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Long Road Ahead

Repairs of canal breach will take at least two years and are expected to cost upwards of \$3 million.

BY AARON STERN
THE ALMANAC

As C&O Canal National Historical Park Superintendent Kevin Brandt spoke to a small crowd gathered to learn about the breach in the canal's towpath on Saturday morning, Oct. 4, some late stragglers to the gathering walked down a temporary staircase to the muddy canal bottom and made their way past the gaping crater in the canal wall.

"Holy moly," one man exclaimed as he walked past the jagged cavity filled with twisting tree roots, chicken wire and trickling water roped off by yellow caution tape.

"It's irreplaceable unless there's another act of God that puts the material back in the hole."

— **Sonny Pitcher, Potomac Paddlesports**

Long before Tropical Storm Hannah's deluge sent the canal's water ripping through a hole that eventually grew to be over 100 feet wide and at least 20 feet deep last month the water in the canal had begun to seep through a rubber liner beginning the long, slow process of undermining the towpath. C&O Bike Patrol volunteer Barbara Brown first noticed cracks in the towpath's surface the day before the storm, and saw water sucking through a small hole on the canal side, and out the other side down the steep bank to the Potomac River.

"It cracked like you break a candy bar apart," said Brandt. Canal officials

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Jim Seavey (middle), chief of the Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department, stands with Phillip Luelsdorff and his two sons Alexander, 7, and Phillip, 4. Seavey and Luelsdorff worked together at the Glen Echo Volunteer Fire Department 25 years ago. More photos at www.connectionnewspapers.com.

PHOTOS BY AARON STERN/THE ALMANAC

Cabin John Park VFD Fired Up

Cleaning fire trucks, ambulance, and river rescue units packed the driveway leading to the Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department Sunday, Oct. 5 as the station held an open house. The annual event offered the public the opportunity to get an up close look at the various apparatus and the men and women who charge headlong into fires when everyone else runs out. Children sat behind enormous wheels, jumped on moonbounces, ate cotton candy and got an opportunity to see a simulated vehicle rescue using the "jaws of life" hydraulic tool.



Oliver Landsman, 3, gets a lesson in using a fire hose from Cabin John fire fighter Marshall Racoosin. Oliver is "obsessed with fire fighters," said his mother, Lesli Landsman. Sunday was their first time at the Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department, "but we've been to every other fire station in the area."

Home Insecurity

New details emerge in home deadly home invasion investigation.

BY AARON STERN
THE ALMANAC

Evidence obtained from DNA analysis has conclusively linked the intruder in the ongoing series of home invasions in and around Potomac to three of the six invasions that have taken place over the last year.

Police continue to remain vague on many details in the ongoing investigation into the series of home invasions that has targeted the elderly — women, in particular — and that turned deadly last month with the homicide of Mary Frances Havenstein. But at a public meeting that turned out more than 100 residents at Walt Whitman High School in Bethesda on Monday, Oct. 6 Montgomery County Police officials did shed some new light on the inquiry into the six break-ins that they believe to be related.



Police said this backpack was left behind at one break-in earlier this year.

In two of the cases the intruder took advantage of unlocked doors. Twice access was gained through a basement window, twice molding or a pane of glass was removed to open an outside door, and twice the lights to the homes were disabled at the circuit breaker. The suspect cut a phone line into a house on one occasion. Police did not specify which of the invasions was associated with these circumstances. Detective Patty Walker, the lead detective on the investigation, also declined to specify which of the three cases have been linked by DNA evidence citing the integrity of the investigation.

ONE ASPECT in common with all of the invasions was that each house had a secluded backyard that would have made it difficult for neighbors to see into them, Walker said. None of the homes had alarm systems, but an attempted residential break-in near Route 355 in Bethesda did have an alarm system, and police are treating that foiled robbery of a 70-year-old woman as related.

"Regardless of where you live, you need to be safe," Walker said.

Two of the incidents have been in homes
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Ask Roger Berliner

Potomac's representative to the Montgomery County Council, Roger Berliner, will hold a public meeting on Monday, Oct. 13. The meeting is an opportunity for Berliner's constituents (District 1-Potomac, Cabin John, Chevy Chase, Bethesda, Friendship Heights, Garrett Park, Glen Echo, North Bethesda, Randolph Hills, Somerset) to meet their representative, to discuss local issues, and ask whatever questions they might have.

The meeting will be held Monday, Oct. 13 at 7:30 p.m. at Farm-land Elementary School, 7000 Old Gate Road in Rockville. RSVP is not required. For directions, more information or questions, call Berliner's office at 240-777-7828.

Community Center Needs Advisors

The Potomac Community Center Advisory Board is seeking prospective members for its advisory board. They are looking for individuals who have a strong commitment to the center, are willing to assisting in the operations of numerous community center events, and can commit to one board meeting a month. If interested, drop off a cover letter in addition to a resume to the Potomac Community Center, 11315 Falls Road, Potomac, MD, 20854. All applications need to be received by Nov. 3. Any questions, call Larry Chloupek, Chair, PCC Advisory Board, at 240-499-8849.

