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A car plunges through standing water at the intersection of River Road and Counselman Road in Potomac Village on Saturday, Sept. 6 as Tropical Storm Hanna passes through the region.



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The entire river was brown on Friday.



A view from the edge of the canal showed a hole about the size of a car.

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From Crack to Canyon

C&O Canal towpath near Old Angler's Inn breaches during Hanna's weekend deluge.

BY AARON STERN
THE ALMANAC

What began as a crack in the towpath of the C&O Canal near Old Angler's Inn on Friday, Sept. 5 turned into a chasm over 100 feet wide and 20 feet deep as Tropical Storm Hanna dumped heavy rain in the region the following day.

It was during Saturday's deluge that the towpath gave way, said park officials.

"There was a leak that we were aware of on Friday but it was not a full-blown breach," said Bill Justice, a spokesman for

the C&O Canal National Historical Park. "Small leaks are the type of thing that we usually deal with a little bit here and there but when a small leak gets hit by the type of storm like that"

As a result of the breach, the canal is now drained from Widewater to Lock 5 near Chain Bridge, roughly an 8-mile stretch. The breach has grown steadily since it was first noticed as a crack on Friday. At that point the towpath was still intact but cracking, and water had begun to run through a channel beneath it from the canal to the Potomac River. On Saturday the footpath gave way and since then the gap has steadily widened from 20 feet to 80 feet to an estimated 125 feet as of Tuesday, Sept. 9.

National Park Service staff and volunteers have begun to assess the extent of the damage, and while no cost estimates on the necessary repairs are yet available, the price

tag is likely to be beyond the capacity of the park to shoulder on its own.

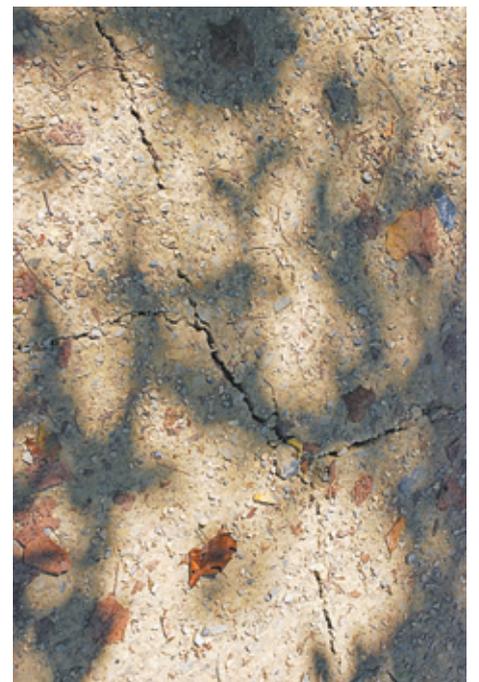
"We're probably going to end up having to find the money somewhere to do this," said Justice. "This is not the kind of thing that we have money to do in our budget."

Matt Logan, founder of the C&O Canal Trust, a non-profit organization dedicated to raising funds to support the canal, said that it will take a combination of federal, state, and private funds to repair the damage, a project that he estimates will take two to three million dollars.

HANNA MAY have been the final straw for the canal breach, but it was not the cause, said Logan. Over time water seepage can cause cracks in the towpath, as it has done before, and this was likely the case in this instance.

"It's interesting because this really wasn't caused by the storm," said Logan. Antiquated construction techniques might have had a hand in matters as well — Logan sur

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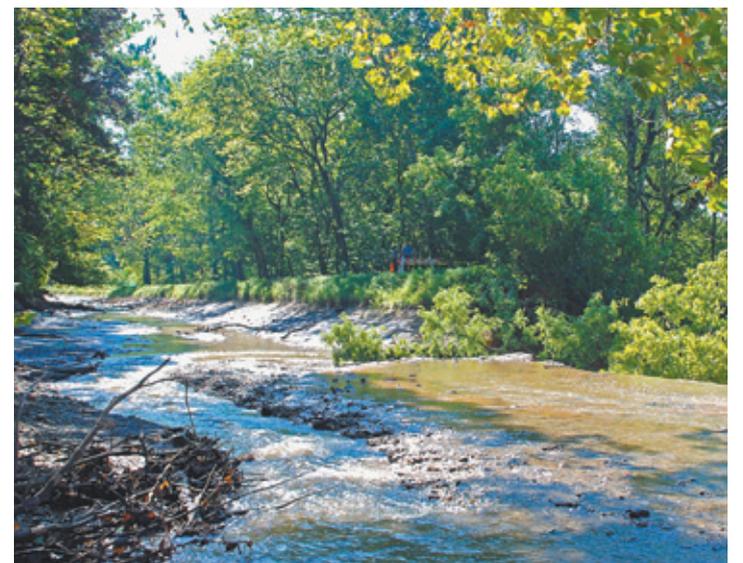
Cracks were appearing in the towpath on Friday. Bike patrollers Jane Collins and Barbara Brown called in the problem, went to the Anglers parking lot and got three red cones to warn walkers. In about 10 minutes, maintenance arrived and blocked the towpath.



A new waterfall appeared at the edge of the towpath heading 50 feet downstream into the river.



The lip of the break is visible from the other side of the canal.



The now almost dry canal as it flowed past the break.

C&O Canal Park Reopens

The National Park Service has reopened the parking lots and park roads at Fletchers Cove, Carderock, Anglers, Great Falls Tavern, Swain's Lock, Pennyfield Lock, Violettes Lock, Seneca, and Tshiffley Mill this week that were closed due to Tropical Storm Hanna.

The visitor center at the Great Falls Tavern has reopened and the visitor center and canal boat operation at Georgetown will reopen on Wednesday. Canal boat trips at the Great Falls Tavern have been cancelled while the staff continues to assess the situation. The towpath breach north of Anglers has made the towpath in that area impassable. "This area is extremely dangerous," Park Superintendent Kevin Brandt said in a statement. "Visitors should avoid the towpath in the Widewater area between Anglers and the lower end of Billy Goat Trail Section A." A detour has been established around the breach following the Berma Road. The best place to view the breach is on the Berma Road, 1/4 mile from the Anglers Access. All of the trails in the Montgomery County area of the park, including Billy Goat Trail Section A, are open. The Washington D.C. section of the Capital Crescent Trail is open. GSI has resumed concession operations at Great Falls and at The Boathouse at Fletchers Cove. National Park Service staff and volunteers continue to assess the damage to the park done by last weekend's storm. For safety reasons visitors should be aware of their surroundings and follow the direction of park employees. For more information contact the Great Falls Tavern Visitor Center at 301-714-2214.

Advisory Council Seeks Input

The Montgomery County Public School Parent Advisory Council (PAC) provides input on ways to strengthen the school system's communication and parent engagement efforts. Council members must be parents with at least one child in the school system, and be able to serve a one-year term. PAC meetings are held four times during the school year. Nominations are welcome from parents, community organizations and other members of the MCPS community. Self-nominations also will be accepted. The deadline for submission of nominations for the 2008-2009 school year is Sept. 15. The applications are available at http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/uploadedFiles/departments/familycommunity/news/PAC_Information_2008-09.pdf

Forms are also available in schools or by calling the Department of Communications' Division of Family and Community Partnerships (DFCP) at 301-279-3100.

Police Win Federal Grant

The U.S. Department of Justice last week awarded the Montgomery County Police Department a \$750,000 Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Universal Hiring Program (UHP) grant. The competitive grant — one of 62 awarded to law enforcement agencies across the country — will enable the Montgomery County Police Department to hire 10 additional sworn officers for community policing to help fight crime.

