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Public Works employee's Dave Wantz (F) and Chris Wantz hang banners in preparation of events taking place for the Fallen Firefighters memorial weekend on Oct 4-5.

Memorial Service for Nation's Fallen Firefighters returns to Emmitsburg

By Roy J. Horner
Dispatch Writer

Two Marylanders were among the 105 firefighters from 36 states honored at the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service held Oct. 5 at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg. For 22 years this annual service has honored firefighters who gave their lives in the line of duty. Last year's service, held at the MCI Center in Washington, D.C., included tributes to the 347 New York City firefighters who died in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

More than 5000 people heard words of praise and comfort during the weekend. Homeland Security

Secretary Tom Ridge delivered the keynote address. He talked about the quiet heroism of firefighters and extended the nation's gratitude to the local, state, federal and volunteer firefighters present. Ridge offered words of comfort to the families and co-workers of those killed during the "perilous job" of firefighting. "May the lives of those we add to the role of honor today serve as an inspiration to us all and a reminder - an important reminder - that their selflessness to others is an example toward which we all should strive," he said. "May God bless those we lost. And just as importantly, may God bless all of those who mourn the loss."

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Town Commissioners violate Open Meetings Act?

By Raymond Buchheister
Publisher

A 1954 State law requires that meetings of legislative bodies of municipal corporations be open to the public. The law states in part, "All meetings, regular and special, of a legislative body, by whatever name known, in every municipal corporation in Maryland...shall be...open to the public at all times." The law provides for executive or 'closed session' meetings only for personnel matters and other specified sensitive issues.

If a quorum of a public body meets to consider or transact public business, the law considers that gathering a meeting. A majority of the members of the Board of commissioners constitutes a quorum. By attending a private meeting at the Brookfield development, town commissioners appear to have violated the Open Meetings Act.

R1 Zoning Change. In July, by a 3-0 vote (Commissioner Rosensteel was absent), the Board of Commissioners agreed to a text amendment of the Town zoning ordinance.

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Hotel worker finds \$5000 in refrigerator

By Richard D. L. Fulton
Dispatch Writer

Overnight guests leave a lot of things behind in motels and hotels these days. Pillows, cell phone chargers, toys, a single shoe and various articles of clothing are common.

But on Sept. 14 Sharon Marshall, a housekeeper at the Sleep Inn and Suites of Emmitsburg, found some-

thing that totally surprised her. As Marshall was cleaning a room after an elderly lady and her son had checked out, she found a pair of bifocals. Then she spotted what appeared to be "a little packet of oatmeal" inside the refrigerator. It was actually a folded envelope containing \$5,000 in cash.

"I started shaking," Marshall said, adding "It made me very nervous."

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Construction of 142 houses begins in new development, rezoning sought for town houses

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If you missed the September issue of The Emmitsburg Dispatch, so did we. There wasn't one printed.

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.

Coalition to prevent drug abuse needs your help

After returning from nearly a month in Colombia, South America, and other illegal drug producing countries, I found out that 3 more drug-related arrests have been made in Emmitsburg. This time it was heroin, a drug produced in the fields I had just visited.

When I first got the idea of starting the Emmitsburg Coalition to Prevent Drug Abuse, heroin, cocaine, marijuana and methamphetamines had already made their way into our community. By some accounts they have been here long before I got here.

Whether one believes it or not,

Emmitsburg is experiencing an influx of illegal drugs, and we are now beginning to suffer from it. Arrests are being made in neighborhoods populated by hard working people, with children, mortgages and the desire to live a good life. The arrests I just mentioned indicate that drugs are indeed making their way into our community and into our children. In recent months people have told me that drugs are being dealt and consumed in every neighborhood, in schools and even on school buses themselves. If these stories are even a little bit true, this should be a call to action.

Although the Coalition has had several meetings since it started in March, attendance has not been what I had hoped. In June, for instance, when parents were invited to attend a presentation by the Frederick County Sheriff's Department, only five people showed. In the last meeting there were three. Although I have much work to do to get the word out, I hope that this issue will attract more people.

In the March meeting, the town was promised federal funds to support the Coalition's activities. The funds are still available. However, the Coalition will need to set up a board, and establish a core of members to carry out its work before those funds can be distributed. We have a lot of talent in Emmitsburg and tremendous concern for its future. These just need to be tapped.

I can assure you that my dedication to this cause has not waned. My work has made me see that the coalition is essential to the preservation of our town. Our most valuable resources are not our water, nor our

buildings or streets, but our citizens. We must do what we can to prevent the scourge of drugs from entering their lives. We can do this by active community involvement.

If you would like more information on the Coalition, please contact me at 301-447-3746.

—Ted Brennan
Emmitsburg, MD

The Dispatch appreciated

We recently received our first-ever copy of the Dispatch and we are very happy to learn of its' existence. It contains news of interest to us, includes ads which attract us, and we look forward to perusing future copies. Thank you for your decision to include your neighbors in your circulation.

—Cheryl Hutchinson
Carroll Valley, PA

Critique of the idea of marriage in essay on homosexuality

I must take exception to Mr. Steo's rationalization for marriage as stated in this month's "No Rational Basis for Government Benefits to Homosexual Couples."

In it, he states that marriage is indicated only for those who perpetuate the human race. By his standard, my marriage of 16 years doesn't exist, despite the fact that we were married in our church by an ordained minister of God with a legal marriage license from our municipality. You see, my husband and I married with the realization that we did not want to have or raise children.

Obviously, procreation is not a legal obligation for marriage. According to

my minister, who knew of our life plan, neither is it a moral obligation. By Mr. Steo's narrow definition, however, those who are unable to conceive a child are not worthy of the term "marriage." Surely adoption couldn't redeem them in Mr. Steo's eyes, because homosexuals are just as capable of adopting and raising children.

In a world so seriously overpopulated, defining marriage solely on procreation is unfounded and plainly preposterous. There is so much more to marriage than the physical acts of sex and childbirth.

—Patricia A. Bianca
Taneytown, MD

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Liberty and Justice for All?

I have attended both hearings for the pending 1,140 home development in Liberty Township, and have left feeling very disturbed, yet grateful. Living in Fairfield, I have gotten to know a few people in Liberty Township and, frankly, I am appalled to find out that I really did not know some of them at all. Those citizens who want to "sell out" to the developer do not realize that what they have enjoyed about this quiet community will be taken away for citizens they leave behind... On the other hand, I have met others who have come together for the community's sake and I am comforted by our shared concerns for Liberty.

Most "Save Our Liberty" members are not opposed to development. SOL citizens and other communities (including Carroll Valley Township, the Borough of Fairfield, and the town of Emmitsburg, MD) are against

developments that threaten the health and safety of the citizens and the rural environment ...

Over development has caused many crises, a water shortage for Frederick, higher crime, insufficient roadways, and property tax increases. This kind of monstrosity will make an enormous profit for the developer. However, it will alienate a township by placing it into a city atmosphere. A chain reaction will occur: more people will sell their land to get out of Liberty because they no longer enjoy the surroundings or cannot afford to pay higher taxes, and other developers will come in and so on ...

It is fitting that this township has the name "Liberty." No longer can we sit and idly watch our community be swallowed by uncaring people. Give me Liberty or give me ...

-Creston Baker
Fairfield, PA

Hello Wormald, good-bye rural living

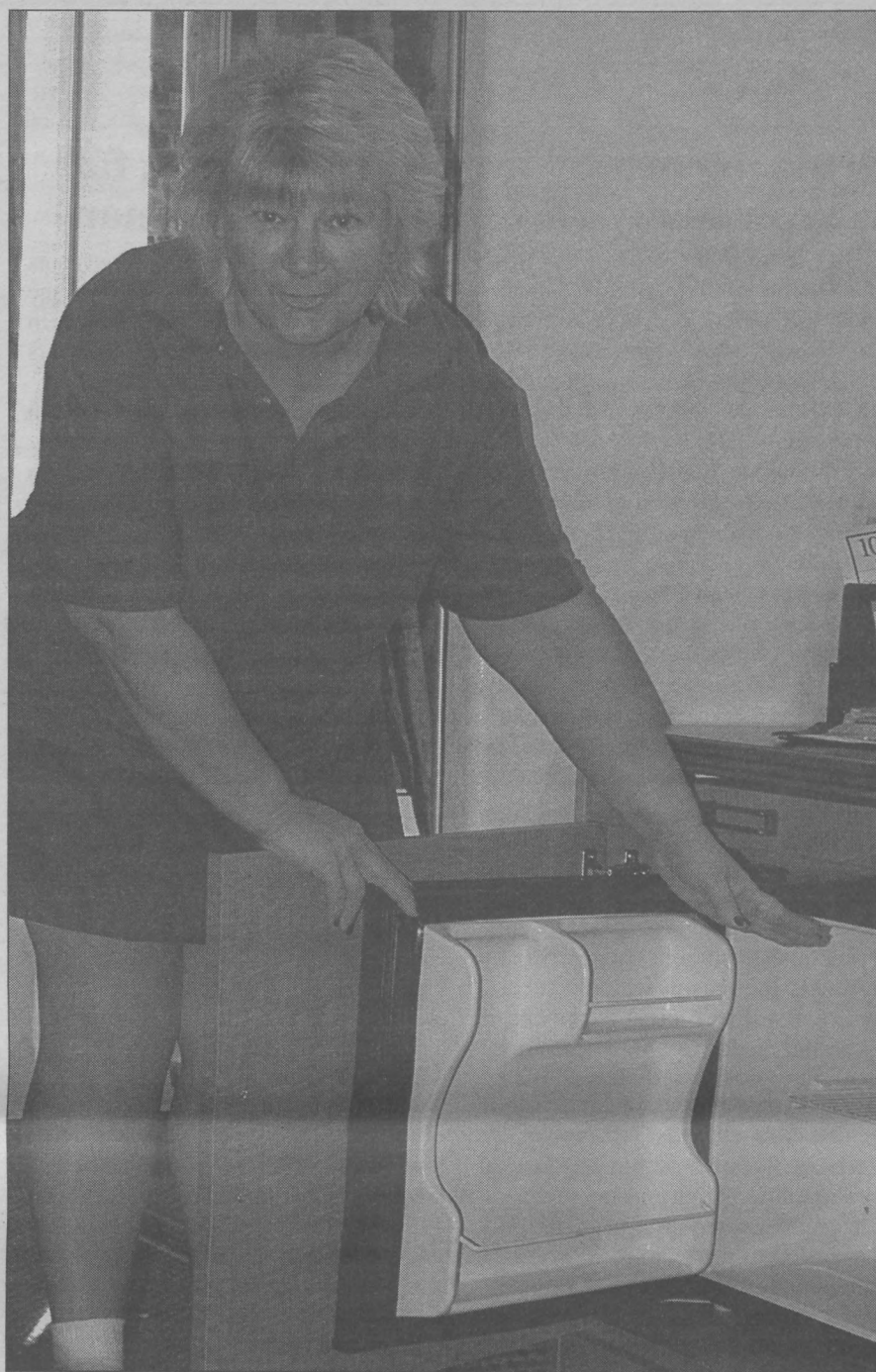
The splendor of our natural world is an irreplaceable treasure. It must be preserved and protected for future generations to enjoy. Unfortunately, our nation's farmlands, forests and wetlands are under constant threat of invasion by uncontrolled, over-development... This complex problem is occurring around the U.S. People complain about it and express profound feelings of powerlessness to stop it or curtail it in any meaningful way. I hear people say "Why fight it? Big business always wins." However, most of us here would agree that we love our rural landscape and strongly wish to protect the land and our community from anticipated ruin by the greedy, land-grabbing developers who will destroy our peaceful valley if they are allowed to proceed with their massive intrusion here.

The proposed "Community of Liberty" development will devastate the quality and abundance of plant, animal and bird life... It is an outrage that this newly created city is called a

"planned" development. It is an aggressive attack on a community and its environment... Many of us choose to live here in the valley for its natural splendor, including panoramic views of mountains and orchards, wide-open spaces and diversity of wildlife. Despairingly, that is all about to change if the Wormald group is permitted to proceed with its massive intrusion into our valley...

We are in desperate and immediate need of a comprehensive planning approach that will incorporate in its vision conservation and regulation of limited natural resources... If we don't quickly adopt a more conservative approach to planning and development, we will surely lose more farmland, open fields and forests. Our quality of life will diminish and area residents will be forced out in droves by skyrocketing taxes. Undeniably, the trend will continue; more land will be lost to over-development...

-Nora Baker
Fairfield, PA



Sharon Marshall shows *The Emmitsburg Dispatch* where she spotted what appeared to be "a little packet of oatmeal." It was actually a folded envelope containing \$5,000 in cash.

Hotel worker

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The money consisted of "mostly \$100 dollar bills with a couple of \$50s."

Marshall immediately took the money to her supervisor, Dora Tanner. Tanner said, "We were all surprised," adding that the employees find all kinds of items left behind, "but never this kind of money."

Tanner said the guests returned about an hour later to see if they had left their money in the room. Marshall and Tanner said the two had stopped for gas and discovered they had no cash.

Patrick Larson, general manager of the Sleep Inn and Suites, said "I believe the elderly lady and her son were traveling from New England to somewhere down south." He said, "It was kind of funny they hid the

money in the refrigerator," noting that every room comes equipped with a safe for guests to use.

Larson said the hotel retains lost items for 60 days so guests can recover them. After that time items are mailed to their owners C.O.D. (cash on delivery) "The Emmitsburg Post office has gotten used to processing C.O.D.s because we are

"She did the right thing"

—Patrick Larson
Hotel Manager

always finding things and returning them," he said. Not revealing the guests' names, Larson said he doubted they would want to be interviewed by the media. "They would probably be a little embarrassed," he said.

The Sleep Inn and Suites of Emmitsburg officially honored Marshall's actions. "She did the right thing," Larson said.