Board of Education Candidate Forum

On Wednesday, Oct. 15 a forum for the five candidates for the Montgomery County Board of Education will be held at the Takoma Park Municipal Center from 7 to 8:30 p.m. located at 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park. The event will be sponsored by Blair Cluster of Parent-Teacher Associations of the Montgomery County Public Schools

Five candidates are running for three positions on the Montgomery County Board of Education, and they are At-large: Tommy Le and Phil Kauffman; District 2: Stephen Abrams and Laura Berthiaume; District 5: Christopher Barclay, unopposed.

All candidates have been invited to the forum. The Board of Education is composed of eight members — five who must reside in the districts that they represent and two at large members who may live anywhere in the county. Elections for Board of Education are non-partisan, terms are for four years, and there are no term limits. In addition, there is one student member elected for a one-year term by middle and high school students.

Three seats will be filled in the general election in November. Candidates are running for one at-large seat and for two seats that represent districts. All voters, regardless of the district in which they reside, may vote for one at-large candidate and one candidate from each district. Members of the Board of Education determine and enforce policies that govern the Montgomery County Public Schools. Among other responsibilities, the Board of Education appoints the Superintendent of Schools; initiates, reviews and discusses educational issues; reviews and submits to the County Council annual capital and operating budgets; and receives funding from county, state and federal sources.

PAInT Opening

Potomac Artists IN Touch and CitiBank invite the public to attend the opening Reception Potomac Days Art Tour at CitiBank, 9812 Falls Road in Potomac Promenade Shopping Center on Friday, Oct. 17, from 6 - 8 p.m.

Rotary Club Event

On Wednesday, Oct. 22 two associates from the National Association of Missing & Exploited Children will discuss this national concern, and practical steps one can take to secure children and loved ones. Rotary Club of Potomac meets every Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. at Normandie Farm Restaurant 10710 Falls Road. For more information, visit <http://www.rotaryclubofpotomac.org/> or call 703-501-5941.

NEWS



Six of the 10 members of the Potomac Community Center Advisory Board who were given the Potomac Chamber of Commerce's Citizen of the Year Award. From left: Allan Cohen, Penny Heltzer, Steve Landsman, Larry Chloupek, Bobby Fogel, and Jeani Haven. Not pictured are Herman Yeh, Jill Lavin, Joe Drage, and David Wanicur.

And The Winners Are...

Potomac Chamber of Commerce names student, business person, and citizens of the year awards.

BY AARON STERN
THE ALMANAC

Max Heller doesn't like to watch others run the show. If something is going to happen he doesn't just want to take part, he wants to be in control. "I want to be instrumental with the organization that I get involved in," said Heller, a senior at Winston Churchill High School. "I like being part of the reasoning. I hate when an order just comes down at school ... I like being involved in the decisions."

When Sept. 11, 2007 passed with nary a moment of recognition of the six-year anniversary at his school last year, Heller was upset. He thought it should be a day that is remembered and reflected upon, so in his typical fashion he didn't just ask that something be done, he made it happen. Heller used his position as the senior class president to organize a school-wide assembly on Sept. 11, 2008 that featured a video presentation that combined footage from a CNN documentary with footage of interviews that he conducted with the parents of Todd Reuben, a Churchill graduate killed in the attack on the Pentagon, and the memories and reflections of his teachers and classmates.

"I think all of us have a personal connection with 9-11," Heller said. "I think that people should remember 9-11 because it was an important day in our country's history and it was an important day in our personal history ... I think it's important to recognize the bravery and heroism that people exhibit in times of tragedy."

It is that kind of leadership ability and initiative that has caught the eyes of his teachers and school administrators over the years, not to mention that of the Potomac Chamber of Commerce, which last week announced that Heller was named the organization's Student of the Year.

"It gives you some idea of the leadership that he has in the school," said Churchill principal Joan Benz, who herself was named a co-winner of the Citizen of the Year Award recipient.

"Besides being a phenomenal student, which

there's no shortage of around here ... his list goes on and on," said Adam Greenberg, president of the Potomac Chamber of Commerce.

Indeed, Heller's list of extra curricular activities supplements an impressive academic record. In addition to being the Churchill senior class president, he is the vice president of his chapter of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, a position that puts him in charge of member recruitment, among other things. He is also a center and defenseman and three-year letterman for Churchill's ice hockey club team, has been active in the Jewish Youth Philanthropy Organization, and used to be a part of Churchill's mock trial team until he got too busy. He continues to work part time at the Cabin John ice rink twice a week, is a tutor for three to four hours a week, plays alto sax in the Churchill jazz ensemble, a member of the school's National Honor Society, and a part of the Churchill big brother, big sister program that shows new non-freshman students around when they transfer into the school. He wants to study either political science or business in college.