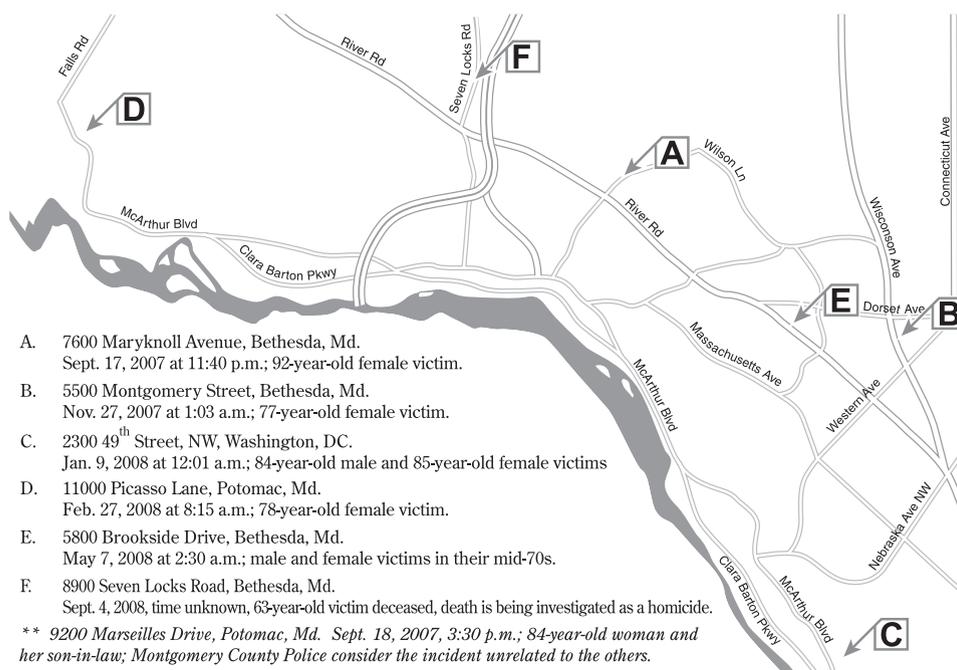
"It is important that we provide communities with the resources they need to keep our streets safe. COPS grants help make neighborhoods safer by increasing the number of officers available to patrol local communities and reduce crime," said U.S. Rep. Chris Van Hollen (D-8).

Have Say in County Zoning Laws

County planners have launched a public input process that includes interviews with a variety of zoning code users and an online survey available to all to gather feedback on the several-decades-old code that many criticize as being complicated, unwieldy and confusing.

Anyone interested in zoning in Montgomery County can have a voice in what's right — and what's wrong — with the county's Zoning Ordinance, which guides development by establishing rules regarding land uses, density, height, open space and public amenities. Go to http://www.mcparkandplanning.org/info/zoning_ordinance.shtml to learn more and participate in a user survey. Planners expect to unveil the zoning code revision in 2010.

NEWS



- A. 7600 Maryknoll Avenue, Bethesda, Md. Sept. 17, 2007 at 11:40 p.m.; 92-year-old female victim.
- B. 5500 Montgomery Street, Bethesda, Md. Nov. 27, 2007 at 1:03 a.m.; 77-year-old female victim.
- C. 2300 49th Street, NW, Washington, DC. Jan. 9, 2008 at 12:01 a.m.; 84-year-old male and 85-year-old female victims
- D. 11000 Picasso Lane, Potomac, Md. Feb. 27, 2008 at 8:15 a.m.; 78-year-old female victim.
- E. 5800 Brookside Drive, Bethesda, Md. May 7, 2008 at 2:30 a.m.; male and female victims in their mid-70s.
- F. 8900 Seven Locks Road, Bethesda, Md. Sept. 4, 2008, time unknown, 63-year-old victim deceased, death is being investigated as a homicide.

** 9200 Marseilles Drive, Potomac, Md. Sept. 18, 2007, 3:30 p.m.; 84-year-old woman and her son-in-law; Montgomery County Police consider the incident unrelated to the others.

Discussing Home Invasions

Montgomery County District 1 Councilmember Roger Berliner (Bethesda, Chevy Chase, Potomac) and the Montgomery County Police Department will hold an informational meeting at Seven Locks Elementary School at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 16, concerning a series of home invasions in the Bethesda-Potomac area over the past year.

Montgomery County Police have not yet determined if the latest crime, which occurred early this week and resulted in the death of 63-year-old Mary Frances Havenstein of the 8900 block of Seven Locks Road is linked to the previous incidents.

The meeting, organized in conjunction with the Bethesda Regional Services Center, will be held in

the all-purpose room of the school located at 9500 Seven Locks Road. The school is a short distance from where the most recent break-in occurred.

At the meeting, residents will be provided with information on how to better protect themselves from these types of incidents and will have the opportunity to ask questions.

"Our Police Department is working very hard to solve these crimes and catch those responsible," Berliner said in a statement. "But I am aware that many people want to know more about how they can avoid being victims of similar crimes. We will be there to provide information and to answer questions."

For more information about the meeting, call 240-777-7828.

Deluged

Tropical Storm Hanna soaks Potomac.

The remnants of Hurricane Hanna — downgraded to a Tropical Storm — surged through the region Saturday morning and afternoon downing trees, flooding roads and leaving thousands of county residents without power.

Pepco spokesman Clay Anderson said that roughly 5,600 customers throughout Montgomery County experienced power outages during and after the storm. As of Tuesday, Sept. 9, Pepco work crews were working to restore the few remaining power outages in North Potomac, which numbered fewer than 100, according to cars detoured around a fallen tree on Clara Barton Parkway as Tropical Storm Hanna passed through the area last Saturday.

Downed trees and power lines blocked roads and forced temporary closures along River Road, Falls Road, Kendale Road and Bradley Boulevard, among others in the area.



Cars detoured around a fallen tree on Clara Barton Parkway as Tropical Storm Hanna passed through the area last Saturday.

The storm wasn't as bad in Potomac as many predictions had warned. Potomac received approximately six inches of rain and winds reached no higher than 15 miles per hour, but the C&O Canal National Historical Park sustained damage that will take some time to recover from, said Ally Baltrus, the supervising ranger at Great Falls Tavern Park.

A stretch of the Canal towpath near the Old Angler's Inn began to crack on Friday, Sept. 5, the day before the storm hit, and then was breached during Saturday's heavy rains. The towpath disintegrated into a gap somewhere between 80 and 100 feet wide and perhaps 20 feet deep that will likely require more money to repair than the park has in its budget, according to park officials.

— AARON STERN

Former Churchill Student Dies

Friends and family recall Patrick McMurphy as quirky, funny and full of life.

BY AARON STERN
THE ALMANAC

From the rooftop of his building in Brooklyn, Patrick McMurphy could see beauty and possibility. In one direction lay the New York City skyline, in another were trains traveling the elevated tracks between Manhattan and Brooklyn. Above him was the sky. In recent months that rooftop had quite possibly become his favorite place, and he would spend hours on it pondering the future.

The possibilities of that future were cut short early Saturday morning, Aug. 30 when McMurphy fell as he climbed the ladder to the roof from his third-floor apartment once more. McMurphy, a 2002 Winston Churchill High School graduate, was 23.

In the following days his friends and family remembered him as a free-spirited, brutally honest, unpredictable and supremely

talented person who befriended people from all walks of life.

"He was simply one of the most outgoing and boisterous people I have ever met," said

Christophe Richard, a close high school friend

of McMurphy's who lives in Japan. Richard wrote of his

friend in an email to The Almanac the day before he planned to fly back to Maryland to attend McMurphy's funeral.

"With little fear of being embarrassed or mocked, it always seemed like he was more free than a lot of people — especially people dealing with high school insecurities," said Richard. "There were no repercussions and no regrets. That was the best part about Patrick. He was always the same, but you could never really anticipate what that would entail."

HIS PARENTS had always known that their son had friends, but they were moved by the wide range of people who reached out to them since his death.



Patrick McMurphy

"When we were in New York [last week] we were really touched by ... the people there [who] just poured out to talk to us about how he was always engaged with them and interested in them and just really genuine with them," said Michael McMurphy, Patrick's father.

One of those people was a man who introduced himself to Patrick's father as Jose, who kept carrier pigeons on a rooftop connected to Patrick's. The two spent hours together on top of their roofs.

"The way he put it to me was his favorite times were when he was on the roof and Patrick was pacing around the roof spouting Shakespeare," said Michael McMurphy.

