frederick County Health Department is very helpful and can be called at 301-631-3168. Other sources are available on the internet.

—Joyce Rosensteel

Emmitsburg Town Commissioner

### A word from the Mayor

## Town contracts with Frederick for deputies, not hours of service

Last month I received a letter inquiring about our Town deputies. Because there was no return address, I was unable to respond to the resident who wrote it. Since I thought the question might also be of interest to other residents, I am responding to everyone.

The Town contracts with the Frederick County Sheriff's office to provide Emmitsburg with 2 deputies. When the Sheriff's office contracts with a municipality to provide deputies, the contract is specific to name each deputy. Therefore, the Town is not contracting for a specific number of hours, but for specific employees.

This means, when our contract deputy is on any type of leave, the town will be short-staffed. When we are expected to be short-staffed for an extended period of time (more than 5 days), the Sheriff's office will assign another deputy to the Town.

Along with the deputies that the Town contracts for, the Frederick County Sheriff's office is also required to provide routine patrol checks with the deputies that are assigned to the northern part of Frederick County. These deputies must also respond to emergency calls as needed.

As for patrolling the streets more than they do: You have to understand that we only contract for 2 deputies; this is the biggest reason that you don't see them more often. The 2 deputies that are currently assigned to Emmitsburg are very active in their patrols, both riding and walking. The deputies have been instructed to enforce the traffic speed coming in to

town. These instructions are due to residents voicing their concerns to the Town Council for many years.

Although the Town does not receive any of the money collected from traffic enforcement, the enforcement is done as a matter of public safety. The deputies are also required to patrol the Town's sewer and water plants, both of which are outside of the Town limits.

The Frederick County Sheriff's office, not Emmitsburg, provides direct supervision to the deputies. For several years I was also concerned about the lack of control the Town had over the contracted deputy's responsibility. It appeared to me that we received very little support from the Sheriff's office. But over the last 6 months the Sheriff's office has made tremendous improvements to our service.

I have spoken with our deputies, the Sheriff, and to the Sergeant responsible for the supervision of our deputies. The Sheriff's Office has been very cooperative in adjusting the deputies' schedules to provide the most police coverage at most critical hours. Additional shifts are covering random hours to prevent the criminal element from becoming familiar with a set routine.

At the start of our new budget year, I hope to be able to provide additional police coverage through the means of hiring off-duty Frederick County deputies to cover the hours that our contracted deputies are not available.

—Jim Hoover  
Mayor of Emmitsburg

### TOWN OF EMMITSBURG NOTICE OF REFERENDUM ELECTION ON ANNEXATION RESOLUTION 2002-004R (SILVER FANCY (BOYLE) FARM ANNEXATION)

The Town of Emmitsburg will hold a referendum election on Resolution 2002-004R passed by the Mayor and Commissioners on September 6, 2002. This Resolution approved the annexation of 63.313 acres of real property, more or less, into the Town of Emmitsburg. A proper petition for referendum was submitted to the Mayor and Commissioners, and pursuant to Maryland law, the referendum election will be held at the following date, time and place.

**Date: April 29, 2003**

**Time: 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.**

Place: Emmitsburg Town Hall  
22 East Main Street  
Emmitsburg, Maryland

All qualified voters of the Town of Emmitsburg are encouraged to vote.

**Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Emmitsburg, Maryland**





## Change

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Mayor Hoover said he thought the commissioners who voted understood “change” to mean “replace.” He said that Sweeney and Boyle needed to learn the intention of Ted Brennan who made the motion.

Brennan arrives. At this precise moment Commissioner Brennan walked in, 10 minutes after the Town meeting had begun, and Hoover said, “I guess you can ask Ted now what his intention was at that time.”

Sweeney then briefed Brennan about what had taken place before he arrived, and Brennan said, “When I said to ‘change,’ that means ‘take one off and replace it with another’... take off the founded date and put on the incorporation date.”

“You did not say that... in your motion,” Boyle told Brennan. “So that’s why I have brought this back on the floor... To clarify the word ‘change’ and what we voted on. ‘Cause Pee Wee and I did not understand the vote to say ‘remove 1757’ from the town seal.”

Many dates OK. Meanwhile Boyle had distributed to the board a letter from James Peck, Research Director for the Maryland Municipal League. Boyle reported that the Town attorney agreed with Peck, “that we can have 2 dates, 3 dates or whatever, on the

Town seal.”

Mayor Hoover told Boyle, “Our discussion [on March 3] was about what date do we recognize and the date you chose to recognize was the incorporation date... 1825.” Boyle replied that they had not agreed to “do away with 1757.”

Boyle then pursued his original intention to replace the word “change” in the minutes with “add.” “Do I have a second?” Sweeney seconded his motion. Rosensteel and Brennan abstained.

After the meeting Mayor Hoover said the matter may not have been handled properly according to Robert’s Rules. Replacing “change” with “add” made the minutes of last month’s meeting inaccurate. It changed both the wording and the intent of Brennan’s motion.

Town website? Boyle now banged the gavel, stating that the minutes should reflect the change of wording just voted. At that moment Mike Hillman walked out. Hillman instigated the founding date issue and has been promoting 1785 as Emmitsburg’s founding date throughout Frederick County and elsewhere.

By leaving early he missed Boyle’s recommendation that the Town of Emmitsburg have its own government website. The Town currently has a web page on Hillman’s private site,

www.emmitsburg.net, which he created and updates.

How it began. Commissioner Pat Boyle said that he thought about the issue when he noticed the absence of the flag in the Town office. Mayor Hoover told The Emmitsburg Dispatch that he had the Town’s 6 flags secured under lock and key after the board’s decision in March to replace 1757 with 1825, so that none of the flags would “come up missing.” No decision has

been made concerning their disposal.

The Emmitsburg Dispatch has learned that 6 new flags and seals have already been ordered, made, and are en route to the Town office. Their estimated cost is between \$1200 and \$1500.

As matters stand, there may someday be a website called “www.emmitsburg.gov.” But whether the Town flag and seal will have both “Founded 1757” and “Incorporated 1825” seems unresolved.

## Other business at the Town Meeting

Among other measures the Town Commissioners voted:

— 4-0 to donate \$500 to Catoclin High School Safe ‘n Sane program.

— 4-0 to accept the 2nd year option of the existing trash contract with an increased cost of 3.6 percent.

— 4-0 to renew Sheriff’s Police Protection Contract with Frederick County Sheriff’s office.

— 4-0 to reduce the time in which action will be taken on abandoned property — the notice period from 15 to 5 days, and the removal period from 15 to 7 days. Once notified, residents will now only have a total of 12 days, down from 30, to remove abandoned property.

— 4-0 to accept the Little League contract with the change of its name to Emmitsburg Baseball and Softball League. Opening day will be on April 26th.

— 4-0 to appoint Carol Pavek to

the Ethics Committee. The Committee still has 2 open seats that need to be filled.

— 4-0 to appoint Bob Rosensteel, Sr. to the Board of Appeals. This is a 5 year term which Rosensteel currently holds.

— 3-0 to appoint Carol Pavek, Lois Hartdagen, and Danielle White as this year’s elections judges for the election of April 29, and Larry Pavek as an alternate. Commissioner Brennan recused himself because he is up for election. These individuals were the only ones to respond to the ad for election judges.

— 3-0 to pay the judges \$130 each and give them 2 meals at Town expense.

— 4-0 to donate \$10,500 at \$3500 per year for the next 3 years to the Emmitsburg Ambulance Co., the money to be applied to the cost of its new ambulance which cost \$132,613.

