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Resident wins songwriting contest

Silver Spring resident Eddie Becker was selected as a winner in the ASCAP (American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers) Songwriter Showcase for an original composition entered in the Light Pop category.

His song, "The Blues Down in the Delta," was one of 12 winners selected in four genres from more than 500 entries.

The song was inspired by the devastation of Hurricane Katrina, Becker said. Becker, who spent 10 years in Texas and the New Orleans area, was "very aware of the rich musical legacy we lost during those floods," he said. "To me, it was just devastating to look at."

The composition is performed by The Eddie Becker Band, a finalist in the DC Blues Society's 2005 Battle of the Bands. Becker has played in the area since the mid-1960s and his band plays regularly in the region.

Becker, 57, has been playing music — mainly guitar — since he was about 14 years old.

To hear "The Blues Down in the Delta," go to www.eddiebeckerband.com and click on the link to the song.



People and Places
MEREDITH HOOKER

Woman honored for community service

Ellen Archie of Silver Spring, a volunteer for Independence Now Inc., recently received a Marriott Spirit to Serve Community Service Award.

Archie volunteers with a nonprofit that provides services to promote independence and the inclusion of people with disabilities in their communities. Several years ago, she survived an accident that injured her

well, executive director of the Chesapeake Climate Action Network. Refreshments, activities and crafts will be provided. Call 301-585-8010.

Join the Toastmasters

The Silver Spring Toastmasters Club, which fosters improved public speaking and leadership skills, will have an open house 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. today at Marvin Memorial United Methodist Church, Room 314, University Blvd. E. Call 301-325-4342 or 301-495-7834.

Walk historic Silver Spring

In observance of "Preservation Begins at Home," one of the themes of the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Preservation Month, the Silver Spring Historical Society will offer a free historical walking tour Saturday of downtown Silver Spring's "Main Street," Georgia Avenue. The tour will be conducted by Silver Spring Historical Society founder and president Jerry McCoy. McCoy is the author of "Historic Silver Spring," published in 2005 by Arcadia Press.

Tour participants will meet at 10 a.m. under the clock at the 1938 Silver Spring Shopping Center, Georgia Avenue and Colesville Road (between Red Lobster and Romano's Macaroni Grill). The tour will conclude around noon at the historic 1945 Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Station, 8100 Georgia Ave., which will be open for tours until 3 p.m.

Reservations are not required. Contact the historical society at 301-537-1253 or e-mail sshistory@yahoo.com.

May Fair at Pine Crest ES

The Montgomery Knolls and Pine Crest elementary schools' PTA will have a May Fair 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday at Pine Crest Elementary School, 201 Woodmoor Drive. There

Celebrate Asian Pacific Heritage Month

Attend a Bangladeshi program 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the Wheaton Library, 11701 Georgia Ave. Learn local customs, see folk dances, do Henna hand-painting and arts and crafts. Call 240-777-0678.

Attend a program presented by the Montgomery County Filipino-American Association 11 a.m. May 27 at the Silver Spring Library, 8901 Colesville Road. Call 301-565-7689.

Attend a Cambodian program presented by the Cambodian Buddhist Society 1 p.m. May 27 at the White Oak Library, 11701 New Hampshire Ave.

See 'Cinderella Waltz' at Northwood

Northwood High School will present "The Cinderella Waltz" 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday at the school, 919 University Blvd. W. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for students. Call 301-649-8088.

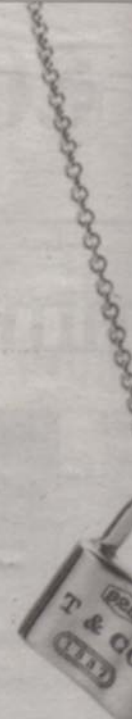
Spend an evening with Tappers With Attitude

Join Silver Spring-based Tappers With Attitude Youth Ensemble for their 15th anniversary celebration 7:30 p.m. at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center at the University of Maryland, at the corner of University Boulevard and Stadium Drive. Go to www.knockonwood.org.

Get a taste of summer camp

Bring a friend and meet YMCA summer camp staff 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday at the YMCA Silver Spring, 9800 Hastings Drive. Contact Rich Carter at 301-585-2120, Ext. 2519 or rcarter@ymcawashdc.org.

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