"He's everything we would hope a young person would be," said Benz. "He gives great hope and feeling that our future is good to be positive about with a generation of people like Max coming."

Heller called the award from the Chamber of Commerce "the most tremendous honor I've ever been given in my entire life."

IN HER TIME as the principal of Winston Churchill High School, Joan Benz has seen and accomplished a lot. Her students consistently score highly on standardized tests, continue on to esteemed colleges and universities, and just last year the school was named a National Blue Ribbon School.

This year the Potomac Chamber of Commerce decided to honor the woman at the head of the nationally recognized school.

Greenberg said that the wide-ranging programs and accomplishments at the school caught the eye of the Chamber's awards committee.

"She really stood out to us when we were going through all our different [standards]," he said.

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Winston Churchill High School Principal Joan Benz.

PETS OF THE WEEK



Carson

Carson is a male, 1-year-old, 10 lbs., neutered Miniature Poodle. Carson is a sweet little boy that PAW had to have treated for Lyme's Disease after he was rescued but is now healthy. He's a happy young poodle and typically bright and active. Carson would make a good pet for almost any adopter who would spoil him.



Chessie

Chessie is a female, 12-week-old, to be spayed, kitten. Inquisitive Chessie is a playful purring machine and loves to greet you when you enter a room. She romps with her four siblings and loves toys. Chessie gets along with older cats and is all a kitten should be.

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, 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 or calling 301-983-5913.

This fall's workshops will include:

- ❖ 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.

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PEOPLE

Helping Play a Role in Presidential Campaign

Obama-Biden fundraiser at Marwood draws crowd.

BY CISSY FINLEY GRANT
THE ALMANAC

The enthusiasm at Nalini and Chris Rogers' "Marwood" was so thick at the "Lunch With A Purpose" fund-raiser for U.S. Sen. Barack Obama last Thursday waders would have felt comfortable.

However, no fishing for ideas was needed. The approximately 150 women in attendance heard exactly what they expected from guest speaker and political strategist Mark Walsh. "This is the most important election in our life time," he told the gathering, all of whom had responded with generous checks to the, "Be a part of a grassroots effort to change our country," invitation.

GETTING AROUND

Walsh, formerly with the Kerry campaign, and a chief technical officer at the Democratic National Committee, spoke extemporaneously to the crowd, standing atop a concrete bench with an October breeze blowing off the Potomac River behind him. A charismatic speaker, he told the crowd, "Obama is about the new.

The media has not joined him in describing what his new means." He went on to say [Sen.] "Joe Biden must deliver on what the ticket will do."

According to Walsh, "In the next few weeks you will see the most single, negative campaign ever in America. It will be so dirty and have so many lies (that) all of us will feel tawdry and dirty." As an example he offered "push polling," explaining, "It is a fake caller, using fake facts." He noted, "Mr. McCain was a victim of that in the last



PHOTOS BY CISSY FINLEY/THE ALMANAC

Kathy Wenger, (standing on a patio bench) announced to the gathering a total of \$34,000 was raised at the luncheon for the Obama-Biden candidacy.

election."

OFFERING ADVICE, the former CEO of Air America Radio, told the crowd, "Democrats must fight back and fight back with tactics that matter. Develop an elevator speech, something you can say between the first and 15th floors, explaining why Obama and Biden are right for America."

He also suggested they do some research and avoid the major news sources. "Use the blogs," he said, offering his own address.

It's a rare speaker who can captivate his audience for 25 minutes while they stand in a chilly breeze, but Walsh managed to do this, moving from mirth, "I've got to tell my agent he has to stop booking me in these dumps," to a much deeper, "A McCain-Palin presidency will descend this nation to a depth you can't imagine." He also suggested, "If McCain had chosen someone more safe, he would have had a better chance. Someone from his own party, like Joe Lieberman," he reasoned.

A guest, Isobel Murray, was wearing an Irish pin promoting Obama's election. When asked where she was from, she responded in a distinctly Irish accent, "from Potomac now." She also opined an Obama victory, "Especially if Sarah Palin disgraces herself like I think she will tonight. If she doesn't, we will just have to work harder and make more money." She was referring to the much anticipated debate between the vice presidential candidates. According to the post-

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The luncheon committee (from left) Belle O'Brien, Kathy Wenger, Donna Eacho, Nalini Rogers, Tory Joseph, and Polly Vail were the organizers of the Obama-Biden fundraiser at Marwood.



Host Chris Rogers welcomes Isobel Murray (left) and Maryam Amini to his Potomac home.

BULLETIN BOARD

To submit an item for the Civic Calendar, e-mail almanac@connectionnewspapers.com or fax the submission to 703-917-0991. Deadline is Thursday at noon two weeks prior to the event. For questions, call 703-917-6451.

THURSDAY/OCT. 9

Exercise Class. Join Kym Sevilla as she leads people affected by cancer in discussion and exercises that will enhance awareness of posture and alignment at The Wellness Community, 5430 Grosvenor Lane, Suite 100, Bethesda. 10-11 a.m.; free. Call 301-493-5002 or e-mail twcdc@thewellnesscommunity.org.