## Time to adopt a tree well to beautify Town and win cash

From May through September, the Silver Fancy Garden Club will run another Adopt-A-Tree-Well contest. It will award cash prizes at its October meeting in Emmitsburg to gardeners of the 3 most beautiful and well-maintained tree wells, and submit photos to this newspaper.

The Club invites churches, youth groups, businesses, other organizations, and individuals to participate.

Persons living out of town may enter. Last year’s winners may maintain tree-wells but are not eligible for a prize this year.

Would-be contestants should select a tree-well and call Emmitsburg’s Town office sign up: 301-447-2313. A member of the Silver Fancy Garden Club will get in touch with them. They can start planting their tree well at any time.

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## Outside the game

# First woman in 60 years to play in men's golf tournament

By A.J. Russo  
Dispatch writer

In May sports history will be made in Texas at the Bank of America Colonial Golf Tournament. Annika Sorenstam, will be the first woman in 60 years to play in a Professional Golfers Association (PGA) event.

Of course, this isn't the first time women have played with and against men in major professional sports. Billie Jean King and what's-his-name (Bobbie Riggs) started it off with their infamous tennis match. Ann Meyers signed with the Indiana Pacers of the National Basketball Association (NBA) in 1979 and Nancy Lieberman played in the USBL (US Basketball League) in 1986. Hockey players, pitchers, place kickers — women have tried them all and some succeeded.

Granted golf is more of an individual sport than basketball and hockey, where the players are truly competing against one another head-to-head, but that's part of what makes this match-up intriguing — women and men using their own skills and strengths to accomplish the same thing, side-by-side.

Sorenstam deserves to be there. Thirteen wins, 11 on the LPGA (Ladies PGA) tour with a 68.7 average score. No golfers have won more tournaments — yes, not even Tiger Woods. Some have said that she'll have to perform well to help women, especially in their fight for athletic equality. I think by just playing in the tournament she's helping.

Annika claims that she's putting herself on the line, not women in general. Granted this is a great opportunity for her to raise the level of her game, but Annika, come on, get your head out of the sand trap, this is a milestone for women. Wouldn't it be nice to see a woman in one of those PGA Masters green sport coats one day?

All that aside, though, I'd like to ask Annika to consider one more question very carefully before she steps her spiked shoes onto the manicured grass at the Colonial. What will the effect of your playing in this tournament have on women's golf in general and LPGA tournaments in particular? Well, that's actually 2 questions.

Annika, if you play as expected and place well in the tournament, inevitably more women will join you in future PGA events. What will happen to the LPGA? I predict, it will become a second-tier organization. The best women will play in the PGA, the second best in the LPGA. This will downgrade the LPGA to second grade status. Who will watch? Who will sponsor? As it is now, it's a stellar institution that supports exciting play and fierce competition, and the money ain't bad either.

What will the future of the LPGA be like? The decision to play in the Colonial may have a bigger influence than Annika Sorenstam thinks.

*Editor's note: A.J. Russo, Ph.D. is a professor and former head lacrosse coach at Mount St. Mary's College. He is the author of 7 novels and numerous short pieces.*

## Youth Conservation Corps works to preserve nature

Young men and women who like the outdoors and want to help preserve natural resources can apply for the 2003 Youth Conservation Corps program. If accepted, they will monitor fish populations, gypsy moths, and alien plants. They will maintain trails and construct some.

The YCC program is scheduled to last 8 weeks from June 23 to August 15. The workday will begin at 8 a.m. and end at 4:30 p.m. It requires "daily outdoor labor, working in heat, and

using a variety of hand tools," for \$5.25 per hour, says the National Park Service which runs the program.

Applicants must be 15 to 18 years of age and will be chosen by a random drawing. They can obtain forms from high school guidance counselors or by contacting Andy Ludwig at Catocin Mountain Park, 6602 Foxville Road, Thurmont, MD 21788. The completed forms must be mailed to reach him by April 15, 2003. Information: Carolyn Davis, 301-416-0536.



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## RELIGION

## Council of Church schedules Jewish Seder at Elias Lutheran

The Emmitsburg Council of Churches is sponsoring a Seder at 6 p.m. on Palm Sunday, April 13, at Elias Lutheran Church in Emmitsburg.

A Seder is a richly symbolic meal commemorating God's rescue of the Israelites from Egypt. It is prepared and eaten, as much as possible, according to the instructions in the Book of Exodus, chapter 12.12. Most Jews celebrate with a Seder on the eves of the first and second days of the 8-day Pesach (Passover) festival which has been preserved in Christian churches by Easter week services.

This is the second Seder sponsored

by the Council. Last year Dr. & Mrs. Milton Gordon of the Beth Shalom Congregation in Frederick acted as hosts and explained the ceremony to about 35 guests. They plan to do so again this year.

The Council took reservations for the limited seating until April. 7, asking contributions for food of \$7 for adults, \$3.50 for children under 12. As The Emmitsburg Dispatch went to press, 80-90 persons had made reservations.

Elias will hold no other Lenten service after the Seder. Information, Audrey Glass: 301-447-2129

## Mel Gibson on his film project

Actor-director Mel Gibson who has been making a film on the sufferings and death of Jesus was interviewed in March. Some of his answers:

"This isn't a story about Jews vs. Christians. Jesus himself was a Jew, his mother was a Jew, and so were his Twelve Apostles....The struggle between good and evil, and the overwhelming power of love go beyond race and culture. This film is about faith, hope, love and forgiveness. These are things that the world could use more of..."

"There is no greater hero story than this one — about the greatest love one can have, which is to lay down one's life for someone. The Passion is the biggest adventure story of all time. I

think it's the biggest love-story of all time; God becoming man and men killing God — if that's not action, nothing is...."

"The story has inspired art, culture, behavior, governments, kingdoms, countries — it has influenced the world in more ways than you can imagine. It's a pivotal event in history that has made us what we are today. Believers and nonbelievers alike, we have all been affected by it. Gandhi was a blockbuster hit, but it wasn't just for Hindus. This film is for everyone. For believers and nonbelievers...name one person who has had a greater impact on the course of history."

"I think we have gotten too used to seeing pretty crucifixes on the wall and we forget what really happened."

## The Seder Meal and the Catholic Mass

By Rev. Daniel Nusbaum, Ph.D.  
Mount St. Mary's College  
Special to The Emmitsburg Dispatch

There are many similarities between the Eucharist or Mass as celebrated by Catholics and the Seder Meal of Passover. Both use unleavened bread and wine, both are thought of as special meals, both use ceremonial readings and explanations, and both are centered on what each tradition refers to as a sacrificial lamb.

There is a great deal of dispute as to whether the Last Supper celebrated by Jesus was a Passover Seder or not. Because the Gospels use a Greek term that refers to leavened rather than unleavened bread, and because of confusion over the date of the Passover Seder in the year Jesus died, whether the 14th, or the 15th of the month called "Nisan," some believe the Last Supper was a preparatory meal but not the actual Seder.

Others maintain that, because John in his Gospel emphasizes several times that it is the Passover meal, he is referring to the Seder. It would be impossible to review all the arguments in this brief article. What has to be kept in

mind that both the Mass and the Seder have evolved considerably in their forms over the centuries since Jesus.

Catholics believe that the Mass is centered upon the Sacrificial Lamb who is Jesus and that he is present under the forms of unleavened bread and wine, and that believers, by participating in this sacred meal, are spared from eternal death just as the first-born of the Jews were spared from physical death in that first Passover.

