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OCKVILLE - Police suspect lo-
age vandalism may have been
ible for the recent fire at Chest-
ge, and investigations continue
owing leads supplied by a con-
and saddened community, a
cial said.

ter canvassing the area, fire of-
took the investigation to down-
ockville Friday night, passing
phlets and numbers to their tip
and asking Rockville residents
information, according to Ken-
orenblatt, battalion chief of the
omery County Fire and Explo-
estigations Bomb Squad.

ased on a tip, investigators are
for a group of teenagers that
en in the area at the time of the
t, Korenblatt said.
e Chestnut Lodge, formally the
awn Hotel, was burned down
riday, June 7, around 3 a.m. The
g, which was listed on the Na-
Registry of Historical Places,
eduled to be remodeled into
condominiums.

ere were no electricity, water
ources available in the building
suggested the possibility of ar-
ficials have ruled the incident a
ous fire.

he amount of damages is in the
s, according to Korenblatt.

he Woodlawn Hotel, built in
as converted into the Chestnut
a sanitarium for the mentally
003, ownership was transferred



PHOTO BY GEORGE SMITH

A local batboy helps out the home plate umpire at a recent Cal Ripken Senior League game in Montgomery County with a cup of ice water on a recent hot afternoon.

Widening I-270 sees potential problems

By Joe Slaninka
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The future of hundreds of homes along Interstate 270 was thrown into peril after the Maryland State Highway Administration released a report on the possible impacts of widening the major traffic artery that runs from Frederick, Maryland to Washington D.C.

The report detailing, among other things, the environmental and cultural impacts of six variations of the proposed \$3.9 billion project, mentions 251 condominiums, apartments and single-family homes that could be demolished if I-270 is widened without regard for its impacts.

According to the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT),

the level of performance of the 56-year-old traffic artery, linking Frederick to Washington D.C. is currently sub-par, with motorists wasting precious time and gasoline sitting in traffic on a daily basis.

MDOT officials say the problem will only get worse with Frederick

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"People's Dirt" takes a dirt nap

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Turns out, you'll have to look elsewhere to get the dirt

GoDaddy.com, the host of the popular Web site, Peoplesdirt.com, shut down that site last week after the

site and stating that it is filled with lewd topics and libelous comments and that it violated Go Daddy's terms and conditions.

"The Internet's a little cleaner today," Gansler said last week. "Peoples Dirt was serving as a bulletin board for slander and defamation."

informing them that Peoples Dirt "represents itself to potential advertisers as a website that is 'suitable for persons ages six and older' and does not contain teen or adult content."

Peoples Dirt is a forum that solicits and publishes anonymous, malicious attacks on teenagers. The con-