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## MSPA Releases Contest Winners List



### GOT INTERNSHIPS?

Penny Bender Fuchs, Director of Career & Professional Development Services at the Philip Merrill College of Journalism at the University of Maryland, talks to 2003 Summer Journalism Program students about landing internships and breaking it in the business. This year's Summer Journalism Program will be held June 21-25.

### 7 Publications Rack Top Honor Marylander Award

Several schools from the Maryland region took home awards in MSPA's 2003 Publication Contest this winter for excellence in newspapers, magazines, yearbooks and Web sites.

The top school in each category received The Marylander Award, which is the top honor in the contests.

"With the increased number of entries, it's great to see so many schools actively getting involved in things like the publication contest" MSPA Executive Director Marchelle Payne-Gassaway said.

Sandy Spring Friends in Sandy Spring, Md., took home The Marylander Award for its newspaper, The Gnus. The

school has an enrollment of less than 600 students.

In the mid-sized school category, Pikesville High School in Baltimore, Md. received The Marylander Award, with a score of 93 out of 100.

The Churchill Observer, the student paper at Winston

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### Montgomery Blair Students Sweep Individual Contest

More than 725 students around the region entered Maryland Scholastic Press Association's 2003 Individual Writing and Editing Contest this past fall, an increase of almost 200 entries from the previous year.

Awards ranged from general news to poetry to sports writing in several different categories: newspaper, magazine, broadcast, yearbook and online. MSPA handed out certificates to the top entries in each category. Many entries also received honorable mention.

"When you have such a vast number of entries, we can definitely see how the caliber

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## Boyle Scholarship Awards Advisers Training

Maryland Scholastic Press Association invites middle and high school newspaper, yearbook, magazine and Web site advisers to apply for the Regis Boyle Award for the 2004-05 Academic Year.

The monetary award assists with the training of new advisers, taking them to a national, regional or local scholastic press workshop.

Award applicants must have no more than two years experience and must submit a resume and letter describing his or her publication. The letter must also include the length of time as an adviser and how the award and training will benefit the publication.

Established in 1995 by Maryland's College of Journalism, the award honors veteran

journalism teacher and adviser Dr. Regis Boyle.

"Today's advisers need all the support they can get, particularly when it comes to money, MSPA Executive Director Marchelle Payne-Gassaway said. "And the Regis Boyle Award is just one of the many ways that the Association can help advisers strengthen their skills."

Mail nominations by June 30, 2004 to:


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Questions regarding the scholarship can be addressed to Marchelle Payne-Gassaway at the above address or by phone at (301) 405-8321.

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# Editor's Corner



## MSPA Gears Up for Upcoming Summer Program, Contest, Events

By Marchelle Payne-Gassaway  
Adviser Editor

As the school year comes to an end, the Association is in the midst of preparing for several upcoming activities.

The 2004 Summer Journalism Program kicks off with overnight participants checking into LaPlata Residence Hall Sunday, June 20, 2004. In addition, the Association is accepting entries for the 2004 Individual Writing and Editing Contests and the 2004 Publications Contests.

Over the past three years, the popularity of MSPA's summer program has risen significantly. It has become commonplace to have students fly in or drive from afar. The Association also continues to see an increase in the number of returning participants and program referrals. However, two of the many highlights of MSPA's summer program are the one-on-one attention participants receive and the small classroom setting.

The Association will be strengthening

the 2004 Publication Contest by revamping critique books. Other scholastic press associations played an integral role in the process by supplying critiques from similar contests. Thus, a special thanks goes to the Associated Collegiate Press, the Columbia Scholastic Press Association, the Kettle Moraine Press Association, the National Scholastic Press Association, the Southern Interscholastic Press Association and the South Carolina Scholastic Press Association for providing materials.

As we look towards the fall, the Association is gearing up for the annual convention, scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 13. The one day event will include a host of sessions for students and advisers to exchange ideas and develop new strategies. Award winners from the 2004 Individual Writing and Editing Contests and from the 2004 Publications Contests will be announced. Some of the best works in each category will be showcased at the convention, plan on taking advantage of this opportunity.

