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Potomac United Methodist Church members Jean Trunnell and Nadine Williams talk over a table of assorted strawberry-related treats and other baked goods at the church's 18th Annual Strawberry Festival on Saturday, May 17.

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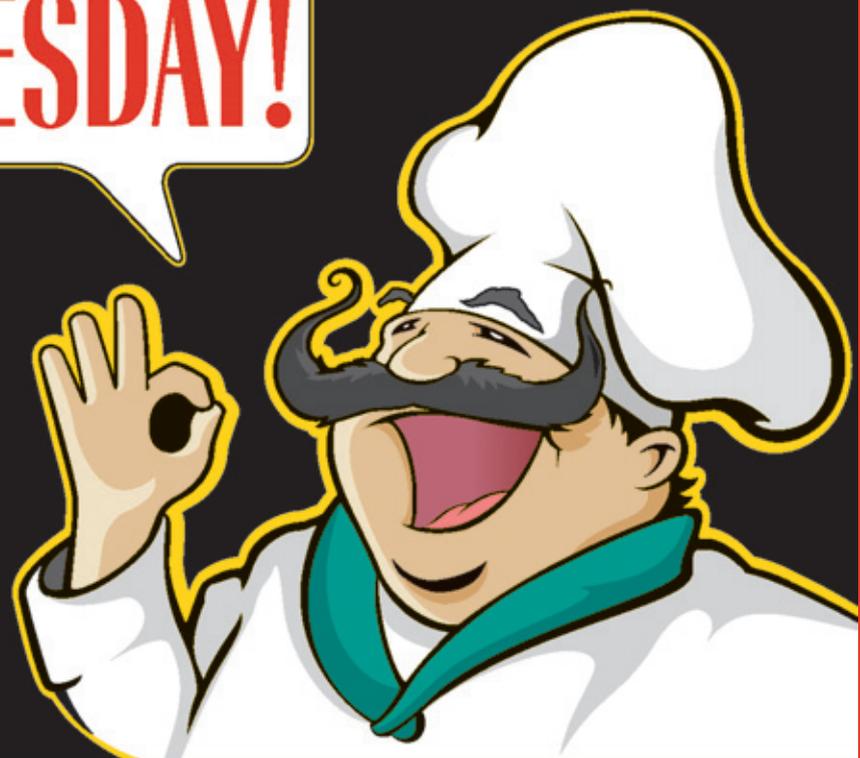
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Andrea Keane-Myers, Trevor Myers and their daughters Perrin, 5, and Griffin, 9, sample barbecue chicken and pork before moving on to strawberry shortcake.

Delicious Afternoon

Strawberry shortcake, barbecue, bracelets and a battery of games were on hand as the Potomac United Methodist Church held its 18th Annual Strawberry Festival.

Nadine Williams, a long-time member of the church, has been coming since it started.

"It has grown every year," she said.

"I kind of like working at the bake sale because most of the things are homemade," said church member Jean Trunnell, as she worked alongside Cabin John Middle School eighth-grader Emily Weinig behind a table of assorted baked goods.

The annual event features a variety of strawberry-related goods and many other types of food for sale, as well as a wide selection of crafts from local artisans and children's games and a silent auction. The proceeds benefit the Potomac United Methodist

Women in their charitable community works.

—AARON STERN



The Goldbergs — Alexander, 4, Phil, Danielle, 2, and Susanne, from left to right — chow down on strawberry shortcake and ice cream.



As Hoover Middle School sixth-grader Kerry Billings looks on, Potomac United Methodist member Becky Queen serves up chocolate-coated strawberries.

At Long Last

Approved county budget to fund renovation for the Scotland Community Center.

BY AARON STERN
THE ALMANAC

After nearly a decade of continued efforts, the renovation of the Scotland Community Center is on its way to becoming a reality. The County Council on May 15 approved the addition of \$29.7 million to the county's Capital Improvement Program budget for the renovation of Scotland and three other community centers in historically black neighborhoods in the county.

"It feels wonderful," said Bette Thompson, who grew up in Scotland and who has helped lead the fight to get the 30-year-old facility renovated since the late 1990s.

The decision by the County Council was part of the adoption process of a \$4.3 billion operating budget for the 2009 fiscal year during which they also finalized the County's construction budget between 2009 and 2014. In addition to approving \$9.7 million for the design and planning phases of the renovations, the Council set aside \$20 million in a protected fund for the construction of the new facilities.

"I'm very pleased that the Council has honored its commitment to Scotland and the other four historically underserved communities," said County Councilman Roger Berliner (D-1). Berliner met with Scotland residents on multiple occasions in recent months and helped to lead the effort on the County Council to renovate the Scotland, Good Hope, Plum Gar and Ross Boddy community centers.

THE BATTLE to get the aging Scotland Community Center renovated began in the late 1990s and followed a consistent pattern. Every couple of years residents would push, county officials would listen and sometimes

"It feels wonderful."
— Bette Thompson

Global Awareness

Churchill junior organizes fund-raiser to aid relief efforts in cyclone-struck Myanmar.

BY AARON STERN
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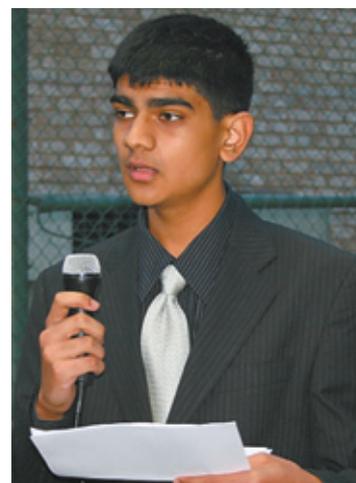
When news broke of the devastation left in the wake of Cyclone Nargis in Myanmar earlier this month, Pavan Nataraj felt compelled to do something. Nataraj, a junior at Winston Churchill High School, had watched his father's involvement in recent years with the International Medical Health Organization/Operation-USA, a group that enlists the help of doctors from around the world during humanitarian crises, so he drew both assistance

and inspiration from them.

"My dad, he gave a lot of talks for [the] International Medical Health Organization," Nataraj said. "I think it was really my dad ... that inspired me to make a fund-raiser."

The inspiration may have come from an outside source, but Nataraj put the effort of organizing his fund-raising efforts squarely on his own shoulders.

In one week — from the inception of the idea to the execution — Nataraj organized a sit-down



Winston Churchill senior Pavan Nataraj discusses the humanitarian relief efforts in Myanmar after that country was devastated by a cyclone earlier this month.

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Council Approves FY09 Budget

The Montgomery County Council on Friday, May 16, unanimously agreed on a \$4.3 billion total operating budget for Fiscal Year 2009, which begins July 1. The budget keeps the property tax rate unchanged and includes a \$579 property tax credit for owner-occupants of principal residences.

The \$3.8 billion tax-supported portion of the budget is up 3.0 percent from the FY08 approved budget. It is \$5.6 million less than the budget recommended by County Executive Isiah Leggett in March. The \$4.3 billion total operating budget, which includes grants and self-supporting funds, is up 4.3 percent from FY08.