FRIDAY/OCT. 10

Breast Cancer Recovery Forum. A discussion on lymphedema precautions, healthy lifestyle modifications and returning to exercise. Comfortable clothing is recommended as participants will sample breathing and posture exercises. Held at The Wellness Community, 5430 Grosvenor Lane, Suite 100, Bethesda, from 12-2 p.m. Call 301-493-5002 or e-mail twcdc@thewellnesscommunity.org.

SUNDAY/OCT. 12

Charity Fundraiser. Jouvence Aveda and Le Shoppe Salons will raise funds 9 a.m.-7 p.m. to benefit Children's National Medical Center & 7th Street Garden. All service proceeds will be donated to the foundations. Guests can book appointments online at www.jouvencesalons.com or www.leshoppesalons.com. Jouvence Aveda is located at 130 A Gibbs Street, Rockville.

MONDAY/OCT. 13

Election Program. The League of

Women Voters will explain state and local issues on the November 2008 ballot at the monthly meeting of the Montgomery County Civic Federation in the first-floor auditorium of the County Council Office Building, 100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville (free parking in adjacent garage), 7:45-10 p.m. See www.montgomerycivic.org.

TUESDAY/OCT. 14

Breast Cancer Forum. Dr. Sandra Swain of the Washington Cancer Institute at Washington Hospital Center will discuss the newest treatments for advanced breast cancer and a panel will discuss quality of life issues at The Wellness Community, 5430 Grosvenor Lane, Suite 100, Bethesda, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Call 301-493-5002 or e-mail twcdc@thewellnesscommunity.org for reservations.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 15

Sailing with the MCSA. Join members of the Montgomery County Stroke Association and the Chesapeake Region Accessible Boating aboard specially designed sailboats at Sandy Point State Park Marina, 1100 E. College Parkway, Annapolis at 3 p.m. \$25/person, make check payable to Chesapeake Region Accessible Boating. For reservations, call Phoebe Pfahler at 301-330-5391. RSVP by Oct. 1.

THURSDAY/OCT. 16

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CRIME REPORT

Criminal activities reported by the Montgomery County Police Department through Sept. 23.

A **burglary** occurred at the Bullis School, 10601 Falls Road in Potomac between 2 a.m. and 4 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 18. Forced entry, property taken.

A **commercial burglary** occurred at My Bloom, located at 12948 Travilah Road in Potomac, at 9:09 a.m. on Sept. 22. Forced entry and property was removed.

A **commercial burglary** occurred at the Potomac Garden Center, located at 12024 Darnestown Road in North Potomac, between 7 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 22 and 7 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 23. Forced entry, property taken.

A **residential garage burglary** occurred in the 10000 block of South Glen Road in Potomac between 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 18 and 7 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 19. The garage door was open and the vehicle inside searched. No forced entry, but property was removed.

A **residential garage burglary** occurred in the 15300 block of Kwanzan Court in Potomac overnight between 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 20 and 9:50 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 21. Door was open, property taken.

A **residential garage burglary** occurred in the 15700 block of Pissaro Terrace in Potomac between 7:08 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 20 and 10 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 21. Door was left open and vehicles in the garage were searched. Nothing was taken.



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Dot Filbert, who helped organize the St. Francis celebration, presents Oreo, her beagle-spaniel mix, for blessing from the Rev. Cynthia O. Baskin.



Camille Attorri and Camryn Yi, both 4, pet Bailey, a 3-year-old black Labrador and member of the Montgomery County Urban Search and Rescue squad.

Blessed Creatures

St. James Episcopal celebrates St. Francis Day by blessing pets.

BY AARON STERN
THE ALMANAC

What most people probably don't know about chickens is that they can make good pets. That is provided that they grow comfortable with human touch from the earliest of ages. If handled from the time they are chicks, a chicken can be every bit the pet that a dog or cat can be. Just ask Beth Gonglewski, who brought her 3-year-old black chicken Stella to St. James Episcopal Church on Seven Locks Road on Saturday, Oct. 4 to be blessed as part of St. Francis Day.

Stella and Gonglewski were one of nearly 50

people who came to have their animals blessed. Some people were St. James parishioners, some were not, but all were welcome to have their animals blessed in the name of the patron saint of animals.

"I think it's actually more for us than the animals," Gonglewski said. "It's a reminder of their blessing, that they're a creation of nature and we need to appreciate them."

"It's a reminder that we are caretakers and stewards of God's Earth," said the Rev. Cynthia O. Baskin, who helped lead songs accompanied by church members on the guitar, banjo and piano from the church steps in a ceremony that was appropriately held outdoors. Dogs squirmed on their leashes as prayers were read and young children, unleashed, roamed freely to play with their friends and to appreciate the pets of others.

"We all realize that they teach us a whole lot," Baskin said of the animals. "If nothing else [they teach] humility and unconditional love."



