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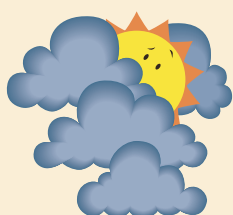
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EPD 'Coffee with a Cop' is Feb. 16

The Easton Police Department will be hosting a "Coffee with a Cop" event from 9 to 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 16, at the Benedictine Community Services and Training Center in Easton. Local residents will be able to meet their local law enforcement officers, ask questions, voice concerns, and learn more about the department.

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WEATHER



AM Clouds/PM Sun

High 45 Low 31

Partly cloudy tonight

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MARYLAND

Cecil County artisan to retire

Ralph Young has a lot of good things to say about Cecil County. The 90-year-old resident has spent his retirement years perfecting a very impeccable hobby: refurbishing old trunks from the 1800s and 1900s, and then giving those trunks to charity. And now, after all that time, Young is finally ready to retire from that line of work, at least for the most part.

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SSPP students create rain forest

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EASTON — But for desks and bookcases, the tropical rain forest tucked in the back of teacher Lisa Morrell's classroom features all of the creepy crawlers, waterfalls, exotic foliage and colorful creatures you would expect to find in the real thing.

Teams of students from Morrell's sixth grade class recently researched and created a rain forest full of flora and fauna made of papier mâché, mylar, tissue and construction paper, logs and hanging moss.

Seven sixth-graders were glad to get out of class and talk about their elaborate project.

Madison Bauer said the rain forest took about 10 weeks to build. "I learned how to work in a group, and it's very hard because there's a bunch of people wanting to do the same thing, and if you're against



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Sixth-graders at Sts. Peter and Paul Elementary School created a detailed rain forest, including exotic parrots perched on tropical foliage, at the back of Lisa Morrell's classroom.

American Legion Post 70 honors chaplains

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The Rev. Robert Schafer addresses the room during the annual memorial service at the American Legion Post 70 in Easton on Sunday, Feb. 4. From left Father James Nash of Sts. Peter and Paul; the Rev. Karen Larson of Grace Lutheran Church; Schaffer, Rabbi Peter Hyman of Temple B'nai Israel; and the Rev. Gary Moore of Trappe United Methodist Church.

EASTON — Local clergy, veterans and guests joined the American Legion Post 70, for the 75th annual memorial service honoring four chaplains; George Fox, Alexander Goode, Clark Poling, and John Washington who perished Feb. 3, 1943, aboard the *U.S.A.T. Dorchester*.

The annual service was held on Sunday, Feb. 4, and featured Father James Nash of Sts. Peter and Paul; the Rev. Karen Larson of Grace Lutheran Church; Rabbi Peter Hyman of Temple B'nai Israel; and the Rev. Gary Moore of Trappe United

Methodist Church. The ceremony was led by the Rev. Bob Schafer, chaplain of Post 70, who began with reciting the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the entire room singing "America the Beautiful."

Schafer said posts around the country hold a ceremony on the first Sunday in February each year to honor the four chaplains.

The four chaplains were aboard the *Dorchester* when it was torpedoed by an enemy submarine; 672 men died including the chaplains who were said to have surrendered their life jackets

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Educator, baseball fan Dr. 'Jack' Scott turns 100

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EASTON — He is "a classic Renaissance man, educator and veteran," Cissy Nickel said. The executive director of Candle Light Cove senior living community in Easton also called Dr. John C. "Jack" Scott Jr. an artist and a poet.

Scott earned one more title — centenarian — at his birthday party on Friday, Feb. 2.

"He is one of the most positive

people I have ever met," Nickel said. "Whenever I ask him how he's doing, his response is, 'Spectacular' or 'Wonderful.'"

Joining Scott for the celebration of his 100th birthday at Candle Light Cove were his sister Kay Harrington from Texas, local dignitaries and a VFW color guard.

Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan, State Sen. Addie Eckardt, R-37-Mid-Shore,

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Candle Light Cove Executive Director Cissy Nickel poses with resident and baseball fan Dr. John "Jack" Scott during his 100th birthday party on Feb. 2.

Greensboro man dies in Md. Route 404 crash

DENTON — A 21-year-old Greensboro man died Monday, Feb. 5, when the pickup truck he was driving crossed onto the wrong side of state Route 404 and collided with a dump truck near Gay Street in Denton.

According to Denton police, Richard Brighton Bean was pronounced dead at the scene. Police said Bean was driving east on Route 404 near Gay Street at about 9:42 a.m. when his GMC truck crossed onto Route 404 west.

Police said Bean's truck struck a Ford SUV, which was stopped in the turn lane, then crossed into the path of a Ford 10-wheel dump truck. Bean's body was taken to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in Baltimore for an autopsy.

Jeffrey Porter, 58, of Preston, the driver of the Ford

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Two teens charged in QA's arson

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PHOTO COURTESY TRACY SCHULZ

Flames devour a 2 1/2 story house on Castle Marina Road Friday night, Feb. 2. Deputy state fire marshals have charged two teens with arson.

CHESTER — Two teens face arson charges after a fire destroyed a vacant house on the Four Seasons property in Chester Friday night, Feb. 2.

The call went out about 5:30 p.m., said Tracy Schulz, 1st Assistant Chief with Kent Island Volunteer Fire Department. Neighbors spotted flames through the trees behind the Castle Marina community and called 911; it was dispatched as a brush fire.

Some 25 volunteers from Kent Island, Grasonville and Queenstown fire departments responded. They discovered it was actually the old Bittorf house, at 800 Castle Marina Road, in flames, and the fire had spread to some of the brush nearby, Schulz said.

"We were actually supposed to use it (the house) for training," Schulz said. Four Seasons developer K.

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