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The Class of 2008 from Winston Churchill High School descend the stairs outside Constitution Hall at the conclusion of the Commencement Ceremony on Sunday afternoon.



An unauthorized path at the C&O Canal National Historical Park is transformed by volunteers.

## Moving Forward

School officials apologize to community.

BY AARON STERN  
THE ALMANAC

After years of planning and weeks of recent objections from neighbors who have said that planning was done in the dark, the Fourth Presbyterian School on South Glen Road is moving ahead with plans to build a new facility on their premises.

Officials from the school met with members of the community on Saturday, May 30 to address their concerns about the project that could begin as early as next month.

The new facility is slated to be 66,000 square feet in size — roughly nine times larger than the current cluster of buildings that occupies 7,704 square feet of the 30-acre property. When completed, the new building will pave the way for the school to add a middle school enrollment to its current K-5 capacity. The school is set to open a sixth grade this fall.

The school, which is affiliated with the Fourth Presbyterian Church in Bethesda, has intended this expansion since it was founded in 1999, said Tim Horst, the president of the school's board of directors. Horst told those who attended Saturday's meeting that he regretted that the school's neighbors felt omitted from the school's planning process.

After a newspaper article on the school's proposed expansion ran last spring, school officials met with board members of the West Montgomery County Citizens Association but Horst said that the school received no calls or letters from residents at the time

## Volunteers Transform Path

Creation of formal boat path to Canal at Old Angler's concludes first C&O Canal Pride Days.

BY AARON STERN  
THE ALMANAC

Susan Lokey took a kayaking lesson last summer and was hooked. Every night Lokey, of Leesburg, Va., would drive over the American Legion Bridge and head to the C&O Canal National Historical Park. She would pull into the parking lot at the entrance across from Old Angler's Inn on MacArthur Boulevard,

put into the Canal, paddle up close to Great Falls, then portage to Sandy Beach and hit the Potomac River.

"It was the best summer of my life," Lokey said.

Putting in at Old Angler's and making the portage to Sandy Beach is a tried and true access routine for many area kayakers, but it has taken its toll on the Canal itself. Because no formal path was ever constructed, at least three informal access points have

been used over the years.

The problem with unauthorized paths is that they rub the banks clean of vegetation; the lack of vegetation combined with foot traffic can spell trouble for stream banks or, in this case, the towpath.

"What happens is it starts an erosion process and starts to dig away at the towpath," said John Noel, partnerships coordinator for the C&O Canal National Historical Park.

**SO ON SATURDAY**, May 30, roughly 30 volunteers turned up at Old Angler's to turn one of the informal entrances into a lined,

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## A Two-Way Street

Volunteer coaches pair with athletes with developmental disabilities.

BY AARON STERN  
THE ALMANAC

Helen Chen knows exactly what her daughter Tiffany would be doing if she didn't have places to go, things to do, and people to do them with.

"She would just sit home and do nothing," Helen Chen said.

Tiffany Chen, 18, has developmental disorders that have left her non-verbal but her

mother describes her as high-functioning. Still, unable to attend mainstream schools, for most of her life she has largely relied on an organization called Kids Enjoy Exercise Now — KEEN, for short — for her social interactions, as well as her physical exercise.

Founded in 1992, the national, nonprofit, volunteer-led organization provides one-on-one recreational, non-competitive opportunities for children and young adults with devel

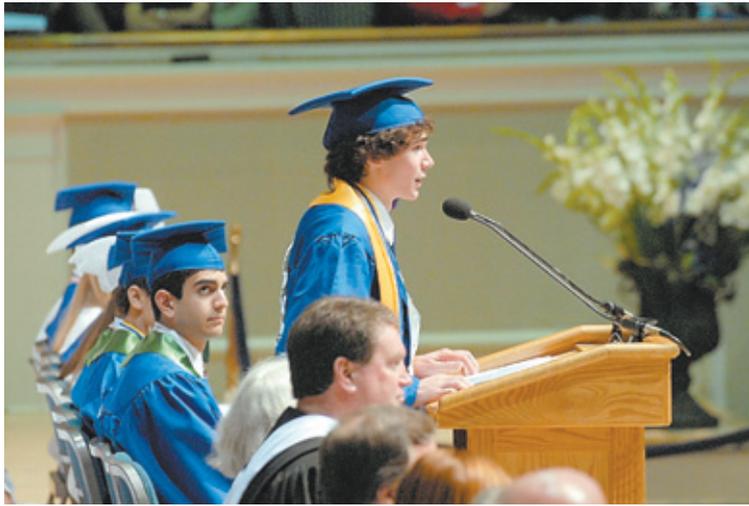
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KEEN Athlete Tiffany Chen, 18, from Potomac, with Olie Kolzig of the Washington Capitals and KEEN volunteer Theona Price, and her son, Darrius 6.

PHOTO COURTESY OF SUZHEILA REYES-BUNNAC

Senior Class President Joseph Leon gives the Farewell to the Class.



PHOTOS BY LOUISE KRAFFT/ALMANAC

# Four Years Wiser

Churchill's class of 2008 celebrates the highs and lows and life lessons of high school as they graduate at D.A.R. Constitution Hall.

BY AARON STERN  
THE ALMANAC

Joseph Leon's first day at Winston Churchill High School left a big impression on him. Four years ago he walked into his new high school's lobby, past the Bulldog statue, and was confronted with the shrill whistles of

Churchill's senior girls as they strode the halls announcing their presence. Rumors swirled, images of freshmen being stuffed into lockers haunted him.

"Are they really going to break my arm on freshman Friday?" he recalled wondering at the time. "After that first week, you may remember thinking, 'Am I ever going to make it to senior year?'"

Leon, clad in blue cap and gown as he recalled his first days at Churchill, spoke from the podium at D.A.R. Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C. on Sunday afternoon, June 1. Four years after wondering if he would survive a week, let alone all four years of his high school experience, he and the other 501 members of Churchill's class of 2008 celebrated their triumph in front of their families and friends.

"WE HAVE made it," said senior class president Rami Ayyub, annunciating each word for emphasis. Ayyub thanked senior class sponsor Rodney Van Tassell, Churchill principal Joan Benz, the school's administration and teachers, and the families of the students.

"None of us would be here today in our cap and gowns without the love and support of our families," Ayyub said.

Doug Duncan, the former Montgomery County Executive and current vice president for Administrative Affairs at University of Maryland College Park urged the graduating students to consider each and every day the impact they wish to make on others and on the world around them.

The opportunity to make an impact on others comes every day, Duncan said, but the type of impact the graduates will make will come down



Fifteen valedictorians join the special guests on stage during the ceremony.

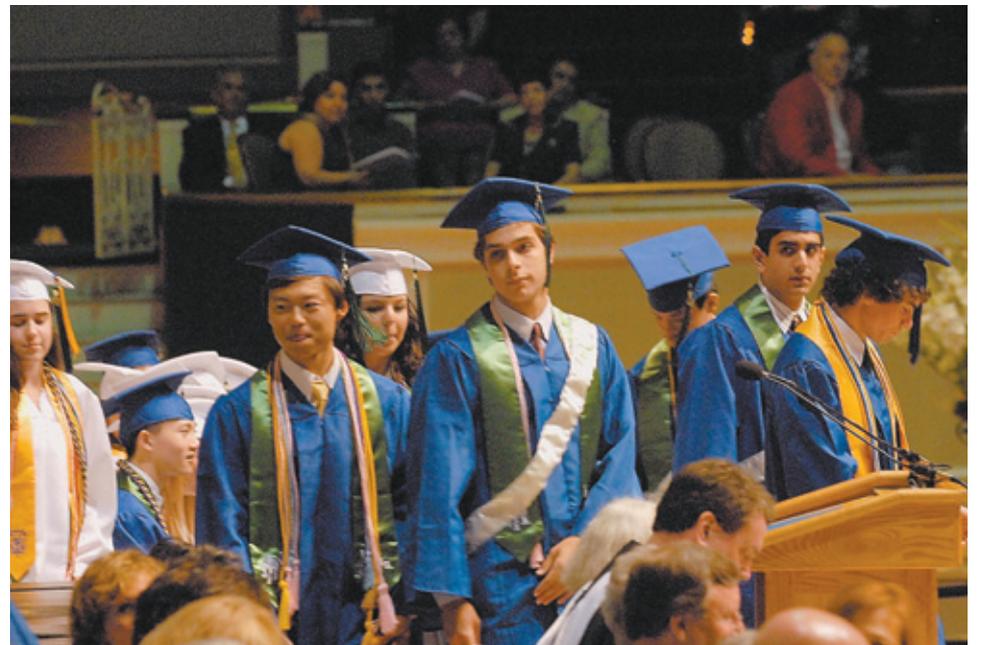
to answering deeply personal questions. They will have to decide, Duncan said, whether to be leaders or followers, whether they are happy with what they have or want more, and whether they succumb to indifference or determine to make a difference.