Beth Gonglewski and her 3-year-old black chicken Stella. If handled when they're very young, chickens can make good pets, Gonglewski said after getting Stella blessed at St. James Episcopal Church's annual Blessing of the Animals on St. Francis of Assisi's feast day, Saturday, Oct. 4.



Josephine Shepard gets her 8-year-old orange tabby Cookie blessed — via a photograph. Cookie's aversion to cages prevented from attending the ceremony in person.



Averie and Heather McCoy, 7 and 3 respectively, got their fish blessed Saturday afternoon.



John Gilkey and Brent Frain, Montgomery County Fire Fighters and members of the County's Urban Search and Rescue came to St. Francis with their trained rescue dogs Bailey and Gardez, both black labs. The animals are trained to search for "generic live scent," Gilkey said. The animals begin training at eight weeks, and once thoroughly trained continue to practice once a week with their handlers and every first and third Saturday of the month in regimented county refresher courses.

NEWS

Firefighter Recovering Rogozinski has his own quick thinking to thank for saving his life.

If it weren't for his own awareness and quick thinking, Rockville Volunteer Fire Department fire fighter might not have lived through a fall through the first floor of a Rockville home. Rogozinski, who grew up in Potomac and graduated from Jewish Day School, and other members of his RVFD station 3 in Rockville responded to a fire in Lincoln Park near the Rockville Metro station shortly after 1 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 2. As they entered the home from the rear to combat the blaze, the floor became soft and squishy, said Jim Seavey, chief of the Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department. The men started to back out but the floor gave way and Rogozinski, 23, fell through and into the home's basement.

"HE WAS VERY, very smart, what he did when he went through that floor very few firemen would have thought to do," said Seavey. What he did was to conduct a self-rescue. Rogozinski remembered where he had seen a small half-window at the top of the wall when his heavy rescue unit pulled up to the house, and headed towards it. At this point he was already on fire. Rogozinski knocked out a center bar and the glass with his arm then, realizing he couldn't fit through the window with his air pack, took it off, keeping his mask on, put the air pack up through window, and crawled out. Despite his own quick thinking Rogozinski suffered 2nd and 3rd degree burns over roughly 35 percent of his body and will remain in the burn unit at Washington Hospital Center "for some time," said Seavey. "He's got a long road, he's probably going to be in there a few weeks," said Seavey. Rogozinski remained in stable condition and good spirits on Monday, Oct. 6, Seavey said, and was surrounded by a solid network of friends, family and fellow fire fighters.

— AARON STERN

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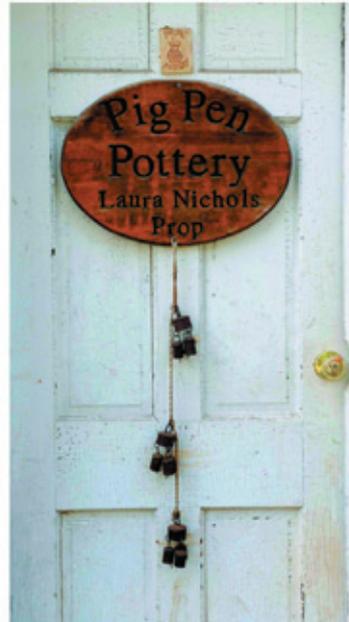


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OPINION

A Call for Regulatory Reform

The following statement on the federal Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 was given on Sept. 29.

BY CHRIS VAN HOLLEN
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE (D)



Madam Speaker, let's be clear: we are facing this crisis today because of the reckless economic policies of the Bush Administration and its deregulatory ideology run amok. No one likes the choice before us. But we must deal with the world as it is today, not the world that might have been had the Bush policies not driven the economy and our financial system to the brink of collapse. If this rescue plan were simply an effort to indemnify Wall Street from the consequences of its own excesses, I would have none of it. Unfortunately, that's not why we're here today.

We're here because we cannot let the toxic contagion on Wall Street spill over to Main Street. We must not let the colossal failures of irresponsible corporate executives wipe out innocent small businesses and citizens who had nothing to do with this mess. At the end of the day, we are here out of the conviction that acting decisively now will mean less expense and pain than waiting for the crisis to get even worse.

Make no mistake: this legislation is a far cry from the original blank check the Administration so brazenly requested. Secretary Paulson and his successor at Treasury will have real time oversight regarding the decisions they make — and robust judicial review of those decisions after the fact. There will be no golden parachutes for the corporate executives whose poor judgment and failed leadership created this crisis. Qualified homeowners struggling to pay their mortgages will get the help they need to stay in their homes. The \$700 billion authorized in this bill will be broken up and made available in separate tranches so that Congress can exercise ongoing oversight before additional funds are spent. And taxpayers will receive additional, vital protections in the form of a non-voting equity or senior creditor interest in the companies they are helping to rescue, a preferred position for distribution of assets should a company fail and the ability to resell the assets the government purchases at a potential profit once the markets recover.