The outpouring of support has come from Patrick's high school and college friends through phone calls to the family and posts to his Facebook page, said his father.

"We've been just deeply moved by all the people that he has obviously touched over the years," said Michael McMurphy.

LIKE MANY RECENT college graduates Patrick McMurphy struggled with indecision after college as he tried to figure out what to do with his life, but in recent months that confusion had turned into clarity. Patrick McMurphy had been active in theater at Churchill, Potomac Theatre Company and

at his college, Dickinson College, and he recently began studying at the Stella Adler Studio of Acting in New York City and had begun private study with one of the instructors there.

When his parents came to visit in July, Patrick McMurphy told them he was the happiest he'd been since he was five years old.

"He actually was finally following his dream," said Michael McMurphy. "He was in a great place."

Churchill theater director Jessica Speck remembered Patrick McMurphy as a popular, goofy student with a lot of friends and someone comfortable among any group of people. She still shows her students a music video of Daft Punk's "Around the World" that Patrick made in her TV production class simply because of how funny it was.

"I think the phrase that I've used to describe him... is just so full of life, such an unforgettable guy," said Speck. "The opposite of someone you expect tragedy to come upon because he never had a sense of gloom about him, ever."

A talented actor as well as a comic book enthusiast, McMurphy ran track at Churchill and in college as well, and everywhere he went he seemed to touch people with his unflinchingly friendly, genuine nature.

"Everybody knows what a fun-loving soul he was, how much he cared for other people," said Michael McMurphy. "What

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PEOPLE

Finding 'Forever Families'

Fund-raiser for adoption agency highlights needs of children without permanent homes.

BY AARON STERN
THE ALMANAC

For Shawn Goldstein the choice of a lifetime was just the beginning: take a dream job or have a baby. The job awaiting her in New York was the perfect opportunity with the perfect salary; but what she didn't know was that the son that she wanted was also already waiting for her — he was in Baltimore.

Having been adopted herself and unable to have children of her own, Goldstein had known for some time that she wanted to adopt. When she was 35 she started exploring her options.

"First I had to see if I could have kids — I couldn't. Then I started dating to see if there was anyone I wanted to have kids with — there wasn't," she recalled.

At age 38 and single, with a golden career opportunity in one hand and completed adoption papers waiting to be mailed in the other, Goldstein was at a crossroads. She went to the post office, told the job in New York to find someone else. Five days later she got the call — the boy that she had wanted for so long was waiting for her in a Baltimore hospital.

"The only thing that I can imagine is that he waited — he waited — for me to make up my mind if I wanted a kid or a job," she said.

EIGHT YEARS LATER mother and son are living the life that she had dreamed and a life that thousands of children in this country just like him never get the chance to have.

In the game of adoption, white American infants are the most sought after commodities, but biracial children like Goldstein's are significantly less so. Goldstein, of Chevy Chase, is also biracial and knew that she wanted to raise a biracial son to help guide him through the unique challenges that come with having both black and white parents.

Her son is just now getting to an age where he will start to confront those challenges as well as the awareness of having been adopted. Goldstein will rely on her personal experiences to guide him but she will also fall back on the support network and a variety of programs offered by Adoptions Together, the same organization that helped her find her son eight years ago.

The Montgomery County-based adoption firm focuses on finding homes for children of all backgrounds throughout the country, as well as international placements. That includes children of all eth-



PHOTO BY AARON STERN/THE ALMANAC

Adoptions Together board member Judy Polk-Sebring and founder Janice Goldwater at a fund-raiser Saturday, Aug. 29 at Polk-Sebring's Potomac Falls home.

nic backgrounds as well as children with physical and developmental disabilities.

Janice Goldwater started Adoptions Together in 1990 to find homes for all children in need of them, not just healthy Caucasian children. Today she has placed nearly 2,500 children.

"Lots of people are looking for healthy white babies," said Adoptions Together board member Judy Polk-Sebring. Not as many people are on the hunt for children with physical defects, diseases or drug addictions resulting from neglectful parental situations.

"That's where our programs come in," Polk-Sebring said.

Saturday, Aug. 29 was a time to both celebrate the agency's success as well as to help secure its future. The group relies on government contracts and grants from private foundations and individual donations to fund its operations. Guests mingled, cocktails and cocktail plates in hand, on the patio behind Polk-Sebring's new Potomac Falls home. It was a Party with a Purpose, said Polk-Sebring, made possible by the local business community — virtually every local business donated services to the event in some way, from food to flowers, coffee and even valet parking — and nearly 200 guests who attended and made contributions to the agency.

"There's a lot of causes you could donate money to but as far as we're concerned everything starts with having a permanent home, a forever home," Polk-Sebring told her guests. "Forever home" is a phrase that Polk-Sebring, an Adoptions Together board member who herself was an adopted child, likes to use a lot.

"I see people raise money for sports fields, for this and that ... [but] if kids don't have permanent homes what else matters?" she said later in the evening in a brief break from being the busy hostess. "Imagine waking up every day and not knowing you have a forever home."

LIKE GOLDSTEIN, Susan Dankoff of Cabin John adopted from Adoptions Together. And like Goldstein, Dankoff found more than just her daughter, now 16, through the agency; she also found a wealth of support programs that are available "whenever we hit snags and things like that," Dankoff said.

Those programs can range from giving parents guidance on how to talk to their children about adoption, to programs that give the children opportunities meet and interact with other adopted children. They also include resources for parents who have

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Dr. Robert Allan Summers of Potomac escorts his twin daughters, Kathleen Sidonia Summers and Suzanne Sherma Summers, down the aisle.

Double Wedding for Twins

Identical twins and River Falls natives Kathleen Sidonia Summers and Suzanne Sherma Summers were married to their partners in a double wedding ceremony on Sept. 1, 2008. Kathleen married Karl Lee Hanewinckel, and Suzanne married David Frank LaPierre in a ceremony aboard a dinner boat in Old Town Alexandria. The brides were escorted down the aisle by their father, Dr. Robert Allan Summers of Potomac. The ceremony was attended by the parents of all of the brides and grooms: Dr. and Mrs. Robert Summers of Potomac; Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth McDonald of Columbia, Mo.; Mr. Richard Hanewinckel of Nalcrest, Fla.; and Mr. and Mrs. Donald LaPierre of Turners Falls, Mass., as well as other family and friends from around the country. The couples and their guests cruised down the Potomac River during the afternoon reception.

The twins graduated from Walt Whitman High School in 1985. Kathleen went on to graduate from Carnegie Mellon University and American University with degrees in art and creative writing. Suzanne completed her degrees in fine arts and museum studies at The Rhode Island School of Design and The George Washington University. Lee attended Western Washington University and is a graduate of Bellevue Community College. He is working with Jack Morton Worldwide. David is a graduate of Shepherd University and is a computer consultant with IBM.

Kathleen and Lee live in Gaithersburg, with their son Carter Lee Hanewinckel. Suzanne and David reside in Annandale, Va. with their son Nathan Riley LaPierre, who is a student at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology.



Kathleen Sidonia Summers with Karl Lee Hanewinckel and Suzanne Sherma Summers with David Frank LaPierre.

Finding Adoptive Parents

Adoptions Together has found homes for nearly 2,500 children since it was started in 1990. The Montgomery County-based agency finds homes for children across the country and abroad and strives to place children typically not sought after by potential adoptive parents — children of non-Caucasian ethnic backgrounds and those with disabilities or illnesses. The agency helps potential adoptive parents through the process and offers a wide range of support programs once the adoption is complete and through childhood. For more information on Adoptions Together or to contribute to the agency, visit www.adoptions-together.org.

Proposed Wellness Center Scrapped

Center would have combined bed and breakfast with minor plastic surgery procedures.

BY AARON STERN
THE ALMANAC

Plans for a proposed wellness center just north of Potomac Village have been scrapped and the property has been put on the market.

The Rock Run Wellness Center was the brainchild of Dr. John Yousif, a Potomac native and Wisconsin-based cosmetic surgeon, and was billed as a facility that would combine relaxing, holistic weekend getaways with minor cosmetic procedures like Botox injections. His plan had drawn skepticism from the neighboring Potomac Manors neighborhood, whose residents had expressed concerns about increased traffic along River Road and potential noise and light pollution coming from the property.

