

# Potomac ALMANAC

Wootton's Allison Yeager corrals a loose ball in front of Churchill's Jenna Cantor. Yeager, a junior, scored the lone Patriot goal in a 1-1 tie with Churchill that broke the Patriots 10-year streak of beating the Bulldogs.



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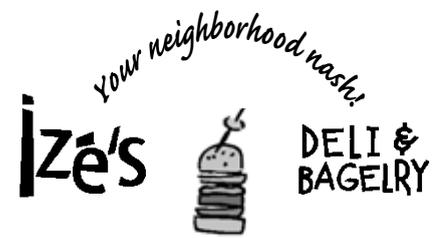
This year's Awards Committee consists of Fred Goldman, Attorney at Law; Andrea Alderdice, W.C. & A.N. Miller Realtors and Jennifer Matheson, Resturant Zone, Inc.

Rules for nominations are as follows: The Businessperson and his or her company must work or do business in Potomac and be a member of the Potomac Chamber of Commerce; The Citizen of the Year can be a private individual or organization in the 20854 zip code area that has benefited the community; and the Youth of the Year must reside or go to school in the 20854 zip code area.

Please mail or fax your entries to the Potomac Chamber of Commerce, Inc. **THE DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 3, 2008.** The committee and the Chamber's Board of Directors will vote on the nominees on or about October 6.

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## Too Close for Comfort

Police say home invasion investigation a top priority; residents concerned by “brazen” suspect.

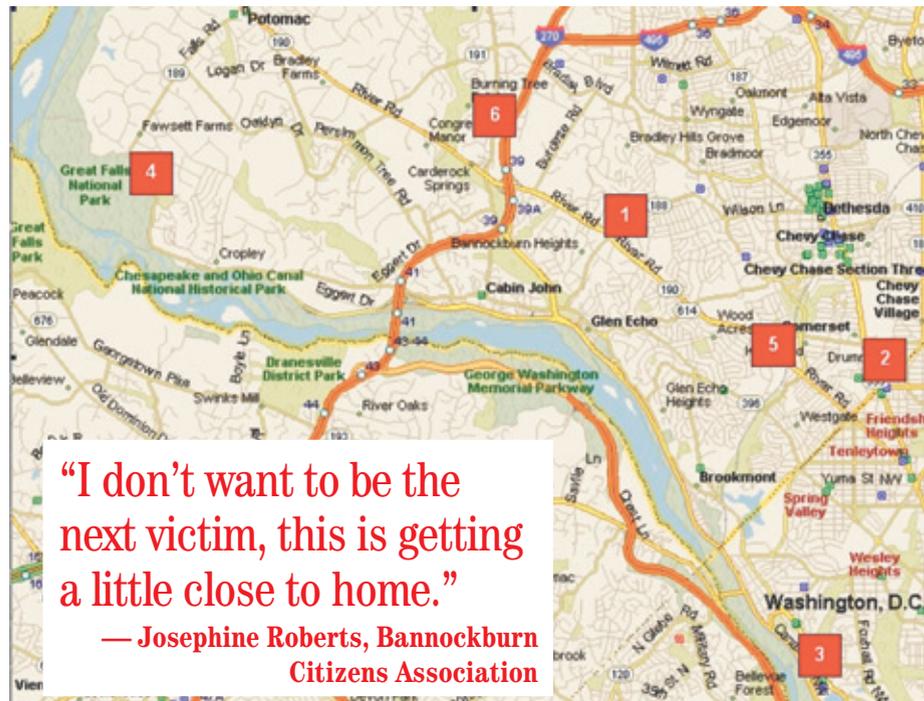
BY AARON STERN  
THE ALMANAC

The ongoing investigation into a series of home invasions in and around Potomac that turned deadly earlier this month is a top priority of the Montgomery County Police Department, officials said at a public meeting last week. Mary Frances Havenstein was killed in what police believe to be the sixth related home invasion in the last year that has targeted elderly residents — elderly women, in particular — in Potomac, Chevy Chase, Bethesda, and Northwest D.C.

At least 300 people packed the cafeteria at Seven Locks Elementary School on Tuesday, Sept. 16 in a meeting hosted by County Councilman Roger Berliner (D-1) and attended by County Executive Ike Leggett (D), states attorney John McCarthy, and several high-ranking police officials.

“Whatever’s required we plan to utilize it to the fullest extent possible,” said Leggett. “We can not tolerate this type of criminal activity anywhere in the county.”

Dozens of teams of police officers and detectives have been assigned to the investigation, patrol strategies have been increased, and states attorney John McCarthy said he has taken the unusual tactic of assigning the case to himself with the intention of prosecuting the suspect to the fullest extent possible if and when



Map depicting home invasions was distributed by the Montgomery County Police Department at last week’s meeting.

they are arrested. Beyond that, police offered few details, saying that they did not want to jeopardize the investigation. When asked how entry was gained in the break-ins police declined to answer the question specifically, saying only that a variety of methods had been used and that not all of the entries had been forced. To date, police said that they do not believe that security systems had been disarmed to gain access in any of the incidents.

**OFFICIALS URGED** residents to be on the lookout for suspicious activity in their neighborhood both at night and during the day.

“When you’re driving through your neighborhood, please, drive the extra block, look around, and if you see someone walking their dog in the neighborhood and you’ve never seen them before, call it in,” said Russ

Hamill, Montgomery County Police Second District commander.

Police also advised residents to keep all ground floor doors and windows locked, including the door leading to a garage. They also urged residents to keep their garage doors closed, as that is a common entry point in burglaries, and to not leave tools or ladders out in their yards. Residents should also leave a light on in the home when they are away and have their neighbors collect mail and newspapers for them when they are out of town, police said.

**HAVENSTEIN’S DEATH** was an unsettling tragedy in an area not used to feeling unsafe, said Berliner.

“Very few of us have had to deal with  
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“I don’t want to be the next victim, this is getting a little close to home.”

— Josephine Roberts, Bannockburn Citizens Association

## 20 Years Of Faith

Congregation B’Nai Tzedek founded as “reform conservadox.”