The council is scheduled to formally adopt the FY09 operating and capital budgets on Thursday, May 22.

Funding for Montgomery County Public Schools will be \$2.07 billion, an increase of 4.3 percent over the FY08 adopted budget. The total figure represents 98.0 percent of the original funding request from the Board of Education.

Funding for Montgomery College will be \$257 million, including \$14.3 million for workforce development and continuing education. The total figure represents 98.7 percent of the college's original funding request.

The council adopted a carbon surtax that will increase certain fuel/energy tax rates to reflect carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas generation. The carbon surtax is expected to raise \$11.1 million in annual revenue. Of that amount, the council will direct \$1 million to support implementation of seven new bills to reduce carbon emissions.

The new budget provides \$687,600 for a police recruit class of 20 in January 2009 and \$623,000 to restore positions for six community outreach officers and six community policing officers that work from the district stations to assist communities in solving problems and preventing crime.

For more information and details on the budget visit the County Council's Web site at <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/csltmpl.asp?url=/content/council/index.asp>.

Student Wins ParkStar Search

On Tuesday, May 20 the Montgomery County Department of Parks announced the winner of its first-ever ParkStar Search competition: Reuben Jacobson, a student at Winston Churchill High School.

More than 8,000 votes were cast online in the department's inaugural ParkStar Search competition. Votes came from all across the country, as well as Canada, Europe, Iceland, South America and Africa. The lead in online votes received changed hands at least three times among, Jenay McNeil, Jordan Slattery and Jacobson over the course of the open online voting period.

"At one point in the closing days of the voting, Jenay and Reuben were even tied for a moment," said Parks Show host Kelli Holsendolph. "The competition was fiercely close, down to the wire."

Reuben Jacobson, a 15-year-old sophomore at Winston Churchill High School, finished with 43.7 percent of the total votes. Jenay McNeil finished in second place with 34.3 percent, Jordan Slattery in third with 14.5 percent, Amir Nasser 4.8 percent and Macy Passawe with 2.6 percent.

"All these kids are ParkStars to us," said The Parks Show Producer Cathy Grubman. "We were blown away by the talent of all the kids who auditioned—they all have bright futures ahead of them, whether they decide to go into television or not."

The Department of Parks with County Cable Montgomery (CCM) auditioned a total of 40 area teens, March 29 and April 5, for their chance this summer to work on and host The Parks Show—the Department of Parks' award-winning 15-minute monthly television program on CCM. After the auditions, The Parks Show editors, producers, crew members with parks officials narrowed down the competition to the top five finalists. Audition footage of the ParkStar finalists was posted online for the open public voting from May 1 - 15.

To see Reuben—the new ParkStar—hosting his first episode of The Parks Show tune into CCM daily on Comcast and RCN Channel 6 and Verizon Channel 30. The show airs three times daily on CCM, or watch streaming online video of The Parks Show from www.MontgomeryParks.org.

NEWS



Students at the Jewish Community Center of the Greater Washington, D.C. area discuss the personal side of biblical figures at a recent meeting of the Biblical Personalities class.

Staying Sharp

Adult education classes at JCC provide social outlets and intellectual stimulation for seniors.

BY AARON STERN
THE ALMANAC[®]

When Leon Newhouse moved to his daughter's house in Potomac from Sarasota, Fla. three years ago, he came to an area where he knew very few people. The former executive vice president of the Longines-Wittnauer watch company, Newhouse, 91, was going largely blind from macular degeneration when he moved north, but he wanted to stay active, both physically and mentally, so he joined the Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, D.C. and started taking classes through the center's Adult Continuing Education program.

A trained violinist and classical enthusiast, the first class that he took at the JCC was a course on opera. The instructor was only an amateur musician himself, but his knowledge of opera and of opera composers was encyclopedic, Newhouse said.

"He [knew] the musicians — the old ones, the new ones, their personal lives," said Newhouse. He liked the course enough to take more, and he's been taking classes at the JCC ever since. "Any class I take, [the instructors] had a great deal of knowledge. People want to know and these people do a good job all the way through."

The opera course is one of an array of classes that the JCC has offered through its Adult Center for Education since the program began in 1971 as the Rosalie Gerber Seminars, named for the former JCC president who started the adult education program.

RUN WITH ASSISTANCE from a Montgomery County grant, the eight-week sessions range between \$45 and \$55 for JCC members, and \$60 and \$90 for non-members. Those rates gain access to as many of the courses that the JCC offers — usually between 15 and 20 courses are offered at a time.

The classes offered cover a wide spectrum — from historical subjects to language classes, music classes and beyond.

"We offer anything that you probably see in a uni-



PHOTOS BY AARON STERN/THE ALMANAC

Leon Newhouse, 91, at his daughter's home in Potomac. Newhouse, who is legally blind, has taken classes at the JCC since he moved to Potomac from Florida three years ago. In the background, a painting that his late wife Frances did.

"I think no matter what your age, you should be able to learn something every day."

— Leon Newhouse

versity curriculum — minus the math," said Selma Sweetbaum, the director of the JCC's Adult Center for Education.

Though technically offered to any area resident regardless of age or religious affiliation, the courses are aimed at seniors and offer the opportunity to meet new people and to stay active intellectually.

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Scotland Residents Celebrate Center Funding

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go so far as to make assurances, but when it came time to appropriate funds those assurances would dissolve, sending Scotland residents back to the drawing board.

Scotland residents have long complained that their community center is too small to hold more than one activity at a time and the ever-popular indoor basketball court — a popular place for Scotland's children to play — was less than regulation size and, sheltered in an aluminum add-on to the original facility, has no room for spectators. Built in 1978, the center has been maintained but has not had any facility upgrades over the years.

When County Executive Ike Leggett released his proposed 2009-2014 Capital Improvement Program in late December of last year, Thompson was left speechless. Thompson had been involved in several attempts to get the undersized Scotland Community Center renovated since the late 1990s, and two years ago the effort began anew. After numerous meetings with County officials — and after receiving what she says were assurances from the County Executive's office that it would be — she got a phone call bearing bad news: once again, the Scotland Community Center would not be slated for renovation.

"When they told us that we [weren't] in

the funding I couldn't talk," Thompson said. "I couldn't say a word. I was so hurt."

When she got that call last December she didn't know how to break the bad news to her friends and neighbors.

"What was I going to tell these [people]? I just couldn't tell them. I couldn't tell them because I would have cried, and I didn't want them to see me cry," Thompson said.

AT THAT POINT many in Scotland believed that the battle was over, that once again they had been led to believe one thing before being given another.

"I really don't even know how to react anymore," said Latisha Gasaway at the time. Gasaway grew up in Potomac and remains involved in the community center's operations. "I don't know what else to do anymore ... We fight, fight, fight and I don't know," she said at the time.