To gain the necessary approvals

to open his proposed facility, Yousif would have needed a change in the county's zoning ordinances to be approved by the Montgomery County Council as well as the Montgomery County Planning Board that would have permitted the type of facility that he was proposing. Ultimately he was too busy with his practice in Wisconsin to see the process through, said his attorney, Jody Kline.

"I think it's a shame because I don't think anybody would have done something that sits lighter on that property than Dr. Yousif would," said Kline.

The property was listed last week at \$2.9 million. The 4.48-acre property at 10276 River Road is zoned RE-2 which calls for single family homes on lots no smaller than two acres, but it is also in a TDR-receiving zone, a zoning district that allows for higher density than usual to pro-



A boarded-up building on the site at 10276 River Road that had previously been proposed as the future home of a holistic wellness center. The property is now for sale.

tect upcounty open space. That categorization would permit an additional house to be built on the land, said Kline, meaning the lot could legally hold three detached, single family homes. Located between the Giant supermarket in the Potomac Promenade shopping center, Kline said that he thinks the property would also make a great transitional use from the commercial activities of Potomac Village and the Potomac Manors neighborhood. Such uses might include a church, a school, a

daycare, or a landscape service, said Kline.

Residents of the Potomac Manors neighborhood were opposed to the wellness center and would continue to be opposed to any non-residential use of the property, said attorney Michele Rosenfeld, who represents the Potomac Manors Homeowner's Association.

"They are very pleased that the project went away," Rosenfeld said of her clients. "From their point of

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LET'S TALK Real Estate



by Michael Matese

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You have finally found the home that is right for you, but you have some questions about the structure and condition of the home. A home inspection is the best way to get answers to your questions. There are companies that specialize in inspecting new and pre-owned homes. The inspection is almost always done before your Attorney designs the contract. The inspection may provide important information about significant defects in the home that may cause you to reevaluate and make an adjustment to the offer and the terms.

It is wise to have a home inspection, even if the house is new or everything appears to be in perfect condition. The inspector can also provide important information about the house. Where are the gas and water shut-off valves? How do the circuit breakers operate? What type of routine maintenance should be done for each system? The inspector's fee is an investment that can save you money at the time of purchase as well as later!

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PETS OF THE WEEK



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Precious is a female, 8-year-old, 11 lbs., spayed Shih Tzu. Precious is well-named since she is a wonderful girl who is house-broken, well-behaved and gets along with her foster dog siblings. She barks only to go out or at dinner. Precious probably has at least half of her life to live and this girl would be great for an adult or elderly adopter.

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Rocky

Rocky is a male, 9-year-old, neutered DSH cat. Rocky's owner died and now this great boy is looking for a new home. He loves attention and freely gives affection in return. Rocky likes families and just adults and would be an easy, loving keeper as a pet.

WORKSHOPS

Your Dog's Friend, a non-profit organization that educates and supports dog owners, has set its schedule for this fall. Free workshops will be held at Potomac and Wheaton community centers through Nov. 16.

Dog training classes, using positive, rewards-based methods, will be run, for a fee, at the National Lutheran Home in Rockville. These include Puppy Kindergarten, Basic Manners, and Dog Training for Kids. The fee for these classes helps support Your Dog's Friend's other free services. Dog owners can find more information and register for the workshops and dog training classes by going to www.yourdogsfriend.info or calling 301-983-5913.

This fall's workshops will include:

- ❖ Could My Dog Be a Therapy Dog? Sunday, Sept. 21, 3-5 p.m. at the Potomac Community Center, 11315 Falls Road.

- ❖ The Emotional Life of Dogs, Saturday, Oct. 4; 2-4 p.m. at the Potomac Community Center, 11315 Falls Road.

- ❖ What if My Dog Bites Santa?, Saturday, Nov. 15; 2-4 p.m. at the Potomac Community Center, 11315 Falls Road.

- ❖ Bring on the Doggy Police (when neighbors just can't seem to get along), Saturday, Oct. 18, 2-4 p.m. at the Wheaton Community Center, 11711 Georgia Ave.

Wellness Center Scrapped

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view it is a residential property and it should stay that way."

The wedge-shaped lot currently features an old, boarded-up building that has previously served as a Realtor's office and a bed-and-breakfast. With a large parking lot and expansive grass field abutting the Rock Run stream that frames its southern boundary, the property has long languished from an environmental standpoint as those flat surfaces wash stormwater runoff directly into the tribu-

tary, said Ginny Barnes of the West Montgomery County Citizens Association. Her group initially opposed Yousif's wellness center but had grown more open to the idea and, in particular, the environmental improvements he had proposed for the property that would have included substantial plantings of trees and shrubs near the stream. Whatever happens with the property next, Barnes said that she hopes the Planning Board will require similar plantings.

"We felt very good about his willingness to really attend to the environment there," she said.



Ingo Mayr and his nephew Andreas Mayr with Cleo.



Helena Crist and her dog Stanley at River Falls' annual doggie swim.

Dogs Take End-of-Season Plunge

The River Falls pool always wraps up the swimming season by allowing the neighborhood dogs to be the last ones in the pool. The pool closed on Sunday, Aug. 7 at 6 p.m., and by 6:01 p.m., the dogs were having their day.

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All listings due by Tues at 10 am.



The clogged outflow at Swains Lock.



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The break above Swains Lock with the overflowing canal.

Towpath Breached During Storm

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veyed the damage with park officials on Tuesday morning and found gabion baskets — chicken wire-wrapped piles of rocks — that were the foundation for the towpath in at least that section. That technique might have been used in 1972 to repair breaches caused by floods that year, Logan said.

“It was state of the art at the time but we found that they weren’t very sustainable and consequently water begins to seep in there and undermine it,” Logan said. “It’s a problem.”

While it might be as many as two or three years before the canal is re-watered, said Logan, one advantage to the situation is the opportunity to make improvements along the now-unwatered stretch of

the canal. Replacing and strengthening the towpath were needed, but it could also be an opportunity to remove an old rubber liner from the canal in that section, which Logan said was another outdated practice. Downed trees in the canal that have long plagued paddlers will also be removed.

FOR NOW, visitors to the canal can still access the Billy Goat Trail and Great Falls Tavern from Old Angler’s but will need to use the Burma Road path on the opposite side of the towpath, which can be accessed from the Old Angler’s entrance parking lot. Visitors who are curious about the breach should exercise extreme caution and not get anywhere near the breach as it is not yet known how much of the

towpath has been destabilized, said Ally Baltrus, the supervising ranger at Great Falls Tavern.

“Really right now it’s paramount to keep people away,” said Baltrus. The last time the towpath suffered a breach was during flooding from a major storm in 1996, when the towpath washed away in multiple places, said Justice. As was the case then, repairing this most recent breach will be time-consuming and costly.

“Its going to take a while for us to get this fixed,” Justice said.

Families

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children with different disabilities. “There’s a nice, tight community around the agency,” said Dankoff. “They’re very supportive and they’re always there,” said Goldstein. Even if Adoptions Together can’t provide the specific resource needed, they can point parents in the right direction, Goldstein said.

Eight years beyond her personal crossroads, Goldstein said she and her son couldn’t be happier. She just wishes more people would share their homes with children who need them. “For every child that someone gives birth to, they should adopt one,” Goldstein said. “There’s no reason for there to be unadopted children.”

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To have community events listed free in *The Potomac Almanac*, send mail to 7913 Westpark Drive, McLean, VA 22102, e-mail almanac@connectionnewspapers.com, or fax to 703-917-0991. Deadline is Thursday at noon for the following week's paper. Photos and artwork encouraged. Unless otherwise noted, all events are in Potomac. For more information, call 703-917-6451.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 11

Anxious Children: Getting to Confidence. Learn how to help your child conquer his or her fears, from 7-9 p.m. at the Bethesda Library, 7400 Arlington Road, Bethesda.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 12

Contra Dance. The Friday Night Dancers presents traditional American dancing including contra dances, square dances, and waltzes at the Bumper Car Pavilion in Glen Echo Park. Contra dance lesson from 7:30-8:15 p.m., dance from 8:30-11:30 p.m. to live music. \$9/person. E-mail fndcontra@yahoo.com.