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EDITORIAL

Media, owned by huge corporations, fail to cover many views, says Congressman

In a letter to the Washington Post, U.S. Representative Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) expressed a viewpoint rarely published or heard. The news media are "heavily biased toward conservative politics and conservative politicians... that should come as no surprise to anyone who has observed the increased concentration of ownership in the media by a handful of huge corporations."

Sanders referred to conglomerates which exercise significant control over what Americans see, hear and read — AOL-Time-Warner, Disney, Viacom, News I Corp., Bertelsmann, Vivendi Universal, Sony, AT&T, The Washington Post Co., and General Electric.

Under-reported facts. With concentration like this, Sanders wrote, "why should we expect anything different from a pro-corporate, anti-worker" establishment? Ownership by the few is the reason why, he several facts receive insufficient treatment, if any, in the media:

— The grossly unbalanced distribution of wealth and income in this country does not exist because of the efforts of the owners but because of government policies and tax laws.

— The United States is the only wealthy nation without a program guaranteeing health care for all.

— Average working Americans now put in the longest hours in the industrialized world, and yet earn less, in real dollars, than 30 years ago?

— U.S. trade policies have given us an enormous trade deficit and contributed to the loss of 2 million decent-paying manufacturing jobs in the past 4 years.

Devouring small media. Mr. Sanders did not name the many media which are independent, but was making a generalization in reference to a continuing process — one that is reported in small articles on back pages. Giant corporation keep winning laws and regulations that enable them to buy out small radio and TV stations, and small newspapers, in order to become virtually the only news source in a whole region.

When this happens the corporate owners more or less secretly have their viewpoints presented and fail to present opposing ideas. It is impossible for a publication not to have a point of view. It is very different, and dangerous, to suppress or fail to report other points of view. This is what is threatened by further concentration of media in the hands of corporations with their powerful lobbies.

One of the first actions of dictators and tyrants is to take over the press.

Marriage for homosexuals is not wrong or right, but impossible

Some legislators now talk about letting wedding bells ring for homosexual couples, apparently ignorant of what marriage is, and has been, since the descendants of Lucy* started populating the earth.

This is no quibble about words. It's about a historical fact — and spending tax dollars unreasonably. With the threat of cuts in aid to the poor, the elderly, the sick, legislators should do their philosophical homework before adding homosexual couples to the benefits list. Furthermore, any bill they pass will surely end up in the Supreme Court, causing taxpayers to lose no

matter what the outcome.

Marriage not invented. The point of my essay in The Emmitsburg Dispatch, August 2003, was that the government cannot reasonably give benefits to homosexuals as married because they cannot be married.

Marriage, to state the obvious, began as soon as there were humans. They did not form a committee and decide what marriage should be. Men and women followed their instincts and came together to have children. They joined with the intention to contribute new members to the human race, if they could. Everyone knew why they

did this and what kind of couple they were.

No one invented marriage and no government can make homosexuals married any more than it could make polar bears human and enroll them in the Social Security system.

Status. In ancient times human mortality was very high so that all cultures esteemed marriage as a source of children for work and for many descendants, which was the only kind of immortality the ancients anticipated. Marriage thus conferred social status on the individuals. It still does, not only because of offspring, but also because of the commitment, fidelity, partnership, love, that married people contribute to each other and the world.

Some homosexuals also want to be acknowledged for contributing these gifts of love and believe the only way is to be married, which has the additional benefit of making them qualify for government assistance. But marriage is impossible for them. Their relationships and others may deserve legal recognition but not — if legislators accept the facts — as married.

Patricia Bianca dissents. Please read her thoughtful letter to the Editor on p. 2. I replied to it, and she rejoined with additional pointed questions. I think our private exchange adds information and deserves to be summarized here.

Richness of marriage. Mrs. Bianca rightly points to the fullness of marriage. A lived marriage should be much more than the intention to have and raise children. But the couple cannot bring it into existence by anything less. Mutual commitment, fidelity, service to the community, public ceremonies, the approval of some minister of religion, sexual relations — none of these makes a couple married.

The act of producing children also does not cause people to be married. Marriage, which is based on instinct, is yet a human act and people have to initiate it by a free act of will, an intention — to do what? To share a life? To have sex? Proponents of homosexual "marriage" have not even tried to identify the nature of the intention that would make their union marriage.

Infertility. About Mrs. Bianca's own legal and church-sanctioned marriage: The government is right to grant marriage licenses even to those who intend not to have children because

they presumably can have them, and may change their minds. A government acknowledgement that 2 people are married does not prescribe what they should do, but assumes what they can do. Legislators, we hope, know what homosexual couples cannot do.

Mrs. Bianca correctly infers my opinion that unions formed by people who know they are "unable to conceive a child are not worthy of the term 'marriage'." But this does not undermine their social status any more than saying a blind person cannot see the stars. Like blindness, infertility is a fact, and Mrs. Bianca notes its social implications: annulment? denial of tax advantages? The need to manage the consequences, however, does not wipe out the reality.

Against prejudice. The problem becomes obscured for some people who know many facts that are truly irrelevant to what marriage is, especially that homosexuals can love each other. Mrs. Bianca knows from experience. She wrote:

"There are many other ways in which one can be a good American and contribute to our society, both as an individual and as a couple. I have been blessed with friends, both heterosexual and homosexual, who've chosen to support their extended families and their community with their involvement and hard work.

"I also know and am related to homosexual couples who've pledged to love, honor and cherish each other for life, knowing that it means nothing to anyone else. We're talking about monogamous unions of 30 years and more. Should these people not have the privilege of being recognized as family when a crisis occurs?"

Irrelevancies. Testimonies like this should be heard, to counteract the widespread prejudice against homosexuals. Yet, crises and other circumstances do not cause people to be married and are irrelevant. Except for the nature of their affection, homosexual couples are not different from other couples — loving siblings occupying the same residence, a child who lives with a parent, 2 devoted friends sharing the same rooms, couples experimenting with a sexual relationship, and others. If the government declares homosexuals "married," why would not these other kinds of couples be

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Open meeting

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 nance, requested by Ryan Homes. The change allows houses in R1 zoning to be built 10 feet closer to the rear property line (see subhead 'Zoning change' on page 7 of July issue of *The Emmitsburg Dispatch*).

Mayor Jim Hoover vetoed the board's action stating that, although the change might be acceptable, the Commissioners should have addressed all zoning boundaries. He explained in writing that all residential zones in Emmitsburg should be amended, not just one. He called the board's action "site specific," done to benefit the developer. Despite the Mayor's attempt to guide them, the Town Council unanimously overrode his veto in the August Town meeting (see subhead 'Council overrides Hoover's veto, allows short setback on Ryan lots' on page 6 of August issue of *The Emmitsburg Dispatch*).

The Emmitsburg Dispatch attended the July and August Town meetings. It was apparent in August that the commissioners had discussed the R1 zoning in another setting. It also seemed that many of them had already decided to override the Mayor's veto.

Brookfield Development Meeting. On July 31, members of the Town Council met at the Brookfield development. Ryan Homes' vice-president John Zwirecki held the meeting. Town manager Dave Haller, Commissioners Pat Boyle, Art Elder, and Joyce Rosensteel attended. The 3 commissioners constituted a quorum. The meeting, held to discuss a Town matter still active due to Mayor Hoover's veto, was not publicly advertised nor was the public invited.

Town manager Dave Haller had sent a letter on behalf of Brookfield developer Richard Demmitt to the

Mayor and commissioners inviting them to the July 31 meeting. A Ryan Homes surveyor staked out a building lot to illustrate both the existing and proposed R1 building restriction lines. Haller called Demmitt's offer "a great opportunity" for the Mayor and commissioners to see the impact of the requested R1 modification.

Town responsibility. John Zwirecki told *The Emmitsburg Dispatch* that the visit to Brookfield was a "service" to the commissioners offered for "clarification." When *The Emmitsburg Dispatch* confronted Zwirecki about the private meeting he said, "We thought we were going through proper channels by contacting the Town manager." Although Ryan Homes' intentions may well have been to help the board make an informed decision, the Town acted inappropriately according to the law. If a quorum is present, the Public Meetings Act makes no distinction between formal and informal meetings of public bodies.

When *The Emmitsburg Dispatch* asked the commissioners to confirm who attended the July 31 meeting, Rosensteel said it wasn't a meeting; "We just got together to see what the change in property line would look like."

The Open Meetings Act does not guarantee the public's right to participate in meetings; but it does assure the public's right to observe both the deliberative process and final decision making. Emmitsburg residents have no way of knowing when the Town commissioners made the R1 zoning modification decision.

Site specific decision. At the Sept. Town meeting it was evident that one board member's decision was "site specific" and made in favor of Ryan Homes.

In an agenda item, the town council addressed the rear building

restriction of R2 and R3 residential zones. After giving possible justification for the R1 zoning change, Town Planner Michael Lucas compared the R1 change with the current 40 ft. housing set back from R2 and R3 rear property lines. The less restrictive set back allows a house in the R1 zone to cover more of the building lot than is allowed in R2 and R3 zones. He said the R1 change creates an "equity issue" with R2 and R3 zoning.

Lucas recommended, "If you are going to regulate bulk and density, it needs to be done from a general planning perspective and not on a specific piece meal basis for one specific

zone within the zoning ordinance." He urged the commissioners to consider a 30 ft. rear restriction for R2 and R3 residential zones and to consent to a Planning and Zoning Board study.

During Commissioner comments, Art Elder reminded the board about the Brookfield meeting. Concerned only that the Town council's action regarding R2 and R3 zoning not affect Ryan Homes, he asked, "It's not going to hold that builder up, is it?" Elder had to be reminded that at the August town meeting the board unanimously changed the law to allow 30 foot rear building restrictions in R1 zones.

Homosexual

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 "married" and qualify for similar benefits?

The benefits might not add much to my tax bill. And I would not mind paying taxes to provide for homosexuals if they're needy, but on the impossible premise that they are married.

Hurt marriage? Would legislation declaring homosexuals married hurt the institution of marriage? The question deserves an answer, but is trumped by others to which no answer has even been suggested:

1. What unique contribution to society do homosexuals make as a couple?

2. Why does giving homosexuals the title, "Married," rather than, say, "Loving Partners," help society? We know how it benefits them.

3. What, precisely, makes a homosexual couple married? Would Congress pass a law to grant Social Security benefits to aged polar bears without knowing what makes them human and retired?

Well, Congress might just do that if it does not know what it is talking about.

— Bill Steo
 Emmitsburg, MD

*Editor's note: "Lucy" is the name of a hominid whose remains were found in Africa and is presumed to be the mother of all humans.

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TOWN NEWS

Town Manager's Report August/September 2003

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

Water

August: The Town entered into a contract with Fox & Associates for the design work and plans necessary to connect well no. 4 to the water system.

Staff found and repaired three (3) leaks in the water delivery system but is still tracking additional leaks.

The pump in well no. 5 has been replaced and that well is back on line.

The Town is in the process of seeking and securing leak detection services.

Water production & consumption for the month are as follows:

Average daily production: 353,976 GPD

Average daily total consumption 353,976 GPD. This is up 16 percent from June and is believed that it is the result of delivery systems leaks.

September: The Town met with MES (Md. Environmental Services) in an effort to get assistance in evaluating and operating the new water plant.

Staff found and repaired a major water leak (approximately 50 GPM or 70,000 GPD) at the sewer plant.

Water production & consumption for the month are as follows:

Average daily production: 282,499 GPD

Average daily total consumption: 282,499 GPD. This is down 20% or 71,477 GPD from last month which was 353,976 GPD.

Wastewater

August: The generator power conversion switch at the pumping station failed.

Staff completed the EPA required 'quality assurance testing'.

Staff completed the renovation of all pumps at the wastewater treatment plant.

For the month of August we treated on average 347,000 GPD at the wastewater treatment plant. The plant is approved to treat 800,000 GPD.

We got 5.2 inches of rain during the month of August. Our highest treatment day was August 10 (on which we got 2.1 inches of rain) and on that day we treated 718,000 GPD.

September: The generator power conversion switch at the pumping station has been replaced and that facility is fully operational.

Troy Waslter resigned his position as a water & sewer operator and we are presently advertising to fill that position.

Over the weekend of September 27 & 28 the post aerator failed at the sewer plant and we experienced a dissolved oxygen violation.

For September we treated on average 811,000 GPD at the wastewater treatment plant. The plant is approved to treat 800,000 GPD.

We got 10.4 inches of rain during the month of September. We exceeded the plant's design limits on 11 days. We treated more than 1,800,000 GPD on four (4) occasions. Our highest treatment day was September 4 and on that day we treated 2,341,000 GPD.

A word from the Mayor Town to update comprehensive plan

Over the past eighteen months there has been much discussion about development in our town. Are Emmitsburg's planning and zoning ordinances and regulations adequate? Are they old and out dated? Do they need to be refined and amended? If you answered yes or you're not sure about these questions or you have questions and concerns of your own, you need to be aware that the town will soon be reviewing and updating the comprehensive plan.

The Emmitsburg Town Planner with the Planning & Zoning Committee will take the lead in updating the current comprehensive plan. During the review of the comprehensive plan citizens will be asked for their input. This is the time to express your thoughts. Don't wait until after the

plan is updated and approved. It will be another five years before it is reviewed again. You do not need to join a committee to give public input; your thoughts and comments are accepted at all planning & zoning committee meetings.

After the Planning and Zoning Committee make their final revisions to the plan, they will pass it on to the Town Council for them to review and make any changes they feel appropriate. After the Town Council has made their final changes, they will approve it as the official Town of Emmitsburg Comprehensive Plan. Once the Town Council approves the plan it becomes one of the major tools used by the Town Council, Planning & Zoning Committee and outside developers to

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A memorial service in Emmitsburg for 105 fallen firefighters began with a procession of the honor guard, which marched through the campus of the National Emergency Training Center on the morning of Oct. 5.