As many of you know, the Association has been looking to strengthen the board. I am pleased to announce that several individuals have stepped forward: Peter Daddone, adviser at Rockville High School; Jay Goldman, former high school instructor and adjunct faculty member with the Philip Merrill College of Journalism; Tara Jones, adviser at Charles Herbert Flowers High School; Sylvia Kim, adviser at Col. Zadok Magruder High

School and Joan Grabowski, adviser at Our Lady of the Rosary High School. MSPA welcomes each individual to the board and cannot wait to get them involved.

As always, visit [www.journalism.umd.edu/mspa](http://www.journalism.umd.edu/mspa) to obtain information on MSPA's current and upcoming activities. We look forward to continuing to promote scholastic journalism and helping journalism advisers.

Questions or concerns about any of MSPA's activities can be forwarded to [mspa@jmail.umd.edu](mailto:mspa@jmail.umd.edu).

## INDIVIDUAL: Caliber of Work, Participation Continues to Increase

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of entries submitted each year gets stronger and stronger." MSPA Executive Director Marchelle Payne-Gassaway said.

Students from Montgomery Blair High School in Silver Spring, Md., took home a contest-high 62 awards, including a sweep of the online category. Students from Richard Montgomery High School in Rockville, Md., won 16 awards and dominated the magazine category.

St. Timothy's School students swept the yearbook category, another strong performance from the Stevenson, Md., school.

A complete list of winners is available on page four of The Adviser.

## PUBLICATION: Richard Montgomery H.S. Literary Magazine Scores Perfect 100

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Churchill High School in Potomac, Md., won The Marylander Award in the larger school category, scoring 96 out of 100.

The Steward, whose writers swept the yearbook individual contest, continued to dominate the small yearbook category, scoring 549 points and taking home The Marylander Award.

Col. Zadok Magruder High School in Potomac, Md., won The Marylander Award in the more-than-200-page yearbook category.

Fine Lines, the literary magazine of Richard Montgomery High School in

Rockville, Md., won The Marylander Award with a perfect 100 score.

Montgomery Blair High School, whose writers also faired well in the individual contest, won The Marylander Award for its online publication, Silver Chips Online.

A full list of winners for all categories is on page 7 of The Adviser. A winners list is also available on MSPA's web site at [www.journalism.umd.edu/mspa/contests/pubcontest03.html](http://www.journalism.umd.edu/mspa/contests/pubcontest03.html)

Information for the 2004 contest is available online at: [www.journalism.umd.edu/mspa/contests/index.html](http://www.journalism.umd.edu/mspa/contests/index.html). The entry deadline is June 30, 2004.

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## President's Corner

By Gary Clites  
MSPA President

### *Bridge and No Child Threaten Communications Programs*

On Monday, February 9, 10,000 teachers, administrators, parents and students rallied in front of the State House in Annapolis in support of full funding for the Maryland state educational budget. The portion of the funding in question was that earmarked to pay for elements of the Bridge to Excellence Act, better known as the Thornton Commission funding.

The Bridge to Excellence in Public Schools Act was passed in 2002 with the intention of improving schools across the state and of bringing Maryland into compliance with the larger federal No Child Left Behind initiatives. Issues regarding funding of the act are endemic of difficulties not only in Maryland, but across the nation created by these well-intentioned, but problematic educational reform movements. Problems that will hit teachers of higher-level elective classes in journalism and communications particularly hard.

No Child Left Behind mandates standards for all schools and students across the nation and threatens severe penalties to schools that fail to comply. Here in Maryland, Bridge to Excellence established the Maryland State Assessments as a requirement for graduation, refocused all schools on an "essential curriculum," and set up a series of requirements reported on an annual state report card. Schools which fail to reach state goals risk loss of funding and, ultimately, state takeover.

The idea of establishing and upholding standards for public schools is admirable, but the focus of these initiatives on testing and standardization has created unintended consequences in the schools. Foremost, they have created strains on local school system budgets far beyond

even that which can be covered by the Thornton monies which were recently funded, at least for the coming year. In my own county (tiny Calvert, with only three high schools) installation of the computer system needed for tracking the data required by No Child Left Behind is expected to cost over \$5 million. That's for just the data processing system alone, with the actual cost of implementing No Child and Bridge to Excellence massively higher, all at a time of school overcrowding and shrinking state and county tax revenues.