In that regard, while no one has a crystal

ball, the Congressional Budget Office has testified that it believes the final cost for this rescue package will be substantially less than \$700 billion because the assets the government will be purchasing will have at least some value. Moreover, it is reasonable to expect that at least some of these assets could over time actually increase in value, giving taxpayers the opportunity to make money on their investments and help recoup the initial costs of this plan. However, in the event a full recovery of taxpayer funds is not complete within five years, this legislation requires the President to submit a plan that would impose a fee on the financial industry to make up the difference and make the taxpayers whole.

Finally, Madam Speaker, we would not be doing our job today if we did not assure our constituents that, even as we address the immediate crisis before us, we are firmly committed to analyzing what went wrong and fixing it so that this kind of crisis never happens again. In addition to the provisions in this legislation requiring a top to bottom review of our regulatory system, Congress — and the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee on which I sit — will immediately begin an investigation designed to give this Congress a comprehensive blueprint for 21st century regulatory reform.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Surplus Could Offset Fees

To the Editor:

At the start of summer, as students leave for vacation, Montgomery County Public Schools Superintendent Weast declares textbook funds surplus and sends them to other projects.

This summer was no different.

On July 28, Superintendent Weast declared \$6,607,000 in textbook funds surplus.

Then when students returned to Montgomery County schools at the end of August they were presented with mandatory bills for Curricular Fees.

Exactly how does this system work? Why isn't MCPS Operating Budget textbook money spent on textbooks and materials of instruction? If MCPS "needs" extra funding for instructional supplies, why isn't the money that is allocated to textbooks and materials of instruction spent on textbooks, workbooks and instructional materials that students need?

Janis Sartucci
Potomac



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End of Season

Emily Moritt and her bulldog Violet enjoy a last swim of the season at the Potomac Swim and Tennis Club's annual Dog Swim.

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Chamber of Commerce Names Award Winners

FROM PAGE 4

"I'm very pleased because it's certainly a wonderful reflection on Churchill," said Benz. "I think it's a wonderful tribute to Churchill itself and certainly some personal recognition along the way is always nice."

The Potomac Community Center is a center of constantly buzzing activity, and the people responsible for that — beyond the center's staff and director Linda Barlock — are the committed members of the Center's

Advisory Board. This year the Potomac Chamber of Commerce awarded those members of the Advisory Board who have been onboard for 10 years or longer. Those members are Larry Chloupek, Allan Cohen, Joe Drage, Bobby Fogel, Jeani Haven, Penny Heltzer, Steve Landsman, Jill Lavin, David Wanicur, and Herman Yeh.

"I think it's a very deserved award because I'm not sure it would be the same Potomac Community Center without this group of

people," said Haven.

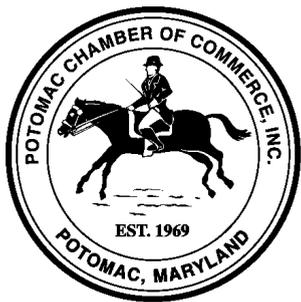
At any time the center is busy with activity, whether it is the ever-popular and very-competitive table tennis tournaments that Yeh is heavily involved in, the newly-upgraded weight room, community flea markets, yoga and aerobic dancing classes for senior citizens, children playing basketball, or any number of other activities and age groups utilizing the center's facilities, it's hard to come by the center any day of the

week and find something not going on.

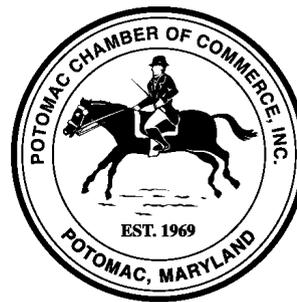
And that doesn't include the weekly transformation from kinetic community center to buzzing middle school social center the building undergoes every Friday night when Club Friday kicks off.

When the program began in 1990, not everyone was sure it would be successful. Today there are 500 children signed up to participate in games, movies, dancing, and

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Potomac Day Is Coming

27th annual celebration to be bigger, better, and will have a marching band.

BY AARON STERN
THE ALMANAC

Potomac Day is coming, and this year it's got a marching band. Rockville High School's finest will lead the charge for the annual parade through Potomac Village, providing a soundtrack for the parade of charities, businesses and Potomac residents.

The Potomac Hunt Club will not participate in this year's activities despite advertisements to the contrary, which is disappointing, said Jen Matheson, given how much the crowd enjoyed seeing the well-groomed and precisely trained hounds and horses last year.

The show will more than go on though, said Elie Cain, who has helped to organize the event since it began 27 years ago and as always it will be a chance to see faces both old and new.

"It's a once-a-year opportunity to meet new neighbors that you haven't met before and see old friends," she said.

The traditional parade down River Road and into Potomac Village will begin promptly Saturday, Oct. 18, at 10 a.m. and will be preceded by the 5k Fun Run at 8 a.m.