New Mount president welcomed

Dr. Thomas Powell became the 24th president of Mount St. Mary's College and Seminary on July 1, succeeding George R. Houston, Jr., now retired. Dr. Powell will be formally installed on Friday, Oct. 24, 2003.

Dr. Powell and his wife Irene have spent time during the past few months getting to know the people of Emmitsburg. At a Sept. 16 EBPA luncheon, 67 business owners and professionals welcomed the couple, presenting them with a \$250 gift for a scholarship fund of their choice.

Eager to host their first social, Mrs. Powell wrote in her letter to the Emmitsburg Social Club, "Many folks have given us such a warm welcome that we feel quite at home already."

Dr. Powell told The Emmitsburg Dispatch, "Irene and I feel very blessed to be a part of Emmitsburg. We fell in love with the town and her

people since our first visit more than a year ago.

When asked what his thoughts about the relationship of the Mount and Emmitsburg might be, he said, "Mount St. Mary's College and Seminary and Emmitsburg are forever entwined historically, socially, educationally and economically. As we begin our service to the Mount and the town, we recognize a mutual dependence as partners for success."

To show their appreciation, the Powells presented a personal gift of \$1000 to the Town at its Sept. meeting. Dr. Powell suggested purchasing two benches for one of the parks. He said, "While the idea of park benches is appealing, the Mayor is in the best position to determine how the gift can best serve the people of Emmitsburg."

Mayor Hoover liked the recommendation and plans to have the

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Dr. Thomas Powell speaks before 67 business owners and professionals at a Sept. 16 EBPA luncheon, which was held to welcome him and his wife Irene as new residents to Emmitsburg.

Firefighters

During the opening ceremonies an honor guard carried the flags of 105 emergency response units from across the nation. The pipe and drum corps' muffled drum beats and mournful bagpipe melodies mingled with the audience's soft crying. As each deceased firefighter's name was read, fire services personnel in dress uniforms escorted family members forward to receive an American flag flown over the U.S. Capital and a rose taken from a Maltese cross, the firefighters' emblem.

Andrew J. Waybright, 23, and David M. Turney, 50, were the two Maryland firefighters honored this year. Waybright had served with the Harney Volunteer Fire Company and worked as an emergency medical technician in Taneytown. During training for the Frederick County Department of Fire and Rescue Services, he died of hyperthermia in July 2002. Turney, a firefighter and emergency medical technician with the Oakland Volunteer Fire Department, died of a heart attack May 6 after returning from a call. Turney had been mayor of Mountain Lake Park in Garrett County for 12 years, a volunteer department member for 26 years, and a 27-year mem-

ber of the Southern Garrett Rescue Squad. Both men's families joined scores of others for Saturday's grief counseling sessions and a tear-filled candlelight memorial service.

For Chief Frank Davis and members of the Emmitsburg Fire Department, the death of comrade Terry Myers in 1998 brought home the emotional significance of the annual tribute. Davis recalled that the 1999 service provided a firm measure of lasting comfort for both his command and the Myers family. It was that same comfort that Emmitsburg's firefighters extended to the co-workers, friends and relatives of the firefighters remembered and honored at the 2003 service.

"We know what it's like to have that support, and we just want to make sure we're here for [the mourners] now," he said. "We want to make their visit here something that they'll remember for the rest of their lives," Davis added.

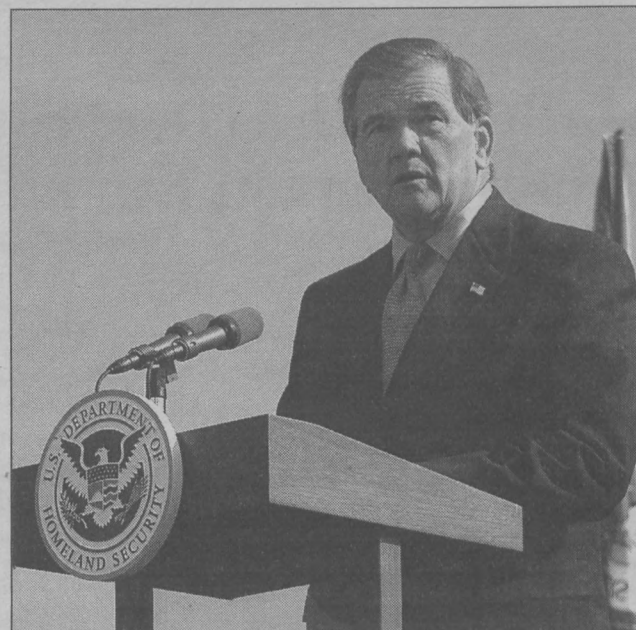
Ronald J. Siarnicki, Executive Director of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation and former fire chief of Prince Georges County, MD, told the men and women of the U.S. fire services that their purpose on this day of remembrance was to honor the "99 fallen heroes who died in the line of duty in 2002 and six

others who made that supreme sacrifice in years prior."

These 105 names will be added to "the 2,732 other firefighters who are forever memorialized here at the National Fallen Firefighters Monument," Siarnicki said. "Your loved ones will not be forgotten. And this ceremony is just a small portion of the efforts put forth by a grateful nation in appreciation for what your firefighter did."

Billy Bean, 20, a two-year veteran of the Forsyth County, GA fire department, proudly carried his unit's flag in the honor guard. "Since we got up here, we've found nothing but open arms," he said. "We're definitely going to take that back with us to Georgia. I'd like to say thank you to the Emmitsburg community. You've been very thoughtful and caring."

David Paulson, U.S. Fire



Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge addresses more than 5000 people in Emmitsburg that attended a memorial service to honor 105 firefighters from around the country who died in the line of duty last year.

Administration Chief, read a letter from President George W. Bush. The president praised firefighters for continuing to prove "that they are among America's greatest heroes" and for selflessly risking their own lives to protect the lives and property of others. "Those who have fallen will not be forgotten," President Bush stated. "Their courage and their sacrifice is an inspiration to all of us."

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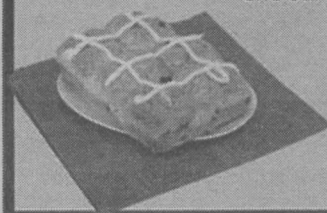
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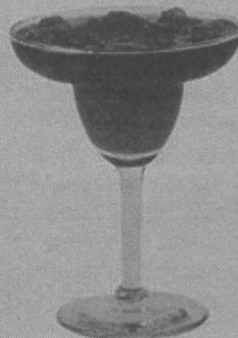


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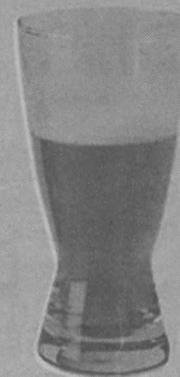
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RELIGION

Mother of the Good Shepherd Friary opens in Emmitsburg

By Roy J. Horner
Dispatch Writer

Don't be surprised to see a young man with a full beard, shaved head and rough, gray woolen robe walking humbly along the streets of Emmitsburg on Tuesdays or Saturdays. Stop, introduce yourself and ask him about his mission. Add a request for a prayer or two. He's Brother Seraphim, one of the Franciscans of Primitive Observance,

a Massachusetts Roman Catholic order. The friars have recently opened a house of priestly formation on Annandale Road.

Brother Seraphim, Fr. Peter Giroux, and 4 others live in the newly named "Mother of the Good Shepherd Friary." Local resident Barney Krahm offered the 1890s-era house to the order whose members are studying for the priesthood at Mount St. Mary's Seminary.

The Franciscans of Primitive



"I'm what they call the 'quester.'" Brother Seraphim knocks on the door of Mary Topper, Federal Ave., Emmitsburg, and begs for food for himself and his fellow Franciscan brothers of Mother of the Good Shepherd friary.

Observance follow in the footsteps of the order's patron, St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226). The son of a wealthy Italian merchant, St. Francis discarded all his worldly possessions to follow Christ, sharing the Gospel and living a life of simplicity, poverty and humility. He founded the Franciscan Order (Order of Friars Minor).

A total of 17 men belong to the Franciscans of Primitive Observance, with friaries located in Massachusetts, Vermont and now Maryland. Their shaved heads are a sign of repentance as practiced by Old Testament prophets. Their beards imitate both St. Francis of Assisi and Jesus. The friars follow a strict daily prayer routine. They do not own cars, generally preferring to walk wherever they go.

"I'm what they call the 'quester,'" Brother Seraphim explained one Sunday afternoon as he and Fr. Peter Giroux sat on the porch of their order's new home. "That just means I'm the beggar, that I go door to door and beg for food. The reason why we do that is so that we can depend on providence. I just noticed that interiorly I have a lot more peace, and I'm not worried about what we're going to have to eat, when I know that God will provide for us."

Brother Seraphim's walks into Emmitsburg are much more than foraging trips. Each friar is called to live as St. Francis of Assisi did - as an example to the world of total reliance on God.

"St. Francis...has great appeal to non-Catholic Christians because of his focus on living the Gospel and his great love for Christ, Christ crucified," Fr. Giroux said. "So usually we have a good bond with non-Catholics...even non-Christians, too. St. Francis is a very well beloved saint by many people. He has that kind of appeal as a universal brother. I think it's because of his great humility, his poverty, his spirit."

Fr. Giroux says the Franciscans feel welcome in Emmitsburg in part because of the area's deep Catholic identity. The friars were already familiar with the community and Mount St. Mary's Seminary. Between 1998 and 2000, they made pilgrimages and preaching trips to the National Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, located near the seminary. "We became very familiar with the Mount and we all have a great respect for the seminary especially," Fr. Giroux said.

Fr. Kevin Rhoades, the seminary's rector, accepted the friars. "He was very welcoming to us," Fr. Giroux added. "And so everything seemed to fit like this was God's will." Fr. Rhoades believes the friars are examples of service for both the community and the Mount's seminarians.



St. Francis of Assisi. This image, said to be one closest in likeness of the Saint, is a detail from a larger fresco located in the Franciscan basilica at Assisi where the earthly remains of St. Francis are buried. The son of a wealthy Italian merchant, St. Francis discarded all his worldly possessions to follow Christ, sharing the Gospel and living a life of simplicity, poverty and humility. He founded the Franciscan Order (Order of Friars Minor). The fresco was painted by Cimabue between 1278-80, approx 53 years after St. Francis death.

"They're a wonderful witness to the Gospel in their special charism, which is following in the footsteps of St. Francis," Fr. Rhoades said. "Their witness of poverty is a powerful witness. I'm very happy to have them."

"Our apostolic work is preaching the Gospel, so therefore we try to live among the poor," Fr. Giroux explained. "We don't run institutions for the poor, but we go to homeless shelters, nursing homes or jails to visit, and to help. If they (people in need) come to our door, we give them food or we take the extra food that people give us out to the neighborhood to share with people."

Of the 4 seminarians at the friary, two are completing graduate level theology studies; one is a second-year seminarian, another is a first-year student and one is in pre-theology. Fr. Giroux said the friars would be available to preach at missions and retreats. They will also visit local nursing homes and do other good works.

In addition to standing as a house of priestly formation, the Good Shepherd Friary will serve as a center of prayer for Emmitsburg. "That's part of our vocation, to pray for the people we live near and for our benefactors," Fr. Giroux said. "The people in town have all been very generous."

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A word from the pulpit

Religious Freedom, not Indifference

By Fr. Peter Giroux, FPO
Guardian,
Mother of the Good Shepherd
Friary

May the Lord give you His Peace. I begin by thanking the good people of Emmitsburg for their kind welcome and generous support of our little community of Franciscan friars since our arrival here this past June. Francesco Bernadone (1181-1226), better known as St. Francis of Assisi, is beloved as a brother in spirit to all people and even to all creatures. We also attempt to follow Jesus Christ along a similar path as the little poor man of Assisi.

Thirteenth century Italy was a world far different from our own. The people of that time took for granted an explicitly Christian culture in all areas of society. The great conflicts of history have brought a deeper understanding of the need and right of religious liberty. The human person, created in the image and likeness of God (Gen.1:26-27), is able to know and freely choose that which is good. No one must ever violate this great dignity by forcing a person to accept or deny any particular religious doctrine or practice. People must be allowed the space to freely seek the truth about God and follow it according to the demands of their conscience, even if it means mistakenly embracing error along the way. We are greatly blessed to have this freedom in our country, especially in a time when it is denied to millions of God's children in totalitarian nations.

However, like all human rights, the right of religious liberty is limited and is rooted in a corresponding responsibility. Being the sole Source and Author of all that exists, only God has absolute rights. Human beings have rights only because God has shared them with us. Perhaps an extreme example will help to illustrate this point. For instance, a person has no right to worship Satan or to offer human sacrifice to their "god." This would obviously bring great harm to themselves and others. Likewise, the reason religious freedom is due us is because we have the grave responsibility to use the priceless gifts of our intellect and free will to seek the truth about God and follow it. This obligation is written on our hearts

by our Creator as we all experience in that voice of conscience that says to us, "Do good and avoid evil," or "Seek truth and avoid lies."

It is a very sad fact that many in our culture have embraced the false idea that it does not matter what religion a person follows. One commonly hears that it is only important that a person be "good" and not hurt others. Some go so far as to say that faith in God itself is not essential for a person to be good. This way of thinking, known as "indifferentism," is totally contrary not only to the Revealed Word of God but also to human reason and plain common sense. Indifferentism is a deadly cancer that is helping to destroy the moral fabric of our nation. Certainly kindness is essential to be truly loving or good but it is easy to fall prey to false compassion.

Parents who give their children whatever they ask for appear on the surface to be generous and caring. But in reality they do profound harm to the child who becomes spoiled and self-centered. The objective good must be discerned and followed. So it is also in our other relationships and especially the most important, that which is with our very Creator. We do great harm to an alcoholic friend by buying him a drink, despite the praise he may give us for this "favor." We offend God by refusing to worship Him or speak to Him in prayer, despite the appearance of "not hurting anybody." And our worship must be according to His direction and not our personal preference.