Ultimately it was help from outside of Scotland — and Good Hope, and Plum Gar, and Ross Boddy — that reversed fortunes.

Action in Montgomery (AIM), a non-profit, non-denominational, faith-based advocacy organization had worked with the four communities for much of the last two years in their renovation efforts. Members of congregations affiliated with AIM showed up at meetings at Scotland and the three other centers in increasing numbers in the last two years. After Leggett's proposal came



PHOTO BY AARON STERN/THE ALMANAC

The entrance to the Scotland Community Center, whose renovation was approved last week by the County Council after a decade-long effort by residents.

out in December the group stepped up its efforts, culminating in an April 2 rally at the University of Maryland-Shady Grove Campus that drew over 1,000 supporters as well as Berliner and fellow council members George Leventhal (D-At large) and Valerie Ervin (D-5) and Council president Mike Knapp (D-2), each of whom publicly voiced their intention to slate the four centers for renovation.

"This campaign showed local congregations ... [that] we stand behind our members and we'll make sure that campaigns will come to fruition," said Alisa Glassman of AIM.

THOMPSON WAS AT HOME during last

week's Council vote because of an illness in her family, and it was there that once again her phone rang. Unlike the December call, this one bore good news: renovation. And this time she wasn't left without words.

"I said, 'Oh, good, good, good,'" she said. Years of effort have paid off, she said, and it has been worth the struggle.

"Oh, I just stuck with it," Thompson said. "I just said, 'This can't be.' They promised us this stuff, now how can they say no? But we just stuck with it."

"With this expansion ... it [will] attract more of the kids to come there and it won't feel so crowded," said Stephanie Hood who used to work at the community center and who lived in Scotland from 2000 to 2005. Her son Christian goes to Bells Mill Elementary and takes part in the tutoring program at the school. He also takes karate lessons there. "It's been a long fight. Mrs. Bette's been there from the very beginning ... she's still standing in there and standing strong," Hood said.

The renovation is a step in the right direction, but not the entire solution to the woes at the Scotland Community Center, said Jay Dove, who was born and raised in Scotland, one of a long line of descendants of ex-slaves who settled in the community near the intersection of Seven Locks Road

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Prom Night

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Members of the Churchill boys lacrosse team: AJ Brown, Austin Coard, Kyle Cissel, Connor Wielgus, Beau Bakley, Ray Ferrara, and Brian Nemeroff.



Churchill senior (and Almanac intern) Cynthia Iselin with her date, Brennan Plummer.



Eliane Oser and Amir Itani at a pre-prom gathering.



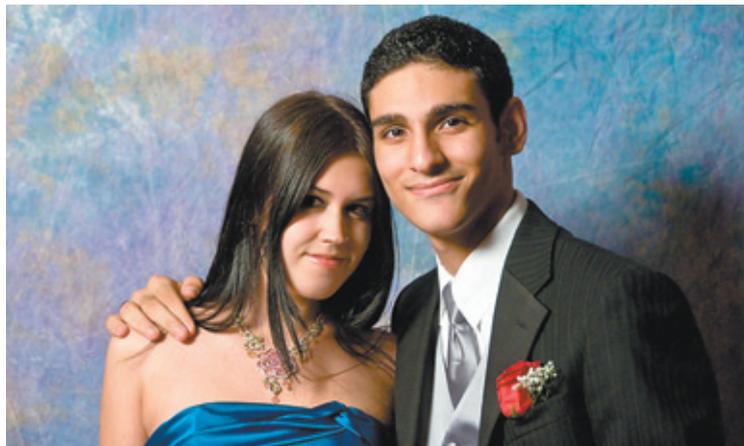
Churchill English teacher and Forensics coach Valerie Mainwaring with one of her students, Craig Raphael.



Joe Leon, Tara Mamdouhi, Danny Milton, and Brittany Davidson share a laugh.



Tizale Yesewiek and Dawit Brnanie take in the evening.



Serena Tchania and Payam Azodi at the prom.



Louise Hannallah and Jon Yates pause before taking a picture at the Churchill prom.

Adult Ed Classes Assist Senior Citizens

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"One should never stop learning — this is what keeps you young, keeps you connected," Sweetbaum said.

"I'm a firm believer if you don't use it you'll lose it," said Dr. Herbert Tanenbaum, a retired cardiologist and Bethesda resident who has taken the ACE classes since they started. "You've got to fire off those neurons in your brain, its like exercise. And then it's a social out-

let, your immersing and meeting people and getting out of your house or wherever you live. That's really important experience for seniors, they really need that."

"I THINK NO MATTER what your age, you should be able to learn something every day," Newhouse said.

Vivian Finkelstein of Potomac, a retired dietician, got involved in the ACE program four years ago and has taken classes on subjects from global economics, to short-story

reading, the human genome, and biblical studies. A course that she is currently taking on the Arab-Israeli conflict has opened her up to new ideas and new takes on a subject that she was already familiar with.

"This [class]... did lead me to some new conclusions, and speaking to other people in the class, they as well were able to see things from a different point of view," Finkelstein said.

"The classes are wonderful, people get a great deal out of it," Newhouse said. "I can

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— Dr. Herbert Tanenbaum

see the people, the questions that are asked, the rush to get into the class early, the hanging around at the end to talk a little bit more."

PETS OF THE WEEK



Squeaky

Squeaky is a female, 11-year-old, spayed, Black DSH cat. Squeaky is a beautiful, shy cat with green eyes. She was born in the wild but likes people now and welcomes affection. Her prior owner passed away and Squeaky is looking for another kind person to love her.



Gordy

Gordy is a male, 1-year-old, 40 pound, foxhound, mix. Gordy is a very handsome, friendly boy with brown eyes and ears like velvet. He loves play, soft squeaky toys, walks and car rides. Young Gordy would do best in an adult household with a 6' fenced yard so this sweet boy can become a loving buddy.

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HEALTH NOTES

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Lifelines for Kids, Tuesdays, through June 17, 7-8:30 p.m. Children, Youth & Family Services, 401 Hungerford Drive, Rockville. Encourages children in foster care to build on their strengths and identify "lifelines" to help them grow and succeed. 10-week group for children in grades 4-6. Creative activities, games, art and discussion. Free. Register by calling 301-476-8525.

Linda Hill, associate director of Aging Network Services, will present "When Is It Time to Intervene in Your Parents' Care?" at Alfio's, 4515 Willard Ave., Chevy Chase, at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, June 3. The seminar is sponsored by Sunrise at Fox Hill, a new assisted living and memory care community located within Fox Hill senior condominium, coming soon to Bethesda. Hill will share her knowledge from working with adult children and their parents over the last 30 years. The event is complimentary and open to the public, but RSVPs are requested by calling 301-469-8005.