Swing Dance. Jim Cellar presents a swing dance live music and introductory dance lesson at the Bumper Car Pavilion in Glen Echo Park. Beginning Swing lesson from 8-9 p.m., dancing from 9 p.m.-12 a.m. E-mail huh@thejamcellar.com.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 13

Annual Potomac Barn Tour. Sponsored by the Potomac Bridle & Hiking Trails Association. Visit barns in the Potomac and Poolesville area 12-5 p.m. Tickets on sale at The Surrey and Pooles Store. Contact Rex Reed ReedRex@PBHTA.org

The Bethesda Artist Market returns to sell fine art and crafts by local artists with live music playing throughout the day. Located at the Bethesda Place Plaza at the corner of Old Georgetown Road and Woodmont Ave., the Market is free to the public and is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Tree Identification Walk. Join Potomac Conservancy's Bryan Seipp on a walk around the C&O Canal to help identify some common tree species found in the Potomac River watershed from 10-11 a.m. at the River Center at Lockhouse 8, C&O Canal National Historical Park, 7906 Riverside Ave. Cabin John. Visit www.potomac.org.

Swing Dance. Join the George Gee Swing Orchestra with Lindy Hop legend Frankie Manning for a night on the dance floor at the Spanish Ballroom in Glen Echo Park. Beginner swing lesson from 8-9 p.m., dance from 9p.m.-12 a.m. \$18/person. Visit www.gottaswing.com.

Used Book Sale. The Potomac Library,

10101Glenolden Drive, is holding its used book sale from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Most hardcover and large paperback books are \$1.00 and all regular sized paperback books are only \$.50. Call 240-777-0690.

Conversation Club. Join in practicing and improving your spoken English with the help of volunteers leading discussions from 3-5 p.m. at the Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Dr. Registration not required.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 14

Critiques and Coffee. Bring photos to a morning critique led by a Photoworks faculty member. Enjoy coffee and bagels and a lively discussion of your images. Held in the Photoworks Studio, 7300 MacArthur Blvd, Glen Echo, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Call 301-229-7930 or visit www.glenechophotoworks.org.

Ballroom Tea Dance. Join New HOTS Jazz Orchestra at the Spanish Ballroom in Glen Echo Park for an afternoon of dancing including the waltz, tango, polka, foxtrot and many others. Beginner class from 3-3:30 p.m., dance 3:30-6 p.m.\$10/person. E-mail jackelder@aol.com.

Family Dance. Spend the afternoon dancing with your children. Each of the family dances features live music and dance calling from 3-5 p.m. in the Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo Park. All ages welcome. \$5/person. Visit www.fsgw.org.

Contra and Square Dancing. The Folklore Society of Greater Washington presents traditional American dancing with a focus on New England style contra dances at the Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo Park. All dances are taught, no partner is necessary. The newcomers' welcome lesson is at 7 p.m., followed by called dances to live music from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Visit www.fsgw.org. \$12/nonmembers, \$9/FSGW members.

Writing Forum. Susan Shreve, award-winning novelist, and Tim Seldes, renowned literary agent, will discuss the changing worlds of publishing houses and literary agencies and will share their experiences after decades in the business from 2-4 p.m. at the Writer's Center, 4508 Walsh St., Bethesda. Free admission. Call 301-654-8664 or e-mail postmaster@writer.org.

MONDAY/SEPT. 15

The Beth Sholom Book Club will begin the fall season reviewing Geraldine Brook's "People of the Book," a fictional account of the survival of the Sarajevo Hagaddah. The Book Club plans to meet at 8 p.m. at Beth Sholom 11825 Seven Locks Road, Potomac, in the conference room. All are welcome to join. Email Tanya Lampert at

FINE ARTS

The Dennis and Phillip Ratner Museum, 10001 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda will present "Creative Expressions" from **Sept. 3-28.** Museum hours are 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Sundays and 12-4 p.m. Mondays - Thursdays. Call 301-897-1518.

The exhibit "**Good Advice**" will survey almost 200 years of American advice books, aimed at helping people to improve their lives from top to bottom. 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 exhibit "**Breakfast**" is a vignette-style exhibit, on display throughout the Beall-Dawson House, 103 W. Montgomery Ave., Rockville, in conjunction with the exhibit "Good Advice." The vignettes include a family breakfast, formal breakfast, breakfast in bed, breakfast preparation, and even George Washington's breakfast and will be on display **through Sept. 21.** Included with museum admission (\$3 adults/\$2 seniors & students). Call 301-762-1492 or www.montgomeryhistory.org.

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



Maryland native Andrew A. Miller will present his most recent paintings in his first solo exhibition Sept. 13-14, at the Yellow Barn Gallery in Glen Echo Park. The show will be available for viewing from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. A reception for the artist, open to the public, is scheduled for 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 13 in the gallery.

Echo. An exhibition of photographs by Jim Sherwood and Don Fear is in show from Sept. 7- Oct.19. Call 301-229-7930 or visit www.glenechophotoworks.org.

Glassworks is the D.C. area's first glass school located in Glen Echo Park,

7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. When classes are not in session, the studio is open for visitors to observe glassblowing and view the work of resident artist Rick Sherbert. Call 301-229-4184 or visit www.ricksherbertglass.com.

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WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 17

Concert. Sol Y Rumba (Latin/Salsa) will perform at Bethesda Lane from 6-8 p.m. Located where Bethesda Avenue, Woodmont Avenue and Elm Street meet in Bethesda. Visit www.bethesdarow.com.

Back Talk, Eye Rolls and Attitude: How to Respond when Children are Disrespectful. Learn how to address back talk, insolent conduct, foul language and other non-cooperative behavior from one's children, from 7-9 p.m. at Davis Library, 6400 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 18

Jazz Workshop. Join singer Christiana Drapkin for an interactive jazz and singing workshop entitled "Bop Goes the Weasel!" at 3:30 p.m. at the Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive. Please register at 240-777-

FRIDAY/SEPT. 19

Shake the sillies out. Sing, dance and get moving with My Gym Potomac at Cabin John Mall Atrium, 11325 Seven Locks Road, Potomac, 9:30 a.m.

Contra Dance. The Friday Night Dancers presents traditional American dancing including contra dances, square dances, and waltzes at the Spanish Ballroom in Glen Echo Park. Contra dance lesson from 7:30-8:15 p.m., dance from 8:30-11:30 p.m. to live music. \$9/person. E-mail fndcontra@yahoo.com.

Zydeco Dance. Join T-Broussard & the Zydeco Steppers for a night of Zydeco dancing at the Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo Park. Introductory Zydeco dance lesson at 8 p.m. followed by dancing until 12 a.m. All ages welcome. \$18/person. E-mail Dancingbythebayou@verizon.net.

Open Mic Poetry. Carolyn Joyner, D.C. poet, headlines the first open mic of the season at the Writer's Center, 4508 Walsh St., Bethesda, 8-10 p.m., with sign-up at 7:30 p.m. Joyner will read from her work followed by an open mic for both poets and prose writers.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 20

Swing Dance. Flying Feet Enterprises presents a swing dance with the Radio King Orchestra and introductory dance lesson at the Spanish Ballroom in Glen Echo Park. Beginning Swing lesson from 8-9 p.m., dancing from 9 p.m.-12 a.m. \$13/person. E-mail dance@flyingfeet.org.

Conversation Club. Join in practicing and improving your spoken English with the help of volunteers leading discussions from 3-5 p.m. at the Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive. Registration not required.