"We can choose just to look out for ourselves or we can choose to first look out for others," Duncan said.

Paraphrasing comedian Bill Cosby, Duncan told the students that the key to success and happiness comes from within.

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Dr. Joan C. Betz makes a special presentation to the parents of Brenton Thomas Everson, who died in a January car crash.



The Senior Showstoppers take up their places on stage for a choral selection of "The Quest Unending," Tennyson/Martin.



Douglas M. Duncan, vice president for Administrative Affairs of UMCP and former Montgomery County Executive begins the Commencement Address to the Class of 2008.

## Former County Executive Neal Potter Dies

Neal Potter, who served as the fourth County Executive for Montgomery County from 1990-94 and served for 24 years on the County Council, died on Tuesday, May 27. He was 93.

Mr. Potter began his 24-year career on the County Council in 1970. He was reelected in 1974, 1978, 1982 and 1986, serving three times as Council President. He was elected as County Executive on Nov. 6, 1990, and served through 1994. He then was re-elected to the County Council for a sixth term, serving from 1994-98.

"Neal Potter was a giant in the civic and governmental life of Montgomery County," said County Council president Mike Knapp in a press release. "His integrity and work ethic, and his unwavering commitment to good government, made an indelible mark on the county he served so well."

Mr. Potter is survived by his wife of 68 years, Marion; one daughter, JoAnn; and one grandson. Memorial services will be held at the Chevy Chase United Methodist Church, at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, June 10. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to Citizens for Global Solutions of Washington, D.C., or the Chevy Chase United Methodist Church.

During his tenure on the Council, Mr. Potter played a leading role in Council actions on controlling development, fiscal affairs, tax legislation, sewage and transportation issues, and assessment inequities. While on the Council, Mr. Potter sponsored bills to establish the Office of Public Advocate for Assessments and Taxation and the Montgomery County Conservation Corps. In addition, he authored Council-proposed State legislation on taxation, farmland preservation and farmland assessment. Mr. Potter was also instrumental in the formation of the Home Purchase Cost Investigation Committee.

"Mr. Potter was a true gentleman and statesman," said Councilman Don Praisner. "His quiet, deliberate style, along with his encyclopedic knowledge of the County—so instrumental in shaping this wonderful place we call home—will be sorely missed."

## Body of Missing Man Found in River

Montgomery County River Rescue Strike team 10 and Strike Team 30 on Wednesday, May 28 recovered the body of a man from the Potomac River from the area south of Riley's Lock and north of Swain's Lock in the Potomac River. The man has since been identified as Dustin Joel Farkas, age 23, of the 7000 block of Veering Lane in Burke, Va. He was reported missing to Fairfax County Police on April 27.

Detectives from the Montgomery County Police Major Crimes Division – Homicide/Sex Section with the assistance of the Department of Natural Resources, Maryland-National Capital Park Police Montgomery County Division, and the Fairfax County Police Department have begun an investigation. The cause and manner of death remain under investigation. There is no evidence of foul play.

## Green Infrastructure Presentation

Montgomery County Planning Department staff, drawing maps depicting a wish list of environmentally sensitive areas that would potentially be protected by the Planning Board and other policymakers, are seeking ideas from the community at a June 7 open house that will be held from 2-5 p.m. at the Agricultural History Farm Park at 18400 Muncaster Road, Derwood.

Called the Green Infrastructure Plan, the project will identify and evaluate sensitive and important environmental features and connect them in a comprehensive system.

Maps of interconnected areas containing important natural resources will guide the board and other county decision-makers when they craft master plans and review development applications.

For more information, and to view the draft maps, go to [www.mcparkandplanning.org/green\\_infrastructure/index.shtm](http://www.mcparkandplanning.org/green_infrastructure/index.shtm).

## NEWS

# Diana Shaffer, 78, Dies

She was a former Potomac 'Citizen of the Year.'

BY CISSY FINLEY GRANT  
THE ALMANAC

**D**iana Dolores Dolan Shaffer, 78, who for nearly a quarter of a century spent untold hours while a Potomac resident devoting time to dozens of philanthropic endeavors, died of cancer, May 26, in Seattle, Wash., while visiting her son, Norman.

A former Potomac Citizen of the Year award recipient, Mrs. Shaffer was known for her involvement in countless organizations in the Washington-Metropolitan area and her willingness to lend a helping hand. She was a member of the Shady Grove Adventist Hospital Foundation board and on the women's board of the Montgomery County Heart<sup>o</sup> Association. She served on the annual Heart-To-Heart Ball committee for 22 years.

In 1989 she was awarded the Insignas Medal for outstanding service to Georgetown Preparatory School, the first woman to be named for that honor.

A member of Our Lady of Mercy Church, Potomac, much of Mrs. Shaffer's volunteer work included Catholic charities and schools. One of her earliest involvements, after moving to the area in 1962, was fundraising for Catholic University's Hartke Theatre. She was also an officer in the Christ Child Society, chaired Georgetown Preparatory School's spring gala — when, in 1984, she raised a record \$80,000 — and turned her artistic talents toward creating objets d'art for the annual Stone Ridge Country Day School della Robbia affair. "She spent seven months out of every year providing beautiful decorations for the della Robbia event," her daughter, Leslie, recalled.

Although many of her hours were filled with volunteer work for multiple organizations, it was never at the expense of her children. "Throughout the



Diana Dolan Shaffer

years, she attended every play, recital or sporting event," said Leslie Shaffer, now a resident of Dania Beach, Fla., adding, "She devoted her life to our well being."

**IN ADDITION** to Catholic charities Mrs. Shaffer was on the Women's Committee for the National Symphony Orchestra's Decorator's Show House and was hostess chairman for several years. She served as chairman of the International Eye Ball to benefit the Eye Foundation, and did volunteer fundraising for the Crippled Children's Society, American Cancer Society, Salvation Army, American Red Cross and the Kennedy

Center. In 1981 she chaired the first Strathmore Hall ball a benefit for the new art's center.

Well known as hostess extraordinaire, Mrs. Shaffer offered her Potomac home for many fund-raising events, her own private parties and those of her children. When her friend Betty deChant married TV personality Garry Moore ("I've Got A Secret") in 1974, Mrs. Shaffer invited 200 people for dinner. It wasn't unusual for her to be so generous.

A member of the Potomac Hunt Club, she was on the social committee. She was also a member of the Junior League of Washington, The Potomac Garden Club, Our Lady of Mercy Sodality and Congressional Country Club.

Born in Bethel, Conn., Mrs. Shaffer moved from Potomac to Stamford, Conn. in 1989.<sup>o</sup>

In addition to her son, Norman, an attorney in Seattle, and daughter, Leslie, Mrs. Shaffer is survived by daughters, Monica S. Karo of Pacific Palisades, Calif., Camille S. Farnan of Franklin, Mass.; a sister Corinne Carroll of Pompano Beach, Fla., a brother, John Dolan of Hillsboro, Fla. and nine grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at Our Lady of Mercy, Potomac, June 7, 1 p.m. The family requests, "In lieu of flowers please hug your children and send a donation to the American Cancer Society."

## Volunteers Transform C&O Path

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marked path with steps leading to the Canal.

