

abrupt retirement

Weeks opted out of this year's campaign.

Taylor picked Clinton administration Transportation Secretary E. Slater to head a task force to examine the chapter.

Mr. Taylor was criticized for retiring quickly enough when the problems came to light again.

Some may take issue with

the pace of reform, through these actions I believe I have proven my abiding commitment to constructive change and my dedication to our mission," Mr. Taylor said in the statement.

The task force has been examining local United Way policies and procedures.

The chapter plans to make its report public today.

center for 2 workers

Letter to the office of Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, Dakota Democrat, in Octo-

Morris and Mr. Curseen both hours after reporting to hospice emergency rooms with flu-like symptoms — Mr. Morrison Oct. 21 and Mr. Curseen the next day.

lost a couple of role models said Mrs. Norton. "Here were family men, men of faith, deeply loved in their community. It was my heart."

bestowing of their names on the good is a way to remember the while moving into the future, Mrs. Norton.

helps the community around the good to recognize that an honor-ment is being made to re-cre-

ate Brentwood into a facility that all can enter without fear," she said.

"It will change the whole impression of what we've had to live with for the last year."

There is one concern, however. "

"If we don't find a shorthand way to say the new name, I'm afraid people will continue to call Brentwood, Brentwood," she said.

The 29,000-cubic-foot postal facility is scheduled to be fumigated in the next few weeks, after a public meeting is held and some permits and minor engineering details are worked out, Postal Service spokesman Jerry Kreinkemp said.

"Once all the i's are dotted and the t's are crossed, then we'll proceed," he said.

DISTRICT

Radiation detectors given to fire department

A federal recycling project is bringing more radiation-detection equipment to firefighters in the District.

The U.S. Department of Energy has refurbished its old equipment and is making it available to cities around the country. The District was at the head of the line, and yesterday received the first 30 radiation detectors.

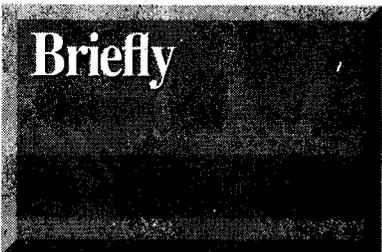
"As we get closer to September 11, we look at what we've done to be more prepared. This is a step in the right direction," said D.C. Emergency Management Agency Director Peter LaPorte.

The idea helps first responders, who otherwise would have to buy the devices, which cost about \$1,000 new. It also helps the Energy Department, which would have had to dispose of the equipment at taxpayer expense.

The idea came from Energy employees in Oak Ridge, Tenn., whose job is to decide what to do with old equipment.

"The afternoon of 9/11, we were asking what can we do," said Richard Meehan, one of those workers who is a D.C. native. "We just started cold calling and found the Department of Justice's Office of Domestic Preparedness."

"What we had before worked, but it was a little outdated," said D.C. interim Fire Chief Adrian Thompson.



Briefly

Federal funds to add police in mea schools

THE WASHINGTON TIMES

The U.S. Justice Department yesterday announced grants totaling \$5.6 million for Maryland and \$1.2 million for Virginia to add law enforcement officers to walk beats in schools.

The Justice Department's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) issued the funds as part of \$122.7 million in grants to 501 law enforcement agencies in 47 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands to pay for adding 1,052 officers in the nation's schools.

Justice officials said six agencies will share Maryland's \$5.6 million grant: the Montgomery County Police Department, Baltimore County Police Department, Howard County Police Department, Charles County, the Aberdeen Police Department and the city of Pocomoke.

Montgomery County will receive the lion's share of the Maryland grant: \$4 million to hire 32 officers.

Meanwhile, seven agencies will share Virginia's \$1.2 million grant the Albemarle County Police Department, Culpeper County, Haysi Police Department, King William Sheriff's Office, city of Norfolk, Patrick County Sheriff's Office and the town of Smithfield.

The grants fund the hiring of community policing officers assigned to schools and provide a maximum of \$125,000 for the salary and benefits of each new officer over three years.

COPS also provides school safety training for the officers and administrators at the schools where the officers will be assigned.

MARYLAND

BALTIMORE

state's test scores to be compared nationally

A new state test will allow Maryland students to compare their test scores with those of students in other states, said Superintendent Nancy Grasmick.

Mrs. Grasmick said the test, which replaces the Maryland School Performance Assessment Program next spring, will have two sets of scores. One will measure students' mastery of the state's curriculum. The other will measure Marylanders against national standards.

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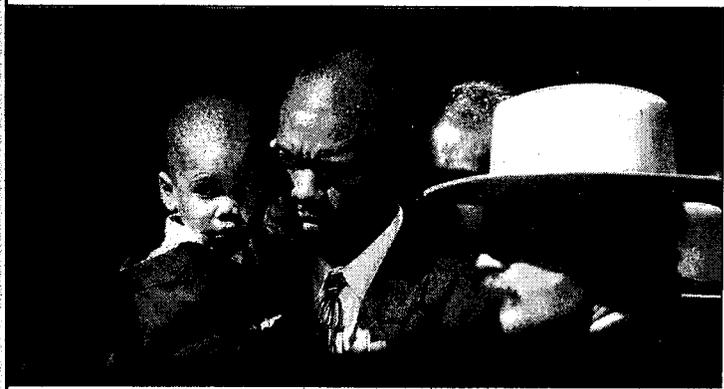


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Magruder carried his son Devin, 3, out of the Church of the Great Mission in Suitland, after the funeral for his wife, slain Prince George's Sheriff's Deputy Elizabeth Magruder is carried to a hearse.

in-law. attending were Lt. Gov. Kathleen Townsend, Prince George's County Executive Wern...

County; Arlington; Waldorf; Pentagon Police; U.S. Capitol Police; Anne Arundel County; and the Stafford County Sheriff's Office.