In that sense, the 2 ceremonies have much in common. In quite another sense, the similarity of the Seder and the Eucharist points to the link between the promises made to the Chosen People and the promises made to Christian believers through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. In remembering that the Chosen People still celebrate the Seder, we Catholics recall that we share one God and are brothers and sisters in the history of salvation.

To trace a step by step similarity between Mass and Seder is impossible, but to see a common spirit of belief in the one God is obvious and cause for rejoicing at this time of Passover and of Easter.

**"Ecumenism is not a one-way street, but an exchange of gifts."**

—Cardinal Walter Kasper,  
President of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity.

## 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

Sunday School, 9 a.m.

Worship Service

(Holy Communion) 10:30 a.m.

Interim Pastor: David. S. Knodel

301-447-6239



## A word from the pulpit

# Prayers for Peace

*In this issue The Emmitsburg Dispatch provides prayers for peace instead of an inspirational message. They were composed especially for this newspaper by the pastors in this area, and by a rabbi and by an imam from Frederick, so that persons of all faiths can raise their words and hearts together to ask God for peace. The pastor scheduled to write the message for this issue was asked to select a passage from the Bible. The prayers of all who replied are published here. The arrangement of prayers was dictated by the space available and has no other significance.*

Selected by Pastor Bill Warehime  
Tom's Creek United Methodist

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. /3 He shall judge between many peoples, and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more; /4 but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken. /5 For all the peoples walk, each in the name of its god, but we will walk in the name of the LORD our God forever and ever. /6 In that day, says the LORD, I will assemble the lame and gather those who have been driven away, and those whom I have afflicted. /7 The lame I will make the remnant, and those who were cast off, a strong nation; and the LORD will reign over them in Mount Zion now and forevermore. Amen!" (Micah 4:2-5)

By Pastor Ted Haas  
Incarnation United Church of Christ

God of us all, we are at war and do

no know how rightly to pray for peace. Help us.

We know you will peace on earth, ask nations to study war no more and urge us to become peacemakers. Help us.

We confess we say we want peace, yet trust in military might and do very little peacemaking. We pray "God Bless America," but forget also to pray "God Bless The World." We do not care enough for the suffering of the victims of war. Have mercy upon us, Lord, and help us to change.

Please protect those fighting for justice and freedom.

Please lead our leaders to do what is good.

Please overrule all evildoers.

Please keep before us the vision of peace on earth, so that we may not lose hope that some day we shall overcome.

In the name of the Prince of Peace. Amen

The Islamic Society of Frederick &  
Public Education &  
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of Muslim American Society

"There is no good in most of their secret talks save him/her who orders charity to be given, good to be made and orders for reconciliation between mankind. Indeed, Peace is better." (Qur'an) Almighty Creator!

Let the voices of peace prevail

around the globe and let them give birth to freedom and justice in our human family, that all people may come together in a great fellowship of love.

Help us work out our differences and confront our hatred of others.

Make our people live in love for neither publicity nor power, only for humanity and justice.

Show them how to subject their particular egos to the greatness of the cause. Let them be among those whom the lust of violence cannot kill and the spoils of life cannot buy.

—Imam Yahya Hendi

By Pastor Wade A. Martin  
Trinity United Methodist Church

Almighty God, bless our country that it may be a blessing of peace to the world. Grant that our ideals, values, and desires be in accordance with your will. Be with all who are engaged in war. Soften hearts that harbor evil, and give compassion to those who confront the innocent. Bestow upon us a spirit of love and service, and grant peace for all humankind. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

By Rabbi Morris Kosman  
Beth Shalom Congregation

Our G-d and G-d of our fathers, we invoke Thy blessing upon our country and all who exercise just and

rightful authority. Do Thou instruct them out of Thy Law, in justice and equity, that peace and security may forever abide among us.

Unite all the inhabitants of our country into a bond of true brotherhood, to safeguard the ideals which are our country's glory.

May this land under Thy Providence be an influence for good throughout the world, helping to fulfill the vision of Thy Prophets: "Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall men learn war any more." "For all men, both great and small, shall know the Lord." Amen.

By Rev. Stephen Trzeciowski, C.M.  
St. Joseph's Catholic Church

Almighty and gracious Father, you have created us to be your children, brothers and sisters to each other. You have commanded us to love you and one another in thought, word, and deed

so that we may be united as one family in you now and forever.

During this turbulent time of international strife, open our minds to the inspirations of your Holy Spirit to seek and work for justice and equality for every human being, so that we may enjoy the peace which your Son, Jesus,

graciously left to us, and we ask this in His name. Amen.

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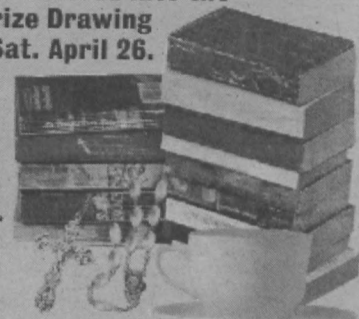
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# VOTER'S GUIDE

## Emmitsburg Election

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

Polls Open: 7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

Ballots to be cast at the Town Office on 22 East Main Street

### Who May Vote?

Emmitsburg residents who reside within the town boundaries. Must be a resident for a minimum of 30 days and a Frederick County registered voter.

The candidates appear in this Voter's Guide in the order they will appear on the ballot.

### Our next commissioner

The gentlemen who are running for the post of Emmitsburg Town Commissioner replied promptly to questions put to them by this newspaper. The Emmitsburg Dispatch thanks them and urges readers to look over the questions and their answers. We believe citizens would not make a mistake voting for any one of them.

The only mistake would be not to vote.

### Questions asked of candidates for office of Town commissioner:

#### 1. Qualifications. (100 words)

About your candidacy: What are your qualifications for holding the office of commissioner for the Town of Emmitsburg? Why do you think you would be a good Town commissioner?

2. Purpose. (50) What are your particular motives for running for this office? What particular good do you hope to do for the Town?

3. Town management. (75) Do you think the Town should be managed differently? If so, what positions, functions and/or procedures would you change?

4. Town's facilities. (50) Which essential things need to be purchased, replaced or repaired so that Emmitsburg can remain a desirable place to live?

5. Funding. (75) From what sources do you think the Town should seek funds to pay for essential Town needs, would you seek:

a. an increase in the property tax rate? or

b. another kind of tax? If yes, what kind?

6. Planning. (100) Soon the Town will review its 20-year plan.

a. What specific changes would you suggest?

b. If you think the Town should grow geographically, why does it need more land? What purpose do you think the Town may have to annex property?

# Candidates for Town Commissioner



## Ted Brennan

### Biography

I was elected to the Town Council for a one-year term on April 16, 2002. I serve as the liaison to the Planning and Zoning Commission, Water and Sewer Commissioner, and President Pro Tempore of the

Council in the absence of the President.

I am a professional Staffer on the House International Relations Committee in the U.S. Congress. I am a 1990 graduate of the University of Notre Dame.

I am married and have 4 children.