"This is something we've wanted to see done for a while," said Sunny Pitcher of Potomac Paddlesports, which helped mobilize the volunteer effort.

The path, just to the left of the bridge that crosses the Canal at Old Angler's, was marked off with railroad ties, steps were cut into the bank and shored up by railroad ties, and then the path was filled in with dirt and tamped down.

**ANOTHER INFORMAL** path that has been developed over the years to the right of the bridge was screened off and has been replanted with grass, as has another informal entrance along the towpath, Noel said.

The project was the culminating event of the C&O Canal Pride Days volunteer initiative that was started by the C&O Canal Trust.

Since mid-April, when the initiative kicked off, close to a thousand volunteers have worked on various projects along the historically underfunded Ca-

nal, doing everything from picking up trash, to repainting buildings to clearing invasive plants.

**"THE RESPONSE** has been ridiculous," said Matt Logan, the president of the C&O Canal Trust. "The outpouring of support has been huge."

Volunteers have ranged from local school students to, youth organizations and local businesses.

"It's all over the place from kids to corporate," Logan said. "That's the point is you've got this park that attracts really a diverse cross-section of our society and to provide the opportunity for all those people to do something positive for the [park]."

After the strong response from the inaugural Pride Days this year, Logan said he expects to launch the program again next spring.

On Saturday, as dark rain clouds swirled overhead and a few drops began to fall, Pitcher thanked everyone who came out to improve access to the Canal for paddlers.

"I know all the boaters have been walking by have been like, 'Sweet,'" Pitcher said. "So I know the boaters are going to be stoked."

# PETS OF THE WEEK



**Eli**

**Eli** is a male, 5-year-old, 69 pound, neutered, Lab mix. "Eli's coming," as the song goes and he's bringing his loving, gentle temperament with him. He is quiet at first but readily warms up and is ready for his favorite game of retrieve the ball. Eli likes dogs and cats and will be a great addition to someone's home.



**Emma**

**Emma** is a female, 3-year-old, 35 pound, spayed, Shiba Inu mix. Gentle Emma has the foxy looks of a Shiba with a great loving temperament. Rescued from a life of having litter after litter of puppies, she is now seeking a home where she can be cuddled. Emma will shower a kind adopter with her love and affection.

Partnership for Animal Welfare (PAW) is an all-volunteer, not-for-profit group. To adopt an animal, volunteer or make a tax-deductible donation, visit [www.paw-rescue.org](http://www.paw-rescue.org), call 301-572-4PAW or write to PAW, P.O. Box 1074, Greenbelt, MD 20768.

## CIVIC CALENDAR

To submit an item for the Civic Calendar, e-mail [almanac@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:almanac@connectionnewspapers.com) or fax the submission to 703-917-0991. Deadline is Thursday at noon two weeks prior to the event. For questions, call Matthew Razak at 703-917-6476.

### 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](http://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](http://www.pain-connection.org).

### FRIDAY/JUNE 6

**Financial Workshop.** Discover personnel financial goals at this workshop at 4800 Montgomery Lane, M25, Bethesda, 6 p.m. Ages 21+. RSVP to 240-482-4000.

### SATURDAY/JUNE 7

**Book-A-Librarian.** Drop into the Bethesda Library, 7400 Arlington Road, Bethesda, any Tuesday morning between 10 and 11 a.m. for individualized help with the library catalog and other library information. Call 240-777-0970.

**Adoption Workshop.** International and domestic adoption information at The Barker Foundation, 7979 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, 1st floor. 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Ages 21 and up. Call 301-664-9664.

### 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.

### MONDAY/JUNE 9

**Program on Board of Appeals.** Donna Barron, former vice chair of the Board of Appeals, and others will address citizen questions about land use and zoning at the next monthly meeting of the Montgomery County Civic Federation. Meeting to be held at the County Council Building, 100 Maryland Ave., Rockville, 7:45 - 10

p.m. Program to be followed by annual Federation elections and report on other County issues. All County residents welcome. Visit [www.montgomerycivic.org](http://www.montgomerycivic.org).

### SUNDAY/JUNE 13

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### TUESDAY/JUNE 17

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## SCHOOLS



**Wootton freshman Hannah Botelho and senior Michael Shults pause from the festivities.**



**Wootton senior Jenn Glass gets a lift from University of Towson junior Nick Coletta.**



**Wootton seniors Jacqueline Yokley and Michael Dwyer pose for a photo just after arriving at the prom, which was held at Galleria Lafayette in Washington, D.C.**



**Wootton seniors Chris Puderbaueh and Katherine McKenna take a moment.**

PHOTOS BY AARON STERN/THE ALMANAC

# At Wootton's Prom



**Brenden Ray and Rachel Weintraub, both seniors at Wootton, all dressed up with somewhere to go.**



**Frank Ye, a Wootton senior, and Ruochen Zeng, a Wootton junior.**

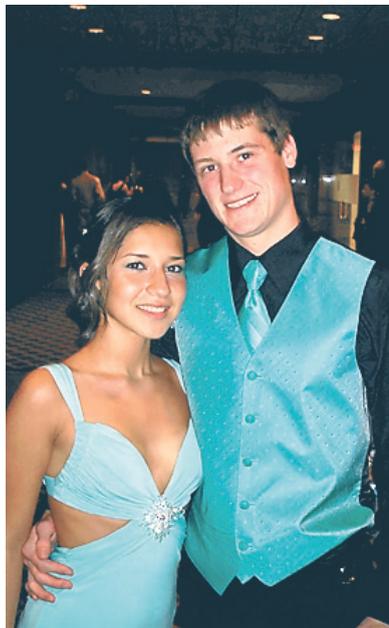


**Wootton seniors Amar Vedula and Kiran Gidda.**

### VIEWPOINTS

## How did you ask your date to the prom?

QUESTION AND PHOTOS BY AARON STERN/THE ALMANAC



**Wootton senior Jackie Garcia and Wootton senior Brennen Daugherty (Wootton '06)**

*"I made a scavenger hunt through my apartment," Daugherty said. "One letter was on the back of each clue and at the end if you put together the words backwards it spelled out, 'Will you go to prom with me?'"*



**Wootton senior Gabriel Dorsch and Quince Orchard senior Catalina Roman**

*"Her date didn't take her to her prom so I took her to mine," Dorsch said.*



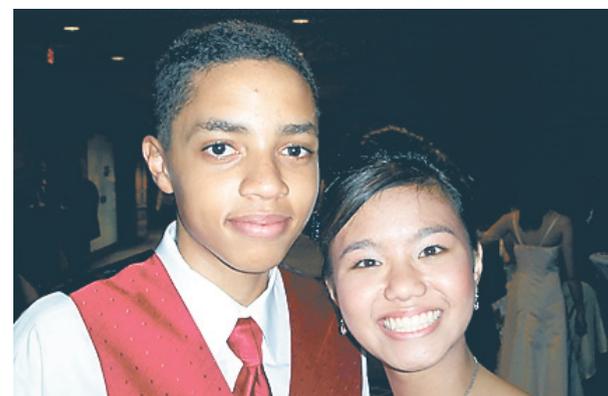
**Senior Dmitry Korobov and sophomore Hillary Godwin**

*"We just sort of decided on going together," Korobov said. "We're like best friends," said Godwin.*



**Wootton senior Francis Jackson and WM sophomore Diamond Seegers.**

*"This is like my best friend and I promised I'd take her to prom and she said yes," said Jackson.*



**Senior Melody Chew and sophomore Justin Watkis**

*"We've already been going out a long time," said Watkis. "We've been going out for three months," Chew said.*

# SCHOOLS



Darcy Roulston and James Byers at the Whitman prom on Friday, May 30.



Whitman's Ilya Grieg and Kandace Beck took in the prom at the Bethesda Hyatt-Regency.

## At Whitman's Prom

PHOTOS BY HARVEY LEVINE/THE ALMANAC



Whitman's Vincent Dzotefe and Christy Chong pause for the camera.



Angie Rincon, Ana Martinez, Tina Marzayans, and Jose Montano had a ball.