In recognition of Home Safety Month, the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services, Aging and Disability Services is offering county residents **free reminder cards** with information on how to prevent falls in their homes. The "12 Ways to Prevent Falls" provides tips on how to decrease hazards in the home. In addition, this easy-to-post card provides ideas on how to lessen other

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The Greater Chesapeake and Potomac (GC & P) Region asks all eligible whole blood donors to "Be the One We Count On" by calling 1-800-GIVE-LIFE to schedule a donation appointment right away. Blood supply levels are at a critical low. The Greater Chesapeake and Potomac Region of the American Red Cross is offering all blood program participants an exclusive "Be the One We Count On" T-shirt, as well as a chance to win \$100 worth of free gas in a weekly drawing. Information about Regional Blood Donor Centers or community blood drive locations and times can be found at www.my-redcross.org.

Volunteer opportunities exist in the county addressing a wide range of health issues.

* **Sexual Assault Victims.** Montgomery County seeks residents interested in helping sexual assault victims and their families. Volunteers provide 24-hour crisis counseling and companion services at hospitals and police stations. Call 240-777-1355.

* **Hospice Caring Inc.** seeks volunteers to offer non-medical support to families facing terminal illness. The job involves providing companionship and respite care, assistance with household errands and tasks, and transportation. Call 240-777-2600.

* **American Cancer Society.** The Road to Recovery Program is recruiting and training drivers from Montgomery County. Donate a few weekday hours to transport patients to chemotherapy, radiation and other treatments. Must have own vehicle.

CIVIC CALENDAR

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WEDNESDAY/JUNE 4

DBSA (Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance, National Capital Area) Family Support Group, will meet at 7:30 p.m., in the Parish Hall of St. Raphael's Church at 1513 Dunster Road, Rockville. The meeting is for the families and friends of people who have been diagnosed with depression or bipolar illness. Free. Call 301-299-4255 or 301-570-9065, Internet: www.dbsanca-family.org.

THURSDAY/JUNE 5

Pain Connection Chronic Pain Support Group will meet 1:30-3 p.m. at Davis Library, 6400 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda, for anyone with chronic pain, family members and interested community residents. Feel free to bring ice/heat packs, pillows and mats as needed. Contact: 301-309-2444 or www.pain-connection.org.

SUNDAY/JUNE 8

Li-Ming Toastmaster will have meeting from 10:20 to 11:45 a.m. at County Council building (2nd floor conference room 2F, behind cafeteria) at 100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville. Contact 301-765-1090.

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by **Michael Matese**

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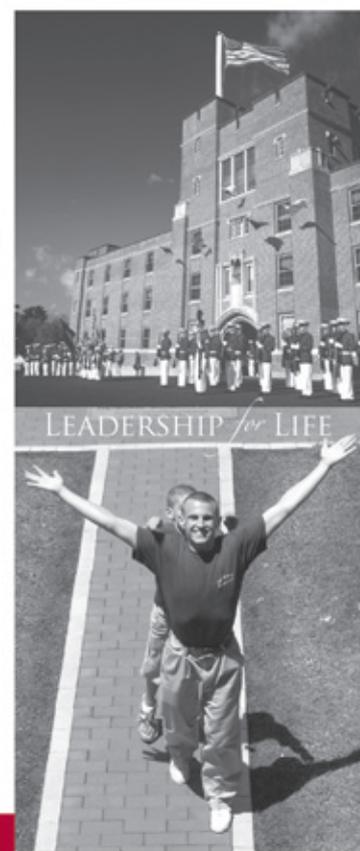
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Nothing Like a Rainy Day at the Races

BY CISSY FINLEY GRANT
THE ALMANAC

There were several thousand people at the Potomac Hunt races last Sunday who did not have sense enough to come in out of the rain. But, they had a great time!

The first drips (rain, not people) began to fall about the time the eight-race program got underway at Austin Kiplinger's Poolesville farm. They persisted for the next three hours, not subsiding until late afternoon.

However, it was a great day for horses and jockeys.

Brooks Durkee, who said he flies up every weekend from his Delray Beach, Fla., home to ride the steeplechase circuit, was close to a clean sweep of the featured events until Richie Spate, who said he had only ridden his mount Floor Play once prior to the race, had the audacity to urge his horse across the finish line a nose ahead of Durkee riding Beneficial Man, capturing the three-mile novice timber race. Floor Play is owned by The Chronicle of The Horse publisher, Robert Banner, Jr.

Prior to his second place finish in the novice timber, Durkee rode Northwood Stables' Battle Op to a thrilling victory in the featured Preakness open timber, capturing the \$7,500 purse by crossing the line a length ahead of John Pettibone's Antonio Star with Nick Carter in the saddle. He previously began the day by winning a two-mile maiden hurdle, the Alice Keech Plate, astride Salute The News, owned by Stone Valley Farm, Unionville, Pa. Not a bad day's work in the chilly rain, prior to flying back to sunny Florida. The legendary Randy Rouse, former Fairfax Hunt MFH, who in the past clocked zillions of hours riding and winning hunt races, was there to see his One Sea, with jockey Roddy MacKenzie up, win the Gen.



PHOTO BY CAROLE DELL/THE ALMANAC

The Almanac's trusty reporter Cissy Finley Grant found a new way around the race grounds, putting the horses to shame.

Harry H. Semmes open hurdle race. "I bought him as a three-year-old," the 91-year-old Rouse said, adding that his 8-year-old horse had also won at the Middleburg fall meet.

The lady jockeys, not to be outdone when it came to a thrilling finish, gave the crowd their money's worth in the Ladies Open flat, GEICO-sponsored fifth race. "Both horses' noses hit the wire at the same time," race steward Norman Fraley reported, following a review of the race camera. The mile-and-a-half on the turf winners who will share the Labadie Mill trophy for a year were Mrs. S.K. Johnston's Graffham, ridden by Allison Cubbs, and Jennifer Pitts' Green Velvet, ridden by Melanie Williams.



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A long, hard ride on a cool, wet day, left this horse steaming.

IN ADDITION to the Robert A. Pumphrey, Sr., sponsored pony races, that traditionally open the program, the grand finale was a mile long open flat race. It was delayed for 20 minutes. One entry, while headed toward the starting line, took off. The jockey, after a valiant effort to pull him in, was unceremoniously dumped and the horse was last seen going towards River Road with outriders in hot pursuit. The delay did not dismay Gordon Keys, owner of I'm A Hokie, who won

the race by a length over Mignon Smith's Class Crash. "I bought this horse by mistake," Keys said. When asked to explain, he remarked, "because I didn't need a horse. I was at an auction when the auctioneer, a friend, asked me if I would start the bidding. I did. A thousand dollars, just to get him started. I got the horse," he concluded. He also added the horse has won about \$30,000 so far.

Following tons of fried chicken being con-

sumed at tailgates where umbrellas and mud boots were prevalent, exhibitions by both the Maryland Capital Park Police and a dressage performance by Wish Upon A Star trainer Julio Mendoza riding a Dutch Friesian, the 56th running of the Potomac Hunt races drew to a successful close.

"Gentlemen, start your tractors" was the final request. Those who were in need of a pull out of the mud had plenty of assistance. A belated happy mudders day!



