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Derick Walk, a seventh-grader at Thomas Johnson Middle School in Lanham, organized a community cleanup of Bald Hill creek in Lanham. Volunteers collected mattresses, bicycles, toys, tires and other trash from the creek during the June 13 event.

Several state officials attended or participated, including Dels. Jolene Ivey and Victor Ramirez (D-Dist. 47) of Cheverly.

Sen. David C. Harrington (D-Dist. 24) of Cheverly contributed gloves and bags for the cleanup and made arrangements for the county to remove all of the debris pulled from the creek.

Jim Connelly, executive director of the Anacostia Watershed Society, provided supplies needed for the volunteers.

Mitchellville students graduate from Emory University

Jacqueline Wulu of Mitchellville, the daughter of John and Josephine Wulu of Mitchellville, and Candice Austin of Mitchellville graduated from Emory University in Atlanta on May 11.

Wulu graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree.

Austin graduated with a master's degree in divinity from the Candler School of Theology.

Free math class

open to Lanham students

The Maryland 21st Century Community Learning Centers will hold a free summer math enrichment program from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays until Aug. 11 at five schools: DuVal High School in Lanham, Gaywood Elementary in Seabrook, Thomas Claggett Elementary in District Heights, Thomas Johnson Middle in Lanham and Walker Mill Middle in Capitol Heights.

Targeted grades are rising fifth- through 12th-graders who will receive 90-minute math lessons and help with the Maryland School Assessment and High School Assessment.

Classes will be held at DuVal at 9880 Good Luck Road, Gaywood at 6701 97th Ave., Thomas Claggett at 2001 Addison Road, Thomas Johnson at 5401 Barker Place, and Walker Mill Middle at 800 Karen Blvd. Other locations include Capitol Heights' Gethsemane United Methodist Church at 910 Addison Road South, Capitol Heights' Walker Mill Baptist Church at 6801 Walker Mill Road and Glenn Dale's Reid Temple AME Church at 11400 Glenn Dale Blvd.

Lunch will be provided. Call 301-860-4384 for more information.

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### Kettering community group collecting old cell phones

The Kettering Community Association is collecting old cell phones and chargers that will be donated to law enforcement agencies and given to senior citizens.

The data from the phones will be cleared and given to elderly residents who need a cell phone for emergencies only.

Old cell phones can be donated from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Kettering Community Center at 11801 Chesterton Drive in Upper Marlboro.

Call  **301-249-6678**


### Lanham hospital offers support group for sleep apnea patients

The Sleep Center at Doctors Community Hospital will hold an Alert, Well And Keeping Energetic, or AWAKE, support group meeting from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. July 15 at the Doctors Community Hospital Ambulatory Surgery Building, fifth floor, at 8118 Good Luck Road in Lanham.

The support group is designed to increase patients' understanding of sleep apnea, a common but usually chronic condition characterized by at least one pause in breathing or shallow breaths during sleep, and help them find new ways to manage the lifestyle changes that come with treatment.

The group will focus on patient-centered, interactive discussions, giving patients the opportunity to share their experiences with their sleep apnea diagnosis, treatment and coping strategies.

The group is free but requires reservations.

For information or to make a reservation, call  **240-529-7307**

### Largo High grad completes

#### Air Force basic training

An airman who graduated in 2007 from Largo High School in Upper Marlboro recently completed basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

Air National Guard Airman Michael A. Smith Jr., the son of Upper Marlboro residents Michael and Tanya Smith, graduated from the eight-week course that includes training in military discipline, physical fitness and instruction in basic skills and principals associated with warfare.



### State Highway Administration to resurface area roads

The Maryland State Highway Administration began a two-mile road resurfacing project Wednesday on Interstate 95 between Route 202 and Arena Drive. The resurfacing will continue over the next three weeks at night as part of the Arena Drive project in Landover.

During construction, one and two lanes will be closed between 9 p.m. and midnight Sunday through Friday, and three lanes will be closed between midnight and 5 a.m. Sunday through Friday. One lane will be along southbound Interstate 95.

To avoid delays, motorists can use routes 193 or 301 to the east or Interstate 295 to the west to bypass Interstate 95.

The Interstate 95/Arena Drive project began during summer 2007 and is expected to be completed this fall, weather permitting.

For questions about traffic operations, call the SHA's District 3 office at  **301-513-7300** or  **1-800-749-0737**

### Estate honored for donation

#### to physical therapy group

The estate of a deceased Upper Marlboro resident and his wife was honored on June 11 for donating about \$500,000 to the Foundation for Physical Therapy based in Alexandria, Va.

Lansdale Clagett, a former county commissioner and member of the Maryland House of Delegates, suffered from polio since around 1920, when he was a young man. His relatives said they made the donation because Clagett was able to leave his wheelchair and walk to his nephew's home after receiving decades of physical therapy.

The estate was honored for the donation at the foundation's annual dinner dance in Baltimore.

### Lanham hospital holds



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## stroke support group

Doctors Community Hospital in Lanham is holding a stroke support group for stroke survivors and caregivers to promote optimism, resilience, determination and independence.

The group will meet for lunch at noon Wednesday in the hospital cafeteria at 8118 Good Luck Road in Lanham; the support group will meet at 1 p.m. in the DSE room on the fifth floor of the Medical Office Building at Doctors Community Hospital.

The program features a presentation, question-and-answer session and open discussion.

Contact Sanjay Patel at  **301-552-8644** or [spatel@dchweb.org](mailto:spatel@dchweb.org).

## Drivers advised to find alternate routes around road projects

The Maryland State Highway Administration is advising motorists to expect delays and consider alternate routes as SHA works on five roadways over the coming year as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

SHA will spend \$4.6 million on the work, which will include Route 4 between the Anne Arundel County line and Marlboro Race Track Road after June 26, Route 382 between Brooks Church Road and Candy Hill Road after mid-July, Route 223 between Route 5 and Green Street after late July, U.S. 301 between the Charles County line and Clymer Drive after mid-August and Route 193 between routes 214 and 202 after mid-August.

The work could cause traffic to be restricted to single-lane, shoulder closures and flagging operations on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Mondays through Fridays from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. The projects are expected to be finished by spring 2010.



## Washington, D.C. high school alumni searching for classmates

Alumni of Eastern Senior High School in Northeast Washington, D.C., are looking for graduates from the class of 1964 who live in Prince George's County for a 45th-class reunion Oct. 9 to 11.

Contact Jerri Minor at  **301-499-3343** or [jmin94@aol.com](mailto:jmin94@aol.com).

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