Whitman's Lauren Lim and Mengbo Fan



Charlie Malouf and Miranda Gibbons at the Whitman prom on Friday, May 30.

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# CALENDAR

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## WEDNESDAY/JUNE 4

**Concert.** Federal Reality will present Scott Harlan (Adult Contemporary) from 6-8 p.m. at the Rockville Town Square in Rockville. Call 703-413-6691 or visit <http://www.rockvilletownsquare.com/news/>.

**Archaeology Lecture.** 8 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, 6125 Montrose Road, Rockville. Dr. Billie Jean Collins of Emory University will present, "The Hittites in the Bible: New Light on an Old Problem." For fees and other information, contact Lynn Gittleston at 301-348-3840 or [lgittleston@jccgw.org](mailto:lgittleston@jccgw.org).

**Baseball.** Watch the Bethesda Big Trains take on the U.S. Military All Stars at 7:30 p.m. at Povich Field, 10600 Westlake Drive in Cabin John Regional Park, Bethesda, 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7 adults and \$3 for children. Call 301-983-1006 or visit [www.bigtrain.org](http://www.bigtrain.org).

## THURSDAY/JUNE 5

**Concert.** The City of Rockville will present Cletus Kennelly and Lori Kelley (Folk) from 6-8 p.m. at the Rockville Town Square in Rockville. Call 703-413-6691 or visit <http://www.rockvilletownsquare.com/news/>.

**Classical Music.** The Baltimore Symphony Orchestra will perform Brandenburg Concertos at the Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda, 8 p.m. Tickets are \$21-\$84. Visit [www.strathmore.org](http://www.strathmore.org).

**Symphony Orchestra Concert.** 8 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center (JCC) of Greater Washington, 6125 Montrose Road, Rockville. To celebrate Israel's 60th birthday, the JCC Symphony Orchestra

visit [www.bethesda.org](http://www.bethesda.org).

**Author Event.** Michael Sokolove, author of "Warrior Girls: Protecting Our Daughters against the Injury Epidemic in Women's Sports," will be at Barnes and Noble, 4801 Bethesda Ave., Bethesda, 7:30 p.m. Call 301-986-1761.

## FRIDAY/JUNE 6

**Rock Music.** T.V. John and the Legendary Band will perform from 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. at Dietle's Tavern, 11010 Rockville Pike, Rockville. Call 301-8818-8711. \$6 cover charge.

**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 Swallowtail performs. Admission: \$9. Contact email: [info@fridaynightdance.org](mailto:info@fridaynightdance.org).

**Swing Dance.** The Jam Cellar presents a Friday night Swing dance in the Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo, featuring the Solomon Douglas Orchestra. This evening kicks off their Big Big Event weekend that includes workshops on Saturday and Sunday and another battle of the bands Swing Dance on Saturday in the Spanish Ballroom. The beginner Swing dance lesson starts at 8 p.m., and the dance follows until midnight. Admission: \$13. Contact Email: [huh@thejamcellar.com](mailto:huh@thejamcellar.com).

## SATURDAY/JUNE 7

**Movie.** The Rockville Town Square will feature a movie on the Square. This week's showing is "The Bourne Ultimatum" at 8:30 p.m. Call 603-413-6691 or visit <http://www.rockvilletownsquare.com/news/>.

**Flower and Garden Festival.** Featuring traditional Japanese garden displays, flower and garden related exhibitors, industry specific demonstrations and Japanese inspired entertainment at the Rockville Town Square in Rockville, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. The event will benefit The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Light the Night Campaign. Call 571-236-9986.

**Classical Music.** The National Philharmonic will perform Britten's War Requiem at the Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda, 8 p.m. Tickets are \$29-\$79. Visit [www.strathmore.org](http://www.strathmore.org).

**Swing Dance.** The Jam Cellar will present two swing bands in a double-bill extravaganza in the Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo, 8 p.m. - 12 a.m. The Boilermaker Jazz Band and Russ Wilson's Swingtet North Carolina will perform. This evening continues the excitement of the Big Big Event weekend that includes dance workshops on Saturday and Sunday. Admission: \$16. Contact Email: [huh@thejamcellar.com](mailto:huh@thejamcellar.com).

**Storytime.** Kat Tales featuring Kat Aerobics will be at Barnes and Noble Booksealers, Bethesda, 4801 Bethesda Ave., Bethesda, 11 a.m. Call 301-986-1761.

**Baseball.** Watch the Bethesda Big Trains take on the Thunderbirds at 7:30 p.m. at Povich Field, 10600 Westlake Drive in Cabin John Regional Park, Bethesda, 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7 adults and \$3 for children. Call 301-983-1006 or visit [www.bigtrain.org](http://www.bigtrain.org).

**English Conversation Club.** Join in practicing and improving your spoken English with the help of volunteers leading discussions at the Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac, 3 p.m. Call 240-777-0690.

**Children's Bug Walk.** Volunteer naturalist Deborah Landau will lead families on a walking journey along the C&O Canal to discover the creepy crawlies that children love and can find in their own backyard and along the Potomac River, 1-2 p.m. Before the walk Potomac Conservancy docents will be on hand to lead groups through the restored lockhouse and interactive exhibits that show the connection between the Canal, the Potomac River, and the Chesapeake Bay. Start at the River Center at Lockhouse 8, C&O Canal National Historical Park, Cabin John. Contact Potomac Conservancy's River Center Coordinator, Bridget Chapin, at [chapin@potomac.org](mailto:chapin@potomac.org) or 301-608-1188, x213, or go to [www.potomac.org](http://www.potomac.org).

**Children and the Arts Fest.** The 14th annual Imagination Bethesda, a children's street festival celebrating children and the arts, is scheduled

from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Musical and theatrical performances, and dance troupes will light up the stage, while hands-on art & craft activities and roving entertainment line the streets along Woodmont Avenue and Elm

Street in downtown Bethesda. Call 301-215-6660 or visit [www.bethesda.org](http://www.bethesda.org).

**Laugh Riot.** Enjoy five local comics and have a chance to tell jokes yourself at the Hyatt Regency Bethesda, 7400 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda, 8-10 p.m. Cost \$10. Call 301-657-1234.

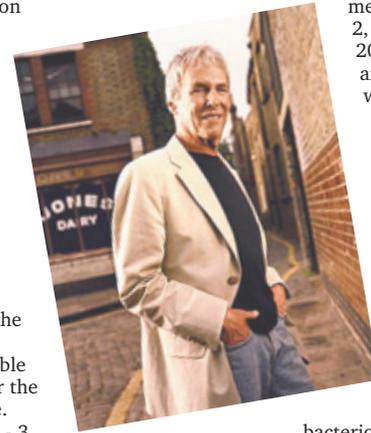
**Carousel Tours.** Carousel tours start at 12 p.m. at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo, and give visitors a closer look at the 1921 Dentzel carousel. Find out how it was made, how it works, and about the

rest of the amusement park attractions that were built around it. Visit [www.nps.gov/glec](http://www.nps.gov/glec).

**Park Tour.** Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo, tours begin at 2 p.m. and lead visitors through a walking tour of the Park to learn about its history and the current programs in arts, dance and children's activities. Admission is free. Tours begin at the visitor's desk in the Arcade Building. Visit [www.nps.gov/glec](http://www.nps.gov/glec).

**Nature Program.** Come visit Discovery Creek Children's Museum Forest

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at the Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$28-\$72. Visit [www.strathmore.org](http://www.strathmore.org).

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## MONDAY/JUNE 9

**Mineral Club.** The Gem, Lapidary and Mineral Society of Montgomery County will meet at 7:30 p.m., at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive, Rockville. The program will be a presentation by Lisa Carp a graduate

bacteriologist retired. Her presentation is "Tourmalines, newest finds and some potential controversy." Visitors are welcome and there is no charge. Call 301-593-0369.

## SUNDAY/JUNE 8

**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 caller Kathy Anderson and the band Glickman, Hickman & Devine from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Admission: \$12 nonmembers/\$9 FSGW members. Contact Phone: 202-518-1299.

