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PTA to Host Literacy Party For Children and Parents

The Thurgood Marshall Middle School PTA will hold a book party for students in grades 6 through 8 at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the school's multipurpose room, 4909 Brinkley Rd., Temple Hills. Parents are invited to bring children to get free books and learn about literacy and ways to encourage reading. Students do not need to be enrolled in the school to participate. For more information, call 202-942-3023.

U-Md. Student-Built House To Be Part of Solar Contest

A team of University of Maryland students is preparing a solar-powered house for display in the U.S. Department of Energy's 2005 Solar Decathlon. The house will be moved to the Mall at the end of September. The decathlon, from Oct. 7 through 16, features original designs and construction of livable homes powered entirely by solar energy. Houses will be judged on criteria such as power efficiency, livability and design.

Eighteen college teams, from the United States and several other countries, will have entries. The University of Maryland project began in 2003, aided by donations of money and materials. After the decathlon, the house will be given to Red Wiggler Community Farm, a nonprofit organization based in Clarksburg that employs adults with developmental disabilities.

Training, Resource Fair Planned at Roosevelt High

The 20th annual Comer School Development Program Team Retreat and Family/Community Resource Day takes place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 1 at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, 7601 Hanover Pkwy., Greenbelt. The Department of Family and Community Services hosts the event. Activities include specialized training opportunities and a resource fair on comprehensive school reform. For more information, call 301-552-4294.

Massie Elementary To Dedicate Library

Samuel P. Massie Elementary School will name its library for Gloria T. Massie, an educator and journalist and the wife of the school's namesake. The dedication ceremony will take place at 11 a.m. next Thursday at the school, 3301 Regency Pkwy., Forestville. Reservations to attend the ceremony must be made by today. To make reservations or for more information, call 301-669-1120, Ext. 222.

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