BY AARON STERN  
THE ALMANAC

Most new religious congregations — churches, synagogues, mosques — are formed because an existing community of potential parishioners bands together to start an organization that they feel will fill an existing void. Congregation B’Nai Tzedek, which this year celebrates its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, was the opposite.

When Randy Weiss saw Rabbi Stuart Weinblatt conduct the funeral service for one of his clients in the mid-1980s, he was impressed. Weiss was so taken with Weinblatt, in fact, that he began talking to the rabbi in the following weeks about starting his own congregation on the other side of the Beltway from Bowie, where the rabbi was then leading a reformed synagogue in Bowie.

The timing was perfect for Weinblatt, who wanted to shift to a conservative synagogue that placed more of an emphasis on community and the preservation of the Jewish heritage as opposed to the emphasis on the individual religious autonomy of the reformed movement. As Weiss and Weinblatt talked, the idea grew. Both men saw the need for a new conservative synagogue in the Potomac-Bethesda area that would appeal to people looking for a small community with a personal touch.

One by one they approached families they thought would be good fits and in 1988, B’Nai Tzedek was

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“He makes things accessible in a sort of non-threatening way and let’s face it, a lot of people are afraid to walk into a synagogue.”

— Helane Goldsteinm, president, Congregation B’Nai Tzedek

## Run for It

Home Run to raise money for D.C.-area elderly Jews.

BY AARON STERN  
THE ALMANAC

Harvey Goodman likes to run and he likes to help people. He’s not a marathoner by trade or habit and he doesn’t perform superhuman feats of endurance races, but when he hears a good cause he straps up his running shoes.

“This is a guy, he hears people are in need,  
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Participants in last year’s Hebrew Home Run 10k/5k stand ready at the starting line. The annual event that used to be the Oy Vey 10k raises money for the Hebrew Home of Greater Washington, D.C. and the Jewish Foundation for Group Homes.

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## Volatile Crash on Beltway

As The Almanac went to press on Tuesday, Sept. 23 the southbound lanes of I-495 just south of River Road were shut down as emergency responders dealt with a welding truck that flipped over and caught fire at approximately 11:10 a.m.

The driver of the truck was transported to a local hospital, though no details on the driver's condition were immediately available. It was believed that the truck may have been traveling northbound before it flipped over the jersey barrier and into the southbound lanes, but that could not be confirmed, said Jim Seavey, chief of the Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department, which along with Glen Echo Fire Department were among the many stations that responded to the call.

Once the driver had been removed and transported, fire crews stood by at least 100 feet away as a hazardous materials response unit was dispatched from Chevy Chase Fire Department to handle several acetylene tanks that had been compromised in the crash, said Jim Seavey, chief of the Cabin John Park department.

Southbound traffic backed up past the I-270 spur, and commuters stood between cars talking with one another while others lay on their hoods and northbound traffic backed up past the American Legion Bridge as all but one northbound lane was shut down.

## Police Open House

The Montgomery County Police 1st District Station will open its doors for tours, demonstrations, and activities for the whole family on Saturday, Sept. 27 from 12 to 3 p.m. There will be demonstrations by Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT), a Maryland National Capital Park Police horse-mounted officer, K-9 officers with canine partners, and motorcycle officers. A Maryland State Police helicopter and the MCP Command Bus will be available for viewing. The station is located at 1451 Seven Locks Road in Rockville.

## Park Volunteer Activities

Montgomery County's parks will get a helping hand from hundreds of volunteers this National Public Lands Day, Saturday, Sept. 27. This year's National Public Lands Day volunteer projects in Montgomery County Parks include a cleanup at Cabin John Stream Valley Park from 10 a.m. –noon. Those wishing to participate should meet at Cabin John Local Park, 7401 MacArthur Boulevard, Cabin John. Montgomery County Sierra Club members with Montgomery Parks Weed Warrior volunteers will manually remove invasive plants in Cabin John Stream Valley Park to save the park's majestic trees.

For a complete listing of park cleanup projects this weekend and other volunteer opportunities visit [www.ParksVolunteers.org](http://www.ParksVolunteers.org).

## Forum on Canal Breach

The Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historical Park and the C&O Canal Trust will host a community forum on Saturday, Oct. 4, at 9:30 a.m. to address issues related to the breach in the canal near Old Angler's Inn. The forum will take place on the canal just downstream of the breach. Parking is available across the street from Old Angler's Inn restaurant which is located at 10801 MacArthur Blvd. Kevin Brandt, Superintendent, C&O Canal NHP, and Matthew Logan, President, C&O Canal Trust, will be on hand to provide the public with information about how the breach will affect visitors' use of the area and how the initial and long-term repairs will be undertaken.

## Voter Deadlines Approach

On behalf of area elections officials, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments is reminding citizens in the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia to make sure they are registered to vote. The deadline for registering in Maryland, the deadline is Oct. 14. People that have moved since the last time they voted must update their address to remain eligible to vote this November. For information on registering to vote in Maryland, call 1-800-222-8683.

## PEOPLE

# The Night the Lights Went Out

BY CISSY FINLEY GRANT  
THE ALMANAC

**I**t was the night the lights went out for Patti Marsh. Correction. Night, day and night again they were out. Perhaps, a better subtitle would be, "How many candles does it take a party to make? Marsh's answer would maybe be: "One too many."

When Marsh first awoke in the dark, there were only a few hours before her out-of-town houseguests were due to arrive, and just a few more hours following that, a seated dinner party in their honor was planned.

**GETTING AROUND** "At 8:30 a.m. I called Pepco and was told the outage was first reported around 4 a.m.," she said. There's not much a hostess can do to prepare for a dinner party without electricity, other than set the table and pray the "juice" would soon return.

"I called every two hours and talked to a real person each time. Each time, there was a different answer given when I asked, "When?" Around 1:30 p.m. she was advised in two hours. By then, her houseguests had arrived. At 4 p.m. following another urgent call, she was told a crew had not yet been assigned. When 6 p.m. rolled around she called and was told it would be 8 p.m.