Where will these funds come from? From the budgets that pay for our classrooms, teachers and textbooks. Already, several counties in Maryland have announced projected layoffs as state and local funding dry up under pressure from the larger economy and requirements of the two mandated reform programs. How do these problems affect journalism teachers? As programs that fall outside the accepted elements of the "essential curriculum," and without the public support that accrues to athletics, student publications and broadcasts are easy targets for cuts.

Another consequence of Bridge and No Child is that by creating a top-down approach to education, both remove control of education from local hands and transfer leadership to the state and federal government. Though much has been made of creating "ownership" through county and school plans for implementing the programs, when it comes down to it, the acts' requirements force all schools to react in ways the government identifies. Control now rests solely above the local district.

A major effect of this shift in control is a new focus in the school on teaching the basics — hewing all classroom effort toward the mandated "essential curriculum." School systems are extending the time some students must spend in testable classes like math and English; creating freshman "academies" designed to add extra time on testable items for incoming ninth graders; and eliminating the slots in student schedules that were previously filled by higher-level classes like theater, music and, you guessed it, journalism.

While mastering core courses like geometry, English and civics is important, school should never be handled as a one-

size-fits-all institution. Students in high school and middle school journalism programs develop powerful communications skills that help them to achieve highly both in public school and on into their college and professional careers. I would happily bet the average journalism student's test scores against those of the rest of the school population any day. Wounding our programs, which go far beyond the basics, to concentrate on more elementary programs is shortsighted and will hurt students working to write, broadcast and publish to their school communities.

According to The New York Times, these issues have led 12 states to pass resolutions that Congress repeal or seriously amend No Child Left Behind so far. According to USA Today, lawmakers in 20 states have asked the federal government for changes in the law or for more money if they are to continue pursuing under-funded federal requirements.

Maryland and D.C. seem firmly committed to complying with No Child Left Behind, and despite funding issues, there has been little serious discussion as yet of abandoning the Bridge to Excellence. Therefore, communications teachers statewide need to work to protect our programs from the changes that are sweeping through schools.

What can you do? Several years ago, MSPA worked to allow journalism production classes to qualify as technology education classes, making them much easier to support in the school schedule. Still, in many counties in Maryland these classes are still offered as pure electives, easy to cut or crowd out of student plans. Teachers need to work to have their courses rated as tech-ed credits within their local communities.

Beyond that, we need to work to make our voices heard as school and community-based planning goes forward. Teachers need to work with students, parents and administrators to see that slots for higher-level courses like journalism are protected. We also need to work together in MSPA. As a group, we have much more power than any of us can exercise individually. Today, as our courses and programs are seriously threatened by misguided educational reform plans, we need to come together to exercise that power in our own defense.

# 2003 MSPA Individual Writing and Editing Contests

## WINNERS LIST

### NEWSPAPER-COMIC

<b>Stewart Wolfe and Ben Carothers</b> . . . . .	<b>First</b>
"The Dorm According to Stewart," The Catonsville Comet Catonsville High School, Catonsville, MD	
<b>Robert Worrell</b> . . . . .	<b>Second</b>
"Sexy Computers," Falcon News Our Lady of Good Counsel, Wheaton, MD	
<b>Robert Worrel</b> . . . . .	<b>Third</b>
"The 2002-2003 School Year at a Glance," Falcon News Our Lady of Good Counsel, Wheaton, MD	

### NEWSPAPER-DOUBLE-PAGE LAYOUT

<b>Sally Caldwell and Tina Peng</b> . . . . .	<b>First</b>
"Sniper Centerspread," Silver Chips Montgomery Blair High School, Silver Spring, MD	
<b>Sally Caldwell and Tina Peng</b> . . . . .	<b>HM</b>
"Renovation spring into action," Silver Chips Montgomery Blair High School, Silver Spring, MD	
<b>Marni Glick</b> . . . . .	<b>HM</b>
"Fake Ids," The Pipeline Pikesville High School, Baltimore, MD	
<b>Julia Bermen and Marni Glick</b> . . . . .	<b>HM</b>
"Summertime," The Pipeline Pikesville High School, Baltimore, MD	