### 1. Qualifications

In addition to the qualifications I earned as a staffer in Congress, I served on the Emmitsburg Board of Appeals and as Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission for 3 years. Currently, I am serving my first term as a Town commissioner where I have authored legislation to establish the Emmitsburg Water Committee. I have chaired several Town meetings as the President Pro Tempore. I am in the process of establishing a coalition to fight drug abuse in our community. I would make a good commissioner because

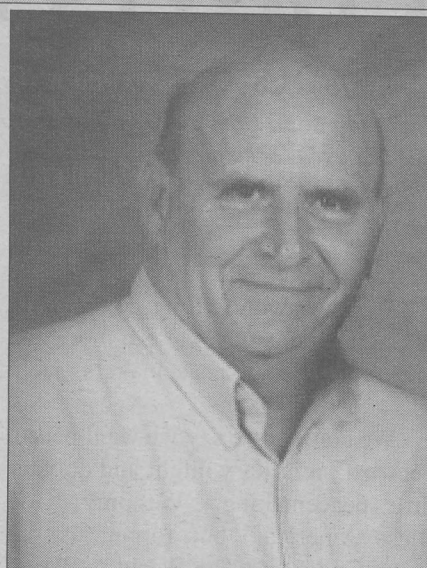
I have the right mix of experience and commitment to our Town.

### 2. Purpose

I am running for office to continue the work I have begun as a commissioner. Emmitsburg is an ideal community in which to live and raise a family. I want to ensure that our community lives up to its ideals. See my website [www.tedbrennan.com](http://www.tedbrennan.com) for more details.

### 3. Town Management:

Under Mayor Hoover, Town management has greatly improved.



## Frank Henry

### Biography

I was born in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 4, 1945, graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in 1963 and served in the Air Force from 1964-68. I have been happily married to my wife Maria for 17 years and enjoy 5 children and 4 grandchildren. My youngest son, John Paul, attends Mother Seton School here in Emmitsburg. I actively serve in St. Joseph's Parish as an usher and on the building and cemetery committees.

### 1. Qualifications

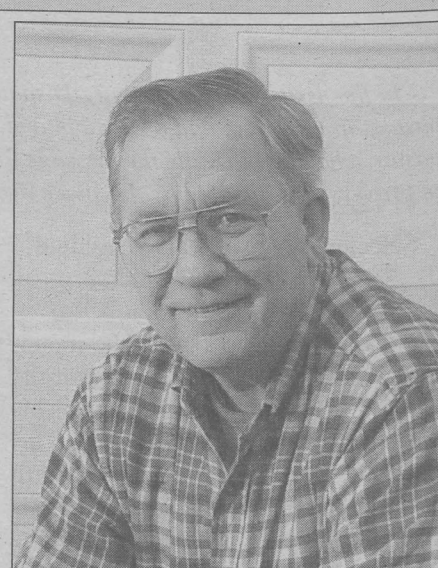
Formerly, I served on the Water and Cable commission in Thurmont and I now serve as Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission in Emmitsburg. For the past 17 years, I have been employed as a building/electrical inspector for Montgomery County, which has required me to enforce building, electrical and mechanical codes. I possess a thorough knowledge of zoning and zoning enforcement regulations. My work experience ideally suits me for the position of commissioner because I possess the requisite technical knowledge. Most importantly, as an informed citizen, I understand the challenges facing Emmitsburg at this time.

### 2. Purpose

My primary motive is to serve both the immediate and long-term interests of the citizens of Emmitsburg. My wish is that we will be able to effect a gradual progression in growth in Emmitsburg while preserving the special charm of our Town and concurrently increasing the infrastructure as deemed appropriate.

### 3. Town management

I think this Town is basically well managed; yet it is apparent that



## Art Elder

### Biography

Lifelong resident of Emmitsburg, MD. Age 60. Born in Pittsburgh, PA. Graduated from Emmitsburg High School. Spouse: Monica Warthen Elder. Member, Knights of Columbus, Brute Council. Former business owner and manager of CPI printing for 30 years. Past president of Emmitsburg Professional Business Association. Former member of Maryland National Guard for 6 years. Former publisher of Emmitsburg Chronicle newspaper.

### 1. Qualifications

As a lifelong resident and business owner in Emmitsburg, I know most of the residents. I will listen to what residents have to say and make decisions based on what residents want and need. I am down-to-earth, honest and practical. I ran a successful printing business and am good at getting jobs done. I'm also good at working with all kinds of people.

### 2. Purpose

I want to preserve our quality of life in Emmitsburg. I will vote for measures that will solve our traffic problems, protect our water supplies, create water reserves, limit residential development, improve our schools, repair and improve our water and sewer systems, and plan sensibly for the future.

### 3. Town management.

The Town needs to keep residents better informed. Town business should not be a secret and should be advertised. All Town meetings should be videotaped and broadcast on the local cable access channel. Annexation proposals should be decided by residents by automatic referendum, not by the Town council. There should be a better system to evaluate the job perform-

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## Brennan

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Problems are being solved much faster and cheaper than ever before. Roads are being repaired, streets cleared in a more timely manner, and efforts to improve infrastructure are being quickly undertaken. But more needs to be done. I will continue to work with the Mayor and my colleagues to find new and innovative ways to improve communications and operations within our government and community.

### 4. Town Facilities

As the Water and Sewer Commissioner, I oversee water and sewer infrastructure. The new water plant we recently built provides the water Emmitsburg needs at the quality it citizens deserve. Repairing and replacing aging water and sewer lines remain a top priority of mine.

### 5. Funding

Funding essential projects in Town has always been a difficult prospect. As a Town commissioner, I have sought the help of our delegations in Annapolis and Washington, as well as the County. With budgets being as tight as they are, a renewed and more vigorous effort to secure funding may be required. I will actively seek grants and other means to help defray the cost of Town improvements. I do not intend to raise taxes.

### 6. Planning

In late Summer, the Town will begin asking for volunteers to review and revise the Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan will set out the objectives for future planning of Emmitsburg. Any future plan should meet the needs of the Town while preserving its character. For instance, planners should ensure that enough incentives are in place that would attract the right kind of businesses and jobs Emmitsburg needs to prosper. Annexation of new property should only be done when the Town will receive a net benefit, such as access to needed resources or to better control development.

## Community Forum

The Emmitsburg Dispatch to sponsor a Community Forum. Candidates for Town commissioner will answer questions from residents.

Monday, April 14, 7 p.m. at the Sleep Inn Hotel.

## Henry

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Emmitsburg needs much greater participation in government by citizens. I would like to see every vacant seat on the various Town committees full and also much stronger voter participation.

### 4. Town's facilities

Before any plans for annexation can even be reasonably considered, Emmitsburg's infrastructure needs to be improved. This holds especially for the sewer and water lines, as well as traffic management.

### 5. Funding

a) No. An increase in the property tax rate should only be utilized as a last resort. Many other avenues, such as State and federal low-interest loans and grants, should be given first priority in funding.

b) No.

### 6. Planning

a) I suggest that the state construct a viable bypass in an effort to decrease traffic congestion. I also favor increasing business, which will increase jobs and also increase the tax base more than would the construction of new homes.

b) The particular charm and character of Emmitsburg needs to be preserved. This, however, is not incompatible with growth. It is vitally important, however, to ensure that the demands of growth do not exceed the limitations of the infrastructure. Accordingly, growth must be well managed in a slow and deliberate fashion. In the future and only with a solid infrastructure in place, annexation will help to increase the tax base.

**"Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of liberty."**

— John F. Kennedy

## Elder

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ance of Town employees to make sure they're serving residents in a courteous, helpful, and honest manner.

### 4. Town's facilities

We need to repair and improve our water and sewer systems. Create water reserves. Maintain good drinking water. Repair roads and get a stoplight or roundabout for Silo Hill intersection. Support police and fire departments. Set up a resource center to coordinate volunteer services (transportation, deliveries, etc.) for homebound residents.