The Lord is pleased when men and women of different faiths engage in respectful dialogue, genuinely striving to assist each other in seeking and following the truth. But He who is Love, Truth, Goodness and Beauty is insulted when His children become indifferent to His call and selfishly avoid the hard work of love by shallow rationalizations.

Jesus said, "For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears my voice." (Jn 18:37) Let us strive with our whole being to be "of the truth." This is what Francis of Assisi did and why he was such a powerful instrument in bringing so many to the joy and peace of the Kingdom. God bless you.



Council of Churches sponsors CROP Walk

The annual Emmitsburg CROP Walk sponsored by the Council of Churches was held Sunday Oct. 19. The 2.5 mile walk, which is routed through the Town, began at Memorial Park and was attended by 64 participants this year. At last count the walkers had raised \$3,900, said Phyllis Kelly, Emmitsburg's walk coordinator. She said money is still coming in and anticipates that between \$4000-\$4500 will be raised to fight world hunger. Twenty-five per cent of the money collected will go directly to the Emmitsburg Food Bank.

CROP Walks, originally an acronym for Christian Rural Overseas Program, are sponsored by Church

World Service and have come to mean Communities Reaching out to People. CROP Walks raise money to feed and clothe needy people in more than 80 countries around the world, in areas devastated by war, famine, earthquakes or hurricanes. The walks are ecumenical, interfaith, multi-cultural events. The first ever CROP Walk was held in 1969. Now more than 2,000 communities across the U.S. sponsor CROP walks each year.

Individuals can specify that their gifts go to approved international hunger-fighting agencies. Gifts not specifically designated to go elsewhere support Church World Service's worldwide ministry.

Incarnation celebrates anniversary with liturgical dance performance



The congregation at Incarnation Church of Christ in Emmitsburg experienced a special service on Oct 19 featuring performers from the Oxford School of Performing Arts. The performance, "Celebrating Life with Music and Dance," was done under the direction of Dawn Glass and is one of several special events being held this month and next, to celebrate the church's 235th anniversary of its birth. The Rev. Ted Haas, the church's interim pastor for 2 years said Incarnation has always held a traditional worship service. He said he believes the liturgical dance service is the first in the church's history.

OBITUARIES

Mr. Joshua Cherry

Mr. Joshua Michael Cherry, 20, of Provincial Parkway, Emmitsburg, died Monday, Sept. 22, at Gettysburg Hospital, Gettysburg, Pa. Born Feb. 7, 1983, in Fayetteville, N.C., he was a son of Michael B. Cherry of Emmitsburg, and Annette Dixon Rouse of Lewes, Del.

Mr. Cherry was employed as a welder with Miscellaneous Metals of Frederick.

Surviving in addition to his parents are his stepmother, Cari Graff-Cherry; paternal grandfather, Gerald Cherry; paternal grandmother, Carol Figueroa and husband Amet; maternal grandmother, Patricia Parker; paternal great-grandmother, Doris Bradley; two sisters, Monica Cherry, Jennifer Howell; one brother, Christopher Rouse; stepsisters, Elizabeth, Samantha and Becca Fink; stepbrother, Michael Fink; niece, Ilana Rouse; and nephew, Gavin Rouse.

He was preceded in death by his paternal great-grandfather, Charles Bradley; and his paternal great-grandparents, James and Florence Cherry. He will also be remembered by Dottie Armstrong, Jennifer Hess, Star Schultz and Heather Karbonski.

Funeral services were held Sept. 26 at Skiles Funeral Home, with Deacon Charles Hicks officiating. Interment was held at Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery, Emmitsburg.

Mrs. Doris Cool

Mrs. Doris May Cool, 73, of 7060 Red Bird Lane, Thurmont, died Friday, Aug. 15, at Washington County Hospital, Hagerstown, from injuries sustained in an auto accident on Md. 806 on Aug. 7. She was the wife of Francis A. Cool, who died

Sept. 28, 1992. Born Aug. 22, 1929, in Emmitsburg, she was a daughter of the late Charles and Virginia Wetzel Springer.

Mrs. Cool was a member of St. Anthony Shrine Parish, Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg.

She is survived by one daughter, Nancy Marie Krietz; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; three sisters, Charlotte Sullivan, Betty Haines, and Virginia May; and many nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated Aug. 19, at St. Anthony Shrine Parish, 16150 St. Anthony Road, Emmitsburg, with the Rev. James W. Hannon as the celebrant. Interment was held in Resthaven Memorial Gardens, Frederick.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to Robert E. Dailey & Son Funeral Home, 615 E. Main St., Thurmont, Md. 21788.

Sister Jean Farrell

Sister Jean Farrell, 85, of Emmitsburg, died Sept. 24 at Villa St. Michael, Emmitsburg.

Born Mary Jean Farrell in Baltimore, she was the daughter of the late Thomas J. and Katherine Mannion Farrell.

Sister Farrell entered the Daughters of Charity in 1942. She served her first mission briefly at St. Vincent's Home in Detroit before beginning a 48-year career in education.

She taught science, math and English at St. Patrick High School in Richmond, Va., from 1944 to 1948. She taught at St. Joseph High School in Petersburg, Va., from 1961 to 1965 and at St. Vincent DePaul High School from 1984 to 1987. She

taught at Gibbons High School in Petersburg from 1961 to 1965 and was a principal from 1966 to 1970. She was a science instructor at St. Joseph College, Emmitsburg, for one year. Her last teaching assignment was from 1987 to 1989 at St. Ann's Infant & Maternity Home in Washington.

Sister Farrell served a total of 26 years at Seton High School, Baltimore, on three different assignments for 13 years from 1948 to 1961. She was an assistant principal for eight years from 1971 to 1979. She worked in the development office and was an alumnae moderator from 1979 to 1984.

She was director of development at Mother Seton School, Emmitsburg, for three years from 1989 to 1992. She was transferred in 1992 to DePaul Medical Center, Norfolk, Va., where she served in the pastoral care department until her reassignment in 1996 to Providence Hospital, Washington until her retirement at Villa St. Michael in 2001.

She is survived by one sister, Nancy Hammen, three nephews; three grandnephews, three grandnieces, three great-grandnephews and three great-grandnieces.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Emmitsburg. Memorial contributions may be made to the Daughters of Charity Support Fund for the Elderly and Infirm Sisters, 333 S. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg, Md. 21727.

Miss Lois Hartdagen

Miss Lois C. Hartdagen, 69, of South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, died Sunday, Sept. 14 at Shepherd's Choice, Gettysburg, Pa., following a brief illness. Born Aug. 26, 1934, she was the daughter of the late Vincent and Evelyn Orndorff Hartdagen.

She graduated in 1953 from St. Joseph's High School. Miss Hartdagen worked as a secretary for Blue Mountain Express in Frederick, retiring in 1999. She was a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg where she was a member of the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary. She was a member of the ladies auxiliaries of Emmitsburg Post 6658 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Post 7 of AMVETS in Thurmont. She was a member and past president of the ladies auxiliary of Francis X. Elder Post 121, Emmitsburg, and a charter member and the first president of The Ladies of Brute Auxiliary to Brute Council 1860, Knights of Columbus. She was also a member of AARP.

She is survived by one brother,

Charles V. Hartdagen; one niece, Kathy Delauter; two nephews, Michael L. Hartdagen, and David Hartdagen.; one great-niece and two great-nephews.

Funeral services were held Sept. 17 with a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg, Md. 21757.

Mr. Robert Kreitz

Mr. Robert J. Kreitz Sr., 74, of Bullfrog Road, Gettysburg, died Wednesday, Aug. 6, at his home. He was the husband of Frances L. Glacken Kreitz for 45 years. Born Aug. 22, 1928, in Emmitsburg, he was a son of the late Francis J. and Margaret Cool Kreitz.

Mr. Kreitz retired from Gettysburg Foundry after 35 years. He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Emmitsburg. He was a veteran of the Korean War, where he was a member of American Legion Post 121, Emmitsburg.

Surviving in addition to his wife are three daughters, Kay Lockman, Judy Rexroth, and Cathy Ankney.; three sons, Robert J. Kreitz Jr., Joseph Kreitz Sr. and David Kreitz; one sister, Agnes Lawrence; and 21 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one sister, Catherine Scott.

A Christian wake service and funeral services were held Aug. 11 at Skiles Funeral Home with The Rev. Michael Reid officiating. Interment will be in Oak Lawn Memorial Gardens, Gettysburg.

Mr. Daniel Lind

Mr. Daniel W. Lind Jr., 83, of Provincial Parkway, Emmitsburg, died Thursday, Sept. 18, at Gettysburg (Pa.) Hospital. He was the husband of Sophie A. Lind, his wife of 55 years.

Born Oct. 17, 1919, in Ladiesburg, he was a son of the late Walter and Mary Smith Lind.

Mr. Lind served in the U.S. Army, 1st Division, as a staff sergeant during World War II. He distinguished himself in the African, Sicilian and Italian campaigns as well as the D-Day Invasion of Normandy. Wounded in battle, he received the Purple Heart with two oak leaf clusters and the silver and bronze star. In 1983, he retired from Fort Detrick after many years of service for both government and contractors. He was a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg, where he served as an usher. A lifetime member of Veterans

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of Foreign Wars Emmitsburg Post 6656, he served as post commander and was on the board of directors. He was a lifetime member of Francis X. Elder Post 121 American Legion, Emmitsburg.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three sons, Daniel W. Lind III, Michael R. Lind, and Ronald J. Lind; one daughter, Susan V. Ritz; ten grandchildren, one great-grandchild; four sisters, Mary Grabill, Sarah Blessing, Dorothy Crone, and Betty Grouse; and two brothers, Joseph Lind and Roy Lind. He was preceded in death by one sister, Ella Kline.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated Monday, Sept. 22, at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg. The Rev. Stephen Trzeckieski was the celebrant. Interment was held in St. Anthony's Shrine Cemetery, Emmitsburg.

Mr. Stephen Little

Mr. Stephen Francis Little, 54, of Old Frederick Road, Emmitsburg, died Monday, Aug. 11, at Frederick Memorial Hospital. He was the husband of Barbara Michael Little. Born Nov. 30, 1948, in Frederick, he was a son of Anna J. Miller Little and the late Francis Levert Little.

He was a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg. He was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6658, Emmitsburg, Blue Ridge Sportsman's, South Mountain Rod and Gun Club and Eagles of Waynesboro, Pa. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1968 to 1972.

Surviving in addition to his mother and wife are two children, Michael E. Little and Amy L. Little; three grandchildren; five sisters, Shirley A. Little, Elaine M. Reed, Teresa L. Meem, Donna J. Toms, and Mary Anne; a brother, Eugene J.; a mother-in-law, Thelma Michael; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. He also will be remembered by his friends, including Wayne Keeney, Jim Miller and Sharon Unger. He was preceded in death by a brother, Jeffrey A. Little; and father-in-law, Harvey E. Michael.

A memorial Mass was celebrated Aug. 13 from St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg, with his pastor, the Rev. William O'Brien, as celebrant. Interment will be in New St. Joseph's Cemetery, Emmitsburg.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Kidney Foundation of Maryland, 1107 Kenilworth Drive, Baltimore, Md. 21204.

Mr. Patrick Ott

Mr. Patrick Edward Ott, 56, of Tract Road, Fairfield, Pa., died

Thursday, Oct. 9, at M.S. Hershey Medical Center, Hershey, Pa. Born Nov. 28, 1946, in Gettysburg, Pa., he was a son of Evelyn Louise Moose Ott, and the late Bernard Joseph Ott Jr.

He graduated from St. Joseph's High School in 1964. He attended Baltimore Institute. He was a graduate of Mount St. Mary's College, class of 1972. He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam era. He was a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg. He was a partner of the Ott House, Emmitsburg, and Dave and Jane's Crabhouse, Fairfield. He was a member of American Legion, Francis X. Elder Post 121, Emmitsburg, and of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6658. He was a member of AMVETS Post 38 of Falling Waters, W.Va., and of the Blue Ridge Sportsmen's Association. He was a member of Fraternal Order of Eagles 1562, Gettysburg.

In addition to his mother he is survived by four brothers, Bernard J. Ott III, David M. Ott and Robert P. Ott, and Richard J. Ott; four sisters, Susan M. Glass, Christine T. Wilson and Catherine L. Ott, and Rosalea A. Bittle; and a number of nieces, nephews and cousins. He will also be remembered by friend, Joseph Burfeindt of Fairfield.

Funeral services were held Oct. 13, with a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Mother Seton School, 100 Creamery Road, Emmitsburg, Md. 21727.

Mr. Joseph Payne

Mr. Joseph William Payne, 81, of Mount View Road, Emmitsburg, died Saturday, Oct. 4 at St. Catherine Nursing Center, Emmitsburg. He was the husband of Phyllis Agnes Pryor Payne. They were married for 41 years. Born April 15, 1922, in Emmitsburg, he was a son of the late Joseph Robert and Mary Gertrude Lingg Payne.

He served in the U.S. Army with Co. L, 349th Infantry, during World War II. He retired from St. Joseph's Provincial House after working in the boiler room for 22 years. He was a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg, and AARP.

He is survived by his wife. He was preceded in death by one brother, John Robert Payne.

Funeral services were held Oct. 8, with a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg. Interment was in Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery.

Mr. Leslie Sabine

Mr. Leslie Roy "Les" Sabine, 54,

of 17119 Eylers Valley Road, Emmitsburg, died Wednesday, Sept. 3, at his home. He was the husband of Barbara Jean Whitehead Sabine for 18 years. Born July 13, 1949, in Washington, he was a son of the late Walter Morton and Vera Irma Rascher Sabine.