**Breeding Bird Walk.** At the Montgomery County Agricultural History Park near Rockville, join the Audubon Society and walk fields and woods to search out some common and uncommon breeders of our area, 7-11 a.m. Walk around 2 miles at a leisurely pace on natural surface paths which may be uneven. Members: \$22; Nonmembers: \$30.50. Visit [www.audobonnaturalist.org](http://www.audobonnaturalist.org).

**Paint Your Own Pottery.** 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, 6125 Montrose Road, Rockville. Drop in and choose from a variety of fun ceramic pieces. Price ranges from \$5 to \$12. For all ages. Contact Julie Grimley at 301-348-3772 or [jgrimley@jccgw.org](mailto:jgrimley@jccgw.org).

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**Concert.** Burt Bacharach will perform

## TUESDAY/JUNE 10

**Afternoon Tea.** Enjoy the sounds of local musicians while enjoying afternoon tea in the Shapiro Music Room at the Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda, 1 p.m. Tea is \$21. Call 301-581-5108.

**Book Discussion.** Join this monthly group to discuss contemporary literature at the Bethesda Library, 7400 Arlington Road, Bethesda, 10:30 a.m. This month read the "Tortilla Curtain" by T.C. Boyle. Call 240-777-0970.

## WEDNESDAY/JUNE 11

**Afternoon Tea.** Enjoy the sounds of local musicians while enjoying afternoon tea in the Shapiro Music Room at the Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda, 1 p.m. Tea is \$21. Call 301-581-5108.

**Focus Music.** The Kennedys will perform at O'Brien's BBQ, 387 East Gude Drive, Rockville, 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 general/\$12 Focus Music members. Visit [www.focusmusic.com](http://www.focusmusic.com).

**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 week's performer is Kenny Holmes Band (Variety Rock and Pop). Free. Contact 301-215-6660 or visit [www.bethesda.org](http://www.bethesda.org).

**Get Buggy.** Storyteller Garly Lloyd kicks off the 2008 Summer Reading Club at Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac, 7 p.m. Pre-register at 240-777-0690.

**English Conversation Club.** The English Conversation Club is for people who want to practice speaking English in a friendly setting at the Bethesda Library, 7400 Arlington Road, Bethesda, 2 p.m. Call 240-777-0970.

## THURSDAY/JUNE 12

**Square Dance.** Join Hot Squares for an evening of traditional American square dancing and general all around merrymaking to live music in Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo

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## FOOD & DRINK

The Oz, a Zen-themed restaurant that centers its offerings on healthy fine dining, will host a Father's Day Cooking Class on Saturday, June 14 from 2 to 5 p.m. at Doubletree Hotel Bethesda, 8120 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda. Led by Executive Chef Timothy Jones, this class will focus on preparing simple, health-conscious cuisine. This "Thrill on the Grill" class will be a fun-filled day of learning, eating and storytelling around the grill on a rooftop pool deck downtown Bethesda. Cost is \$50 per person. To register call 301-664-7300.

### Children's Talk and Tour.

Children explore the Common Bond Exhibition with Director of Fine Art Millie S. Shott and discover the impact of African-American artists in the area at the Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda, 10:15 a.m. This program includes a creative activity for our young participants. The Children's Talk and Tour is open to children ages 5 and up, accompanied by an adult. call 301-581-5109 to register.

Endowment Fund Orchestra will repeat the program of the Palestine Symphony originally played on March 8, 1948, conducted by Jascha Horenstein. Free.

**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 8 Jumptown (Swing, Rock and Blues). Contact 301-215-6660 or

# THEATER

**“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](http://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. Rec-

ommended for K - Grade 6. Tickets \$8; group rates available. Call 301-320-6668 or visit [www.thepuppetco.org](http://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](http://www.adventuretheatre.org).

Once a staple in Olney’s season, the summer mystery play makes a comeback after a 25-year hiatus with Agatha Christie’s **“The Mousetrap.”** The show plays on the New Mainstage at Olney Theater, 2001 Olney-Sandy Spring Road, Olney. **June 11 – July 6**.

Tickets are \$25 - \$48 with discounts available to groups, seniors, and students. Call the Box Office at 301-924-3400 or visit [olneytheatre.org](http://olneytheatre.org) for tickets.

This summer, Montgomery College will bring two musicals to the stage — **“Evita”** and **“Disney’s Beauty and the Beast”** — for its Summer Dinner Theatre performances, starting **June 20**. “Evita” performances will take place **June 20-21, 27-29 and July 5-6**. “Disney’s Beauty and the Beast” will run **July 18-19, 25-27 and Aug. 1-3**. Tickets for Summer Dinner Theatre are \$37 for adults and \$27 for children ages 12 and under. Prices include the performance and a full dinner buffet. At Friday and Saturday night performances, the doors will open at 6:30

p.m., with a show time of 8:15 p.m. On Sunday, the buffet will open at 12:30 p.m., with a 2:15 p.m. show time. All performances are held in the Theatre Arts Arena on the College’s Rockville Campus, located at 51 Mannakee Street, Rockville. To purchase tickets, visit [www.montgomerycollege.edu/sdt](http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/sdt)



**“The Mousetrap”** will be at Olney Theatre.

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Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd, Glen Echo, 8-10:0 p.m. No dance experience, lessons or partner required. All dances are taught. Admission: \$8. Contact Phone: 301-651-8971 or 410-268-0231.

**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 8 The Players Band (Ska/Reggae). Contact 301-215-6660 or visit [www.bethesda.org](http://www.bethesda.org).

**Baseball.** Watch the Bethesda Big Trains take on the Herndon Braves at 7:30 p.m. at Povich Field, 10600 Westlake Drive in Cabin John Regional Park, Bethesda, 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7 adults and \$3 for children. Call 301-983-1006 or visit [www.bigtrain.org](http://www.bigtrain.org).

### FRIDAY/JUNE 13

**Historic Homes Tours.** Drop in for guided tours which illuminate the history, architecture and personal stories of the Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Free, reservations encouraged, 301-581-5166.

**Dance.** The CityDance Ensemble will present

“The Songwriters,” a performance based around America’s great songwriters, at the Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda, 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25-\$100. Visit [www.strathmore.org](http://www.strathmore.org).

**Contra Dances.** 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

Bld., Glen Echo. There is a Contra dance lesson from 7:30 to 8:15 p.m. followed by the called dance from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. Beginners are always welcome. This week Dave Smukler calls to the Glen Echo Open Band. Admission: \$9. Contact Email: [info@fridaynightdance.org](mailto:info@fridaynightdance.org)

**Cajun/Zydeco Dance.** Dancing by the Bayou presents a Cajun/Zydeco

dance with live music in the Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Admission includes an introductory dance lesson at 8 p.m. followed by dancing until midnight to live music. Contact Email: [Dancingbythebayou@verizon.net](mailto:Dancingbythebayou@verizon.net). **Summer Reading Kick-Off.** Dr. David Adamski, the “insect guy” will bring his racing hissing cockroaches and show slides of his moth research from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at Bethesda Library, 7400 Arlington Road, Bethesda. Big Learning Company will provide insect art activities before and after starting at 1 p.m. Call 240-777-0970.

**Baseball.** Watch the Bethesda Big Trains take on the Thunderbirds at 7:30 p.m. at Povich Field, 10600 Westlake Drive in Cabin John Regional Park, Bethesda, 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7 adults and \$3 for children. Call 301-983-1006 or visit [www.bigtrain.org](http://www.bigtrain.org).

**Art Walk.** 12 galleries & studios open late in Downtown Bethesda from 6-9 p.m. Guided tours start at 6:30 p.m. at the Bethesda Metro Center. Call 301-215-6660.

## PETS



## Cat Adoption Festival

The Montgomery County Humane Society will hold its 2nd Annual Cat Adoption Festival at the Montgomery County Animal Shelter, 14645 Rothgeb Drive, Rockville from noon to 4 p.m., Saturday, June 7. The event is free and open to the public. Activities include informational sessions on cat care and behavior, exhibitors, drawings and giveaways, silent auction, pizza, bake sale, and a book signing by local cat wellness author and homeopathic veterinarian, Dr. Christina Chabreau. Visit [www.mchumane.org/2008catfestivalsponsors.shtml](http://www.mchumane.org/2008catfestivalsponsors.shtml) or email your questions to [secondcatadoptionfestival@yahoo.com](mailto:secondcatadoptionfestival@yahoo.com).