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Having cleared a hurdle, these horses race toward the finish line.



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Liam Reed, 2, discovered that umbrellas are not just for rain.



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Race co-chairman Potomac Hunt jtmFH Peter Hitchen (in Gator) talks with race starters Ralph Coffman and Ray Carter. Outrider, Allen Forney is in the background. They were among the nearly 100 volunteers involved in producing the event which benefits Shady Grove Adventist Hospital.



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Following the rain, and enjoying a bit of fun with a Sir Reynard banner, are Christine and Tony Eyler, owners of Fox Hollow Farm, Poolesville.



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Potomac Hunt jtmFH Skip Crawford, left, congratulates jockey Richie Spate who rode Floor Play to a thrilling victory in the \$2,500 novice timber race. Floor Play's owner, Robert Banner, Jr., holds the trophy.



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Skip Crawford and his grandson.



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Jockeys and race officials joined Austin Kiplinger (center, in straw hat) during the presentation of the Governor's Cup in the young adult race. The winner was Scarlett Lovett riding Strange Fruit.

CALENDAR

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WEDNESDAY/MAY 21

French Book Club. Join Madeleine Hage for a discussion of books written in French and discussed in French at the Bethesda Library, 7400 Arlington Road, Bethesda, 7:30 p.m. This month the group is reading "L'enfant de sable" by Tahar Ben Jelloun. Call 240-777-0970.

Jazz. 8 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, 6125 Montrose Road, Rockville, with John Eaton. To purchase tickets, call 301-348-3872.

THURSDAY/MAY 22

Evening Concert. Thursday Night concerts will take place from 6-8 p.m. in Veterans Park located at the corner of Woodmont and Norfolk Avenues in Bethesda. This week's performer will be Terry Terrific and the Tornados (Original Rock). Contact 301-215-6660 or visit www.bethesda.org.

FRIDAY/MAY 23

Contra Dance. The Friday Night Dancers presents contra dancing as well as some square dances and waltzes in the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. There is a Contra dance lesson from 7:30-8:15 p.m. followed by the called dance from 8:30-11:30 p.m. Beginners are always welcome. This week Avant Gardeners performs. Admission: \$9. Contact email: info@fridaynightdance.org.

Swing Dance. The Glen Echo Park Partnership presents a Swing Dance with the Boilermaker Jazz Band in the Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd, Glen Echo. An introductory Swing lesson with Donna Barker and Mike Marcotte from 8 - 9 p.m. is followed by dancing until midnight. No partner necessary; admission includes the lesson at 8 p.m. Admission: \$13. Contact Email: dbarker@glenechopark.org.

Wine Tasting. Enjoy Italian wines at Bella Italia, 4844 Bethesda Ave., Bethesda, 6-8 p.m. Ages 21 and up. Call 301-654-2667.

SATURDAY/MAY 24

Swing Dance. The Tom Cunningham Orchestra will perform in the Spanish Ballroom, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Beginning swing lesson at 8 p.m. is followed by dancing from 9 p.m. to midnight. Admission: \$15.

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SUNDAY/MAY 25

Contra and Square Dance. The Folklore Society of Greater Washington presents traditional American dancing with a focus on New England style contra dances, including square dances, country mixers, waltzes and other couple dances in the Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. All dances are taught, and no partner is necessary. The newcomers' welcome lesson is at 7 p.m., followed by called dances with Happy Foot from 7:30 - 10:30 p.m. Admission: \$12 nonmembers/\$9 FSGW members. Call 202-518-1299.

Voices of the River. Eco-historian Hayden Mathews will give an interactive talk, which will weave regional history, natural history, and geology to interpret the forces and events that shaped both the Potomac River and the people that have lived on its banks at the River Center at Lockhouse 8, C&O Canal National Historical Park, Cabin John, 2-3 p.m. Contact Potomac Conservancy's River Center Coordinator, Bridget Chapin, at atchapin@potomac.org or 301-608-1188, x213, or go to www.potomac.org.

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FESTIVAL



Folk Festival

The Washington Folk Festival is back for its 28th year at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo, May 31 - June 1. This free festival presents the public with the many folk music, dance, and craft traditions that are part of the greater Washington area. The festival presents more than 400 performers on seven stages, including a participatory dance program in the Spanish Ballroom, a storytelling stage, and music for family audiences. Local artisans will demonstrate and exhibit their crafts. 12-7 p.m. Free satellite parking and shuttle buses are provided from the GEICO parking lot in Friendship Heights. Presented by the Folklore Society of Greater Washington. For more information visit www.fsgw.org.

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MONDAY/MAY 26

Storytime. Monday morning storytime at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 4801 Bethesda Ave., Bethesda, 11 a.m. Call 301-986-1761.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 28

Focus Music. Focus music will present Randall Williams and other performers as part of the Falcon Ridge Preview Tour at O'Briens BBQ, 387 East Gude Drive, Rockville, 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 general and \$12 members. Visit www.focus.org.

Lunchtime Concert. Wednesday lunchtime concerts will take place from 12 - 2 p.m. at the Bethesda Place Plaza located at 7700 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda. This weeks performer is Oasis (Reggae). Free. Contact 301-215-6660 or visit www.bethesda.org.

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FINE ARTS

Coming

The Popcorn Gallery and the Art Glass Center at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd, Glen Echo, present, "Perspectives," an exhibition of art glass sculpture and vessels by 10 studio and resident artists at the park, **May 31 - June 29**. The artists come from all over the world, and from the worlds of science, medicine, filmmaking, and dance, to name a few. Gallery hours are Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 6 p.m. Opening reception, **June 7**, 4-6 p.m. Call 301-634-2222 or visit www.glenechopark.org.

Washington artists Justin Pyles and Barbara McCoy will be exhibiting their recent works on Memorial weekend **May 24, 25, 26** at the **Yellow Barn Gallery** in Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. The gallery will be open from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Contact the Yellow barn Gallery, at 301-371-5593 or the National Park service, Glen Echo, at 301-492-6229 or go to justinpyles.com.

Bethesda artist Sarah Olson will present her most recent paintings, with emphasis on figures and landscapes, at the **Yellow Barn Gallery** at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Ave., Glen Echo, **May 31-June 1**. The Gallery is open

Saturday and Sunday, 12-5 p.m. A reception for the artist is scheduled for 6-8 p.m., **May 31** in the gallery.

Ongoing

"Shape, Color, and Texture: Recent Works in Clay," through **May 25**. The Popcorn Gallery at Glen Echo Park, 7400 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo, presents an exhibition of the work of 12 Glen Echo Park potters showcasing their "dialogues with clay." The pieces demonstrate the creative combinations of shape, surface texture, and glazing that each potter uses to take the clay from concept to completion. Call 301-634-2222 or visit

www.glenechopark.org.

The Dennis and Phillip Ratner Museum, 10001 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, will present "Four Visions-Eight Hands" with work by multiple artists, **through May 27**. Museum hours are Sunday, 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Mondays thru Thursdays, 12-4 p.m. Call 301-897-1518.