**IN LATE AFTERNOON** the creative hostess enlisted her son, Bill Marsh, visiting here from Chicago, and another son, Chris Marsh, who lives in Kentlands, to come to the rescue. Bill drove to Potomac from his hotel pad and began ferrying food to understanding intended guests. A lovely beef fillet went several miles away and a scrumptious pasta dish traveled to Kentlands for son, Chris, to finish preparing.

There was a baby spinach, pecan, feta and strawberry salad to prepare and a host of hot hors d'oeuvres to heat up. The Marsh brothers, both formerly in the catering business, jumped in like the pros they once were. Chris brought in a camp stove that was used to prepare a grape tomato dish and for last minute warm ups. He declined to join the party, but chose to keep an eye on the kitchen.

Even Pepco couldn't put the quietus on this party.

Marsh's out-of-own houseguests, Ellen and Bill Kowalyk, from Vero Beach, Fla., (she the former Ellen Lawther, who with her late husband, John, lived in Potomac) pitched right in and made phone calls to expected dinner guests, asking them to bring flashlights. Fortunately it was a lovely, cool September evening in no need of air conditioning. Although the cocktail hour was extended, there were no complaints. Everyone enjoyed the cool of the evening.

Luminescent candlelight permeated the house when dinner was finally served. From the powder room to the dinner table, the entire house was aglow. Who needed electricity?

**HOWEVER, AROUND** 8 p.m. Patti Marsh gave Pepco one more call. She was advised it would be about 10 p.m. (Good. Just in time for the dishwasher!) "I gave up after 8 p.m. because I was lied to every time," she lamented.

By then, her guests were happily seated, indulg-



PHOTO BY CISSY FINLEY GRANT/THE ALMANAC

**Patti Marsh holds the remains of a burnt candle shade which caught fire. The shade sat on top of a candle "follower" (seen left, intact). The candle, "follower" and shade toppled over and fell to the floor when the candle burnt down.**

ing in a scrumptious dinner by candlelight. Although the chocolate cheesecake was a tad soupy, and there was no apres-dinner coffee, the hostess, and her son Chris, who stayed to assist his mom (it was learned he postponed his anniversary celebration to help out) pulled it off royally. It was a wise decision by Chris to keep an eye on things. The shade, on one of two candle "followers" on the kitchen table, caught afire. The flame was over a foot high when he first saw it

after it had fallen to the floor. He grabbed a large pan of water and doused the flame, but not before it burned a small portion of the floor, which will need replacing.

Just one more minor mishap to interrupt an otherwise perfectly normal seated dinner party for 10, in Potomac.

As for Pepco, and why the lights went out in the Copenhagen neighborhood on a windless, rainless day, and stayed out for nearly 24 hours, Bob Hainey of the Pepco media center said, "At 4:11 a.m. a crew responded, looked around and could not find anything wrong. Another crew arrived a

10:28 a.m. and found a transformer fuse had blown and an underground cable fault." This was a major repair job.

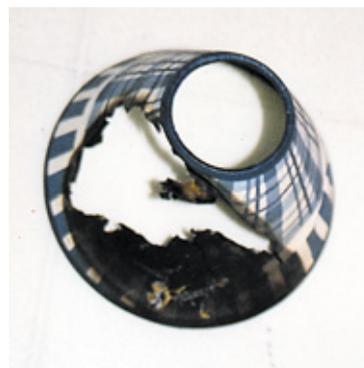
The crew that arrived on the scene at 10:28 a.m. one morning was there until 2:25 a.m. the following morning, when the lights finally went on again in Patti Marsh's Potomac home.

And, why was she given so much misinformation, so many times?

"I can't explain why," Hainey said. But, he promised to find out.

The information was not available prior to deadline.

Stay tuned.



**The fire was quickly extinguished, but the shade shows the damage.**

# PETS



**Skittle**

**Skittles** is a male, 5-year-old, 50 lbs., neutered Lab mix. Skittles is a lively fellow, typical of a Lab. He had a past life where he did a bit of wandering, but is now being schooled in being a pet. Skittles would do best with a Lab experienced adopter who would cherish this bright, active boy.



**Ruby**

**Ruby** is a female, 1-year-old, spayed, Vizsla mix. Ruby is a beauty and full of puppy energy. She loves to run, especially to fetch a tennis ball with a fenced yard and owner who will give direction and training to this happy hunting dog mix.

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 301-572-4729 or write to PAW, P.O. Box 1074, Greenbelt, MD 20768.

## 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](http://www.yourdogsfriend.info) or calling 301-983-5913.

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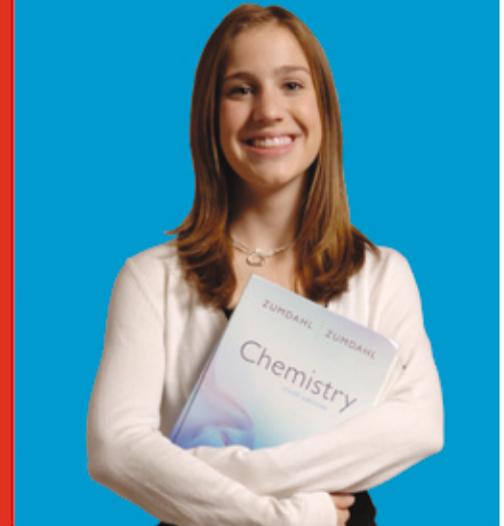
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## OPINION

# Challenges To Face Together

BY CAROL VAN DAM FALK  
WMCCA PRESIDENT

## Planning and Zoning Report

BY GEORGE BARNES

I look forward to serving our community as WMCCA's president this year. It's not easy to follow in the footsteps of an environmental icon such as Ginny Barnes, but I will give this job my best shot with the help of a truly dedicated Board, and input from caring citizens like you. The West Montgomery County Citizens Association is the oldest citizen's organization in the Potomac Subregion, representing thousands of residents as we work to protect the natural environment that buffers and supports our beautiful community and to preserve and protect the Potomac Master Plan as our community is developed and changed over time.