### 5. Funding

I'm opposed to any tax increase unless it's absolutely necessary to balance the budget. The Town should sell municipal bonds to pay for major capital improvements. It has done this before without any problems. The Town benefits and so do the people who invest. Development is not the answer for funding. Residential development would wind up costing the Town a lot of money in the long run. Government studies prove this.

### 6. Planning

Keep the Town the size it is now. Wait for new houses already approved to be built, then take a look at their impact on our population and traffic. I'd like to see a 5-year moratorium on any further residential development. Only consider annexation to preserve open space, and for low-impact, light industry that would provide local jobs. There should be an open forum for residents to make suggestions for the 20-year plan. Before the plan is approved, a clear summary of it should be advertised in the local newspaper so residents can comment.

### A word about pre-arrangements and pre-financing



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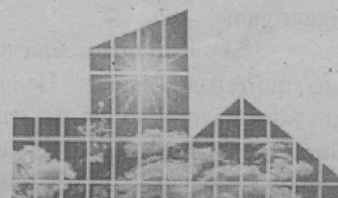
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# On the Life of a Dog

By Christine P. O'Connor  
Staff writer

My dad always called me a dreamer. One of my earliest dreams was that of owning a Belgian Sheepdog. Seventeen years ago the dream came true in a Belgian look-alike crossbred puppy. We named the jet black puppy "Sky."

He had other nicknames, but mostly we called him Mr. Sky. It was a begrudging sign of respect for what he was, a thinking dog. He followed us from room to room unless was distracted by the sight of a scurrying mouse. If the mouse didn't meet an immediate demise, it was hunted.

A dog hunting inside is an irksome distraction, but Sky was relentless and undeterred no matter how we admonished him. Eventually he'd lie down where the mouse was last seen. There he'd fall asleep and dream, no doubt, of bigger game.

Sky had a particular aversion to squirrels and snakes. He never caught a squirrel, although we had to get him out of the crabapple tree a time or two after he spotted one up there. Squirrels rarely ventured to the ground when Sky was out.

Snakes were another matter. No snake was safe when Sky was around. He didn't discriminate between copperheads or black snakes. One of his nicknames was Sky, the Snake Dog. If I just mentioned the word "snake" he went on alert. Sometimes when he escaped from the fenced yard, I'd call out "Snake! Sky, there's a snake!" If he could hear me, he'd return instead of galloping up the hill. Our daughter always called him when there was a wolf spider in the house. He wasn't

too crazy about spiders either.

Escape from the confines of the fenced yard was one of his favorite challenges. When he and his 2 best running buddies were in their prime; we had to tie them or they'd charge at the gate, take a flying leap and go like the wind.

Our child's earliest memory of Sky was chasing him to the gate and trying to pull him back into the yard. I spent too much time fretting that one of them might not return from one of their jaunts. As it happens, he was the one who came back injured once. He was quite young then. The vet said Sky's traumatized foot was probably due to getting snagged in an animal trap.

Tying him up was pointless, not to mention hazardous. He got loose one day and made it over the fence, chain and all. That evening, alone with my preschool child, I'd nearly despaired of him coming home safely. I stood outside in the dark, listening between the waves of gusty wind and thought I heard him yelping. I gathered up our toddler and went to our neighbor's house and asked him to help me search. He listened to my entreaties, then offered to help the next day. He said there was a bull in the field to be crossed and treacherous bogs in the woodland floor.

Waiting never came easily to me. I borrowed a flashlight and left my child in our neighbor's care while I set out to find Mr. Sky. I called, "Sky, I can't find you," then I heard a staccato outburst that drew me closer to him. I don't remember how I got him loose. I just remember whispering at him to pipe down so we could make it back across the field before the bull detected us.

Sky was the one who worried us and caused the most mischief. He was sleek and beautiful and the best kind of house dog. But outside he always had his nose to the wind, gleaning scents that one can only imagine. Then he'd be gone in a shot. I hated the worry when he got away. Yet a part of me loved seeing the change in his expression when he decided to make a break. His eyes changed as if he'd heard the call of the wild. If we were quick enough we'd catch him.

Inside, Sky would pretend to be a house dog, the alpha male who guarded our inner sanctum. He made me feel safe when my husband was away, ever alert and on guard. He never sought attention like the other dogs. Instead he would lie at our feet, uttering low growls to ward off his obsequious litter mates who fawned all



over us. He didn't beg for anything. He possessed a quiet dignity that the other dogs never shared. The only concession to silliness was wearing a baseball cap that read Top Gun. And he wore Ray Ban sun glasses long before it was fashionable for a dog to do so.

Sky was all business. Grubs aggravated him. Moles annoyed him. He could make the yard look like the moon's surface. We backfilled divots to ditches when Sky was after subterranean prey. Digging was a methodical process, perhaps because the creatures he was after were long gone. We never really saw him chew anything, just dig. If we told him to stop, he'd just pause, look up and go, "Woo, woo, woo," then resume digging. I figured "woo woo woo" meant "a dog's gotta do what a dog's gotta do."

Our neighbor Clarence told us how his new potatoes were disappearing. My husband noticed a hole dug out under the fence a section away. Next to the fencepost was a pyramid of potatoes. We both said, "Mr. Sky," and promised Clarence to control the culprit. He simply gathered up the potatoes and said, "Eat them if you want. I don't want them." And we did. They were the best potatoes we ever had. We joked sometimes about sending Sky back over to restock our stores.

One didn't have to be a dog lover to admire Sky. He was a wild thing, just this side of civilized. We didn't make him the dog he was. There wasn't a moment's obedience training. We simply enjoyed the chance to watch him indulge his canine instincts. Sometimes we thought he had a guardian angel when we found him back waiting at the gate, too exhausted from running to jump back over. We considered the price we paid trying to keep him safe, much like parents who repeatedly rescue an errant child out of trouble. If I told him once, I told him a thousand times that he was driving me crazy. He'd

just look at me and go, "Woo, woo woo."

Seventeen years take their toll on even the most spirited of dogs. The time came when Sky didn't bother jumping the fence any more. The uneasy dread that Sky was going to leave forever descended on us like a heavy cloud. He was my black shadow for 17 years except when he won the race to the gate.

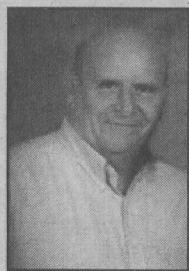
My husband showed him the best love by taking him to the vet on the last day of winter. But knowing something is the right thing to do is cold comfort. Letting go is torture. I wish I could touch him again. I wish I didn't feel so much pain. I wish he would taunt me from the other side of the gate again as if to say, "Catch me if you can!"

Our family was blessed to have known such a dog. As the saying goes, it's better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all. And loved he was.

Farewell, Mr. Sky. Thank you for being one dream in my life that came true.

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## OBITUARIES

### Sister Enrica Federal, D.C.

Sister Enrica Federal, D.C., 91, died Wednesday, March 5, at Villa St. Michael, Emmitsburg. Born Margaret Federal in Greensboro, NC, she grew up in Charlotte, NC, and entered the Daughters of Charity in 1932.

Sr. Federal received a bachelor's degree from St. Joseph College, Emmitsburg, in 1936 and a master's degree in secondary education from Villanova University in 1949. She had a long career in education, serving as high school teacher, principal, guidance counselor and dean of studies.

In 1988 Sr. Federal was missioned to St. Joseph's Provincial House, where she visited the aged and infirm sisters in Villa St. Michael and became a resident in 1991.

She is survived by one brother, R.K. Federal of Charlotte. A funeral Mass was celebrated at the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Emmitsburg.