## FINE ARTS

### Coming

Bethesda Painting Awards finalists will be displayed at the **Fraser Gallery**, 7700 Wisconsin Ave., Suite E., Bethesda from **June 4 – July 5**. Gallery hours are Tuesday - Saturday, 11:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. Reception: **June 13**, 6-9 p.m. Call 301-215-6660.

**Waverly Street Gallery**, 4600 East-West Highway, Bethesda, presents “On the Road Again,” a collection of dynamic figurative and automotive oil paintings by Chip Cecil, **June 10 – July 5**. A reception will be held Friday, **June 13** from 6-9 p.m. Gallery hours are Tuesday - Saturday 12 – 6 p.m. Call 301-951-9441 or visit [www.waverlystreetgallery.com](http://www.waverlystreetgallery.com).

### Ongoing

**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.

The Waverly Gallery, 4600 East-West Highway, Bethesda will present **“Beauty and the Beast”** Ceramic Vessels and Sculpture by Liz Lescault, **through June 7**. Gallery hours are Tuesday – Saturday, 12-6 p.m. Call 301-951-9441.

**Young Photographers, through June 11.** Photoworks at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo, presents an exhibition of young photographers’ images. Gallery hours are Wednesdays and Sundays, 1-8 p.m. Call 301-229-7930

or visit [www.glenechophotoworks.org](http://www.glenechophotoworks.org).

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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, **through 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](http://www.glenechopark.org).

The exhibit **“Good Advice”** will survey almost 200 years of American advice books. The exhibit will be on display **through Sept. 21**, at the Beall-Dawson House, 103 W. Montgomery Ave., Rockville. Museum hours are 12-4 p.m., Tuesday to Sunday. Included with museum admission (\$3 adults/\$2 seniors & students).

**The Photoworks** gallery is open every Sunday and Wednesday, 1-8 p.m., and during all scheduled classes and workshops at, Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Call 301-229-7930 or visit [www.glenechophotoworks.org](http://www.glenechophotoworks.org).

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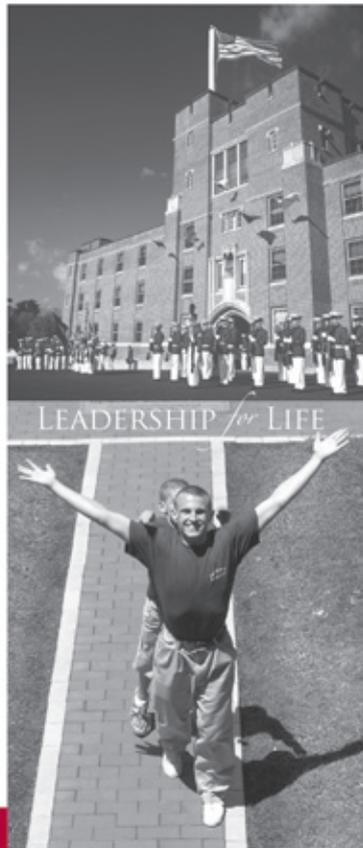
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## SCHOOLS

# Graduates Bid Farewell

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"I don't know the key to success, but I'm pretty sure it's not trying to please everyone all the time," Duncan said.

Before the awarding of diplomas began, Benz presented a certificate to the mother and stepfather of Brenton Thomas Everson, the Churchill senior who was killed in a January car crash. The certificate honored Everson as a member of the graduating 2008 class.

"Brenton is going to be remembered in a lot of people's hearts," Benz said. Geoffrey Mack, Everson's stepfather, said that his family had been moved by the support that they have received from the Churchill and Potomac communities in the months following Brenton's death.

"We knew how much Brenton loved Churchill," Mack said. "What we didn't know was how much Churchill loved Brenton."

**THE PAST FOUR YEARS** were a time of growing and learning, not just in the classroom, but



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**Carlos Barillo directs the Senior Showstoppers.**

through life experiences and friends, said Leon.

"These four years will be with you the rest of your life," Leon said.

As they sat anticipating their walk across the stage to receive their diplomas, a balloon surfaced from somewhere among the graduates and was batted around briefly before a Churchill staff member pounced on it.

Far removed from their initial days of awe and anxiety as freshmen, the seniors were ready to embrace whatever came next, Leon said.

"This is the first day of the rest of our lives, as Rami has said, we have made it," Leon said, and with a triumphant pump of his fist the audience and graduates alike roared.



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# School Plans

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expressing concern about the school's plans. Having received no feedback — either positive or negative — from the community, Horst said the school grew complacent in keeping their neighbors informed of the school's plans.

"We miscalculated and we were pretty relaxed when it comes to our neighbors and for that we apologize," Horst said.

Horst said that the school would proceed with their plans but would work to include

and consult with the community along the way.

Neighbors have complained in recent weeks that the new facility will create traffic problems during high-volume hours along South Glen Road. The hazards already posed by cars attempting to turn in and out of the Fourth Presbyterian School and adjacent B'Nai Tzedek Congregation — particularly left-hand turns back onto south-bound South Glen Road — will increase, neighbors said.

"Everyone is basically out for themselves to make that turn," he said.

Because the Fourth Presbyterian School

is a religious institution it was exempt from having to go before the Montgomery County Planning Board's site plan review process which would have required a comprehensive traffic study. Officials from MTFA Architecture, Inc., the design firm heading up the school's plans, said that while such a study has not been done, they do not anticipate significant traffic problems because of the school's long driveway that can accommodate 250 cars, they said. Several neighbors at Saturday's meeting expressed skepticism over that sentiment.

Debbie Bradford's property abuts that of the school's and urged Horst and the archi-

ects to consider planting screening along the perimeter of the property to reduce the visual impact of the new structure, something that Horst said was possible.

When completed, the new building will hold up to 364 students in 17 classrooms and will include a library and a multi-purpose gymnasium.

Brenda Willet, who lives near the school, said that she already has to deal with the noise of late-night celebrations and early morning trash pickups from B'Nai Tzedek, and that she is worried that the new Fourth Presbyterian will pose similar noise issues for her and her family.



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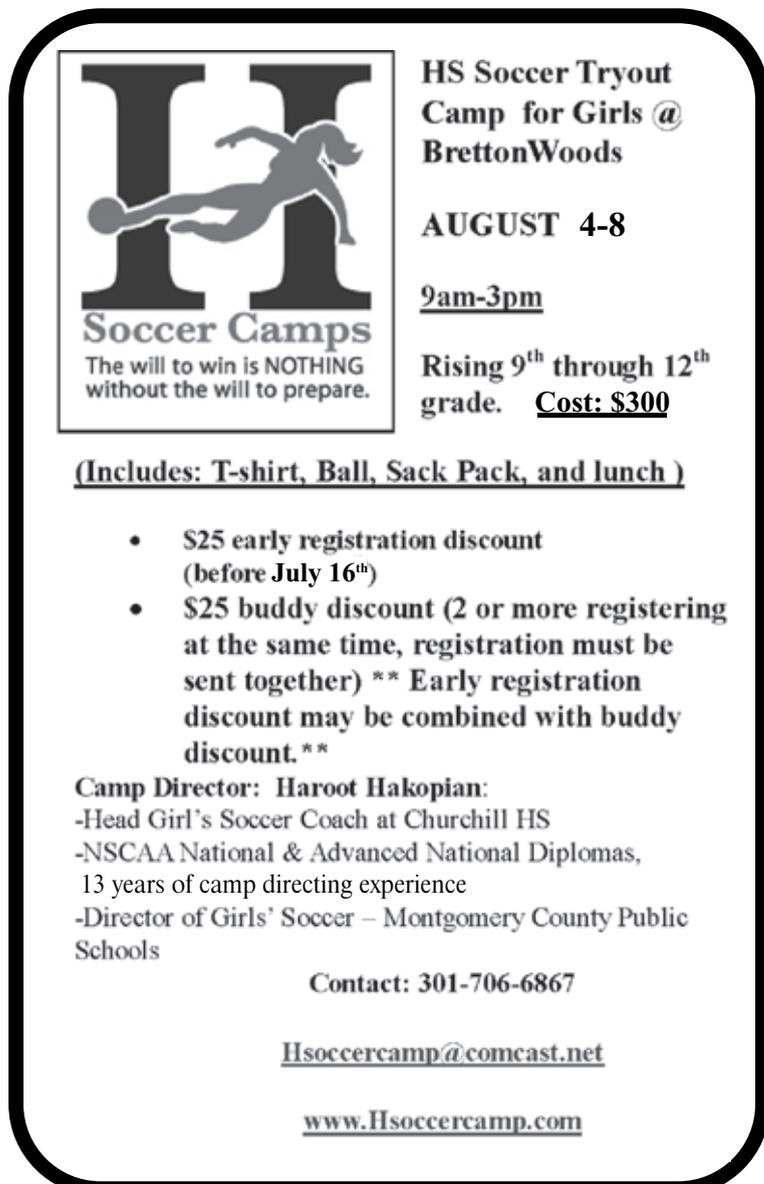
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# KEEN Hosts Seventh Annual Sports Festival