As always the event is produced by the Potomac

Chamber of Commerce and will feature games for children — moonbounces, rockclimbing, face painting and more — and plenty of food on hand from various vendors in Potomac Village. The classic car show sponsored by Sun Control Systems will be back as well, and Matheson said that this year's field will be larger than last year's, which had about 30 cars on display.

Animal rescue organization PetConnect will also be on hand with an outdoor adoption event all day, a pet show, pet costume contest, a "Kiss the Puppy Booth," and other games and features.

ALL PROCEEDS from Potomac Day, including a silent auction, will go to benefit Club Hero, which donates families to African villages affected by AIDS. The Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department will also be on hand for families to get up an up close look at the men, women and equipment that battle fires in and around Potomac.

The best part of the Potomac Day is always watching the children have fun, said Matheson, the unofficial lead organizer of event. "I really enjoy seeing the kids having fun — hair flying, pizza on their face ... knowing that they came and had a good time and wore themselves out," she said.

The goal is for the business community to give back to the community at large by saying thank you, said Adam Greenberg, owner of Potomac Pizza and president of the Potomac Chamber of Commerce

"It's all about coming out here and seeing everybody smiling, having a good time," Greenberg said. "That's what makes it special."

THINGS TO DO

To have community events listed free in *The Potomac Almanac*, send mail to 7913 Westpark Drive, McLean, VA 22102, e-mail to almanac@connectionnewspapers.com, or fax to 703-917-0991. Deadline is Friday 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/OCT. 9

Community Pumpkin Patch. The community pumpkin patch is open from Oct. 11-31 at North Bethesda United Methodist Church, 10100 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda. Regular hours are Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Sunday 12 p.m.-8 p.m. Call 301-530-4342.

Literary Luncheon Series. The Friends of the Montgomery County Library's 21st annual Literary Luncheon Series will kick off with author-journalist Fergus M. Bordewich at 11:30 a.m. at Strathmore Hall Arts Center in the Mansion, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. Luncheon to follow. \$25/lecture and lunch, \$20 lecture only. FOLMC members: \$22/lunch, \$18 lecture only.

FRIDAY/OCT. 10

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.

Swing Dance. A swing dance with the Boilermaker Jazz Band and

introductory dance lesson at the Bumper Car Pavilion in Glen Echo Park. Beginner swing lesson from 8-9 p.m., dancing from 9 p.m.-12 a.m. \$13/person. E-mail dbarker@glenechopark.org.

SATURDAY/OCT. 11

The Bethesda Artist Market returns



PHOTO BY JAMES HILSDON

Chuck Brown performs Oct. 17 at Strathmore. See strathmore.org.

to sell fine art and crafts by local artists with live music playing throughout the day. Held 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.

Origami History. Origami expert Marcia Mau will give a presentation on the history of origami at St. James Episcopal Church, 11815 Seven Locks Road, 10 a.m.-noon, free.

www.potomaccraftsmenguild.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.

Swing Dance. GottaSwing.com committee presents a swing dance with Mora's Modern Swingtet 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. Visit www.gottaswing.com.

Truck Touch. Suburban Nursery School. Featuring vehicles of all shapes and sizes for children to climb. \$3 per person and under 2 free, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., 7210 Hidden Creek Road, Bethesda.

Used Book Sale. Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, is holding a used book sale from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Most hardcover and large paperbacks are \$1; regular paperbacks \$0.50.

SUNDAY/OCT. 12

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.

Delmarva Review. A reading of authors published in the first issue of *Delmarva Review* will be held at the Writer's Center, 4508Walsh St.,

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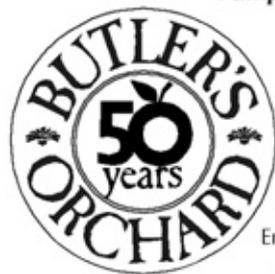
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TUESDAY/OCT. 14

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WEDNESDAY/OCT. 15

Potomac Book Club. The library, located at 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac, is hosting an adult book discussion at 1 p.m. Ask for the book at the circulation desk. No registration required.

THURSDAY/OCT. 16

Community Pumpkin Patch. The community pumpkin patch is open from Oct. 11-31 at North Bethesda United Methodist Church, 10100 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda. Regular hours are Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Sunday 12 p.m.-8 p.m. Call 301-530-4342.

Community Harvest Festival. Bring the family for carnival games, snacks, moon bounce, animals and much more at the North Bethesda United Methodist Church, 10100 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, from 12-4 p.m. Call 301-530-4342.

FRIDAY/OCT. 17

Chuck Brown. 8 p.m., Music Center at Strathmore, Concert Hall. Tickets: \$35. 301-581-5100 or www.strathmore.org.

POSITIVE-ly Fun Rock Concert. A musical show with Kidsinger Jim at the Cabin John Mall Atrium, 11325 Seven Locks Road, Potomac, 9:30 a.m.