Art Exhibit at the Goldman Art Gallery of the Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, 6125 Montrose Road, Rockville. The exhibit "**A Lifetime of Perspective: Art by Older Adults**" showcases the artwork of local senior adult artists and will be on show from **through**

May 30. The gallery is open Sunday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Contact Kandy Hutman at 301-348-3864 or khutman@jccgw.org.

Osuna Art, 7200 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda, presents "**Mythic Landscapes: Recent Sculptures**" by Joan Danziger, from **through May 31**. Gallery hours are Tuesday - Saturday, 12-5 p.m. Call 301-654-4500 or visit www.osunaart.com.

Lisa Brotman, painting, will be at Gallery Neptune, 4901 Cordell Ave., Bethesda, **through June 7**. Gallery hours Wednesday - Saturday, 12-7 p.m. Call 301-718-0809.

THEATER

“Back to Basin Street.” Connelly School of the Holy Child will present a musical revue, at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, **May 22**. The production contains jazz and blues songs from the Harlem Renaissance. The revue was put together entirely by students in three of the Upper School’s fine arts classes: Advanced Theatre Production, Instrumental Ensemble and Vocal Ensemble. Holy Child is located at 9029 Bradley Blvd., Potomac. Admission is free. Visit www.holychild.org or call 301-365-0955.

The Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center, Montgomery College, 51 Mannakee St., Rockville presents the Two Bean Production of **“Winnie the Pooh,”** Saturday, **May 31**, at 11 a.m. Tickets: \$7 Regular, \$6 Seniors and Students. Call 240-567-5301.

Imagination Stage (formerly BAPA) announces the student production of **“Below the Horizon,”** Friday and Saturday, **May 30 and 31** at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, **June 1** at 3 p.m. in the Christopher and Dana Reeve Studio Theatre, 4908 Auburn Ave., Bethesda. Tickets are \$10 for general admission,

with group rates available. Call the box office: 301-280-1660 or visit www.imaginationstage.org.

“Looking for Roberto Clemente” will be at Imagination Stage, 4908 Auburn Ave. Bethesda, **through June 1**. Showtimes are Saturday, 12:30, 3:30 and 7 p.m.; Sunday, 12:30 and 3:30. Ages 3-11. Tickets are \$10-\$20. Call 301-280-1660.

Adventure Theatre will present **“Goodnight Moon”** at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo, **through June 1**. Performances are Saturdays and Sundays at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Special Weekday Field Trip Performances May 15 - 16, 20 - 22 and 27 - 29. Special Friday evening performances: May 23 and 30 at 7 p.m. Playing time is approximately 1 hour. Recommended for ages 3 and up. Adults \$15, children (12 and under) \$12. Call 301-634-2270 or visit www.adventuretheatre.org.

“World of Jewtopia” will be at the Bethesda Theatre, 7719 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda, **June 5 - 22**. Tickets for the June 5 performance are priced at \$40;

tickets for the remainder of the run are priced \$40 to \$75. Tickets may be purchased at the Bethesda Theatre box office and at all Ticketmaster outlets; by phone at 301-657-STAR, 202-397-SEAT, 703-573-SEAT, 410-547-SEAT, and 800-551-SEAT; and online at www.bethesdatheatre.com.

A brand new version of L. Frank Baum’s **“Wizard of Oz”** will be presented by Adventure Theatre in Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo, **June 6 - July 20**. Performances Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 10 and 11:30 a.m. and Saturdays and Sundays at 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Recommended for K - Grade 6.

Tickets \$8; group rates available. Call 301-320-6668 or visit www.thepuppetco.org.

“Babe, the Sheep Pig” will run **June 9 - Aug. 3** at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Performances on Saturdays and Sundays at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Playing time is approximately 1 hour. Recommended for ages 3 and up. Tickets \$12. Call 301-634-2270 or visit www.adventuretheatre.org.

Montgomery County Police Victims Assistance Unit are holding a yard sale to include: clothing (children and adult), household items, small furniture, and toys at Rockville Elks Lodge #15, 5 Taft Court, Rockville, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. All of the proceeds from the sale will be used to provide emergency and holiday assistance to needy crime victims and their families. Call: 240-773-5626.

Rummage/Bake Sale to benefit Bannockburn Nursery School will be held from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Bannockburn Clubhouse, 6314 Bannockburn Drive, Bethesda. Free admission. Clothes, household items, and furniture for all ages will be sold. Call 301-320-4252.

Baseball. Watch the Bethesda Big Trains take on the Mid-Atlantic Rookies at Povich Field, 10600 Westlake Drive in Cabin John Regional Park, Bethesda, 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7 adults and \$3 for kids. Call 301-983-1006 or visit www.bigtrain.org.

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Swingin’ the Blues. The Glen Echo Park Partnership presents another Friday night Swingin’ the. Included in the cost of the dance is your choice of either a West Coast Swing lesson with Ken Roesel, or a Slow Blues lesson with Mike & Donna from 8 - 9 p.m. The lesson is followed by music from The Idle Americans. Admission: \$13. Contact Email: dbarker@glenechopark.org.

Author Event. Award-winning author Ann Hagedorn reads from and discusses “Savage Peace: Hope and Fear in America, 1919,” her account of a dramatic post-war year in American life, at The Writer’s Center, 4508 Walsh Street, Bethesda. Call 301-654-8664.

SATURDAY/MAY 31



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Students Works To Help Burma

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dinner for over 100 family members, friends and neighbors where he delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the situation and the need for aid in Myanmar, formerly Burma.

In that week's time Nataraj emailed invitations, organized caterers, arranged for speakers and projection equipment — which were given to him free of charge because of his purpose — and researched and assembled his presentation. He also arranged to have Bo Hla-Tint attend and speak that evening. Bo Hla-Tint was a member of the Democratic government that was ousted when the current military junta came to power in Burma in 1989, renaming the country Myanmar.

"It was really eye-opening ... the fact that he would take the time out for this was really inspiring," said Nataraj, who arranged all of the logistics of his fundraiser while also going to school every day.

"For what he did in a week, it was pretty impressive," said his mother, Radhi Nataraj.

Nataraj collected nearly \$6,000 from his fundraiser, a figure that International Medical Health Organization/Operation-USA has pledged to match. Nataraj also has gotten emails that indicate more

money is on the way so he isn't sure what the final tally will be.

"I think the cutest thing, my little one, she's seven, she set up a lemonade stand," Radhi Nataraj said of her daughter Navya, who raised \$133 to help her brother. "It was just cute how she got right into it."

Relief efforts in Myanmar have reportedly been hampered by the military junta that controls the country, and humanitarian conditions are still in dire straits, Nataraj said. Nataraj refers to the country as Burma, not as Myanmar.

"The U.S. doesn't recognize the legitimacy of Burma as Myanmar, so I've just always called it Burma," he said.