Mr. Sabine served in the U.S. Navy in Vietnam. He owned and operated L.R. Sabine Trucking Co. He attended Deerfield United Methodist Church. He enjoyed his Harley-Davidson motorcycle.

Surviving in addition to his wife are two sons, Seth Austin and Jeremy Colt Sabine; one daughter, Michele Lace Sabine; one brother, Paul L. Sabine; two sisters, Vera Rodes, and Marion Louise Griffith; two aunts, Eleanore Adamson, and Betty Parlor; and one brother-in-law, Al White of Clarksville. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Jeannie White and Barbara Ann Sabine.

Funeral services were held at Deerfield United Methodist Church, 16405 Foxville Road, Sabillasville. The Rev. Barry L. Taylor officiated. Interment was private and at the convenience of the family.

Mr. William Topper

Mr. William L. Topper, 81, of East Main Street, Emmitsburg, died Tuesday, Sept. 2, at Gettysburg (Pa.) Hospital. He was the husband of Carmen Elizabeth Austin Topper, his wife of 57 years. Born Jan. 1, 1922, in Emmitsburg, he was a son of the late Robert and Ethel Humerick Topper.

He retired from A&P Tea Co. after 43 years of service as a grocery manager. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg. He was a member of American Legion, Francis X. Elder Post 121, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6658, and Knights of Columbus Brute Council

1860, all of Emmitsburg, and the Emmitsburg Ambulance Co.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, Nevin Topper, and Kevin Topper; one daughter, Cheryl Paugh; 11 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and one sister, Kathleen A. Shorb. He was preceded in death by son, Thomas L. Topper and his wife Sharon; one sister, Dorothy Stoner; and one brother, Rodger Topper.

Funeral services were held Sept. 8, with a Mass of Christian burial at St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg. The Rev. William O'Brien officiated. Interment was in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Emmitsburg.

Mr. Harry Welch

Mr. Harry Ellsworth "Whitey" Welch Sr., 65, of 9241 Waynesboro Pike, Emmitsburg, died Thursday, Sept. 18, at Frederick Memorial Hospital. He was the husband of the late Mary Wetzel Welch, who died Jan. 21, 1999. Born Dec. 11, 1937, in Thurmont, he was a son of the late Ellsworth and Viola Fogle Welch.

He served on the board of directors of the Blue Ridge Sportsman's Club in Blue Ridge Summit, Pa. He also was a carpenter for more than 50 years. Mr. Welch was a member of Weller United Methodist Church, Thurmont, and Sons of AMVETS Post 7.

Surviving are two daughters, Charlotte F. Falconer, and Kimberly A. Usilton; two sons, Harry F. Welch Jr., and Michael J. Welch; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; three sisters, Patricia Reed, and Peggy Rhoades and, Mary Waldron; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one grandson, Jason Welch; and one brother, Charles Portner.

Funeral services were held Sept. 23, at Robert E. Dailey & Son Funeral Home the funeral home. Interment was in Resthaven Memorial Gardens, Frederick.

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Construction of 142 houses begins in Brookfield development

By Raymond Buchheister
Publisher

Ryan Homes began construction on the first 8 of 142 houses on a 73.8 acre parcel of land located between W. Main St. and Irishtown Rd. at the west end of Emmitsburg. Timbermill Run, a newly constructed road adjacent to the cemetery entrance at W. Main St., leads into the Brookfield development.

David Wilcox, a Ryan Homes sales representative, said Ryan expects to build approximately 35 houses per year, completing the development's final house in 2007. Wilcox sold the first 8 houses at an average price of \$345,000, with largest sale over \$400,000.

According to Town manager, Dave Haller, houses in the development will be built in 4 phases. To date, the Town has issued 12 building permits and has approved 34 lots for construction.

House models. Ryan Homes is offering 8 house models to potential buyers. Several models are the same as those built in neighboring Pembroke Woods. All models are traditional two-story homes featuring a minimum of 4 bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths. The Savoy, Ryan's base model, has 1,944 sq. ft. of living space and begins at \$259,900. Options such as brick exterior or porches are available at an additional charge.

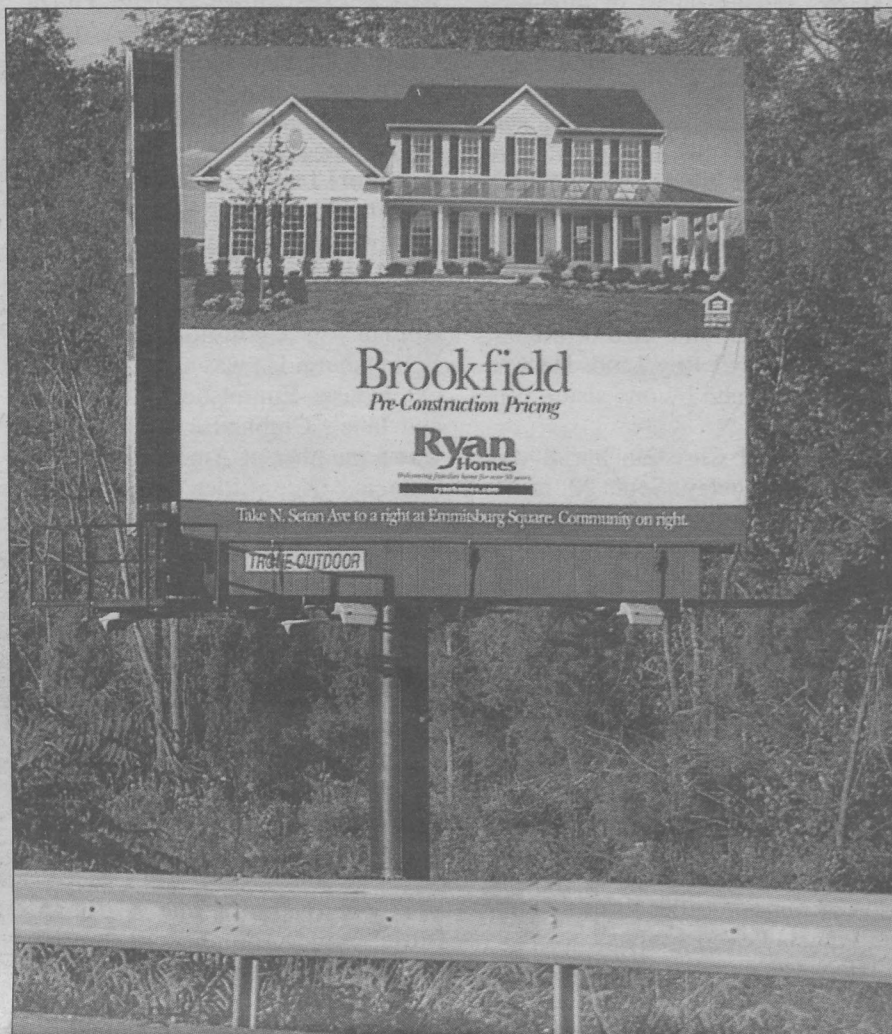
Wilcox said buyers generally add options. The most popular one is a morning room, extending from the side or the back of the house. The room is typically 10'-12' deep by 15'-18' wide. The large glass windows lining 3 of the 4 walls flood the room with natural light.

Town approves larger homes.

Wilcox attributes the availability of the morning room option to Ryan Homes' recent request for an ordinance change to Emmitsburg's R1 residential zoning. The change, which was approved by the Town commissioners, allows houses to be built 10 feet closer to rear property lines. Under the Town's previous zoning regulations, the morning room option would not have been available to many Brookfield buyers given the size and configuration of the lots. This change also makes it possible for Ryan Homes to build larger houses on some of the Brookfield lots. (For more information about the rezoning, see subheads, 'Zoning change,' on page 7 in the July issue, and 'Council overrides Hoover's veto, allows short set back on Ryan lots' on page 6 in the August issue of The Emmitsburg Dispatch. Also, see related story, 'Town Commissioners violate Open Meetings Act,' on page 1 of this issue.)

How Brookfield began. In 1978 the Brookfield development land was annexed into Emmitsburg's corporate limits. Sewer and water were made available to the property and it was zoned R1 for single family detached dwellings on lots of 8000 sq. ft. Today, R1 zoning allows single family dwellings only on minimum lot sizes of 12,000 sq. ft.

The property has changed hands several times since annexation. Richard Demmitt, president of RJD Development Corp., Clarksville, MD, now owns it. Demmitt acquired the land and the approved development plans in March 2000 from the Lancelotta-Hunt partnership. He told



Ryan Homes advertises pre-construction pricing on houses in the new Brookfield development. The billboard, located along Rt. 15, coaches motorist who travel the highway to consider relocating to Emmitsburg.

the Emmitsburg Dispatch that he is developing the property according to the original plan, including retaining the Brookfield name.

At the time of sale, all 142 lots were approved and 24 had been

recorded. Demmitt paid \$350,000 for the property. Wilcox speculated that Demmitt might receive as much as \$70,000 for each improved building lot. A local real estate agent confirmed that figure to be a realistic one.

Developer seeks rezoning to add townhouses

By Raymond Buchheister
Publisher

In late June Richard Demmitt, the developer of Brookfield, applied for a zoning change for 10.8 undeveloped acres in that subdivision. The land includes 4 parcels with 7.1 acres zoned low density residential, 9 acres zoned high density residential, and 2.8 acres zoned for business. Demmitt has requested that 9.9 acres be rezoned R3, high density residential, and that the remaining .9 acre be rezoned open space. He intends to build townhouses on the rezoned land.

The Town's Board of Commissioners will face the rezoning request in a meeting scheduled for 7:30 p.m., Oct. 22 at the Sleep Inn hotel.

Zoning mistake? Demmitt applied for the rezoning based on a zoning law article that allows for zoning amendment and reclassification if a mistake

has been made. He argued that the undeveloped land is located where townhouses would normally be located in a residential subdivision. They would be visible from W. Main St., located at the entrance of Brookfield on both sides of Timbermill Run, behind the old Rutter's store.

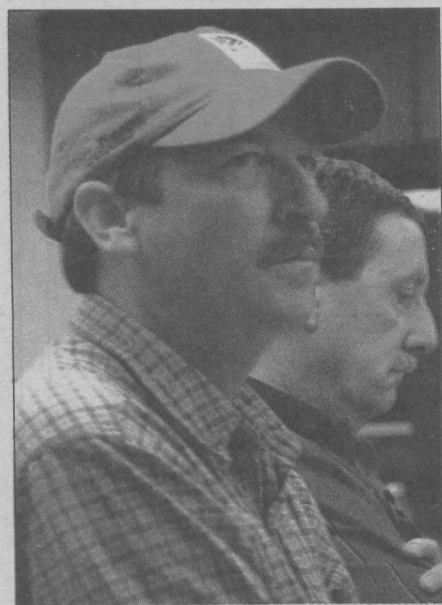
He called the townhouses a "buffer" providing gradual intensity of housing density from the low residential area (the Brookfield houses already approved) to the main street where there is general business and high density housing. Low density residential zoning would abut medium or high density, which in turn would abut commercial use zoning. For this reason Demmitt said, "It appears that a mistake was made in the original rezoning." No hard evidence was presented that any mistake had been made.

Frederick County Planner Jim Gugel reported that no mistake was

found in the existing zoning. A mapping error, found by the Town's staff, is the only actual mistake uncovered. Two parcels of the land, totaling 2.8 acres, are inaccurately marked B2 on the town's zoning map. Town records however show that the property was zoned B1 in a special public hearing held in Oct. 1988. No other record has been found indicating that the property is zoned B2. Both the Frederick county and Emmitsburg zoning maps are being revised to reflect the correct zoning.

There was also disagreement about the number of townhouse units that could be built on the site. Miles and Stockbridge attorney, Krista McGowan, representing RJD Development, Corp., said the company hoped it could build as many as 52 units, noting that no less than 25 would work. Gugel questioned the proposed large number because of a

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Brookfield developer Richard Demmitt, and Charles Karfonta, listen to debate over their request for land rezoning at an Emmitsburg Planning and Zoning meeting held in August.

Town houses

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storm water management pond required on site. A more precise number of potential townhouses was unavailable because engineering work had not been done.

Although no mistake had been found, and a question remained about the number of townhouses that could be built, Gugel still recommended approval of the request. He concluded that the zoning is consistent with the land use designation in the Town's comprehensive plan. He said the townhouses would be compatible with existing and proposed development within the neighborhood. Gugel went further, even to offer the rezoning criteria with which the developer could obtain approval. He submitted that there has been sufficient change in the character of neighborhood to warrant the rezoning. His report cites the newly constructed neighboring community of Pembroke Woods as an example of such change.

Townhouse request draws opposition. The rezoning request drew opposition at the August planning and zoning meeting. Opponents questioned the estimated number of students that would occupy the new townhouses and the validity of the Frederick County Schools' figures. President Bill O'Neil of Citizens Organized to Preserve Emmitsburg (COPE) got loud and, while waving his arms, said, "We are building and building and building." O'Neil and other members of COPE want the building to stop. The citizens' group wants a building moratorium enacted to allow time to evaluate the effect of approved housing already on the books. The group also wants the Town to pass an adequate public facilities ordinance.

Emmitsburg resident Dianne Walbrecker put her finger on an important issue regarding rezoning. She attacked the staff report conclusion that the area around Brookfield had changed enough to allow the rezoning. She concluded that all neighborhoods would eventually be put in that same position. The area has changed only because of other annexations and rezoning and that cycle could continue indefinitely. She said, "It's time to stop!"

Ryan Homes' Wilcox said that even the new house owners in Brookfield wouldn't like the idea of townhouses located at the entrance to their subdivision.

P&Z Board votes no to townhouses. In the August Planning and Zoning meeting, Planning Commissioner Don Briggs voiced a need to retain commercial property on the west side of town. Briggs pointed out that if the 2.8 acres currently zoned for business were rezoned, there would only be 4

small commercial lots left in the rapidly developing west end.