Sometimes change in our community is most welcome – and in other instances, it is not. This year, particularly, we have faced a number of seemingly local changes that touch on issues important to the county as a whole. County officials' rulings on Potomac issues can set precedents for all of Montgomery County. Examples of current precedent-changing issues include:

- ❖ A loop-hole in the county's Zoning Ordinance that permitted a small group home on each of three adjacent lots at the corner of Burbank Drive and Falls Road allowed a quasi-institution that evaded the county's Special Exception process.

- ❖ The Country Inn Zone was created at the time of the 2002 Master Plan for the Potomac Subregion, but the zone has not yet been applied to a new facility in the county. The size of a potential country inn on River Road in relation to its residentially-zoned neighborhood and the proportion of allowable commercial space will essentially define the zoning category for the county as a whole.

- ❖ The Potomac Swim Club is the first of the county's swim clubs to seek a Special Exception modification for a tennis bubble for winter use, which could be intrusive in a residential neighborhood.

- ❖ The Potomac Oaks sewer category change request opens the possibility of private sewer hook-ups to others in areas outside the county's sewer envelope. In Potomac and Darnestown, and especially in the Agricultural Reserve, the restriction of sewer service is what holds back rampant development.

WMCCA will continue to serve as a liaison between the community and the applicants and individuals whose plans may have far reaching impacts on our community. Our positions on these issues are influenced by our membership, and we need your help and your input as we continue to evaluate these issues and work with the Planning Board, the County Council and other advisory groups to ensure that decisions that are made are ones that will serve Potomac well into future generations. Let us all be engaged in these discussions that will impact all of our lives and the welfare of our community.

**Potomac Swim Club:** The club has filed an application for a modification to its existing Special Exception to permit the addition of a third tennis court between the existing two courts along Oaklyn Drive and cover all three courts with a seasonal cover, commonly known as a tennis bubble. This cover would be forest green, opaque, 154 feet wide by 118 feet deep and 36 feet high. There will be a generator, fan and heating unit located at the rear of the court. A single story building would be constructed next to the lower courts and adjoining the existing bath-house, with office space, storage, and shower and changing rooms for members. In addition, lighting for the Oaklyn Drive courts would be provided until 10 p.m. between May 1 and Sept. 30.

**Wellness Center:** The proposal for a wellness center on the former Furman property next to the Giant has been withdrawn. Dr. Yousif was kind enough to let us know that his plans have changed and, at least for the present, he will not go forward with his project.

**Cabin John Fire Station on Falls Road:** Fire house neighbors have been, once again, forced to deal with the fire department's seem-

ing willingness to permit almost anything to be built on their property if it will raise money, without the slightest regard for the concerns of their neighbors. First, a building to house switching equipment for Nextel cellular phone service along Falls Road was begun without a required special exception, (as per county law). Quite recently, a large trailer was placed on the property to serve as a construction office for the highway department during work on the Clara Barton Parkway. This seems to be a permitted use of the property. The good news is that the road construction should be completed in 60 days.

## Environmental Report

BY GINNY BARNES

**Forest Conservation Law Amendments:** Since it began to meet in April of this year, the Forest Conservation Advisory Committee (FCAC) has been tasked by the County Council with review and analysis of Bill 37-07 (the Park and Planning proposal for amendments to the existing FCL) as well as Councilmember Marc Elrich's amendment proposals that would preserve more existing forest, rather than replace forest lost through development (re-forestation). The FCAC met all summer, and, after much heated debate, submitted its report to the County Council on Sept. 12. Since the FCAC is heavily weighted with development interests, the report is uneven when it comes to addressing protection of

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# CRIME

Criminal activities reported by the Montgomery County Police Department through Sept. 9.

A **garage burglary** occurred in the 13800 block of Willow Tree Drive in Potomac between Friday, Sept. 5 at 9 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 6 at 6:30 a.m. The victim left the garage door open and the vehicle was stolen.

A **residential burglary** occurred in the 11200 block of Devilwood Drive in Potomac on Friday, Sept. 5 between 12:25 p.m. and 12:45 p.m. The suspect is a known acquaintance. No forced entry, property taken.

A **residential burglary** occurred in the 10000 block of Counselman Road in Potomac between Monday, Sept. 1 at 10 p.m. and Tuesday, Sept. 2 at 7:30 a.m. No forced entry, property taken.

A **school burglary** occurred at the Norwood School, 8821 River Road in Potomac overnight between Friday, Sept. 5 and Sunday, Sept. 7. Forced entry, property taken.

A **vandalism** occurred at The Washington Hebrew Congregation, 11810 Falls Road in Potomac between Saturday, Sept. 6 at 6 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 7 at 9 a.m. A banner was spray-painted with red lettering.

## Challenges

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forest resources and raises far too many concerns about the loss of housing units and building lots. Faced with a global climate change crisis — and knowing that overwhelming worldwide loss of forests is a major reason for it — defending every available building lot over preserving forest resources is fatuous. While the report has some useful recommendations, it does not support the stronger Elrich amendments. Montgomery County's Water Quality Advisory Group and its Air Quality Advisory Group have issued reports of their own on Bill 37-07, supporting amendments stronger than any now under consideration, as well as recognizing our climate crisis and the essential links to air and water quality that only trees and forest provide.

**Sewer Category Change:** The County Council has issued the current packet of category change requests. Staff has indicated the Potomac Oaks Center (WSSCR 07A-TRV-10) applicant is not ready to come back before the Council after requesting deferral in March of this year. Sewer service to this property will require a 5000 feet long low-pressure extension. The property is well outside the sewer envelope, and sewer access not consistent with the 2002 Potomac Master Plan. Given the high profile when it initially appeared, Council staff has indicated the application will be officially re-noticed when it does return for consideration.

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### FRIDAY/SEPT. 26

**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 [fdcontra@yahoo.com](mailto:fdcontra@yahoo.com).

**Salsa Dance.** Enjoy a Salsa Dance with a Salsa lesson at the Bumper Car Pavilion in Glen Echo Park from 8-9 p.m., taught by Keith Givens, followed by dancing to live music until midnight. All ages are welcome. \$12/person. Visit [www.oohsalsa.com](http://www.oohsalsa.com) for more.