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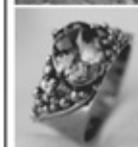
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CALENDAR

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SUNDAY/SEPT. 21

Slow Blues and Swing Dance at the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, from 8:30 to 11 p.m. featuring Melanie Mason Band. 90-minute workshop at 7 p.m. taught by Donna Barker and Mike Marcotte - slow blues basics during the first half-hour, then more challenging concepts for experienced and new dancers. No partner required. Admission for the workshop and dance is \$17 (7 - 11 p.m.); or \$12 for the dance only (8:30 - 11 p.m.). For more information, call Donna Barker at 301-634-2231 or Glen Echo Park at 301-634-2222,

send e-mail to dbarker@glenechopark.org or visit www.DanceDC.com.

Could My Dog Be a Therapy Dog?

Find out if your dog would make a good therapy dog. This workshop covers the routines of therapy dogs; local organizations that work with such dogs; suitable temperaments for therapy dogs; the type of training and tests these dogs need; and the situations faced by these dogs and their owners, from 3-5 p.m. at Potomac Community Center, 11315 Falls Road. Call 301-983-5913 or visit www.yourdogsfriend.info.

Cajun and Zydeco Dance Party.

Held in the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park from 3:30-6 p.m. with an

optional introductory lesson from 3-3:30 p.m. The Atlanta Swamp Opera will provide live music. \$10/person, call Michael Hart at 301-762-6730 or go to www.DancingbytheBayou.com.

Curious George Workshop.

The JCC of Greater Washington, 6125 Montrose Road, Rockville, will host "Animating Curious George in PBS Kids Play!" from 2-4 p.m. Children ages 3-7 are invited to learn how Curious George online games were created. \$10 for JCC members, \$15 for the general public. Contact Julie Grimley at 301-348-3772 or jgrimley@jccgw.org.

Waltz Dance

in the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park begins at 3 p.m. with a half-hour introductory Waltz

workshop followed by 2 1/2 hours of social dancing. Admission is \$8 per person. For more information, e-mail info@waltzimedances.org.

Blues Dance

in the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, from 7-11 p.m. featuring live music. A 1-1/2 hour dance workshop, taught by Donna Barker and Mike Marcotte, begins at 7 p.m. No partner required. Admission for the workshop and dance is \$17 (7 - 11 p.m.); or \$12 for the dance only (8:30 - 11 p.m.). For more information, e-mail dbarker@glenechopark.org.

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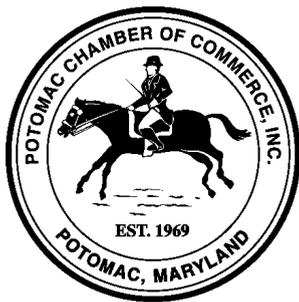
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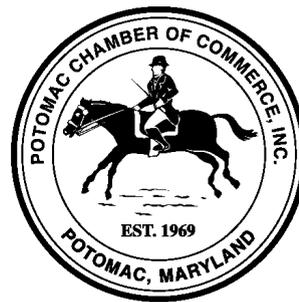
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SPORTS

Coaches Size Up Their Teams

New coaches, youth are focus of area soccer teams.

BY MARK GIANNOTTO
THE ALMANAC

Soccer coaches around the area are always adjusting to the changeover in personnel that is an inevitable with players graduating and moving on to college.

But what does a team do when the situation is reversed and a veteran-laden squad with state championship aspirations must learn to co-exist with a new coach?

This season, the Churchill boy's soccer team face just such a question after long-time coach Dave Kelley stepped down after a decade as head coach to become the school's athletic director this past spring.

And although the Bulldogs' new coach, Arnold Tarzy, was the school's golf coach a year ago, the transition from golf course to soccer pitch shouldn't be as difficult as it may seem at first glance. Tarzy runs the Potomac Soccer Club, and has been coaching soccer for 12 years. In addition to stints as coach of the varsity girls' teams at Wootton and Jewish Day School, Tarzy recently took an area under-20 all-star team to the national championship tournament this summer.

The new coach also inherits a Churchill team that went 12-4 last season before losing a double overtime thriller to undefeated state champion Magruder. And he's already got the seal of approval from his predecessor.

"He knows these kids pretty well, he's followed the program over the past several years while I've been coaching, so there aren't new surprises," Kelley said. "He's got a good bunch of kids to work with and I think he'll do a fine job."

Churchill should be well-balanced this season, with senior leaders all over the field. Tarzy said the defense will rely on senior



New Churchill boy's soccer coach Arnold Tarzy looks on at a recent practice.

co-captain Jamie LaFleur, while senior co-captain Max Rutherford will be called upon to be the "engine of the team" in the midfield. Leading the charge up front will be returning all-state selection, senior Kevin Dansky, who scored 15 goals for the Bulldogs a season ago.

Early indications are that even with a new coach manning the sidelines, these Bulldogs have as good a shot as any to be the best team in the area — and maybe the state.

Just don't tell that to their new coach yet. "If they stay on task and do certain things that they're asked to do, they have the capability from a talent and athleticism standpoint to win a state championship," Tarzy said. "But it's not always who has the best talent that wins."

AS WOOTTON BOY'S soccer coach Doug Schussler puts it, the Patriots won't be devoid of senior leadership this season, but they certainly won't be able match up age- or experience-wise with many of the area's top soccer programs.

After an 8-6-2 season that ended in the second round of the state playoffs last year, Wootton returns just five starters on a roster that will have 13 underclassmen.

"I think we're going to be able to compete with anybody, the question on our guys

is we're going to be a little undersized and we're going to be a little young," said Schussler, who is now in his 13th season as coach for Wootton. "The question is can we bring enough intensity for 80 straight minutes?"

The Patriots graduated a number of players from their defense this off-season, forcing Schussler to move senior Skylar Olson to the back after he played in the midfield a year ago.

Expect senior midfielder Sam Holsey and junior forward Stephen Ho to provide the offensive firepower for a Patriot team looking for youth to be served this season.

SOME MAY THINK returning three starters from a team that went 10-4-2 a year ago would be a negative heading into a new season. But for the Whitman boy's soccer team, it's not about how many are back, it's who's back.

Vikings coach Dave Greene hasn't changed his expectations one bit after losing to eventual state champion Magruder in the regional semifinals last year. While some may view his team as depleted, Greene believes Whitman has simply reloaded.

"We are going to get the same talent base every year," Greene said. "It's whether you



PHOTOS BY MARK GIANNOTTO/THE ALMANAC

Wootton senior Skylar Olson should help solidify an otherwise young Patriot defense this season. Olson played in the midfield a year ago.

have those one or two players that puts you over the edge. It's a question of which of those team's players play the best at the right time."

If the defense holds up, the Vikings should make some noise this season led by seniors Paul Torres, Dominick Yin, and Scott Gerfen. All three started a year ago and should provide plenty of offense.

LAST SEASON was a tough pill to swallow for the Bullis boy's soccer team. After capturing an IAC title in 2006, the Bulldogs stumbled to a 2-14-2 record.

But new coach Andres Parra, who graduated from Bullis in 1999, has plans to rid the Bulldogs of that losing culture and author a quick turnaround back to the winning ways of just two years ago.

"Improvement for the season would be to compete for an IAC Championship," Parra said. "That's the type of success we'd like to get back to."

Parra was the coach of the Bullis girl's soccer team for the past two seasons, so he is familiar with a roster that will consist of mostly sophomores and juniors. Despite returning just two starters, the team is optimistic that junior midfielder Luis Calderon, a transfer from Paint Branch, and senior midfielder Julian Nienaber will provide the experience to guide Bullis back to its familiar perch at the top of the standings.

Churchill at a Glance

Coach: Arnold Tarzy, 1st season
2007 record: 12-4
Key Returning Players: Senior Jamie LaFleur, defense; senior Max Rutherford, midfield; senior Kevin Dansky, forward.

Wootton at a Glance

Coach: Doug Schussler, 13th season
2007 record: 8-6-2
Key Returning Players: Senior Skylar Olson, defense; senior Sam Holsey, midfield; junior Stephen Ho, forward.

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Coach: Dave Greene, 13th season
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Bullis at a Glance

Coach: Andres Parra, 1st season
2007 record: 2-14-2
Key Returning Players: Senior Julian Nienaber, midfield; sophomore Kamar St-Louis, forward.