The humanitarian situation there will need significant assistance for months and years to come, Nataraj said, which is why he's planning more fund-raising efforts in the future.

"Every little bit helps, whatever [people] can do is just helpful," he said. "It's very important, that's why I'm going to try to do another fund-raiser in the summer and another one next year."

Nataraj encourages those who would like to donate to the humanitarian relief efforts in Myanmar to email him at pavuman@gmail.com.

Renovation Funds Allocated to Center

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and Democracy Boulevard. The center has not had a full-time director since Elizabeth Ortega was reassigned by the county's Recreation Department last spring, and has lacked consistent direction and programming for several years, he said. The center is currently overseen by Billie Wilson, a regional services director for the Department of Recreation.

In addition to a full-time director, the center needs

full-time, trained staffing, not the part-time staffers that help to run the facility now, Dove said.

"It's a good thing that it happened, but that's just scratching the surface of what's needed there," Dove said.

As first steps go, Glassman said last week's Council vote was huge.

"It was really a moment as the world should be," she said.

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SPORTS

Just Shy

A year after becoming the first Montgomery County team to reach the state finals in lacrosse, Wootton falls one step short of repeating.

BY AARON STERN
THE ALMANAC

As Wootton head coach Colin Thomson stood in a huddle with his players following their season-ending loss to Dulaney in the Maryland State lacrosse semifinals on Friday, May 16, a steady rain that had fallen all night continued to do so. A year after Wootton became the first Montgomery County team to make it to the state finals, the Patriots' 9-6 loss had left them one step short of repeating that feat.

"I'm very proud of the way you guys played, you guys had a hell of a season," he told his team. "No one truly believed you guys would be back where you are now."

"We're here. Don't count us out anymore."

— Wootton senior Tommy Whitlock

If few people outside of the Wootton locker room believed that the Patriots could make it back to the final round of four after graduating 15 seniors — a group that included all of the Patriots' starting attackmen, three lines of midfielders and standout goalkeeper Steve Silverberg — few of those on the team ever doubted it.

"Well I wasn't surprised with our team, I knew that we were going to be here," said senior defenseman



PHOTO BY TERESA BURNELL/THE ALMANAC

Save for save: Wootton senior midfielder Patrick Bailey is stoned here by the Dulaney goalkeeper, while on the other end of the field Patriot junior goalie Yanni Bindler made several key saves including one on a breakaway goal with 8:11 to play that kept the Patriots in the game.

Tommy Whitlock. "We just got better and better as the season went along and it showed."

"It feels great when teams just overlook you and you just come out and stick it to them," said senior attack/midfielder Jordan Montesano.

The Patriots lost one game during the regular season and were undefeated for the

second year in a row in the county, then charged through the playoffs and claimed the Maryland 4A/3A West regional championship with a 12-5 win over B-CC.

The Dulaney game was a rematch of last year's semifinals, a game the Patriots won to make their historic advance to the state championship, where they fell against Severna Park.

"They beat us last year and I don't think we really overlooked them last year, but we definitely weren't going to overlook them this year, that's for sure," said Dulaney head coach Jake Reed.

The back-and-forth game was marked by a constant downpour of rain that made sharp cuts and scooping up ground balls difficult. In the waning seconds of the first half with the score deadlocked at 3-3, Wootton senior defenseman Brendan Ray cleared the ball and raced into the attack zone. Ray's pass towards the crease missed its mark, deflected off of sophomore attackman Jeff Zifrony, and into the net with one second left on the clock to put the Patriots up 4-3 at the break.

The Patriots moved through the Dulaney defense with much greater ease in the first half than in the second; the Lions' defense stiffened in the second half, allowing a lone goal in the third quarter to take a 6-5 lead into the final session.

Zifrony scored again — this time on purpose — off of an assist by junior attack John Cohen with 8:11 to play to pull the Patriots within one at 7-6.

The Lions looked like they would open another two-goal advantage on a breakaway, but just as a pass to a Lion attack near the Patriot crease arrived, junior goalie Yanni Bindler made arguably the save of the game by rushing out of the crease and breaking up the pass. Two minutes later though the Lions came up with a big save of their own; the Lions regained the momentum in the game and added two more goals to pull away for the 9-6 win.

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A Place at the Table

Wootton girls earn regional championship, go down swinging against Dulaney in state semis.

BY AARON STERN
THE ALMANAC

Three years ago Julie Klatzkin could have only dreamed of her Patriots lacrosse team holding a Baltimore-area lacrosse team to one goal in the second half of a state semifinal game. Three years ago the idea of any Montgomery County lacrosse team making it to a state semifinal game in the first place might have seemed far-fetched, but after claiming the Maryland 4A/3A West regional championship with a 10-8 victory over Blake, the Wootton Patriots advanced to the Maryland state semifinals where they faced off against Catonsville High School on Friday, May 16.

After falling behind early, the Patriots battled back, but their efforts fell short as they lost to Catonsville 11-6 at North Carroll High School, despite allowing a solitary second-half goal.

THE LOSS CAPPED the end of a three-year run for Wootton's nine seniors during which they transitioned from being a disappointing also-ran to coming up one game short of the state finals.

"We started out like one of those — we'd be a five loss team every season, choke in the playoffs — one of those teams," said Klatzkin. "The past two years we've probably been one of the better teams in the county but we haven't really been able to prove that we were, but this year we were pretty much the real deal — undefeated up until this game."

The Patriots took the field against a tough Comets team that for the Patriots held the mystique of being a Baltimore-area team, hailing from the stomping grounds that have long produced powerhouse boys and girls lacrosse teams.

In the first few minutes of the game the Patriots

SEE A PLACE AT THE TABLE. PAGE 15



PHOTO BY TERESA BURNELL/THE ALMANAC

Wootton senior Carrie Bray cuts to the goal during the Patriots' 11-6 loss to Catonsville in the Maryland State semifinals. Bray scored once in the loss and finished the season with 20 goals and 12 assists for the Patriots, who went undefeated during the regular season.

Power to the People — Not!



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Some of you print-media readers may have noticed some recent, full page, four color advertising (expensive) in The Washington Post extolling the virtues and explaining the various economic-type causes and effects of why gas/oil costs what it costs — to us consumers, of America's Oil and Natural Gas Companies, an attempt no doubt to stem the rising hostile tide against these gauging Goliath's; a more difficult challenge I cannot imagine; spinning the record quarterly profits of these mega-monopolies into some sort of yarn of reasonability.

But I have to admit, I think I'm beginning to see the light that their shining in my eyes.

I don't believe that we consumers, as uneducated and selfish as we are, can really and truly appreciate the difficulties — and regulations — under which these Oil and Natural Gas Companies exist. Do you have any idea how much risk — financial, business, insurance, manpower, tax, among many other types I'm sure I'm too ill informed to even mention — that these companies must endure to bring their products to market?