### SATURDAY/SEPT. 27

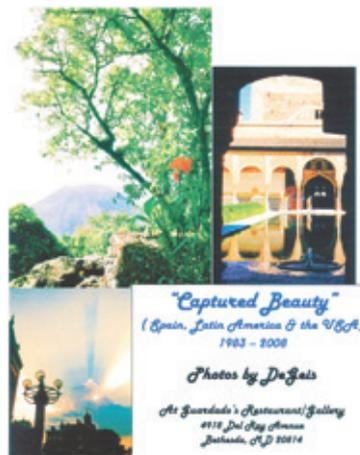
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**Conversation Club.** Join in practicing and improving your spoken English with the help of volunteers leading discussions from 3-5 p.m. at the Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive. Registration not required.

### SUNDAY/SEPT. 28

**DC Dance Challenge.** Enjoy all competitive dances and levels, plus Salsa, and Argentine Tango. This one-day ballroom dance competition, from 9:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m. in the Spanish Ballroom in Glen Echo Park also features a "Jack and Jill" mixer competition and evening "Dancing with the Starz" Showcase. All ages welcome. Admission TBA, e-mail [Jennifer@ForeverDancing.com](mailto:Jennifer@ForeverDancing.com).

**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](http://www.fsgw.org). \$12/nonmembers, \$9/FSGW members.



**Photographs by Donald Geis of Potomac will be on display at Guardado's Restaurant and Gallery in Bethesda on Sept. 29.**

**Instructors Reading.** The Writer's Center, 4508 Walsh St., Bethesda, will have its instructors read from their respective works from 2-4 p.m. Free.

### FRIDAY/OCT. 3

**Halloween Time.** Decorate your own wood door hanger and assemble a friendly ghost to keep them company for the holiday. Enjoy songs, games and story time with Perfect Parties by Terrye at the Cabin John Mall Atrium, 11325 Seven Locks Road, Potomac, 9:30 a.m.

**Adventure Theatre Gala.** Join Adventure Theatre at the Bumper Car Pavilion in Glen Echo Park to welcome Tony-nominated writer Dick Scalán to their annual gala. Costumer Mary Lou Semans will be honored as well. Call 301-634-2270 or visit [www.adeventuretheatre.org](http://www.adeventuretheatre.org).

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**1964...The Tribute.** Celebrate 1964 at the Music Center at Strathmore Concert Hall, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda, at 8 p.m.

### SATURDAY/OCT. 4

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Bel Cantanti Opera Company presents "The Past & The Future" with singers performing arias from well-known operas they have performed in the past and will be singing in the future. The show will be running on Saturday, **Sept. 27** at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, **Sept. 28** at 3p.m., held at the Olney Theater for the Arts, 2001 Olney Sandy Spring Road, Olney. \$35/adults, \$30/groups of 10+, \$25/students. Call 301-438-8682.

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**Ride to Thrive.** The Northern Virginia Therapeutic Riding Program will host the "Ride To Thrive" Polo Classic at the Summerhill Farm, 18411 Beallesville Road, Poolesville, from 1:30-6 p.m. Tickets: \$125/each; set of two/\$200. Tickets can be purchased at [www.ridetothrive.org](http://www.ridetothrive.org).  
**Swing Dance.** Washington Swing Dance committee presents a swing dance with the All Star Jam Band and introductory dance lesson at the Spanish Ballroom in Glen Echo Park. Beginner swing lesson from 8-9 p.m., dancing from 9 p.m.-12 a.m. \$15/person. E-mail [wsdcvolunteer@hotmail.com](mailto:wsdcvolunteer@hotmail.com).

### SUNDAY/OCT. 5

**Voices of the River.** Acacia Sears will perform at the River Center at Lockhouse 8, C&O Canal National Historical Park, 7906 Riverside Ave. Cabin John, 2-3 p.m. Contact [SEE CALENDAR, PAGE 9](mailto:SEE CALENDAR, PAGE 9)

## Geeks Against AIDS

Tres Lewis of Potomac just got back into biking this summer after having his hip replaced, and the timing turned out to be serendipitous. As he increased the duration and frequency of his rides, he took a call one evening from a telemarketer soliciting donations for the American Foundation for Children with AIDS. He made a donation and a few days later got literature about an upcoming bike ride for charity to raise money for the organization. Lewis wondered, "Why not combine his newly re-budding love of riding with charity?"

Lewis found the key to his answer in to coworkers, and the three joined to form team Geequinox, a reference to their day jobs as IT professionals in Northern Virginia combined with a suffix to make them sound like a professional riding team.

On Sunday, Sept. 28, Team Geequinox will ride from Alexandria, Va. to Mt. Vernon, Va. and back, nearly a 40-mile trip.

For Lewis, the trip is a chance to donate to a worthy cause, not to mention a challenging ride.

"There are a lot of causes that are out there, I think that children are an especially vulnerable group when it comes to disease and what have you," said Lewis.

The team is collecting donations and sponsors for their ride; their goal is \$5,000 and have so far collected \$1,120. To learn more about the American Foundation for Children with AIDS or to donate to the organization via Team Geequinox, visit [www.firstgiving.org/geequinox](http://www.firstgiving.org/geequinox).

— AARON STERN

# CALENDAR

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Potomac Conservancy's River Center Coordinator, Bridget Chapin, at chapin@potomac.org or 301-608-1188, x213, or go to www.potomac.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, call 202-238-0230.

**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. Beginner lesson 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.

**Sunday Blues.** 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.

## FINE ARTS

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

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## NEWS

# Residents Wary over Break-ins

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whether or not we are safe in our community and we don't want to get used to that," Berliner said.

Several of those in attendance last week on Tuesday night urged neighbors and residents to be watchful of lawn care services in their neighborhoods.

"This person seemed to know the neighborhood well," said Robert Moran of Potomac.

Others lamented what seems to be a general up-tick in crime in the area, from burglaries to car break-ins and thefts.