### Sister Monica Gayas, D.C.

Sister Monica Gayas, D.C., 89, died Sunday, March 2, at Villa St. Michael. Born Alexandria Gayas in Pittsburgh, she entered the Daughters of Charity in 1936. She received a bachelor's degree from St. Joseph College in Emmitsburg in 1959 and a master's from the Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, in 1963. She also studied art in Detroit, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and New York.

Sister Monica taught in several grade schools and high schools, including St. Joseph High School, Emmitsburg. Sister's paintings were exhibited in 1979 at Knott Academic Center Gallery, Mount St. Mary's College, Emmitsburg, and Seton High School.

Sister was then missioned to Villa St. Michael where she taught crafts and became a resident. In 1972 she had contracted emphysema as a result of activities related to the teaching of art. A funeral Mass for was offered at the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

### Sister Jean Hastings, D.C.

Sister Jean Marie Hastings, D.C., 93, died March 6 at Villa St. Michael. Born Mary Anna Hastings in Huntington, Ind., she entered nursing school after graduating high school and completed the course in 1932. She entered the Daughters of Charity in 1934.

Sister served in Daughters of Charity hospitals in Washington, D.C., Maryland, Virginia, Michigan, North Carolina and Florida. Her final assignment was at U.S. Soldier's Home Hospital in Washington where she spent 22 years, much of the time as the night duty nurse.

She was missioned to Villa St. Michael where she continued to help the sick sisters. A funeral Mass was celebrat-

ed at the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

### Mr. William Kelz

Mr. William Henry Kelz, 88, died Wednesday, March 26, at St. Catherine's Nursing Center. He was the husband of Mary Josephine Miller Kelz. Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., he was a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg. He was farm manager at St. Joseph's College, Emmitsburg, for 10 years, and at Mount St. Mary's College, Emmitsburg, for 32 years.

Surviving in addition to his wife are 3 children, Michael Kelz, Linda Hammond, and Dale Kelz. A Mass of Christian burial was held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Emmitsburg. Interment was in new St. Joseph's Cemetery.

### Sister Alice Murphy, D.C.

Sister Alice Murphy, D.C., 80, died Wednesday, March 5, at Villa St. Michael.

Ruth Alice Murphy was born in Danville, VA, and entered the Daughters of Charity in 1941.

She received a bachelor's degree from St. Joseph College in Emmitsburg in 1972 and spent most of her career as a child care worker. When she returned to Emmitsburg, she taught ceramics and became a resident of the Villa. She is survived by one sister, Helen Murphy. A funeral Mass was celebrated at the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

### Mr. Joseph A. Ott

Mr. Joseph A. Ott, 72, died Sunday,

March 30, at his home on W. Main St., Emmitsburg.

He was the husband of Inez Evelyn Holloway Ott, who died in 1998. Born in Emmitsburg, he was a son of the late Bernard J., Sr., and Mary B. Elder Ott. He had worked as a house painter and as a security guard at Mount St. Mary's College. He was a communicant at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Ott's son of the same name died earlier in the month.

Surviving are one son, John Ott, 2 daughters, Cathy Renner and Kimberly Custer, and one brother, George S. Ott. Memorial services were held at Skiles Funeral Home. Interment was private.

### Mr. Joseph A. Ott

Mr. Joseph Allen Ott, 49, died Wednesday, March 5, at Washington County Hospital, Hagerstown. Born in Charles Town, WV., he was a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg. Surviving are one son, Jason Ott, one brother, John Ott of Emmitsburg; and one sister, Cathy Renner. Interment was in Red Marble Cemetery, Andrews, NC.

### Ms. Patricia Smith

Ms. Patricia E. Smith, 52, died Sunday, March 23, at St. Catherine's Nursing Center, Emmitsburg. Born in Waynesboro, PA., she worked at Jeanne Buzzard Workshop in Frederick.

She did volunteer work for Blue Ridge Fire Co., Estate Sales, Fort Ritchie Thrift Shop, Sabillasville Elementary School's library, Mother Seton School's library, Emmitsburg, and Blue Ridge Summit Library.

In addition to her parents, she is

survived by 2 sisters, Barbara J. Hanes, and Susan K. Buhrman, and 3 brothers, James W. Smith, Lee R. Smith, and Charles E. Smith. A funeral service was held at the funeral home. Interment was in Bethel Cemetery, Cascade.

### Mr. Dennis Stitely Jr.

Mr. Dennis Lee "Denny" Stitely Jr., 29, died Monday, March 24, in Frederick, as a result of injuries received in a motorcycle accident. Born in Hagerstown, he was a 1991 graduate of Catocin High School, where he had been captain of the football team. He attended Thurmont Church of the Brethren. Mr. Stitely was employed as a truck driver with Werres Corporation in Frederick.

Surviving in addition to his wife and parents are 2 sons, Cody Lee Stitely and Collin Edward Stitely, and one sister, Terri R. Cox.

Funeral services were held at Robert E. Dailey & Son Funeral Home, Thurmont. Interment was in Garfield United Methodist Church Cemetery, Foxville.

### Mrs. Alice Whittaker

Mrs. Alice Louise Whittaker, 57, died Tuesday, March 25, at her home. She was the wife of John C. Whittaker. Born in Thurmont, she was a retired school teacher with 30 years of service. She taught at Emmitsburg Elementary School for 25 years and 5 years at the elementary school in Thurmont. Her husband survives her.

Funeral services were held at Stauffer Funeral Home, Thurmont. Interment was in Resthaven Memorial Gardens, Frederick.



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## EDUCATION

### Mount Saint Mary's News

By S.L. Day  
Staff writer

#### Former Mount president resigns St. Bonaventure post

Robert Wickenheiser, former president of Mount St. Mary's College, resigned from his position as president of St. Bonaventure University in New York last month. Wickenheiser, who spent 16 years leading the Mount, had become embroiled in a suspected violation of eligibility rules of the National College Athletic Association for one of the college's star basketball players.

Jamil Terrell was found to be ineligible because he did not have the associate's degree required for junior college transfers, but Wickenheiser apparently signed off and allowed Terrell to play.

This was not Wickenheiser's first publicized dispute over a college's basketball program. In 1992 he tried unsuccessfully to force men's basketball head coach Jim Phelan to resign.

Wickenheiser became the 21st president of Mount St. Mary's in 1977. He was succeeded in 1993 by James N. Loughran, Jr., who served one year before President George R. Houston, Jr., took over in 1994.

Thomas Powell, the Mount's 24th president, will take over on July 1.

ing for tenure this year were granted the status last month: Rev. James Donohue, C.R., and David McCarthy (Theology), Tim Vermeulen and Andrew Rosenfeld (Visual and Performing Arts), and Tim Wolfe (Sociology).

#### State funding at risk

A budget crunch has state lawmakers thinking about slashing state funds for students studying at independent colleges in Maryland.

The Joseph A. Sellinger Program provides funds for Maryland students who decide to study at an independent college or university within the state. Money from the program is also directed to recruiting and retaining minority students and faculty.

According to an email from Mount President George R. Houston, Jr., to the college community, "the House Appropriations Committee proposes to reduce Sellinger funding by an additional 34 percent."

Houston urged students and faculty to contact their state delegate or a state senator and ask for the Sellinger Program to remain as it is.

If Sellinger funding is reduced, Houston said, the college may be forced to increase next year's \$19,700 tuition fee to compensate for the lost money.

**Five professors granted tenure**  
All 5 of the Mount professors apply-

**Racial vandalism cases come to close**  
Public Safety officials and the

Frederick County Sheriff's Office have closed their investigations into February's cases of hate-based vandalism on campus.