### NEWSPAPER-EDITORIAL CARTOON

<b>Ryna Luckert</b> . . . . .	<b>First</b>
"Graduation," The Blake Beat James Hubert Blake High School, Silver Spring, MD	
<b>Jennifer Hong</b> . . . . .	<b>Second</b>
"Sniper Graphic," The Blake Beat James Hubert Blake High School, Silver Spring, MD	
<b>Eric Shansby</b> . . . . .	<b>Third</b>
"My Spot," Silver Chips Montgomery Blair High School, Silver Spring, MD	
<b>Ben Carothers</b> . . . . .	<b>HM</b>
"High School Life," The Catonsville Comet Catonsville High School, Catonsville, MD	

### NEWSPAPER-EDITORIAL OPINION

<b>Stephen Wertheim</b> . . . . .	<b>First</b>
"MCPS should lose the spin and face the facts," Silver Chips Montgomery Blair High School, Silver Spring, MD	
<b>L.A. Holmes</b> . . . . .	<b>Second</b>
"Parents have to follow the rules, too," Silver Chips Montgomery Blair High School, Silver Spring, MD	
<b>Rachel Yood</b> . . . . .	<b>Third</b>
"Cleaner buses mean breathable air," Silver Chips Montgomery Blair High School, Silver Spring, MD	
<b>The Pipeline Staff</b> . . . . .	<b>HM</b>
"Rapid decrease in nurses causes potential worldwide dilemma," The Pipeline, Pikesville High School, Baltimore, MD	
<b>The Pipeline Staff</b> . . . . .	<b>HM</b>
"Missing children cases deserve adequate publicity, attention," The Pipeline, Pikesville High School, Baltimore, MD	
<b>Michael Beder</b> . . . . .	<b>HM</b>
"Scared Blue," The Churchill Observer Winston Churchill High School, Potomac, MD	
<b>Lily Haurburger</b> . . . . .	<b>HM</b>
"News is fit to teach," Silver Chips Montgomery Blair High School, Silver Spring, MD	
<b>Jessica Stawler</b> . . . . .	<b>HM</b>
"All students deserve a DREAM," Silver Chips Montgomery Blair High School, Silver Spring, MD	
<b>Carolyn Englar</b> . . . . .	<b>HM</b>
"Save pets: adopt loyal companion," The Blake Beat James Hubert Blake High School, Silver Spring, MD	
<b>Elana Goldberg</b> . . . . .	<b>HM</b>
"So, You've Never Heard of Zoroastrianism?" The Warrior Sherwood High School, Sandy Spring, MD	
<b>Elena Chung</b> . . . . .	<b>HM</b>
"MCPS must stop overusing Blair," Silver Chips Montgomery Blair High School, Silver Spring, MD	
<b>Edward Chan</b> . . . . .	<b>HM</b>
"Scholarships unfair," Silver Chips Montgomery Blair High School, Silver Spring, MD	

### NEWSPAPER-FEATURES

<b>L.A. Holmes</b> . . . . .	<b>First</b>
"Blazers couple outside color lines," Silver Chips Montgomery Blair High School, Silver Spring, MD	
<b>Beth Gula</b> . . . . .	<b>Second</b>
"Thumbelina goes out for a spin," Silver Chips Montgomery Blair High School, Silver Spring, MD	

<b>Jennifer Breads</b> . . . . .	<b>Third</b>
"The downside of lighting up," Silver Chips Montgomery Blair High School, Silver Spring, MD	
<b>Abigail Graber</b> . . . . .	<b>HM</b>
"High heels bring teenagers down," Silver Chips Montgomery Blair High School, Silver Spring, MD	

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<b>Eric Shansby</b> . . . . .	<b>First</b>
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"Internet relations," The Blake Beat James Hubert Blake High School, Silver Spring, MD	
<b>Pamela de la Cruz</b> . . . . .	<b>HM</b>
"Class of 2003," Falcon News Our Lady of Good Counsel, Wheaton, MD	