And while police continue to maintain that a seventh incident

that occurred on Sept. 18, 2007 — the day after the first incident in the string that police are investigating — is unrelated, the victim of that incident disagrees. In an email to police on Monday, Sept. 22 Jesus Lizarazo said that he had heard nothing from detectives on his case in nearly eight months and he urged them to consider his case as related to the others.

County police spokesperson Lucille Baur confirmed that police are continuing to investigate Lizarazo's home invasion as an independent incident.

As they left the meeting Tuesday night Henry and Gloria Lewis of

Potomac said that they felt safe in their neighborhood and were encouraged by what the police had to say, but were still concerned.

"I don't want to be the next victim, this is getting a little close to home," said Josephine Roberts, a member of the Bannockburn Citizens Association. She said that there are many elderly people in her community, and that as neighbors everyone seems to be looking out for one another more so than usual. Anyone with information or reports of suspicious activity in relation to this case is asked to call the Major Crimes Division at 240-773-5070.

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# Preparing for Hebrew Home Run

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he's there [even if] he's not affected by this, he just wants to give back," said Beth Eisman, a friend of Goodman's. Goodman, of Potomac, ran in the Marine Corps Marathon seven years ago to raise money for Cure Autism Now in support of Eisman's daughter, who is autistic.

This Saturday Goodman and hundreds of others with the itch

to run for a good cause will show up in Rockville for the annual Home Run 10k/5k and fun run which raises money for the Hebrew Home of Greater Washington and the Jewish Foundation for Group Homes, both of which offer elderly care and assisted living facilities for the local Jewish community.

The race is in its 16th year — it used to be the Oy Vey 10k — and

Goodman has chaired the race since he joined the Hebrew Home board in 2004.

"It's a good race, the weather looks like its going to be great and it's for two good charities," said Goodman.

For more information on the race visit [www.hebrewhome.org](http://www.hebrewhome.org) and click on the Home Run link under Upcoming Events near the bottom of the home page.



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# Celebrating 20 Years of Faith

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formed with roughly a half dozen families.

"We really started with nothing, it was just a handful of people," said Weinblatt as he sat in the book-lined confines of his Glen Road office last week.

**THE INITIAL MEMBERS** of B'Nai Tzedek were young families with parents in their mid to late thirties and young children or children on the way. They came from a variety of backgrounds. Some were brought up in reformed synagogues and, like Weinblatt, were looking for a more traditional grounding, others came from orthodox backgrounds and wanted something less formal, and still others came from conservative institutions but wanted a smaller environment.

Jill Weinstein and her husband Michael were the first official members of the synagogue, and in the many talks that begat the then-fledgling institution she realized that she and Weinblatt had the same goals: to create a modern, egalitarian, community-minded synagogue.

"We pulled on people who didn't want to be in a large synagogue situation," said Weinstein. She and her husband previously attended a much larger conservative synagogue where "we felt like we kind of got lost in that shuffle," she said.

Weiss has his own word for the type of congregation they created.

"Reform conservadox — that way it touches all three and the truth of the matter is when you look at the membership today I can show you members that are from orthodox backgrounds, reform and conservative," he said.

"I think that's unique," she said. "I don't think there's many places in town where you can meet in the middle, meet in such a comfortable way where both sides of the spectrum can connect," said the synagogue's current president Helene Goldstein.

**IN THE EARLY DAYS**, the sounds of bouncing basketballs competed with the voiced prayers of the B'Nai Tzedek congregants as they engaged in the holiest of prayers during Rosh Hoshanah and Yom Kippur. Just beyond the walls of their makeshift sanctuary in the Potomac Community Center meeting room were the center's basketball courts. The early days of B'Nai Tzedek were fittingly nomadic — they held services everywhere from the Potomac Community Center, to then-closed Cabin



PHOTO BY AARON STERN/THE ALMANAC

**Rabbi Stuart Weinblatt started B'Nai in 1988 with the help of a handful of founding members.**

John Middle School, Tilden Middle School, the old Harker School (now St. Andrews Episcopal), the Jewish Community Center in Rockville, and St. Raphael's Catholic Church on Falls Road.

The goal was to settle somewhere in or near Potomac once the funds were available, but opening in an area that included two well-established conservative synagogues was potentially a problem. Weinblatt met with the leaders of each organization and, instead of

resentment, found openness and understanding. Both organizations helped Weinblatt and B'Nai Tzedek in its infancy — Congregation Har Shalom lent the group a Torah scroll while B'Nai Israel gave them prayer books.

After four years of bouncing from one temporary location to another, B'Nai Tzedek bought their current property at 10621 South Glen Road from a Texas bank that had foreclosed on the property, and broke ground on their own. Five years later, their membership still growing, they expanded the building by nearly 40 percent including the construction of a new sanctuary.

Still a relatively small synagogue at roughly 600 families, Weinblatt remains a focal point for each of them.

"He makes things accessible in a sort of non-threatening way and let's face it, a lot of people are afraid to walk into a synagogue," said Goldstein. "Somehow he's transcended that."

"He was the glue that kept it together ... and everybody there's got a connection to the rabbi," said Weiss.

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# All Tied Up

Wootton scores late goal to tie favored Churchill, 1-1, in a game that saw nine yellow cards.

BY MARK GIANNOTTO  
THE ALMANAC

There have been some fairly memorable games in the long standing neighborhood rivalry between Churchill and Wootton, and last

**“I think it’s a great statement that we made to ourselves that with hard work anything is possible.”**

— Wootton coach Doug Schussler

Friday’s boy’s soccer match between the two schools didn’t disappoint.

Wootton eked out a 1-1 tie against the favored Bulldogs after Patriot senior captain Ethan Alkon scored a goal in the waning seconds of regulation time.

Looking back on the win, Wootton coach Doug Schussler couldn’t help but think of the game as a win for his young team’s psyche.

“I think it’s a great statement that we made to ourselves that with hard work anything is possible,” said Schussler, who during the preseason listed Churchill as the team to beat in terms of winning the regional title this year. “Walking off the field, (Patriot players) were real confident that they had taken a real step forward.”