Demmitt told The Emmitsburg Dispatch that he felt Briggs, the owner of Briggs Associates real estate, should have recused himself from the deliberations, saying it was a conflict of interest. Calling Briggs "the ring leader," he said he should never have been allowed to lead the board in their decision. Demmitt said Briggs was instrumental in trying to help him buy the Rutter's store and said that Briggs' work is ongoing to get businesses to locate in that area.

Briggs did state publicly at the beginning of the Aug. meeting that he had been in contact with Mr. Demmitt, trying to get business interested in the property in question. However, he told The Emmitsburg Dispatch that his dealings with Demmitt were over a year ago and that anything else in which he has an interest is "unrelated."

Briggs said he would like to see rooftops on the new Brookfield housing before the Town decides what is best suited for the property. Calling Demmitt "a good commercial developer," Briggs said he has the experi-

ence to turn the property into something beneficial for the town, but it requires patience to wait for the housing to create the demand. For now Briggs feels it is in the Town's best interest to retain the business zoning because it is the last land open to service that end of town.

The Planning and Zoning board voted unanimously against the rezoning, citing the uncertainty of the number of townhouses to be built and the need to retain commercial property. The board also wanted the zoning map issue resolved.



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Mount President Delivers First Annual Address Faith...Discovery...Leadership...Community

By Susan Allen
Staff Writer

Thomas H. Powell, newly appointed president of Mount St. Mary's College and Seminary, delivered his first "state of the institution" address to staff and faculty on Aug. 22, 2003. Dr. Powell paid tribute to the heritage of the Mount community from its founding by Father John DuBois in 1808; commended staff members, introduced his wife Irene and new top administrators. He gave special recognition to the seminary's pioneer program in Hispanic ministry; and outlined plans for future policies, projects, and fundraising. The following are excerpts from Dr. Powell's speech:

The beginning of a new academic year is...really a new year's celebration...In a few days, we will induct the class of 2007 into Mount St. Mary's College and Seminary...

We [will] join together as a community of learners. . . *teaching*

and learning from each other...

As I reflect on the mission and history of Mount St. Mary's...I use four simple words to summarize our calling and our promise...*Faith* - We are proud to be a Catholic college...Our mission requires us to help our students, faculty, staff, and alumni with their continual faith journey, allowing them to deepen their faith and understand its foundations. This commitment to our faith requires us to have a deep respect and love for others of different faiths and to serve others in a manner that reaffirms human dignity and respect. *Discovery* - Personal discovery is the primary goal of higher education. Through the liberal arts, students learn to respond to an ever-changing world, firmly rooted in values and traditions. *Discovery* at the

Mount is founded on our common quest to understand God's creation and pursue truth. *Leadership* - Our goal is to prepare leaders: leaders for the Church, our nation, our communities, the professions and most importantly, leaders for social justice...Our task is to ensure students are prepared to be leaders who are effective in complicated and difficult times. At the Mount, we must teach students in an environment where value-centered leadership is evident and expected all the time...*Community* - ...We are a college community where we speak and listen carefully to each other, where we prize our interpersonal relationships, where accomplishments are celebrated and where integrity is our hallmark...

We are expecting a freshman class of 400...[and] overall enrollment is expected to be approximately 2,074...The overall seminary enrollment is expected to be 146...The recruitment and retention of students is not just the work of the admissions office...it is everyone's job at Mount St. Mary's...

As we prepare for our bicentennial, I ask everyone to join me in looking critically at our practices and procedures, our buildings, grounds...with a critical eye for improvement...Without a doubt, the most important campus-wide event over the next two years will be preparing for our re-accreditation...since our last review [in 1995] major changes in the process and requirements have made re-accreditation more rigorous...We need to be sufficiently disciplined to determine which academic programs are central to our mission and worthy of increased support...All of our academic programs must focus on attainment of national accreditation standards...I am asking all department and program chairs and their faculty to begin to analyze their degree programs against these...standards and prepare a report for the provost by December 15 regarding...actions we need to take to meet those accreditation standards...

In 2008, we will celebrate 200 years as a college and seminary. The magnitude of this event requires that we begin now...Along with [Board of Trustees] Chairman O'Hara, I will be appointing a special Bicentennial Commission to lead this celebration...

I have initiated a multi-dimen-

sional planning process to consider our deferred maintenance needs, internal space allocation, landscaping and grounds, [and] overall campus master planning...This fall I will be appointing a few special presidential commissions to provide specific recommendations [concerning]: the college's identity and marketing; enhancing residential student life; building a Catholic retirement community at the Mount; [and] enhancing the education [of] non-native speaking seminarians...

If we are to grow, we need a new residence hall on campus...We will begin our plans for the college's next capital campaign with an emphasis on building our endowment...This year, I will initiate a special program for our faculty and staff who have retired from the Mount. The aim...will be to keep our retirees connected with our beloved college community, as well as for us to use their combined wisdom to help inform our practices today...

It is a privilege for me to be your president...My job is to serve you...now is the time for us to be bold, to be courageous, to work hard to listen and speak to each other carefully and respectfully...I look forward to working with you as we continue to build our college and seminary.

May the Peace of God be with you always.

The president stated that important goals had been accomplished in the past year. These included the completion of the McGowan Center and beginning construction on the Borders Learning Center. The Mount received a "significant grant" on vocations from the Eli Lilly Foundation. The college has also received more than \$1 million in gifts since June; the Mount Annual Fund's receipts totaled \$1.34 million for the year.

He succeeded George R. Houston, Jr., now retired, on July 1, 2003. Dr. Powell previously served as president of Glenville State College, Glenville, WV (1999-2003), and as professor of education and dean at Winthrop University in Rock Hill, SC (1994-1999). He holds bachelor's and master's degrees in special education from Montana State University, and earned an Ed.D. in special education from Vanderbilt University. For the complete text of Dr. Powell's address, go to www.msm.edu.

Dr. Powell will be formally installed as the 24th president of Mount St. Mary's College and Seminary on Friday, Oct. 24, 2003. The ceremony begins at 2 p.m. in the Knott Athletic Recreation Convocation Complex (ARCC). The event is free, open to the public and wheelchair accessible.

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Around and About Rodgers forge

By Doug Campbell

Before the winter weather sets in, and we stay closer to the Forge, I must recommend another nice drive for a truly wonderful meal.
(Wow, it seems we are always eating!)

Take 695 to West 795 then North to 140 about 30 minutes past Westminster to the charming town of Emmitsburg, MD.

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Emmitsburg's Historic
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Dr. Thomas Powell (L) presents a personal gift of \$1000 to the Town at its September meeting. He entrusted the gift to Mayor Jim Hoover to determine how it can best serve the people of Emmitsburg.

Dr. Powell

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benches installed near the Memorial

Park pavilion. A plaque on each bench will acknowledge Dr. and Mrs. Powell's generosity.
(See page 14 for related story.)

Comp. plan

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make recommendations and requests for future development. A good comprehensive plan that has the true and realistic vision of the town can be a valuable resource. A comprehensive plan that does not have the true vision of the citizens in town, but is put in place just because the town is required to do so, will undoubtedly become the thorn that begins the cycle that creates unwanted irreversible changes to the town.

As you are aware, the town is currently going through an unusual amount of development. This can be a scary time for some. In today's society, change is inevitable. We all know as the State of Maryland changes, Frederick County changes. Emmitsburg will change too. We cannot stop change, but we can control it. But, we can only control it if we work together and create a vision for the town and document it.

The Mayor, Town Council and Planning & Zoning committee members are required by law to follow written policies and ordinances. In the next

few months the Town's Planning & Zoning committee will start the process to begin the updating of the comprehensive plan. Watch the Town's Cable Channel 99; check out the Planning & Zoning meeting agendas on the Town's website (emmitsburg.net/towngov) for more information on the comprehensive plan; or call Mike Lucas, Town Planner, at 301-447-2313.

I can assure you that the Town is taking the current development and requests for future development very seriously. Some of our oldest sewer lines and water lines are in the process to be replaced and plans are being discussed to replace several others. The Town's water supply is adequate for all of the planned development. However, the town's sewer and water delivery systems' pipes are a serious concern. Due to the poor condition of many pipes, the town continues to lose as much as 80,000 gallons of water per day through leaking pipes. We are currently addressing leaks in our system and will continue to search for and repair other leaks.

—James Hoover
Mayor of Emmitsburg

October/ November at the Library

Storytimes

Babies with Books (birth- 24 months with an adult) Every 4th Tuesday, October 28 at 10:30 a.m.

Two Terrific! (age 2 with an adult) Tuesdays, October 21, and November 4, 11 at 10:30 a.m.

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

Teen Programs

Teen Time (6th grade and up) Wednesday, November 12 at 4:30 p.m. Crafts, games book discussions. Please be sure to register, sometimes we ask that you bring some simple items with you for crafts. **Registration required!**

Special Programs

Third Thursdays at ThorpeWood (ages 3-5 with an adult) Thursday, November 20 at 1 p.m. Emmitsburg and Thurmont Branch Libraries host a story-

time in coordination with ThorpeWood Environmental Center. Families can enjoy a nature themed storytime, craft, and snack. Registration is required by contacting ThorpeWood directly at 301-271-2823 by the third Tuesday of the month. Registration required.*

Book Discussion Groups

Evening Club: 2nd Tuesdays, November 11 at 7:30 p.m. Selection: *Year of Wonders* by Geraldine Brooks.

Afternoon Club: 2nd Fridays, November 14 at 1:00 p.m. Call the library for more information.

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 West Main Street (or other noted locations). For registration or information call 301-447-2682.



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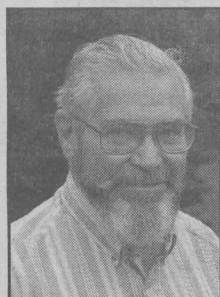
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Sat. November 22 at 8:00 pm - \$10

Sun. November 23 at 2:00 pm - \$10

Tickets on sale at the door

The (retired) Ecologist Watching Time Go By



Bill Meredith
Dispatch Writer

We're officially into fall now, and it won't be long until we go back on Standard Time. I've always approached this event with a feeling of bemused aggravation. The bemusement is because of the illogic of it. The aggravation has been less severe since I retired; nowadays I don't really care what time it is when I get up, but when I was working I hated getting up an hour earlier in the spring.

I suppose the illogic bothers people of my age more than younger generations, who appear to accept Daylight Saving Time as the natural order of things. My daughter got a sundial a couple of years ago, and we spent some time setting it up in the back yard. It was a cloudy day, but we had a compass and after some flummoxing around we got it lined up so XII (noon) was pointed exactly north. The next day my daughter called to inform me that either my compass or my eyes were not working right, because the sun was out and at noon the sundial read 11:00. I explained to her that the discrepancy was not my fault; it occurred because the sun stayed on Standard Time all year. I think she believed me, although she received this news with surprise.

Benjamin Franklin proposed the idea of Daylight Saving Time in an essay written in 1784, while he was

ambassador to France. Some people thought it was another example of Ben's brilliance; but most folks were of the opinion that he had too much free time on his hands. I've always figured the fact that the idea didn't catch on was one more indication of the wisdom of our founding fathers. Nevertheless, the idea didn't go away. Germany adopted DST during World War I, and achieved a significant saving in energy costs. After the war England and France did the same. Determined not to be left behind, in 1918, the U. S. Congress passed a law enacting it, over Pres. Wilson's veto; however, the American voters agreed vociferously with Wilson, and Congress quickly repealed it.

I first encountered DST in 1942, when Pres. Roosevelt enacted it to save energy and improve industrial efficiency during wartime. We called it "fast time" back then, and to my family, living on a farm, it seemed like a pretty silly idea. To us, the rooster started crowing when the sun came up, regardless of whether we called it 5 a.m. or 6 a.m. We couldn't understand why, if certain factories claimed to benefit from it, they couldn't just tell their employees to come to work an hour earlier in the summer, and leave the rest of us in peace. One of our neighbors, a 90-year-old farmer who was still driving one of the original Model T Fords, was still angry with Congress for messing up the time back in 1918. I stopped by his house one day, on the way home from the hayfield, to get a drink of water, and there in the parlor stood a grandfather's clock, soberly ticking away and reading an hour earlier than my watch. I remember that I felt some admiration

for the old gentleman for sticking to his principles.

Roosevelt originally mandated DST only for the duration of the war, but the genie was out of the bottle. When the original mandate ran out, there was a period of chaos. Some states, districts, counties and municipalities decided to be modern and have it, while others elected to stay on Standard Time; when you drove from one place to another, you never were sure whether you were going to arrive an hour early or an hour late. Congress came to the rescue again and enacted a law requiring each state to choose between DST and Standard Time, and setting nation-wide dates for setting clocks in the spring and fall. I believe all but three states now use DST.

My father worked at an aluminum mill as well as running the family farm, and when the war started he was assigned to the night shift. Many workers complained about this, so to treat everyone alike the mill started rotating shifts. The workers all changed each week... one week on day shift, the next on evenings, and then a week on nights. This reduced the complaining, but produced a variety of health disruptions; for example, my father was one of many who developed ulcers. Initially this was attributed to the stress of wartime; but after the war ended it did not go away.

Ecologists had discovered some 10 years earlier that animals have regular patterns of activity that can only be explained by some kind of internal time-measuring mechanisms... what we now call biological clocks... which enable them to start migrating south or to prepare for hibernation when the days grow short in the fall. In those days it wasn't widely known that humans also can measure time biologically; but when travel by jet planes became common, it was found that moving frequently across several time zones produced the same effect as changing work shifts, and "jetlag" entered our vocabulary. At the same

time the navy, in anticipation of having crews isolated for long periods on nuclear submarines, was doing experiments in which volunteers lived in sound- and light-proof rooms for months at a time. These experiments showed that people soon adjust their activities to approximately 24-hour periods, even though they were without clocks or calendars, and that they were less efficient and less healthy if forced to follow activity patterns that were not based on 24-hour cycles.