Of course you don't. All you know is that the price of gasoline and home heating oil (not to mention all the other goods and services that are likewise effected by the escalating price of oil) has not only gone through your roof but your piggy bank, your wallet, your available credit card balance and ultimately through your bank account, what's left of it anyhow. Sherman's March to the Sea near the end of the Civil War was a relative tea party compared to the dividing and conquering of the American consumer. Granted, there's not the death and destruction now that there was in 1865, but neither were there the millions of Americans adversely effected in their pursuit of life, liberty and happiness as there are now.

That being said, I still think I'm being naive and narrow minded in my understanding of the bigger picture. I have to realize that guaranteeing the future of America doesn't come cheaply, nor does it happen by wishing or hoping it so. It takes sacrifice, commitment, foresight and of course, money. And money, particularly paper money doesn't grow on trees (although it is made from trees). Money comes from hard work; blood, sweat and tears. Moreover, it is not given, it has to be earned.

Well, the Oil and Natural Gas Companies of America are certainly doing their share; they're earning it all right, by the billions every single day. And if it were not for their forward thinking, their research and development, their strategic investment planning, their deep well drilling, their efforts at finding affordable methods for extracting usable oil from tar sands and oil shale, their understanding of the international currency exchange markets and their overall experience as well, dealing with not only the independence but the interdependence of the world's economies and the part that oil and gas goods and services plays in it, then I fear America's future would not look nearly so bright.

I just hope that when all the propaganda is said and done, we'll still be able to afford the electricity that will illuminate the light so that we can see if the pill we've been given is real or if it's merely a profitable placebo.

Perhaps the Oil and Natural Gas Companies do know what they're advertising about. If not, it could be a cold day in Hell, for all of us.

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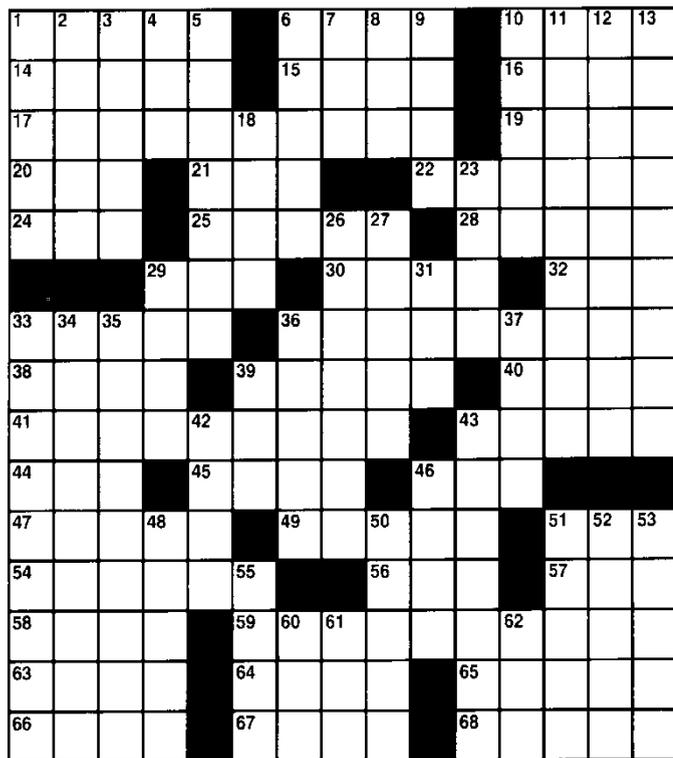
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SPORTS

Lady Bulldogs Down

19-18 loss to Blake in triple overtime ends successful season.

BY CYNTHIA ISELIN
THE ALMANAC

After a groundbreaking 2008 season during which the Churchill girls' lacrosse team experienced far more success than they had in recent seasons, the outcome of the regional semi-final round game against Blake was not how the Churchill girls' lacrosse team sought to end its season.

The Bulldogs lost a hard-fought game in triple overtime 19-18.

"They were the second seed and we were the sixth," senior captain Lauren Plotnick said. "We technically weren't even supposed to make it past the Sherwood game."

The Bulldogs were up by six with 11 minutes left, but missed prime opportunities and allowed the Bengals to get in their zone.

"Basically we fell apart," Plotnick said. "They started scoring and building momentum and we couldn't answer."

Two-plus grueling extra sessions and a Blake goal later, the Bulldogs season came to close.

Nonetheless, Plotnick, as well as senior captain Teryn Hann couldn't be happier with the outcome of the season.

"We didn't have very high expectations going into the season," Hann said. "But it went a lot better than I expected and I'm really pleased with the outcome."

The key players who proved themselves this season included Plotnick, Hann, junior Angela Biciocchi and sophomore Zoe Kabelac.

With the loss of numerous seniors to graduation, the Bulldogs will have to step up in order to make up for the loss next year.

"I think the seniors did make a pretty big impact this season but there's a lot of young talent on the team," Hann said. "If people step up next year they will be just as successful as we were this year."

Just One Step Short

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"WE WORKED hard, we executed early, which is huge for us," said Montessano, who tallied three assists on the night. "We thought that was a huge advantage, was getting on the board first. We worked the ball well on offense, [but in] the second half, unfortunately, we didn't get the possession time that we wanted, they had the ball for pretty much most the second half ... we had a couple of quick possessions, got a couple quick transition goals, but other than that we didn't do very much [of] anything on offense." The Lions consistently won faceoffs, giving them the possession advantage that Montessano referred to throughout the game.

"It didn't kill us, but it gave them possession, so obviously that hurts a little bit," said Thomson. "But we had opportunities, we had opportunities to get there our second half wasn't normally as good as we do in the second half, so, I don't know, it's a tough one."

Despite the disappointing outcome, the

Patriots can hold their heads high, Thomson said.

"It's not the outcome we wanted, but we had another great season. The guys should be very proud of what we've done this year," Thomson said. And with another large class of departing seniors, it will once again be up to younger players to step up next season.

"We've got a good group of young guys," Thomson said. "The senior class had a great, great, three to four years. I'm very proud of them, the way they played. It's been a great run." And if another Patriot team makes it back to the state semifinals or beyond, no one should be surprised, Whitlock said.

"We're here. Don't count us out anymore," he said. "We're here to stay and there should be another Wootton team, another Montgomery County team here next year fighting for that state championship."

Reed and his Dulany Lions, and the rest of the state, will be on notice.

"I told Colin [Thomson] after the game now its 1-1," Reed said. "The next game's a rubber match."

A Place at the Table

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found themselves in a setting as unfamiliar to them "I can honestly say that in a couple of years this program is going to be just as good as the other counties," said Titus.

"I think that we kind of came out here and made a statement for ourselves and for our county," Klatzkin said. "Everyone just worked really hard and [has] come a long way and hopefully that will go around in

our county too so that one day we can be up there with those teams and compete and beat them."

Ritzell said that she sees a bright future for her team, one that was paved in large part by her nine departing seniors.

"We're going to be really sad to lose them, but we've got good players coming up in the ranks," Ritzell said. "We're going to get to the same place again and take it a step further."



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