Senior forward Kevin Dansky, who scored the team’s lone goal of the game, once again led the Bulldogs. Dansky, an all-state selection a year ago, now has 10 goals in four games this season.

From the outset, the match was extremely physical, befitting a rivalry that is important at both schools. There were nine yellow cards issued over the course of the game, eight for Churchill, but none resulted in either team



PHOTO BY HARVEY LEVINE/THE ALMANAC

**Wootton senior Sam Hulseley fights through two Churchill defenders. Last Friday’s 1-1 tie between the two teams was marked by physical play and featured nine yellow cards.**

having to play with a man down.

Despite the disappointing finish, Churchill coach Arnold Tarzy was looking towards the positives that such a hard fought contest can provide his team as it continues its quest for a state title this season.

“Every team has got to see what they do wrong or at least come to grips with what can happen when things don’t go as

planned,” Tarzy said. “It’s all part of the process and we will continue to grow as a team from every single game.”

The Bulldogs rebounded last night, defeating Watkins Mill, 2-0.

Wootton plays Wednesday at home against Sherwood, followed by a Friday match at defending state champion Magruder

## Streak Broken, Technically

Churchill girls snap Wootton’s 10-year streak of soccer dominance with a 1-1 tie.

BY AARON STERN  
THE ALMANAC

It was a strange scene that lasted for more than five minutes Friday night as coach and referee poured through the rulebook to clarify the situation on the field. A Wootton player had been given a double-yellow/red card for kicking a Churchill player on the ground, and Bulldog coach Haroot Hakopian insisted

**“We dominated this game and we’re pretty happy with a tie because we clearly were the better team.”**

— Churchill junior Kelly Foster

the rules required the Patriots to play a man down for the rest of the contest. The referees saw otherwise, and despite some heated exchanges and prolonged consultation of a rulebook Hakopian had with him on the sidelines — as fans groaned, and players milled about the field with nothing to do — the officials ruled the Patriots could indeed replace the

ejected player.

“That was something different,” said Wootton coach Keith Yanity when asked afterward if he had ever seen a similar scene on the pitch.

Different too was the outcome of the game. Not to be lost amid the officiating snafu was that when the dust settled Churchill and Wootton had played to a 1-1 tie on Friday, Sept. 19 as the Bulldogs snapped a 10-year streak of losing to the Patriots in both the regular and postseason that spanned 12 games in all.

“It’s been a weird cycle, and we’ve been talking about breaking that cycle over and over again,” Hakopian said.

**CHURCHILL MISSED** at least three solid scoring chances in the game’s first 10 minutes, including two shots that went off the left post, and the Patriots took advantage of those miscues to go on top first. Midway through the first half Wootton junior defender Molly Berman lofted a direct kick from 25 yards out over a wall of Churchill defenders and junior midfielder Allison Yeager cut through a crowd near the left side of the net, then leaped to head the ball past the outstretched arms of Churchill goalkeeper Nicole Andrews.

The goal put the Bulldogs back on their heels for a time, but they continued to play tight defense and in the second half increasing pressure on the Patriot defense. With just over 12 minutes gone in the second half, Churchill sophomore defender Alexis Shay stopped a clearing attempt by the Patriots and found junior forward Kelly Foster, who made a move around a Wootton defender and launched the ball off of the diving arms of Wootton’s

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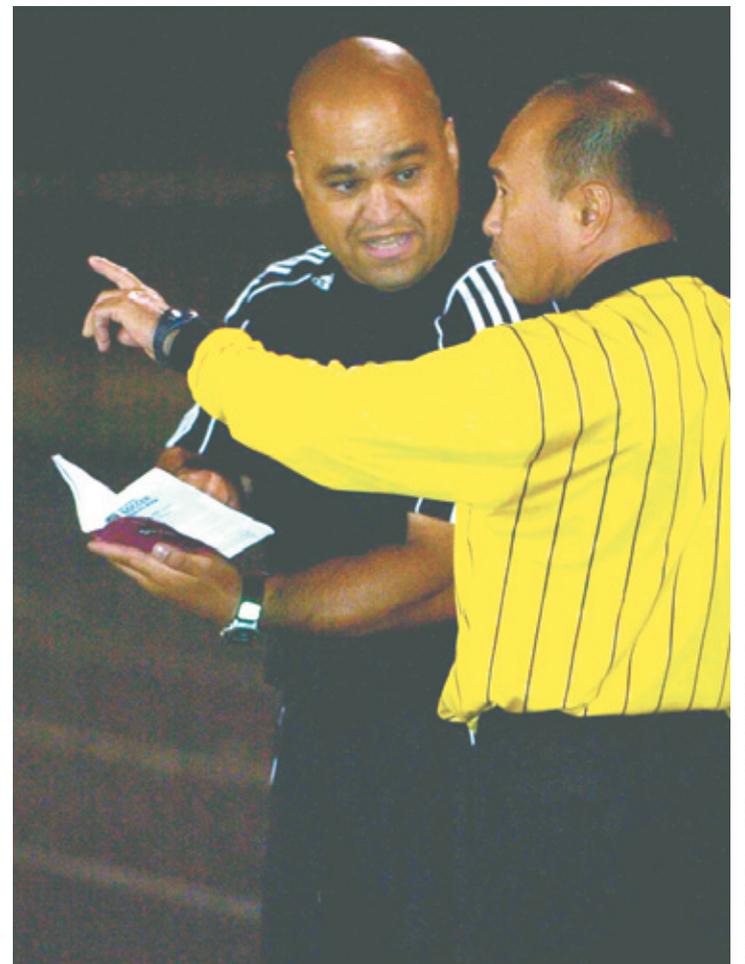


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**Churchill coach Haroot Hakopian discusses a double-yellow/red card in the second overtime of the Bulldogs’ 1-1 tie with Wootton on Friday, Sept. 19. Hakopian argued that because the card was drawn on a physical foul instead of a minor infraction that the Patriots should have finished the game a man down. The referees saw it otherwise.**

# Patriots Prove Their Point

Wootton serves notice that it's a team to be reckoned with in rout of Whitman.