Tom Kiniry, director of public safety at the Mount, said that one individual stepped forward to claim responsibility for the first case of vandalism involving the defacement of a Black History bulletin board.

Kiniry said the student, who was on the college baseball team, decided to withdraw from the school.

Kiniry added that criminal charges will not be filed against the individual because the County Sheriff's Office and State's Attorney's Office determined that, although there was enough evidence for an arrest, there was not enough to bring the case to court or earn a conviction.

Kiniry said there are no suspects in the other two cases, one involving anti-Semitic vandalism and the other involving sexually-oriented vandalism. Students living in the vandalized dormitories have met with administrators about the incidents.

In an unrelated incident, Kiniry said that no suspect has been found in February's case of a man exposing himself to a female student in a campus parking lot.

#### Renowned author speaks at Mount

Tim O'Brien, a widely acclaimed author and journalist, spoke about his prize-winning novel, *The Things They Carried*, in front of more than 300 people in Knott Auditorium on March 17.

O'Brien lectured mainly about his Vietnam-era experiences and his novel, which many of the attending students have read for a class. Several professors require students to read the book for mandatory courses like American Experience and Moral Philosophy.

The book is a detailed but ficti-

tious description of the Vietnam War through O'Brien's eyes. O'Brien explained his reasoning for making *The Things They Carried* a piece of fiction rather than a non-fiction story because it would be more effective in its message to the reader.

"Art is a lie that makes us realize the truth," O'Brien told the audience as he tried to describe why fictitious stories are sometimes able to give a reader a better grasp of a situation than retelling actual events.

#### Resident assistants resign

The Mount's Office of Campus Life was forced to find 3 new resident assistants for the on-campus apartment complexes after resident assistants assigned there quit on March 17.

Rachel McCutcheon, Ernest Cibelli and Eric Myers handed in their resignations, citing a "lack of support" from the administration, an "impossible" workload and declining academic performances because of the heavy duty schedule.

Public Safety officers increased their patrols at the apartments while the Office of Campus Life searched for replacements. Selena Thorpe-Robinson, director of campus life, said that new resident assistants would be found soon to supervise students for the rest of the semester.

McCutcheon and Myers will have to pay for their housing starting the day of their resignation, as designated in their contracts. Cibelli has decided to move off campus.

#### Blood drive comes to Mount

Area residents looking to donate blood will be able to do so at the Mount's Memorial Gym on Thursday, April 10, from 12 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.

The American Red Cross has been appealing to the public lately for blood donations. To set up an appointment, those interested should call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (1-800-448-3543).

## Web4Students

It's hard to find sites on the web that provide access to a lot of different topics. The site <http://www.geocities.com/jk02.geo/index6.html>, called Global Access to Educational Sources does just that. You can find primary documents from important events like the Civil War, and keep up with current events. There are categories for Art and Music, Literature and Writing, Geography, Mathematics, American History, and more. Each major topic provides several subtopics, and after choosing a subtopic, you can browse primary and biographical sources, music clips, visual aids, and some general topics on the event or area you are looking at. It's a great source if you're looking for a place to find quotes, or works to use as examples for a paper.

Another site that's great if you need help understanding a certain area of study is SparkNotes. [www.sparknotes.com](http://www.sparknotes.com) make sure to check out SparkNotes.

knotes.com provides study guides for novels, and other subjects such as psychology and math. There are endless amounts of information on almost anything you want to know. But this site and its contents are to be used more as an aid and not as a substitute, especially when it comes to reading novels. SparkNotes may provide chapter summarizations and some explanations that may help you link ideas and occurrences throughout the book, but it cannot completely satisfy everything that becomes important throughout the chapters of a novel nor could it thoroughly cover everything you may need to know about a certain subject.

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Students in Mrs. Carolyn Miller's morning kindergarten class make egg carton caterpillars. Pictured, left to right, are Chelsea Wagerman, Max Jackson, Becky Compton, Josh Little, staff member Amanda Horner, and Angela Tackett.

## On Dr. Seuss Day no grinch lurks at Emmitsburg Elementary School

By Susan Allen  
Staff writer

There was no grinch lurking in the corners of Emmitsburg Elementary School on March 7, while everyone celebrated Dr. Seuss Day. Students were entertained throughout the day with tales of other creatures invented by Theodor Seuss Geisel, known to 3 generations of young readers as Dr. Seuss.

Volunteers came to read *The Cat in the Hat*, *The Lorax*, and *Green Eggs and Ham* to eager listeners. Mary Ridge, Amanda Horner, and Laurie

Wiles, members of Americorps who work at the school, devised clever crafts and other classroom activities. The children turned lifesavers into tiny red-and-white striped hats, while egg cartons became "critters" resembling Dr. Seuss' own drawings. Green eggs and ham were not on the cafeteria menu, however.

Mrs. Janine Sherman, reading specialist, supervised this observance of Dr. Seuss' birthday (which is actually March 2). Nationally, the project began in 1998 as a means to stimulate and encourage children to read.

## April AT THE LIBRARY

### Regular Storytimes

*Babies with Books* (birth-24 months with an adult) Every 4th Tuesday, April 22 at 10:30 a.m.

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

*Preschool Storytime* (ages 3-5 with an adult) Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

### For Teens

*Teen Choice Night* (6th grade and up) Wednesday, April 9 at 5:30 p.m. Call the library for details.\*

### Special Programs

*Bugs—Masters of Disguise* (all ages) Learn how insects use clever disguises to stay alive. Mike Turell, Research Entomologist at Fort Detrick, will bring examples of insects that use mimicry for self-defense. Saturday, April 5 at 10 a.m.\*

*Third Thursdays at ThorpeWood* (ages 3-5) Thurmont and Emmitsburg Branch Libraries host a monthly preschool story program at beautiful

ThorpeWood Nature Retreat. For directions call the Thurmont Branch or visit the ThorpeWood website at [www.thorpewood.org](http://www.thorpewood.org). Thursday, March 20 at 1 p.m.\*

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### Book Discussion Groups

*Evening Club:* 2nd Tuesdays, April 8 at 7:30 p.m. Selection: *Undaunted Courage*, by Stephen E. Ambrose.

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Programs are held at the Emmitsburg Library at 101 Silo Hill Road unless designated by an asterisk. Those programs will be held at Trinity United Methodist Church, 313 W. Main St. (or other noted locations). For registration or information: 301-447-2682.

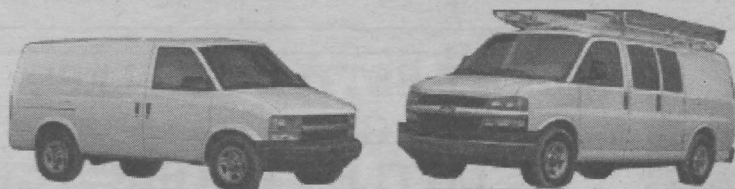


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## HEALTH

*A word from the doctor*

### Preventive dentistry: success of fluoride

By Ed Enriquez, D.D.S.

*Special to The Emmitsburg Dispatch*

As a child growing up in the Philippines, I had the opportunity to witness the evolution of dentistry. Having both parents as dentists, I gained a deep perspective of what this profession is, and how oral health care has evolved into the 21st century. During the late 60s and early 70s, I observed my father, an oral surgeon, perform mostly extraction of teeth, while my mother, a general dentist, restored toothless areas with dentures. Dentistry then was a process of either pull and plug, or drill and fill. This situation was true for most countries.