We now know that all living things measure time and use the changing length of days and nights as seasons go by to regulate their life activities. In plants, seed germination, blooming of flowers, falling of leaves and winter dormancy are just a few of the things regulated by biological clocks. In animals, migration, hibernation, breeding cycles, and color change by molting are examples. Genes that regulate the ability to measure time have been discovered; we still don't know exactly how they work, but I expect we will before another decade passes.

Since it is now well known that sudden changes in activity patterns are not good for us, I think we would be better off if we scrapped the whole system of Daylight Saving Time and designed a new one. Sunrise should be designated as 6 a.m. and sunset as 6 p.m.; noon would be when the sun is straight overhead. Every clock and watch should be provided with a computer chip that would make it run slower in the daytime and faster at night in the summer, and vice versa in the winter, so days and nights would always be 12 hours long. The computer chips could be coordinated by global positioning satellites to compensate for latitude, so the farther north you went, the slower the hours would pass in the daytime, and so on. Since this is the way our bodies work anyhow, it would eliminate the need for DST entirely. The only problem then would be among people who get jet lag by traveling east and west too quickly. I'm still working on that.

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Life Chain protests killing unborn

Staff report

On Oct. 5 people who uphold the dignity of human life, born and unborn, formed the Emmitsburg Life Chain. It was a linkage of over 50 people of all ages and denominations originating in the town square.

Since 1987 this annual demonstration has been duplicated on the first Sunday in October, Respect Life Sunday, at the same time of the day in each time zone along main streets throughout the United States. The events now occur in more than 900 cities. For one hour starting at 2:30 p.m. the demonstrators join hands, carry signs, and pray for an end to

abortion on demand.

Promoters note that 2 million babies were destroyed last year, more than 43 million since abortion became legalized. Abortion is the only form of killing permitted in this country without public oversight.

On Oct. 2, just 3 days earlier, Congress moved a step closer to sending President Bush the first federal bill that would outlaw a type of abortion. By a 281 to 142 vote, the House approved final passage of a bill that would ban the late-term procedure referred to as partial birth abortion. The measure must now be taken up by the Senate, which is also expected to approve it.



Marty Grenchik, president of Emmitsburg Area Pro-Life Committee, stand with his wife Sherry and 4 children during a demonstration to provide a peaceful, prayerful, non-political statement that abortion is grievously wrong.



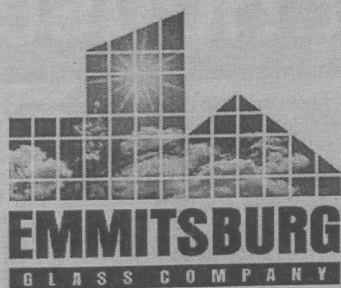
Doing the Monster Mash? Approximately 60 kids gathered Oct. 18 for the monthly youth dance at the Emmitsburg Ambulance building. This month the dance was a Halloween party with costumes being judged and prizes awarded by Emmitsburg's town deputies.

Sponsored by the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company to give kids a positive and safe alternative activity, area youth from Emmitsburg and neighboring communities are encouraged to attend the monthly dance event. The dance is open to youth ages 11-17. The cover charge is \$5.00 and kids are required to stay in the building until a guardian arrives to pick them up.

DJ Brian Wolf, a Baltimore County Detective, donates his time and talents to help. The Emmitsburg Ambulance Company is looking for area businesses to help support their efforts by donating prizes. The next dance is Nov 22, from 7-11 p.m.

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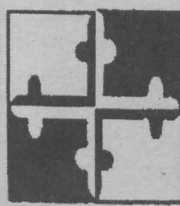
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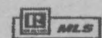
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A word from the doctor

The White Towel and Diabetes

Anyone suffering from diabetes or any other disease that affects the legs and feet should bring a towel to each and every medical office visit. The towel, preferably white, should be just large enough for both feet to rest on comfortably. Carry the towel in a plastic bag (an excellent use for those grocery bags). As soon as the doctor takes height, weight, blood pressure and blood sugar, take the towel out of the plastic bag and place it next to the feet on the floor. Take off both shoes and socks and place both feet on the towel. If feet, or portions of the leg have been amputated, then place the towel under the uncovered stump.

With the client's feet or stump on a white towel, the physician can notice ingrown toenails, ulcers, inflammation, seepage, swelling or discoloration that could be major warnings of the need for aggressive medical intervention.

Why bring your own white towel? The answer becomes clear with some further pondering. Bare feet directly on floor place the client at risk for giving or picking up hard to treat infections.

Paper liners, even those with plastic barriers on the back, are too thin and too small. Feet on a cold floor with such minimal barrier separation make waiting for the physician seem even longer and more uncomfortable. The towel provides warmth and a portion of it can be thrown over the feet to provide greater comfort during the wait. A laundered white towel, even one not washed in a name brand laundering product, enables the physician to notice seepage or blue and red foot discolorations. Using your own towel guarantees that only you use that towel and the germs on it are yours. The plastic bag safely transports the towel back home. At home launder the towel with bedding or other towels that will be bleached to kill germs.

Why bring a towel to every visit? If you go to the podiatrist for your feet, you may say that you come to the doctor for the rest of your care. If those who suffer from diabetes or other diseases affecting feet and legs were able and actually checked their feet each morning and evening, top and bottom

and between the toes, the towel might not be so important. So many sufferers cannot see their feet or feel their toes or hope that if something is wrong it will get better on its own. Sometimes fatigue or sleepiness is the only personal clue that something is very wrong. You may be right and need treatment for bronchitis, but also the feet might need some serious intervention.

Your physician wants to help you. Bring your clean towel. Put those bare feet on your towel during each and every office visit. Don't forget to check or have someone else check your feet each morning and evening to make

sure you did not get a new sore, step on a tack, cut yourself or have new color changes, seepage or swelling. Call for a medical evaluation whenever anything seems amiss.

One of the themes in a fun book series entitled *The Hitchhikers' Guide to the Galaxy* by Douglas Adams includes two concepts: "Don't Panic," and never travel without your towel. It's sound medical advice — bring a white towel to each medical visit. Show us your feet. Help us help you work together toward health.

—Bonita J. Portier, D.O.
Emmitsburg

Breast cancer awareness workshop

A workshop about breast cancer will be held on Thurs., Oct. 23 from 12 to 2 p.m. in the Frederick Community College (FCC) Conference Center, Room E126.

Carol Mastalerz, RN and social worker Valerie Miller will present information on breast cancer and what women need to know about the disease. The talk will include self-examination techniques, diagnosis, occurrence, psychosocial aspects of care after diagnosis, and how to cope with the disease in oneself, loved ones or associates.

The workshop is being offered to help people to learn more about how to reach out to others in support of

women who have breast cancer and who are struggling to make decisions about cancer care.

The Anne-Lynn Gross Breast Cancer Resource Center located at FCC, is a resource for local women to learn about conventional and alternative treatments, prevention, early detection, and after care. Information about physicians who can care for you and your family at any point in the health life continuum can be obtained from the FMH physician referral service: 301-695-1300.

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Winning Isn't Everything or The Only Thing

A call for more good volunteers

By A.J. Russo
Editor
Sports & Recreation

Phyllis Cool, a long time resident of Emmitsburg, and a mother and grandmother of many children who have participated in Emmitsburg baseball and softball, listened to her eight year old grandson recently. "I don't think I want to go back to baseball. When you don't like to play, you don't want to keep playing."

Disheartening, to say the least.

Her grandson went on. "The coaches are in my face all the time. I don't want to play. When you can't

have fun, why play?"

Some of the coaches in the Emmitsburg Baseball and Softball Leagues "are less interested in promoting the love of the game and more interested in winning," said another resident, who would rather go unnamed. "Is this what's best for the kids?" In Emmitsburg, "we're not sure what the league philosophy is." And, although "parents are very interested in the league, there is still trouble getting volunteers to help out."

Pete Dorsey, an Emmitsburg resident, had a different take on T-ball coaching and volunteers. "The players on our team had fun while learn-

ing. I didn't hear any negative feedback from parents." Most parents "were pretty cooperative."

Dean Torgerson, 2003 league president of Emmitsburg Baseball and Softball, frustrated by the fact that the same people seem to donate their time, said "This is a good league. An influx of even a few good people would help. As an example, volunteers Mary Myers, Michelle Hill and Patti Gelwicks all worked very hard. If I could clone them, we would go a long way."

Just like most organizations staffed by volunteers, baseball and softball in Emmitsburg has good coaches and bad, and the number of volunteers fluctuates like the stock market. But, if you're interested in change, now's the time to get involved.

Dean has tentatively scheduled a meeting for Oct. 23 at 7:00 p.m. at the

little league field press box to elect officers and team managers for the 2004 season. He will recommend activities to help raise players' skill levels and the sanctioning of all teams in Williamsport. Please contact him at home if you want to be involved with the league (301-271-0577).

The league totals 16 teams: 4 T-ball (ages 5-6), 4 minor league baseball (ages 7-8), 4 major league baseball (ages 9-12), 1 senior league baseball (ages 13-15), 1 senior league baseball (ages 16-18), 1 girls' softball (ages 9-12) and 1 girls' senior league softball (ages 13-15). These teams compete with other youth athletic activities such as soccer and lacrosse for membership, but they would like to see player numbers grow. With the overall population in the Emmitsburg area expanding, they hope that league participation will also increase.

Outside the Game

Positive Coaching

By A.J. Russo
Editor
Sports & Recreation

It's October. Less grass cutting to do, leaves turning color and falling, and youngsters all over the area are putting away their gloves and picking up footballs. I can almost smell the dogs on the grill, hear the slamming of the pads—and, unfortunately, the growls of coaches and screams of disgruntled parents as the new season begins.

This year, more than 4 million volunteer coaches will work with 40 million young athletes (ages 5-18) in the United States. Unfortunately, most of these volunteer coaches will be untrained in teaching and motivating young athletes. Many will

emulate college and pro coach strategies, attempting to win at all costs (not winning generally costs them their jobs); and perhaps using criticism as a primary motivational tactic.

Participation in youth sports provides opportunities to learn the value of commitment, working hard to achieve a goal, teamwork, sportsmanship, and it gives athletes a chance to increase their self-confidence. It seems to me that as youth coaches we have a responsibility to help young men and women improve in these areas.

Research has shown that positive coaching (spending more time emphasizing the positive things players or teams do rather than dwelling on the negative) increases

an athlete's self-esteem and self-confidence, and causes improved performance. This, in turn, results in more enjoyment, and the likelihood that the person will continue playing.

The Positive Coaching Alliance at Stanford University has a charting technique worth sharing with youth coaches. During practices and games, keep a list of things you would like to see individual players improve. At practices or during games, look for positive things each player does—particularly with reference to the improvement list—and note them (try for 3-5 items). At the next practice, start with a quick team meeting, go down the list of improvements, and note the smiles.

This is not to say that positive coaching should never involve criti-

cism. There are times when players repeat mistakes, are unsportsmanlike, and it's time to put on the serious face. But if your positive/negative ratio is high, a stern reminder will go a long way and probably be that much more effective, especially if it is done with sincerity and care.

Some coaches spend more time finding fault, using fear tactics, rather than using positive reinforcement, and they claim players ultimately respect them. In some cases that might be true—but probably at the expense of lowering player confidence, esteem and even team performance. When I hear parents on the side lines yelling at coaches, refs, players, I can't help but wonder if they are emulating negative coaching behavior. What do you think?

Fall Activities at Catoctin Mountain Park

Orienteering (Map and Compass Reading)—Sundays, November 9 and 16 and Saturday, November 15 at the Visitor Center at 1:00 p.m. Orienteering classes consist of an indoor slide program that introduces maps and their components as well as the orienteering compass that allows the user to determine the direction of travel. After learning how to use the compass in conjunction with the map, participants are given the opportunity to complete a short outdoor course. The outdoor course requires going off-trail in varied terrain so wear sturdy shoes and dress for the weather. Maps and compasses are

provided for the day. The program is free but class size is limited so reservations are required. Please make your reservation by calling the Visitor Center at (301) 663-9388.


Discover GPS — Saturday, November 8 at the Visitor Center at 1:00 p.m. If you have access to a handheld GPS (Global Positioning System) receiver and need a course to test your skills, or have been baffled by the terminology and need some help getting started, the "Discover GPS" classroom session may be for you. You will be introduced to the special terms and

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Quilters Cleaning Quilts

By Mary Ellen Cummings
Dispatch Writer

In the late 19th and early 20th century, quilts fell into two categories — those that could be washed and those that could not be washed. It was not unusual for quilts to be used on beds for several months without washing. They were used for warmth, primarily in winter months, and there was no good way to dry a full bed sized quilt. When bed linens were changed, the quilts were shaken well and aired before returning them to the bed. Of course if they were very badly soiled, they would be washed, and perhaps dried by the cook stove or other heat source.

Some quilts were made of wool fabric and some had raw wool batting. Others made of cotton and silk might have a wool blanket instead of batting. Of course these quilts would be ruined if they were washed — and that is exactly what happened to many of them. When commercial dry cleaning became available, some of these unwashable quilts were sent to the

experts for cleaning. Some of today's quilt care writers do not favor dry cleaning quilts since they are put into a vat of cleaning fluid with other items, or are cleaned in the same fluid used to clean clothing items. Some writers recommend asking the cleaner to use clean solution for quilts. I cannot see that happening — at least not without a very high cost. It is not wise to send cotton quilts to be dry-cleaned. Some dyes are fugitive and can ruin a quilt by running, and dry cleaning solutions can cause damage to the dyes.