BY MICHAEL WEINER  
THE ALMANAC

Looking to make a statement and prove themselves to be worth the hype they've received of late, the Wootton Patriots football team scored a decisive 34-7 victory over Whitman last Friday. The Patriots held the Vikings

**"It was a big win, for sure, but we haven't really proven anything yet."**

— Andrew Rosenblatt  
—Wootton running back Andrew Rosenblatt

scoreless for the first 45 minutes of the game to improve their record to 2-1 on the season. Wootton was faced with the task of defending Anthony Young-



Wootton running back Andrew Rosenblatt picked up more than 80 yards and a touchdown in the Patriots' win over Whitman last Friday.

PHOTO BY MICHAEL WEINER/THE ALMANAC

passer and prolific runner from the quarterback position. But Wootton coaches were well aware of his prowess, and configured their game plan accordingly.

"We sent a lot of pressure coming off the edges and stayed in man coverage so he

couldn't throw the ball," said senior linebacker Mike Cresham. "We forced him to run a lot, which is what we wanted because we just wanted to contain him."

Young-Wiseman took what he was given and had a strong game running the ball,

picking up 78 rushing yards on 16 carries. However, he only completed four of his 16 passes for 106 yards, many of which came on Whitman's only touchdown drive in the second half when most of Wootton's defensive starters were out of the game. Young-Wiseman also had a key pass intercepted as the Vikings were driving near the end of the first half.

Offensively, Wootton's spread attack worked to near-perfection. Senior quarterback Mike Mooney completed 22 of his 35 passes for 275 yards and three touchdowns. Two of those touchdowns were caught by senior wide receiver Stephane Ngoumou, who had 98 yards receiving.

Wootton jumped out to a quick lead it would never relinquish on its opening drive of the game. After a screen pass and a few runs by senior tailback Andrew Rosenblatt, Mooney found Ngoumou on an out-and-up pattern for a 35-yard touchdown.

The Patriots were helped by a strong rushing attack that combined for 122 yards on the ground, including 85 yards and touchdown from Rosenblatt.

After Rosenblatt danced into the end zone near the end of the first half, both teams walked off the field to the locker rooms to

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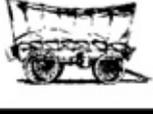
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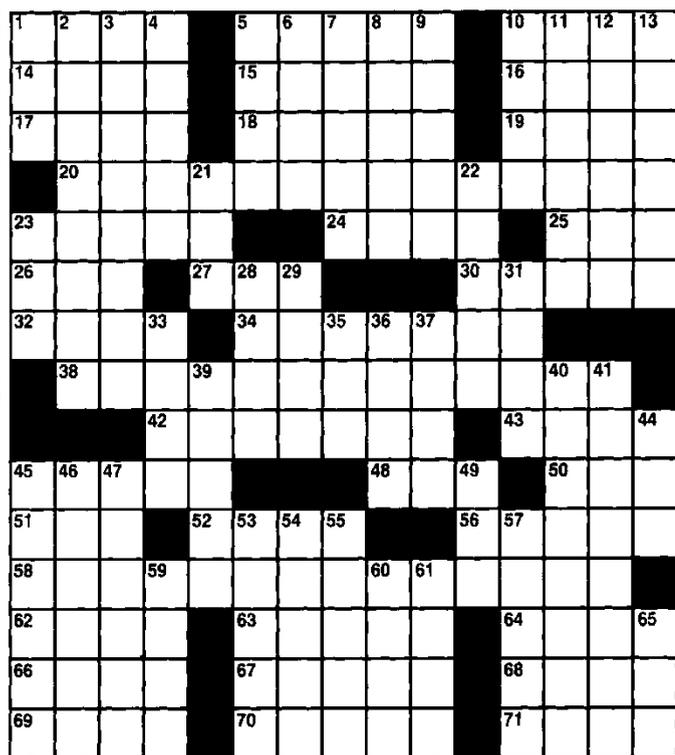
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## SPORTS

# Wootton Defeats Whitman

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the odd tune of a silent Whitman crowd and a rowdy, cheering road crowd of Wootton student. That doesn't mean the Patriots are getting fat and happy just yet. "It was a big win, for sure, but we haven't really proven anything yet," Rosenblatt said. "We went 2-1 to start the season last year,

too, so we still need to take care of business."

On Friday, Wootton travels to Clarksburg to try and improve its record to 3-1 before their first true home game of the season against Northwest. The Patriots played their first two home games at Richard Montgomery. Whitman looks to get back to .500 against Blair on Friday.

# Churchill Girls Soccer Ties Wootton

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Paola Chrysostomou and into the net to tie the game.

The goal put a charge into the Bulldogs as the game grew more heated and physical.

"Physical but not dirty, which I love," Hakopian said.

"I think after we scored we were like 'we're still in this,'" said Foster.

Both teams had chances from there and both teams made potentially game-saving stops — Churchill captain Nikki Frank broke up a breakaway with a solid slide tackle against Wootton forward Erin Morris in the second half, and in the second overtime Wootton's Becca Koutsandreas returned the favor in nearly identical fashion against a streaking Bulldog forward — but neither team could capitalize on their scoring chances to claim victory.

The Bulldogs left the field feeling victorious nonetheless.

"We dominated this game and we're pretty happy with a tie because we clearly

were the better team," said junior forward Kelly, who scored the Bulldogs' lone goal.

Hakopian said after Friday's game that he would protest the referees' ruling "so that that guy doesn't ref high school games anymore, because you have to know the rules."

He has since dropped his protest though because had it been successful the game would have been ruled "no contest" and the Bulldogs would have lost points for playoff seeding.

The tie left both teams with 2-1-1 records and feeling good about their prospects for the season. Churchill went on to beat Watkins Mill 3-0 on Monday, Sept. 22 behind goals from Foster, junior forward Jackie Nolan and senior midfielder and captain Yasmina Hussein. Wootton's next match was scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 24.

With the winless-vs.-Wootton streak broken, the Bulldogs can now set their eyes on beating the Patriots the next time they see each other — in the playoffs perhaps? — and that suits the Patriots just fine.

"We want a rematch," said Yeager.

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