### NEWSPAPER-IN-DEPTH STORY

<b>Justin Ahn</b> . . . . .	<b>First</b>
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<b>Simona Danilovska</b> . . . . .	<b>Second</b>
"Sugar, spice and not playing nice," Silver Chips Montgomery Blair High School, Silver Spring, MD	
<b>Tina Peng</b> . . . . .	<b>Third</b>
"Renovations spring into action," Silver Chips Montgomery Blair High School, Silver Spring, MD	
<b>Allison Becker, Daryl Glick and Marni Glick</b> . . . . .	<b>Third</b>
"Stuck in a hole: Students battle depression," The Pipeline Pikesville High School, Baltimore, MD	
<b>Jennifer Breads</b> . . . . .	<b>HM</b>
"Blazers lived in fear," Silver Chips Montgomery Blair High School, Silver Spring, MD	
<b>Jessica Stawler</b> . . . . .	<b>HM</b>
"Bush's reforms to impact Blair," Silver Chips Montgomery Blair High School, Silver Spring, MD	
<b>David Muehlenkamp</b> . . . . .	<b>HM</b>
"Racial Profiling Surfaces," Silver Chips Montgomery Blair High School, Silver Spring, MD	
<b>Elena Chung</b> . . . . .	<b>HM</b>
"Fights cause tension and suspension," Silver Chips Montgomery Blair High School, Silver Spring, MD	
<b>Anna Benfield</b> . . . . .	<b>HM</b>
"Climb every mountain," Silver Chips Montgomery Blair High School, Silver Spring, MD	
<b>Easha Anand</b> . . . . .	<b>HM</b>
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<b>Abigail Graber</b> . . . . .	<b>HM</b>
"Age ain't nothing but a number?" Silver Chips Montgomery Blair High School, Silver Spring, MD	

### NEWSPAPER-INFORMATIONAL GRAPHIC

<b>Kevin Chang</b> . . . . .	<b>First</b>
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<b>KC Costanzo</b> . . . . .	<b>Second</b>
"Fight Culture," Silver Chips Montgomery Blair High School, Silver Spring, MD	
<b>Branden Buehler</b> . . . . .	<b>Third</b>
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<b>Stephen Wertheim</b> . . . . .	<b>Second</b>
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<b>Kristin Hoven</b> . . . . .	<b>Third</b>
"Sniper was in Blair's backyard," Silver Chips Montgomery Blair High School, Silver Spring, MD	

<b>Danielle Zilberstein</b> . . . . .	<b>Third</b>
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<b>Jennifer Sternberg</b> . . . . .	<b>HM</b>
"Maryland Senate gambles on slots revenue," The Churchill Observer, Winston Churchill High School, Potomac, MD	
<b>Amy Katzel</b> . . . . .	<b>HM</b>
"Holocaust survivor," The Pipeline Pikesville High School, Baltimore, MD	

<b>Allison Becker</b> . . . . .	<b>HM</b>
"Pikesville community remembers," The Pipeline Pikesville High School, Baltimore, MD	

<b>Karel Schnebele</b> . . . . .	<b>HM</b>
"Thyroid cancer is history for social studies teacher...," The Blake Beat, James Hubert Blake High School, Silver Spring, MD	

<b>Allison Becker</b> . . . . .	<b>HM</b>
"I wanna cry sometimes": student copes with tragedy," The Pipeline, Pikesville High School, Baltimore, MD	

<b>Katherine Davis</b> . . . . .	<b>HM</b>
"Ehrlich wins gubernatorial race in Maryland," The Shield Glenelg High School, Glenelg, MD	

<b>Clare Stevens</b> . . . . .	<b>HM</b>
"SARS hits home," The Grus Sandy Springs Friends School, Silver Spring, MD	

<b>Jessica Brooks</b> . . . . .	<b>HM</b>
"Protests flood nation: students walk out," The Catonsville Comet, Catonsville High School, Catonsville, MD	

<b>Kristen Moses</b> . . . . .	<b>HM</b>
"Chief Moose," Falcon News Our Lady of Good Counsel, Wheaton, MD	

<b>Michael Beder/Winston Wilde</b> . . . . .	<b>HM</b>
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<b>Winston Wilde</b> . . . . .	<b>HM</b>
"School board drafts policy changes," The Churchill Observer Winston Churchill High School, Potomac, MD	

<b>Winston Wilde</b> . . . . .	<b>HM</b>
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<b>Adam Jaffe</b> . . . . .	<b>HM</b>
"Homework in cyberspace?" The Churchill Observer Winston Churchill High School, Potomac, MD	