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opmental and physical disabilities.

Over the years Tiffany Chen has participated in just about every KEEN program available, from tennis to swimming, bowling and music. Despite the fact that she is non-verbal she is very social, her mother said, and the activities give her the opportunity to interact with volunteer coaches and other KEEN athletes.

"She's expecting every week," Helen Chen said as she watched her daughter take part in KEEN Greater D.C.'s seventh annual Sports Festival on Sunday, June 1 at Hadley's Park on Falls Road.

"She always [keeps the] coaches very busy. By the time I pick her up she's very tired."

Tiffany and Helen Chen, of Potomac, were two of roughly 500 other KEEN athletes — whose disabilities range from spinal bifida, to cerebral palsy, Down syndrome and autism — along with volunteers and family members who came to Hadley's Park on Saturday for the annual celebratory event that featured volleyball, softball, lacrosse, an obstacle course and a moonbounce.

**LIKE TIFFANY CHEN,** Eileen Kao said



**KEEN Athlete Brett Badin, 20, from Olney was one of nearly 500 KEEN athletes, volunteers and family members that came to the organization's seventh annual Sports Festival at Hadley's Park on Sunday, June 1.**

that her brother Brian has benefited greatly from his 15 years of involvement with KEEN. Now 31, Brian Kao is reaching the upper age limits for KEEN athletes.

"He just has a very full life and I have to say that through KEEN, he throughout his entire life he has just had so many different opportunities to participate in sports and recreation and a lot of social activities," said Kao, a KEEN board member who is also from Potomac. "The [arrangement] where each and every participant is paired up with a coach/mentor/buddy is wonderful. It's re-

ally given him the chance to work out or to participate in activities with a peer, with a friend, and that's a very different relationship than being with his sister or his parents, or maybe even with other friends with developmental disabilities."

It is that interaction that results in the coaches benefiting from the experience as much as the athletes, said Kao.

Sruti Balakrishnan, a rising sophomore at the University of Virginia has volunteered with KEEN since her sophomore year at Richard Montgomery High School. The ath-

letes get the opportunity to be social and to exercise, while volunteer coaches like Balakrishnan get more than just the sense of personal fulfillment. Serving as a volunteer coach is as much an educational experience as a philanthropic one, she said.

"You try to adapt ... [to] athletes of all different kinds of temperaments," she said.

It is that educational experience that is one of the underlying goals of KEEN, said Don Roeseinstein, KEEN's outgoing president. Roeseinstein's son Koby, 16, has been involved with KEEN since he was 5 and his

daughter, 14, has served as a volunteer KEEN coach. He has seen the different benefits for both of them.

"I think it's wonderful for the children, and I've seen that in my own child and in many others," said Roeseinstein.

**FOR A GROUP** of young adults whose behavior can sometimes seem unusual to the larger public, Sunday's event was an opportunity for the athletes and their family to enjoy themselves without worry of misunderstandings, said Beatta Okulska, KEEN Greater DC's executive director.

"It's a really nice opportunity for people to come out to the park and not have to worry about their behavior," Okulska said.

"I think one of the things that is least appreciated is the impact on the community," said Roeseinstein of KEEN. Roeseinstein hopes that the more the general public and those with developmental disabilities interact with one another, the higher the levels of understanding will be, and he thinks that he is already seeing the fruits of KEEN's labor and of other groups with similar goals.

"When you're out and about, people are more patient at the grocery store, and in parks, Roeseinstein said. "There's been a pretty significant shift in just the last generation about how comfortable people are being out in public with people with special needs."

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# SPORTS

## Old Hands, New Waves in Girls' Track

In all high school sports players come and players go, but in track, as few others, freshman and sophomores have the chance to compete and make significant contributions from the outset of their careers.

Take Wootton's Olivia Ekpone. The freshman phenom ran strong the whole year and helped lead the Patriot girls to a second-place finish at the Maryland 4A State Championships two weekends ago at Morgan State University behind perennial powerhouse Eleanor Roosevelt.

At the two-day event Ekpone finished first in the 100-meter dash (11.77); first in the 200 (24.15); and first in the 400 dash (54.18); and also helped the Patriots girls relay teams to fourth-place finishes in the 100 and 200-meter relays.

For all her success, Ekpone is modest about her accomplishments, said Wootton principal Michael Doran, who described her as a model student-athlete.

"You'd never know it to talk to her or to look at her," he said. "She's just got a really nice disposition."

Yet she's hardly the only young gun the Patriots have.

Senior stalwart Suzanne Falk will depart, but freshman Maya Walsh and sophomore Cally Deppen showed promise on the girls' side with strong performances on the Patriot girls' relay teams, and sophomore



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**Wootton freshman Olivia Ekpone helped guide the Patriot girls to a second-place finish at the Maryland 4A State Track Championships two weekends ago at Morgan State University.**

Jessie Rubin, blazed to a third place finish in the 3200-meter run (11:19.54).

Long-distance has been a specialty of Churchill senior Erin McManus for the last four years, and that was on display again as she finished second in the 1600-meter

run (5:16.06) at states. Churchill sophomores Alex Giedd and Maryam Fikri finished ninth and 13th, showing promise that the tradition of strong distance-running Bulldogs will continue. Sophomore Katie Wolf finished third in the 100-meter dash,

seventh in the 200 and 7th in the 300 hurdles, while junior Amirah Polite finished fifth in the 100-meter hurdles.

Whitman's girls finished sixth at states, and they will bid farewell to a talented group of seniors that includes distance runners Morganne Gay, who will run at the University of Virginia, and Leslie Morrison, who will run at Duke University next year. The pair capped their storied Viking careers with strong performances at states. Morrison beat out Churchill's McManus for top honors in the 3200-meter run (5:04.59) and came in fourth in the 800 (2:15.36) — just behind Gay, who came in second (2:11.58). The two were the only top-five finishers in the 800 who did not run for state champion Eleanor Roosevelt.

Yet with Gay, Morrison, seniors Liza Schalch and Debbie Eisen departing, the future looks bright, said Viking track coach Steve Hays.

Enter rising sophomores Tessa Morrison — the younger sister of Leslie Morrison — as well as Celeste Pilato, Safoora Biglari, and Lucy Arledge, who Hays said represent strong building blocks for the Viking girls program.

"Obviously losing those seniors, it's a lot to lose," said Hays. "We're excited about the young talent coming up."

— AARON STERN

## Overdue Honors

**New banner at Churchill honors past tennis champions.**

BY AARON STERN  
THE ALMANAC

Looking back on his days as a state champion tennis player at Churchill, what stands out most in Paul Greif's mind isn't one particular match that he played but rather the fun that he had playing and the camaraderie that he shared with his teammates.