If your quilt is fairly new and made of new fabrics and modern batting, you can safely wash it. Old instructions, which some quilting experts still follow, said to soak your quilt in the bathtub using warm water and mild detergent. While the quilt is soaking, jostle it with your hands a few times. Then drain the tub and press the soapy water out of the quilt. Rinse it in same temperature water several times until all the soap has been removed. Then press the water out — do not wring or squeeze. Spread

a clean sheet on the grass and gently remove the quilt and lay it on the sheet. Cover it with another sheet. When it is dry on one side, turn it over to dry the other side.

This approach may have worked fine when everyone had a yard, but in today's world many quilt owners live in condos and town houses and if they have a yard it is not large enough to spread a quilt. If yours is an art quilt, if it is delicate appliqué and embroidery or if it is the winner in a juried show, Do Not Wash!

Otherwise, follow these directions: 1. Test each fabric for color fastness rubbing with a Q-tip or cotton cloth. If color rubs off, test again with a wet Q-tip. If no color appears, test with a Q-tip wet with solution of your detergent and water. If no color appears, wash the quilt. If the fabrics have been pre-washed before making the quilt, no testing is necessary. 2. Fill your washer with maximum load of either cold or slightly warm water.

3. Add detergent - swish - then add quilt. Push quilt down to be sure all sections have been wet. 4. Agitate for two minutes only; drain tub and spin. 5. Add same temperature rinse water. Jostle the quilt with your hands; then agitate another two minutes. 6. Drain washer and spin dry. Do Not Use Fabric Softener!

I hang my quilts on two outside parallel lines fastening them with clip pins about every two inches. If it is a very sunny day, hang quilts wrong side out to reduce fading and fabric damage. A washed quilt can be dried in the dryer on a delicate setting. Do not 'overtime' the drying cycle. It is better to use a short time and reset the timer than to over dry. Use the damp dry setting.

Remember, every time you wash your quilt you shorten its life. Do not wash it every time you wash the sheets.

Next Time: Vacuum cleaner and Vinegar.

Activities

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maps needed to get the most from your GPS. A copy of the beginning orienteering course will be provided allowing participants to practice their skills in the field. Since a basic knowledge of map and compass reading will make this session more meaningful, participants are strongly encouraged to attend a basic orienteering course prior to the GPS session. "Discover GPS" is free, but participants must provide their own GPS receiver. Reservations are limited, so sign up now by calling the Visitor Center at (301) 663-9388.

Catoctin Mountain Park 67th Anniversary Celebration —Friday, November 14 at 1:00 p.m. at the Visitor Center. A special program outlining defining events in the history of Catoctin Mountain Park from the WPA and CCC until the current time will be presented at the Visitor Center.

Owens Creek Campground — Open for family camping through November 16. Owens Creek Campground is open on a first-come,

first-served basis. Each site is limited to one camping unit (tent or trailer) and a maximum of 5 people. Maximum tent size is 9'x12'. Trailers up to 22' in length are accepted but there are no hookups. The fee is \$16.00 per night.

Camp Misty Mount — Cabin rentals available through October 31. Cabins may be rented in historic Camp Misty Mount through the end of October. Rustic chestnut cabins constructed by the Works Progress Administration are available to individuals, families and groups. Please call the Misty Mount office at (301) 271-3140 to make your reservation or for further information.

Catoctin Mountain Park is one of 388 units administered by the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior. The park Visitor Center, located on State Route 77 three miles west of Thurmont, Maryland, is open daily from 10:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., and from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Website address is www.nps.gov/cato. General information can be obtained by calling the Visitor Center at (301) 663-9388.

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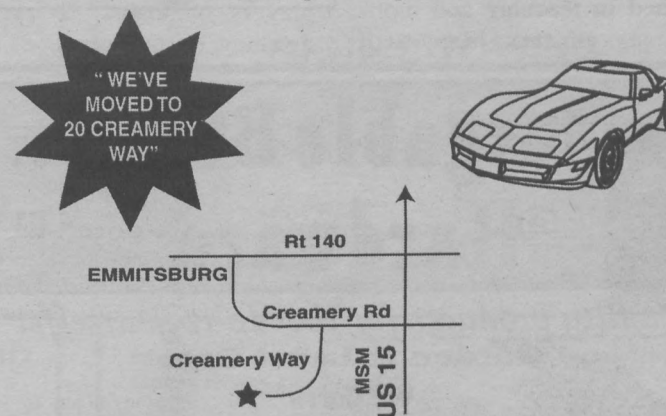


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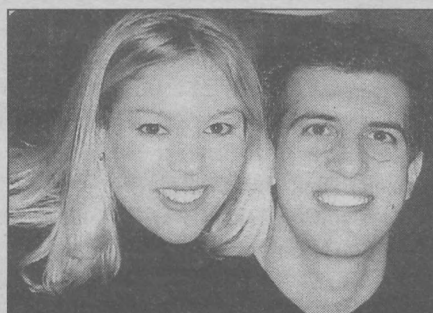
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Frischkorn-Agresto to be Wed

Mike and Mary Kay (Sis) Sherwin Frischkorn of Vienna, VA announce the engagement of their daughter Claire Sherwin Frischkorn to Christopher Agresto son of Michael and Josephine Agresto of Woodbridge, VA.

The future bride and groom are both a graduate of Paul IV High School, Fairfax, VA. Claire is current-



ly a massage therapist and practices in Great Falls, VA. Christopher is a criminal attorney, for a firm in Old Town Alexandria. The couple will be wed on April 17, 2004 on the Outer Banks of North Carolina.

Trust Fund Established for Sanders family

Billy Ray Sanders, age 38, husband and father died on July 23rd. His wife, Kim, and little girl, age 5, are now trying to cope with this devastating loss.

Billy Ray's primary concern was the security of his family, and a trust fund account is being set up for his child, Emily. He used his last energies to request donations be sent in the name of Emily Sanders c/o Judy Stambaugh 10844 Powell Road Thurmont, MD 21788.

Billy Rays' father, Charles Edward Sanders, now deceased, was a long time employee of St. Joseph's Provincial House. The family has a long history of affiliation with our Methodist Church in the town of Emmitsburg.

—Sr. Mary Kevin Callahan

Births

Congratulations to these new parents:

Matt and Ann Stephenson, Emmitsburg, a son, Aug. 6

Mr. & Mrs. Christopher D. Wantz, Emmitsburg, a son, Aug. 17
Sabra Billings, Emmitsburg, a daughter, Aug. 22

Mr. & Mrs. Steve Wantz, Jr., Emmitsburg, a daughter, Sept. 6

Gregory and Reina Branson, Emmitsburg, a son, Sept. 9

Randy and Jennifer Scobie, Emmitsburg, a daughter, Sept. 11

Theresa Spencer, Emmitsburg, a son, Sept. 13

Robert and Ann-Marie Miller, II Emmitsburg, a son, Sept. 24

Citizens group thanks those who attended first open house

I wish to thank the many citizens who came to the first Open House meeting of Citizens Organized to Preserve Emmitsburg, Inc. (COPE). Life-long and recent residents attended, as well as Commissioner Art Elder, Mayor Jim Hoover, and our new Town planner, Michael Lucas.

COPE's mission is to educate the community, and work with public officials and town leaders to preserve and improve our quality of life in Emmitsburg. Thus, COPE is in favor of efforts that will preserve our wonderful town and its uniqueness, charm, history, scenic beauty, small-town friendliness, natural resources and overall quality of life. Toward

these ends COPE supports policies that will reduce traffic, limit overcrowding of our schools, protect our environment, enhance recreational opportunities, and make our streets safer. COPE also believes that we must limit residential growth, preserve open space, and encourage small-scale business and light industry.

In addition, I would like to thank those who have become COPE members and those who have inquired about joining. With numbers, we can achieve our goals.

—William B. O'Neil, Jr.,
President, Citizens Organized to Preserve Emmitsburg, Inc. (COPE)

Sr. Mary Kevin expresses gratitude

I have struggled with finding an appropriate way to express my gratitude to all those who have collaborated in any way with me through Seton Center and to thank all those kind people who planned and shared in my lovely farewell at St. Joseph's - and to all those who expressed other touching ways of wishing me God's blessing as I leave our beloved Emmitsburg area.

To write a personal note to each individual or group posed the possibility of missing someone working quietly in the background. With all my heart I express my deep thankfulness to each of you.

It is then to these friends and collaborators I address this blessing, which I wish to each of you.

A Blessing of Gratitude

When the night sky breaks with dawn

And hope and dreams we carry on
May God be with you.

As we reach out to the Poor
Knocking on each heart and door
May God sustain you.

As we pray with all our being
And live and love
And laugh and sing
May God smile upon you.

When day is done and night descends
May you be in the midst of Friends
May God bless you.

When cold and winter gathers round
And damp and wet is the ground
May God warm you.

When gentle spring comes once again
And flowers lavish all the land.
May God remain with you!

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Looking Ahead

Oct 23. Little League Meeting. 7:00 p.m. at the Little League field press box to elect officers and team managers for the 2004 season. Other topics will include activities to help raise players' skill levels and the sanctioning of all teams in Williamsport. For more info: Dean 301-271-0577.

Oct 23. Stanley Hauerwas "America's Best Theologian". Mount St. Mary's College. 7:00 p.m. Knott Auditorium. Free and open to the public. Named "America's Best Theologian" by Time Magazine in 2001, Hauerwas' talk will illuminate Dietrich Bonhoeffer's views on truth and politics. For info: 301-447-5366

Oct 24. Inauguration of Mount St. Mary's College President, Thomas H. Powell. 2:00 p.m. in the Knott Athletic Recreation Convocation Complex (ARCC). This event is free and open to the public.

Oct 25. Pilgrimage of Prayer and Witness. "Walk with Jesus and Mary" sponsored by The Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes. 9:30 a.m. meet at the Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg; 10:00 a.m. Rosary walk to the Grotto of Lourdes; 11:00 a.m. Marian and Sacred Music by Mark Forrest, International Irish Tenor; 12:15 p.m. Mass. For info: Fr. Jack Lombardi 301-447-5318.

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Looking Ahead

Oct 25. Battle of the Bands Competition. Walkersville High School. Gates open at 4:00 p.m. First band will take the field at 5:46 p.m. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$3 for students and senior citizens. Frederick County bands competing include: Catoctin, Brunswick, Linganore, Thomas Johnson, and Urbana.

Oct 25. Forum- Building a Future for Frederick County Farmers. Co-sponsored by Delegate Paul Stull, Michael I. Cady, VP Frederick County Commissioners, and Members of the Frederick County Farm Bureau. Keynote address by Lt. Gov. Michael S. Steele. 9:00 a.m. - 3:15 p.m. Libertytown Vol. Fire Co. Activities Bldg. Lunch \$7.00. Topics to include: Farm diversification/ value added; nutrient management; deer control and Ag environmental concerns; agricultural energy sources and bio sciences; ag preservation and rural legacy programs; agricultural education; zoning regulations- ag clusters /large lot development. For more info: 301-694-1101. RSVP is appreciated but not mandatory. Lunch paid for at the door.

Oct 25. Squonk Opera's Inferno. Weinberg Center of the Arts. 7:30 p.m. Modern rock opera inspired by Dante's *The Divine Comedy*. Tickets: \$15, 25, 30 Info: 301-228-2828.

Oct 28. Tommy Dorsey Orchestra. Weinberg Center for the Arts. 7:30 p.m. 16 piece orchestra playing swing music. Tickets: \$15, 20, 25. Info: 301-228-2828.

Oct 31. Trick or Treating in Emmitsburg. 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 pm. After treat-or-treating, Halloween parade begins at 7:00 p.m. at the Dough Boy on West Main Street. Everyone encouraged to join in. Parade goes down West Main Street through the town square and ends at the Ambulance Building. The Emmitsburg Lions Club will be organizing and running games for the town's children (and any adults who dare try the dunking for apples) at the Ambulance Building following the Halloween Parade.

Nov 1. Turkey and Oyster Supper. Tom's Creek United Methodist Church. Off Route 140 between Taneytown and Emmitsburg. 12:00 p.m.- ? Featuring turkey, oysters, and the trimmings. Bake table. Adults \$11, Children ages 5-10 \$5.00, Carryouts \$12.00 Info: 301-447-2693 or 410-259-3301.

Nov 1. Barrage in Vagabond Tales. Weinberg Center for the Arts. 7:30 p.m. Seven violinists portraying a musical traveler and his roaming minstrels. Tickets: \$20, 35, 40. Info: 301-228-2828

Nov 8. Santa, Treats & Rudolph. 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Zora Village in Carroll Valley. Junction Routes 16 & 116. Holiday Shopping, flamingo reindeer (as seen on ABC News), and so much more.

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My Regional Dispatch Articles from 1997-2002 are available in Booklet Form for \$8.50 (the cost to me). Call 301-447-6243 to reserve your copy. Ruth Richards.

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NEEDED -- Kind volunteers to answer phones, or drive patients for local doctors' visits. Help the Daughters of Charity help the poor and needy in their Outreach Program; just one 3-hour period Monday through Friday, at the Seton Center. Please call Sister Patricia, 301-447-6102.

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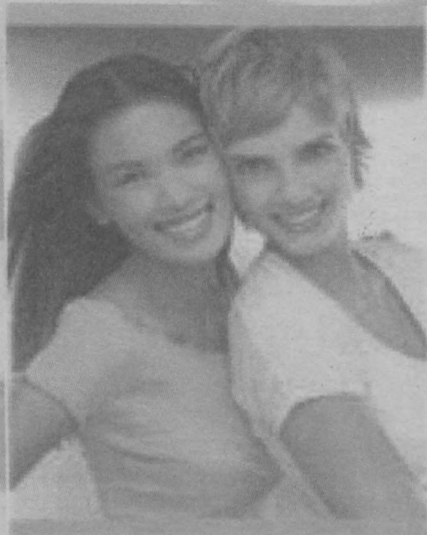
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