SPORTS

Experience, Talent Shape Girl's Soccer Teams

Area teams ready to surprise after reloading with new talent.

BY MARK GIANNOTTO
THE ALMANAC

When the leading returning goal scorer for the Churchill girl's soccer team, Pam Vranis, went down with an ACL injury this summer, ending her 2008 season before it even started, the only thought that popped into Bulldogs head coach Haroot Hakopian's head was, "Here we go again."

Last season after an encouraging start, the Bulldogs fell victim to several injuries — particularly in their defense — and at one point lost six-straight matches while stumbling to an 8-7 record.

With a legion of veterans watching games from the sidelines, Hakopian was forced to let several freshmen learn as they played in game situations. A year later, Hakopian was hoping his squad now had the perfect balance of experienced veterans and talented underclassmen ready to show just how much they have grown after taking their lumps last season.

Even with Vranis' injury, Hakopian still believes his team is capable of competing for a region title. The goals will just be a little harder to come by.

"The key problem is making sure everyone meshes, comes together, and is able to play extremely competitive," Hakopian said. "We're very talented, and I'm excited about having [a lot of youth], but you have very little room for error in the division and the region that we play in."

The Bulldogs will count on a duo of transfers to replace the eight goals and 18 assists Vranis had last season. Junior Kelly Foster from Annapolis and junior Jackie Nolan from Holy Child will likely start at forward and have been "pleasant surprises," according to Hakopian.

Anchoring the defense for Churchill will be senior Nikki Frank, while senior midfielder Yasmina Hussein returns from an injury-plagued 2007 season to help lead the Bulldog attack. Freshman Jenna Kantor should also be a major contributor after playing at a high level on the club circuit in middle school.

"They are such talented underclassmen and they have completely blown me away," Hussein said of the team's youth movement. "I didn't really know what to expect this season, but they've really stepped it up so



The Wootton girl's soccer team before a practice last week. The Patriots hope to replicate their run to the regional finals a year ago.

far."

HIS TEAM MAY have made the regional finals a year ago, but new Wootton girl's soccer coach Doug Yanity thinks he has the best-kept secret in the area.

Despite graduating nine seniors from last year's squad, Yanity believes his Patriots have re-tooled to the point that talk of a rebuilding year is moot.

"We do have plenty of talent on the team, and if we get some cohesion, we could sneak up on some people and surprise some people," Yanity said. "I don't think there are a lot of people that are expecting too much from us."

Senior Sam Schlosburg and junior Allison Yaeger, an all-state honorable mention last season, will be counted on to lead the offense this year. Yanity also said he expects contributions from two senior transfers, Erin Morris and Rebecca Koutsandreas.

IF EXPERIENCE wins games then the 2008 Whitman girl's soccer team should top the list of teams to beat this season. The Vikings return 13 players from a squad that went 8-7 a year ago.

Among those returning are midfielders Retha Koefoed and Emma Bethel, who will serve as the team's captains this season. Junior Catherine Barth, the Vikings leading scorer with 11 goals last season, is also back.



New Bullis girl's soccer coach Celeste Melanson talks with her team before the Bulldogs' season opening win over Georgetown Day School.

But coach Greg Hammer, starting his fourth year as coach, cautions against putting too much emphasis on experience since many of his key returning upperclassmen — particularly on the defense — will be getting their first taste of on-field action this season. The Vikings opened the season with a 2-0 win over Rockville Monday night.

"The big question mark is our defense," Hammer said. "We don't have an experienced goalkeeper and defense. We're going to have to lean on our midfield and forwards to lead us."

A LOT IS NEW about the Bullis girl's soccer team this season. Celeste Melanson, a

1999 Bullis graduate, comes over from St. John's to lead a Bulldog squad that finished with a .500 record in IAC league play last year. Along with a new coach, the team welcomes a batch of talented juniors and underclassmen that Melanson believes will pay instant dividends. Junior Kennan Bradley and senior Gabrielle Gear are expected to lead the team, while sophomore goalie Samira Jackson should make goals a rarity.

The team has already won its first game of the season, a 2-1 victory over Georgetown Day School.

"We have a really strong team this year and we're definitely looking at more than a rebuilding year," Melanson said.

Churchill at a Glance

Coach: Haroot Hakopian, 8th season
2007 finish: lost in regional semifinals
Key Returning Players: Senior Nikki Frank, defense; senior Yasmina Hussein, midfield; sophomore Rachel Marincola, defense.

Wootton at a Glance

Coach: Doug Yanity, 1st season
2007 finish: lost in regional finals
Key Returning Players: Senior Sam Schlosburg, midfield; junior Allison Yaeger, forward.

Whitman at a Glance

Coach: Greg Hammer, 4th season
2007 finish: lost in first round of regional playoffs
Key Returning Players: Junior Catherine Barth, forward; senior Retha Koefoed, midfield.

Bullis at a Glance

Coach: Celeste Melanson, 1st year
2007 finish: 5-10-2 record
Key Returning Players: Senior Gabrielle Gear, forward; junior Kennan Bradley, defense.

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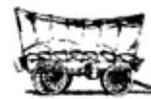
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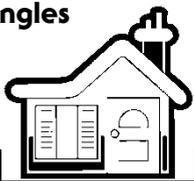
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SPORTS

Nearly Stunning State Champs

Late touchdown takes down Patriots in season opener.

BY MIKE WEINER
THE ALMANAC

Fresh off their first non-losing season since 1991, the Wootton Patriots football team nearly started its 2008 campaign with a resounding bang. A late touchdown by Quince Orchard, the reigning 4A state champion and prohibitive favorite to repeat this season, gave the Cougars a 26-21 win, and prevented the Patriots from registering one of the biggest upsets in the program's history.

No one gave Wootton much of a chance to even compete against the reigning Maryland 4A state champion Cougars, who came into the game with not only the number one ranking in the area, but also the number 36 ranking in the country according to ESPN Rise.com.

The Patriots, however, had other ideas.

"The mindset before the game was that we were going to win," said head coach Greg Malling, "We weren't looking for a moral victory or anything like that."

Wootton proved they belonged on the field with QO, something it didn't do en route to a 41-6 loss in last season's opener. The Cougars went on to win the state championship, a caveat that gave Wootton extra motivation coming into the game.

"The fact that they were state champions made it a little easier to focus on them, I think," said junior safety Alex Kelly.

WOOTTON STARTED the game strong, and with the help of two third-down penalties by Quince Orchard, converted its first drive into a touchdown. Senior quarterback Mike Mooney, who led Montgomery County in pass attempts and completions last year, found wide receiver Stephane Ngoumou for a 40-yard touchdown catch just minutes into the game.

Quince Orchard, though, came right back, scoring on its first play from scrimmage, a 65-yard touchdown run. From there, the Cougars dominant run game and defense took charge, and the Cougars scored 13 consecutive points, and Quince Orchard forced a Mooney fumble in the red zone to take a 20-7 lead into halftime.

Starting the third quarter down 20-7, disaster nearly struck the Patriots again. On the first possession of the half, Wootton was forced to punt. The snap went over the head of punter Scott Ayers, and Quince Orchard got the ball at Wootton's 15-yard line. The Patriot defense, after being victimized by Quince Orchard's running game in the first half, stepped up and shut down the Cougars' effort to blow the game open. "It always helps me to get hit really hard to start the game because it kind of gets the jitters out and you can settle in," said Kelly, "We did a much better job of showing up starting in the second half."

THE THIRD QUARTER is also when the Wootton offense kicked into high gear, with Mooney finding all of his receivers in space. Mooney finished 27-47 for 240 yards and three touchdowns, with one interception. He managed to complete passes despite



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Wootton wide receiver Stephane Ngoumou catches a pass during the Patriots' near upset of 2007 state champion Quince Orchard.

the efforts of Quince Orchard's vaunted defense, led by senior defensive lineman Terrence Stephens, a verbal commit to Stanford. On a crucial fourth and goal play from inside the Cougar 10 yard line, Mooney found wide receiver Pete Spiropolous in the corner of the end zone to bring the Patriots back to within 20-14. "The good thing about our offense is that it pretty much gives everyone equal opportunity to catch the ball," Mooney said, "the defense can't take away one guy; they have to worry about four or five receivers that have an equal chance to catch the ball every time."

