

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Composting demos

The Anne Arundel County Master Gardeners will offer composting demonstrations at 11 a.m. Wednesday and 10 a.m. July 25 on the Wildwood Trail at Quiet Waters Park, 600 Quiet Waters Park Road. During the demonstrations participants can learn how to make their own compost using yard waste and kitchen scraps, and will also receive a free compost bin.

Events may be canceled in the event of heavy rain or excessive heating warning.

The county park entrance fee is \$3 or a park pass. For questions, contact the MG compost team at [qwpcomposting@hotmail.com](mailto:qwpcomposting@hotmail.com).

### Estate Treasures sale

Estate Treasures, an upscale resale shop benefiting Compass Regional Hospice, will hold a storewide Summer Sizzler sale from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday at its location, 17 Kent Towne Market in Chester.

All merchandise will be 60 percent off and includes clothing, shoes, fashion accessories, jewelry, housewares and collectibles.

For more information, call 410-643-7360 or visit [www.compassregionalhospice.org/estatetreasures](http://www.compassregionalhospice.org/estatetreasures).

### Film festival

The Greater Annapolis Interfaith Network will hold a summer film festival in the community room at St. John Neumann Church, 620 N. Bestgate Road.

"Scientists Under Attack" a filmed account of how scientists were treated when reporting on the harmful effects of Genetically Modified Organisms, will be presented at 7 p.m. Thursday. Dick Vanden Heuvel will introduce the film and share his research. There will be a discussion following the film.

"Farmagedden," a film about the chal-



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Winners of the Anne Arundel County Bar Foundation high school essay contest, from left: Tatiana Wu, who earned \$500 as the first-place winner; Elizabeth Bauckman, who earned \$100 as the third-place winner; and Alexander McGrath, who earned \$250 as the second-place winner. All rising juniors, Tatiana and Elizabeth attend South River High School and Alexander attends Severna Park High School. The three winners received their awards June 19 during a special ceremony in the Historic Courtroom of the Circuit Court in Annapolis. Judge Timothy Meredith of the Court of Special Appeals presented the awards. He and his wife, attorney Kathleen Meredith, founded the contest and have sponsored it for the past 16 years.

Academy graduate who championed physical fitness and founded the Moore's Maritime Protection Training Program.

To register or volunteer, visit [www.actionve.com](http://www.actionve.com) or contact Ron Bowman at [lynnron1@comcast.net](mailto:lynnron1@comcast.net) or 410-570-0003. The proceeds benefit the Special Operations Warrior Foundation and Rude Ranch Animal Rescue.

placed into an account earmarked for foundation animals like Spice that need emergency medical treatment.

Donations can be sent to Animal Resource Foundation, P.O. Box 396, Chester, MD 21619, or visit [www.arfusa.org](http://www.arfusa.org) and make a donation through PayPal, or [www.youcarving.com/spice-378461](http://www.youcarving.com/spice-378461). Please indicate "For Spice."

For more information, contact Ron Bowman at 410-570-0003.

## RATES

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In other business, the council discussed a bill proposed by Grasso that would create automatic seasonal waivers for exterior lead paint repairs. The waivers would last until Nov. 1 and April 1, meaning tenants wouldn't be forced to try and paint an exterior during cold and wet months.

Lawmakers can't file legislation that would financially benefit them, so some questions have been raised about Grasso's ability to file the legislation.

"I am a lead inspector, full disclosure," Grasso said. "I do not financially benefit from this bill."

Grasso owns properties in Anne Arundel and Baltimore counties and Baltimore City. The councilman, who reached a settlement in 2006 over violations of state lead paint laws, said his properties are free of the toxic substance.

Grasso's bill was amended to give the health officer the authority to preempt the automatic waiver.

His bill will likely be voted on at the next legislative council session on July 20.

## Demodicosis skin disease caused by mites in fur

**M**y dog was diagnosed with a type of mange called Demodex. Could she have gotten this from going to a dog park to play?

Demodectic mange is caused by micro-