<b>Jessica Singh</b> . . . . .	<b>HM</b>
"Policy fails to prevent cell phone use," The Churchill Observer Winston Churchill High School, Potomac, MD	

<b>Lisa Weinstein</b> . . . . .	<b>HM</b>
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<b>Karel Schnebele</b> . . . . .	<b>Third</b>
"Lax defeats NW Jags in showdown," The Blake Beat James Hubert Blake High School, Silver Spring, MD	

<b>David Snyder</b> . . . . .	<b>HM</b>
NO TITLE, The Churchill Observer Winston Churchill High School, Potomac, MD	

<b>Tyler Spindel</b> . . . . .	<b>HM</b>
"Swimming finishes fourth at divisionals," The Rampage Rockville High School, Rockville, MD	

<b>Alison King</b> . . . . .	<b>HM</b>
"Police get break in shootings, apprehend two suspects," The Blake Beat, James Hubert Blake High School, Silver Spring, MD	

<b>Emily Hauck</b> . . . . .	<b>HM</b>
NO TITLE, Silver Chips Montgomery Blair High School, Silver Spring, MD	

<b>Joann Tseng</b> . . . . .	<b>HM</b>
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David Snyder .....HM  
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Winston Churchill High School, Potomac, MD

#### NEWSPAPER-PROFILES

Anna Benfield .....First  
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"Gainous still rules the school," Silver Chips  
Montgomery Blair High School, Silver Spring, MD  
Catherine Jampel .....Third  
"Alumni ceremony to honor renowned tenor," The Pipeline  
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Easha Anand .....Third  
"Revealing royalty: the tale of Blair's princess," Silver Chips  
Montgomery Blair High School, Silver Spring, MD  
Ross Anderson .....HM  
"Wells siblings have students, staff realizing good things come in threes," The Blake Beat, James Hubert Blake High School, Silver Spring, MD  
Carolyn Jones and Marissa Freidman .....HM  
"Local girls take weekend trips to Amish paradise," The Blake Beat, James Hubert Blake High School, Silver Spring, MD  
Ashley Moore .....HM  
"Mind matters most for Teacher Battling Multiple Sclerosis," The Blake Beat, James Hubert Blake High School, Silver Spring, MD  
Aidan Daley-Hynes .....HM  
"Junior pulls more than Eubie Award out of his hat," The Blake Beat, James Hubert Blake High School, Silver Spring, MD  
Ross Anderson .....HM  
"Suzie Munson paints her way through school," The Blake Beat James Hubert Blake High School, Silver Spring, MD  
Allison Becker .....HM  
"Picture Perfect: PHS alumna finds success in magazine industry," The Pipeline, Pikesville High School, Baltimore, MD

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Amina Baird .....First  
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Sarah Lippincott .....Third  
"Guidance must adapt to competitive college admissions," The Warrior, Sherwood High School, Sandy Spring, MD  
Jessica Stamler .....HM  
"Israeli conflict tests ties that bind," Silver Chips  
Montgomery Blair High School, Silver Spring, MD  
Daniel Nalbandyan .....HM  
"Speaking out for an ancient institution," The Catonsville Comet  
Catonsville High School, Catonsville, MD  
Melissa Deal .....HM  
"Is Title Nine becoming outdated?" The Shield  
Glenelg High School, Glenelg, MD  
Alyssa Ketterer .....HM  
"Drunk driving claims too many lives," The Shield  
Glenelg High School, Glenelg, MD  
Katherine Davis .....HM  
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Glenelg High School, Glenelg, MD  
Adam Harsha .....HM  
"Ironic twist: fast food devours America," The Blake Beat  
James Hubert Blake High School, Silver Spring, MD  
Jessica Peterson .....HM  
"Abusive relationships affect teens nationwide," The Shield  
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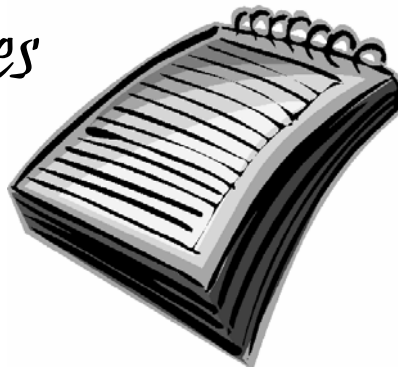
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