—Wootton Coach
Greg Malling

Early in the fourth quarter, the Cougars drove down to the Patriot red zone, where they faced a second and goal. They tried a fade pattern to the back corner of the end zone, and Kelly made his mark on the game with a key interception. "I could see that it was going to be a pass play because of where the running back was lined up so I lined up a little bit off the line," he said. "I just went up for the ball, tipped it, it actually went off his helmet and I came down with it."

With 9:12 remaining in the game, the Wootton offense took advantage of the situation and drove the ball down the field. Mooney gained three first downs in less than two minutes. Finally, Wootton regained the lead on Mooney's touchdown pass to Junior Matt Grimm, sending the Wootton crowd into a state of euphoria.

Following a 4th down stop on the next Cougar possession, it seemed as if the sun would set early on QO's bid for another perfect season. Wootton, however, could not convert on their next possession and was forced to punt. Quince Orchard finally regained their championship confidence, driving the ball from their own 30-yard line to score the final touchdown of the game, a quarterback sneak with just 27 seconds left. The Patriots helped their opponent though, committing two offsides penalties on the drive, one on third down which gave the Cougars a first down.

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Battling Dystonia

Former teacher
living with dystonia.

BY DANIEL LIN
THE ALMANAC



This year's entertainment at the awards reception and banquet are the Irish music duo The McTeggarts. They are standing on either side of Christy Hughes, the owner of the Irish Inn at Glen Echo.

Dystonia, an unexpected guest, made quite an impression with its first knock on Donna Driscoll's door.

She once could run up and down the court with ease, transitioning smoothly from threading groundstrokes near the baseline to placing volleys at the net. "I was a very avid tennis player," she said. Four years ago she was chasing forehands and lofting lobs as usual when those legs that covered ground so quickly suddenly gave way. Her left foot wouldn't land the way it normally did, and she was forced to retire from the doubles match.

Two years later she was diagnosed with dystonia, a neurological movement disorder that spasms muscles, causing them to twist or jerk involuntarily in repeated or patterned movements.

Soon after the disease stole tennis, it forced her to retire from her teaching post at Garrett Park Elementary School in Kensington. Two things that move Driscoll in life are sports and teaching, and though dystonia tried to muffle both these things for her, her passions would not quiet.

"I come from a family of golfers," said Driscoll. Driscoll credits this background with her smooth transition from the sport "that was taken from me" to the one whose nature better suited her current condition. "She's a natural athlete," said her husband, who would sometimes accompany her to the golf course. There, he noticed "a lot of people playing golf these days."

Driscoll saw the potential, to bring back that music of sport and teaching, of a day of playing golf and bringing awareness to a little-known medical condition. She put in calls to dystonia research foundations. Her husband reached out to his friends at work. Then in October of last year, Bretton Woods Golf Course in Potomac hosted the first annual Dystonia Golf Classic.

Patrick McMurphy Dies

FROM PAGE 5

everybody says [about him was] his infinite sense of wonder about everything, almost a childlike sense of wonder."

IN RECENT DAYS the McMurphys have heard many fond tales of their son, but in particular they have heard of how supportive a friend he was.

"He was always encouraging friends to do what they loved and pursue their dreams and he was finally following his own advice," Michael McMurphy said.

"He was one of the most eternally energetic, funny and outlandish people I've known and coming back to an America without Patrick will be a very, very strange

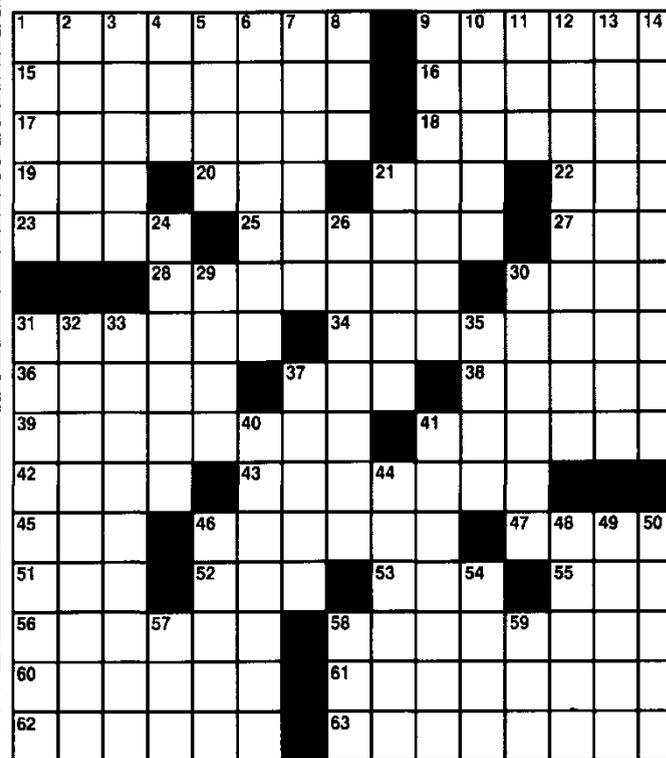
feeling," said Richard.

A memorial service will be held for Patrick McMurphy in the Blair Family Center for the Arts at the Bullis School at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 13. The McMurphy family has established the non-profit Patrick Michael McMurphy Memorial Foundation to promote arts — particularly theater, film, and music — through scholarships, educational endeavors and contributions to charitable organizations, with a special focus on supporting children, youth and the disadvantaged. Those wishing to make a donation to the foundation can do so by mailing a check to the Patrick Michael McMurphy Memorial Foundation, P.O. Box 60806, Potomac, MD 20859.

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ACROSS

- 1 "Pssst!" source
9 Checks (out)
15 Presence
16 Husk-wrapped dish
17 Simulate
18 Shadowy
19 One abroad
20 Poetic period
21 E-mail address ending
22 James's follower
23 Top
25 Deserts
27 Coll. course
28 "She's the One" actress
30 Big name in Dixieland
31 Breakfast order
34 1862 battle site
36 Irritates
37 Loser in the Seven Years' War: Abbr.
38 Vacation locale with 3,500-year-old ruins
39 Like some wells
41 Ease
42 Neckwear piece

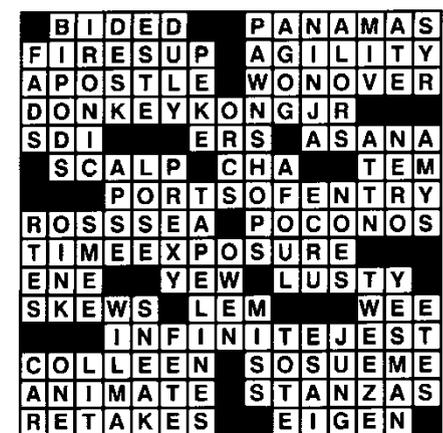
DOWN

- 43 Wink: Var.
45 Affect, with "to"
46 They take panes
47 Distressed cry
51 Arctic explorer John —
52 "___ Woman" (1975 hit)
53 Tiny bit
55 Struggle
56 Like Federal tax laws
58 It's binding
60 Puts on
61 Made an aqueduct, maybe
62 They have sharp tongues
63 Bucks

- 8 "___, smile not at my sullen brow": Byron
9 Kind of union
10 "Caligula" playwright
11 Overseer of U.S. govt. money
12 Sponges
13 Involved
14 Some local politicians
21 Broad collars
24 Accessed, with "into"
26 Firm

- 29 1987 Costner role
30 "Hiroshima" author, 1946
31 Unwanted growth
32 Oxide of cerium, yttrium, etc.
33 Station wagon, in England
35 Tracy Marrow, familiarly
37 Mrs. Gorbachev
40 Muddled
41 Ristorante order
44 Ordinairiness
46 Strength
48 Rudimentary seed
49 Bell Atlantic employee
50 City ENE of Manchester
54 Judge's seat, in law
57 Biographical bit
58 Mil. titles
59 Shatner's "___War"

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