It wasn't until the introduction of fluoride in drinking water in 1951 that a dramatic change in oral health occurred. One of the largest studies of fluoride and its effects on developing teeth was the National Dental Caries Program from 1969 to 1980. The continental United States was divided into 7 regions and random samples of 45.3 million school children ages 5-17 were given oral exams.

The findings: Per child the average number of problem teeth (decay, missing, filled-surfaces) was 4.77, compared to 16.90 in 1961. This shows a dramatic decrease in the prevalence of caries in schoolchildren.

City water with fluoride at a concentration of one part per million (1 PPM) is sufficient to maintain an anti-carries effect. Those of us on well water unfortunately have no access to fluoride through drinking water but acquire trace amounts of fluoride with our daily dietary intake in numerous ways.

There are different recommended doses of fluoride for different age groups and these are adjusted relative to the natural fluoride in well water. Those with fluoride supplied in drinking water should not take supplemental oral doses. Persons over age 16 need the topical effects of fluoride acquired through American Dental Association approved toothpaste and fluoride application during regular dental visits.

How does fluoride work? During pregnancy, the prenatal vitamins required for pregnant mothers contain fluoride. This fluoride is incorporated into the teeth forming in the developing child. With this strong bond it protects the enamel from breakdown due to acid exposure. Acid produced by bacteria upon degradation of sugar is the primary cause of cavities.

This same process is true for fluoride taken during the child's development to age 16. This type of fluoride is taken by mouth by itself or with vitamins. Older persons take fluoride by mouth, but not swallowed. It reinforces

the loss of calcium. Again this is acquired through your diet, toothpaste, dental office applications, etc.

However, it is important to note that too much fluoride (as any substance foreign to our body) will have an undesired effect. Fluorosis is a condition caused by too much fluoride in drinking water (over 1 PPM). It affects enamel during its formation causing what is clinically called "mottled enamel." The enamel appears to have a sappy white or brown, opaque, or pitted texture and appearance.

"Pre-eruptive caries" has been known to occur on unerupted permanent molars. Although no infection is evident, lesions are present resembling a cavity. To prevent such conditions,

### County Health Dept. offers help to 'Stop Smoking for Life'

Do you really want to stop smoking? Help is available in the free "Stop Smoking for Life" program offered by the Frederick County Health Dept. The 8 sessions include discussions on: Deciding to Quit, Preparing to Quit, Coping Strategies, Withdrawal Symptoms, Stress Reduction, and Relaxation Techniques.

The Health Department has scheduled 2 instances of the program: one on

have your well water tested for any trace amounts of fluoride. Modify your daily exposure so as not to exceed 1 PPM and modify your child's daily intake of fluoride.

Unfortunately, in the areas of Emmitsburg, and Fairfield, Carroll Valley and Gettysburg in Pennsylvania, the water is not fluoridated. Our only access to the benefits of fluoride is through dietary consumption and regular dental visits.

Today, due to fluoride, the emphasis on dentistry is not with filling cavities but with preventive and a wider array of dental services, such as crown and bridge, implants, cosmetics, and laser, to name a few. Next, more on prevention: "Sealants"

Tuesday and Thursday evenings, beginning April 8; the other beginning Saturday, April 12. Classes will be held at the Frederick County Health Department, 350 Montevue Lane, in room 2-101.

The Dept recommends pre-registration because space is limited and participants will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Information, Todd Crum: 301-631-3285.

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*What do you think?*

## Should Emmitsburg ban outdoor smoking by teens?

Recently, Robeson, PA, planned to prohibit outdoor smoking by anyone under 18 years of age, according to an Associated Press report. Violators would have to pay a \$50 fine.

The State of Pennsylvania already makes it illegal for them to buy tobacco products and imposes penalties of up to 75 hours' community service, a \$250 fine, and suspension of their driver's licenses for up to 30 days. Some 33 states and many municipalities prohibit minors from possessing tobacco products.

Still, many kids light up as they get off the school bus or go to the playground.

Anti-smoking groups ironically have opposed laws against smoking by

minors, on the ground that enforcement of such laws diverts attention from the real source of the problem — retailers who sell cigarettes to minors.

But the tobacco industry agrees to the prosecution of kid smokers, for the same reason; it is an alternative to prosecution of retailers who sell its products. So says a representative of the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids in Washington, D.C.

A representative of the American Civil Liberties Union argues that, although government can regulate smoking in public places, this action seems to give police another tool against minors without going to the source of the problem.



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# Quilters Coffin Quilts — A Record

By Mary Ellen Cummings  
Dispatch writer

When I began researching the field of mourning and coffin quilts, I was asking everyone if they knew of such quilts. The answer was usually "No," but the people were not quite sure if I was serious, and if I was, Why?

I found very few written accounts of this type of quilt; however the Victorian Age in America seems to have been the heyday of mourning quilts. Stars were the block pattern used in many of these quilts, so, it is possible more mourning quilts survived but because of the stars were thought to be "just quilts".

In 1989 I was asked if I could make a quilt from some very old, yellowed and stained star blocks. The dark blues, grays and blacks with yellowed white were very dull and somber. The stars had been pieced by a Mrs. Lovell, my husband's grandmother. They could have been pieced in Missouri, West Virginia or Canada where she died in 1940.

I set the stars with alternating blocks of peach and added a reproduction, deep blue as a border. When finished the quilt was registered in West Virginia's Quilt Registry Program. It was listed as being made of mourning fabric. The plain peach I chose was definitely out of character. At this point, I was not particularly interested in mourning fabric or quilts. In fact, my interest was only lukewarm, at best. However, in June 2002 I found a book by Ann Rinaldi titled *The Coffin Quilt*—a novel based on facts of the Hatfield and McCoy feud.

I grew up in West Virginia about 70 miles from the feud locale; went to college less than 30 miles from the area. My mother, working as a USDA farm family advisor, had as one of her clients a young man named A. Hatfield — grandson of "Devil" Anse Hatfield of feud fame. In the late 1880's, my great-uncle bought and traded livestock with both the Hatfields and the McCoy's; the

latter of Kentucky.

Now I was interested in coffin and mourning quilts. I wasn't born until after the time of the feud, but while reading *The Coffin Quilt*, I felt like I was right there on the Tug Fork of the Big Sandy River.

From the book I learned that coffin quilts differed from mourning quilts in structure; the former being made to record death in the family. Mourning quilts sometimes recorded deaths, but were made as a therapeutic memorial during illness and death of a loved one, usually a husband. Most of both types of quilts had a plain center with Star, Nine-patch or other blocks placed around the center. Six-sided coffins were loosely basted on the border. Each one bore the name of a family member.

When that person died, the coffin with his/her name was removed and sewed permanently in the center or graveyard area with the date of death written or embroidered on it. Some mourning quilts were made of fabric from the descendant's clothes and did not bear coffins. Geographic locations seemed to influence the type of quilt made. Some of the graveyard quilts were heavily embroidered with vines, flowers and other symbols. Some also had picket fences separating blocks from graveyard.

In *American Quilts and Coverlets* (Safford and Bishop) we learn the Kentucky Coffin Quilt was made in shades of brown and tans with white instead of the usual gray, black and dark blue. It is now owned by the Kentucky Historical Society. A very deep, almost plum, red was used in some quilts and one in Ohio was made of shades of purple.

The lead character in *The Coffin Quilt* is Fanny McCoy and she says of the coffin quilt "...it was all dark colors and not purty like our quilts." Perhaps this is the reason coffin and mourning quilts are not better known - even though they are an important part of the history of American quilts. "They were not bright and purty".

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