"We had a really talented team. It was just a lot of guys that got along really well and played well together as a team," said Greif, who won a state championship in boys' doubles as a junior in 1980 with Jay Meltzer.

Greif was one of seven Churchill tennis state champions that were on hand Thursday, May 22 in the Churchill gym as a state banner honoring all 20 of the school's state tennis championships that have been ac-



**The banner**

crued since 1978.

On hand for the ceremony were Churchill alumni Greif ('81), Andy New ('80), Jason Pinsky ('03), Maggie MacKeever ('06), Jared Pinsky ('07), Andrew Marcus ('07), and Felix Sun ('09), as well as Hugh Lynch, who coached the team from 1980 to 1985 and had six state champions in his tenure.

The school has other championship banners hanging throughout the gym, but until last month the tennis greats were unrepresented.

"We are here for a celebration that is long



**The champions**

overdue," said outgoing Churchill athletic director Pat Fisher moments before the banner was unfurled.

"Churchill tennis has such a great tradition, as you can see, and I think it was a great idea to honor the program," said Andy New, who won a doubles championship in 1978 with Jack Dowdle and a singles championship in 1980.

"It's an honor to be up there with all those other names," he said.

"I want to congratulate you for your commitment and what you have brought to the

sport," said Ben Woods, Churchill's current tennis coach.

Like Greif, MacKeever doesn't remember individual matches as she does "just how much fun it was." MacKeever, heading into her junior year at University of Maryland, plays for the Terrapin tennis team.

"It was a big accomplishment," said Jared Pinsky of his singles title that he earned as a senior last year.

"So when I come back here in future years I'll be able to see my name up there," Pinsky said.

# 'The Biggest Wiener'



By **KENNETH B. LOURIE**

Indulge me, if you will, as I write out loud a story idea I have for a new Reality Show. Inspired by the recent popularity of the some-people's-reality show, The Biggest Loser (where contestants compete to lose weight), my show would combine elements from a reality show, a competitive eating competition and a game show (specifically elements from "The Price Is Right" as well as from a game show no longer on television called "Name That Tune"). Of course, food would be involved, lots of it.

The set up would be similar to "The Price Is Right" with three contestants standing behind their respective podiums, bidding. What they would be bidding on is food, not its cost but rather its consumption. The contestants would not only have to guess how many calories are in the food/on the platter, but also predict how fast it would take them to eat what's on the plate — similar to when contestants had to predict how many notes it would take them to "Name That Tune."

The food on the plates would be the same for all three contestants (just like the items for bid on "The Price Is Right"). The food could be an appetizer, a main course, a vegetable or a dessert. Items would have to be approved by the I.F.O.C.E., the International Federation of Competitive Eating ("the esophoscenti"). Sponsorship/advertising could come from the purveyors: hot wings from Hooters, hot dogs from Nathan's Famous, hamburgers/sliders from Krystal, etc. In addition, guest celebrity competitive eaters would appear but not compete, champions like Joey "Jaws" Chestnut, #1 ranked competitive eater in the world (yes, there are world rankings) and the 2007 Nathan's Famous Hot Dog Eating Champion who defeated the six-time defending champion, Takeru "Tsunami" Kobayashi, (presently ranked #3) by eating 66 hot dogs in 12 minutes — beating Kobayashi by three hot dogs and a bun; Patrick "Deep Dish" Bertoletti, ranked #2 (22 pieces of 16" pizza in 10 minutes); Sonya "The Black Widow" Thomas (46 Phillips' crab cakes in 10 minutes), ranked #6; ChipBurger Simpson, ranked #9 (13.25 Gianelli sausage sandwiches in 12 minutes); Crazy Legs Conti, ranked #11 (34.75 ears of sweet corn in 12 minutes) among many other eaters with many other accomplishments.

Each eating competition would last somewhere between three and 12 minutes, with the actual calories consumed and speed at which said calories were inhaled exhibited on screen in real-time. Also in real-time, computers would figure out baseball-like statistics, like the "C.C.P.M.," as an example, calories consumed per minute or the "C.C.P.D.," calories consumed per dollar. As the weeks/competitions continue, there could be ongoing top-ten-type groupings listed in the local television program guides similar to what's seen in the Sports section.

As for the shows themselves, there could be features about the contestants (as so often seen during the Olympics) — competitive eating tips on training and technique from I.F.O.C.E. champions, stories on the various cities/communities who have submitted applications to host future events along with their unique, indigenous foods: crab cakes in Maryland; crawfish in New Orleans; BBQ in Texas, Cincinnati, Louisville, etc.; lobster in Maine; baked beans in Boston, as but a few examples among unlimited possibilities. What community wouldn't benefit from such publicity?

This show would have it all; celebrities and "wannabees;" statistics to separate the "gurgitators" from the re-gurgitators; "the spirit of competition, the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat," a wide world of spurts, you might say; and unfortunately, the embarrassment and humiliation so characteristic of much of today's television entertainment. However, this program will not succeed on the merits, nor will it ever be classified as "must see t.v.," but it may very well capture an audience that has seen — and heard — enough of the sublime and is ready to embrace the ridiculous. I can't say that audience would include me, regularly, but if the host locations or the food interested me, I might tune in — especially if I was hungry.

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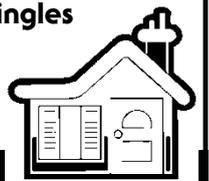
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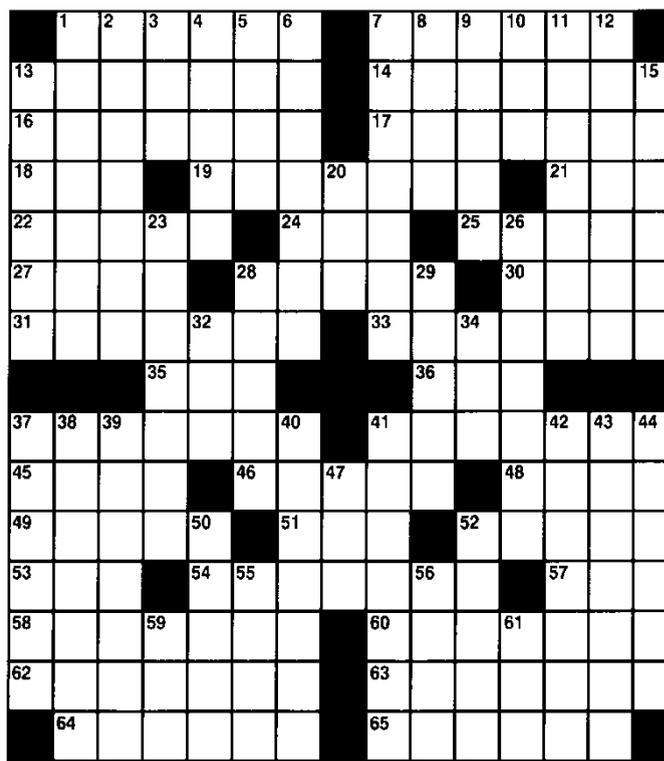
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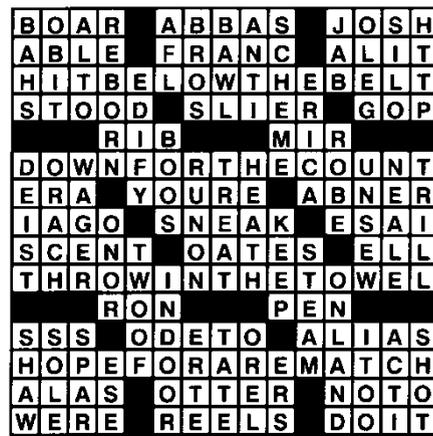
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- 38 Spendthrift
- 39 Diner sign
- 40 Pitcher's triumph
- 41 Wee hour
- 42 Like an amazing return on an investment
- 43 Type in again
- 44 Features of The New York Review of Books
- 47 Switch positions
- 50 Make a case
- 52 They're guarded in competition
- 55 Italian art patron
- 56 Christian inscription
- 59 Negative side
- 61 Criminal patterns, for short

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