Middle Eastern Bazaar. Saints Peter and Paul Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church, 10620 River Road, Potomac, will host its 25th annual Middle Eastern Bazaar and Food Festival the weekend of Oct. 17-19, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 12-6 p.m. Sunday. The Bazaar will feature live music, arts and crafts, international groceries, religious items, children's activities and more. Visit www.peterpaul.net.

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Cajun and Zydeco Dance Party. Held in the Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo Park from 8 p.m.-12 a.m. with an optional introductory lesson at 8 p.m. \$18/person, e-mail dancingbythebayou@verizon.net.

SATURDAY/OCT. 18

Potomac Day. The annual events include a parade, 5k Run, free children's rides, car show, and a business fair. To register or for more information, see <http://www.potomacchamber.org/index.php/events>.

Imagination Station Gala. Imagination Stage, 4908 Auburn Ave., Bethesda, will host its 29th annual gala, "Understanding Hearts: Celebrating Teachers and Other Heroes." VIP reception at 6 p.m., silent auction at 6:30 p.m. and an original musical theatre performance at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$250/person; contact Barbara Rollins at 301-280-1625 or brollins@imaginationstage.org.

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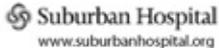
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NEWS

Police: Report Suspicious People

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near MacArthur Boulevard and the other four took place near River Road. In two of the incidents the victim's car was stolen and later abandoned, and police are unsure of how the assailant is transporting himself to the homes.

Police have backed off of a composite sketch of a suspect released earlier this year after the invasion of a home of a 78-year-old woman on Picasso Lane in Potomac because the suspect could have changed his appearance, Walker said, but the description continues to be of a light-skinned male, possibly Hispanic, 5'5" - 5'8" tall, medium build and with a slight Hispanic accent but with good English.

Detectives continue to question whether neighborhood contracting services could have a link to the invasions, and have considered the possibility that the suspect may either work on a local contracting crew or be obtaining information from someone who does, said Walker.

A backpack was left behind at one break-in earlier this year, in which a slingshot and marbles were discovered.

"I can only assume the person is using a slingshot and marbles to break windows," Walker said. "That's my best guess."

POLICE CHIEF Tom Manger, County Executive Ike Leggett, and County Councilman Roger Berliner assured those present at Monday's meeting that all necessary resources were being made available to police and that the investigation was ongoing, rigorous and aggressive.

"This is absolutely one of our top priorities," Manger said.

The break-ins have occurred in Bethesda, Chevy

Chase, Potomac and one occurred in Northwest D.C. All are believed to have taken place in the late night and early morning hours except for the Picasso Lane incident, in which the victim was approached by her assailant outside of her home around 8:15 a.m. The intruder may have waited outside all night in that case, but police aren't sure.

"We may not know until we have our hands on him, but it was kind of an odd time," Walker said.

Police urged residents to watch out around their neighborhoods for suspicious-looking people and vehicles and not to hesitate to call 911 with even faint suspicions.

"It's the little things that help us solve the big crimes," said 2nd District Commander Russ Hamill.

"It's been a year and we're very anxious," said one man at Monday's meeting when the time came for questions from the audience.

"I have no doubt in my mind or heart how hard these people are working and how competent they are," said Berliner in response to one man's question about the lack of progress police have made in the investigation.

"I'm 75 and my wife is 70 and we seem to be the targets," said another man.

"I think the police are doing everything they possibly can to promote a sense of safety in these neighborhoods that are unfamiliar with crimes of this nature," said Bethesda resident Harry Rosenberg after the meeting. Rosenberg suggested that those without home security systems keep their car keys next to their nightstands if their cars have alarms with remote panic buttons, and said that despite his confidence in police the ongoing crime spree has him and many other concerned.

"Every time anyone comes to my house now who I don't know, I'm going to be very anxious," he said. "Our level of trust has changed."

Canal Repair To Cost Millions

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cordoned off the compromised section and literally watched the following day while it gave way during a conference call with regional leaders of the National Park Service around 5:15 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6. The section that gave way was originally repaired after a breach in 1972.

Putting it back together will be a slow and costly process, said Brandt. For one, the cash-strapped park doesn't have the funds to make the repairs itself and it will have to spend \$1.3 million fixing other damage suffered during the storm.

One group of people that will be left high and uncomfortably dry will be local kayakers. That stretch

of the canal is usually a popular place to put in to paddle up to a pullover point at Sandy Beach. That practice option is gone now, and accessing the Potomac River from Old Angler's will now require a long walk with a kayak slung over the shoulder or various car or bike shuttling techniques, said Adam Van Grack, vice chair of the Bethesda Center for Excellence, a local paddling training school.

Sonny Pitcher of Potomac Paddlesports said that he hopes the public doesn't lose sight of Old Angler's and Great Falls as a paddling hotspot during the time it takes to get the breach repaired.

"It's irreplaceable unless there's another act of God that puts the material back in the hole," Pitcher said.

THEATER

The new season of Imagination Stage performances kicks off with "**Busytown**," suitable for all ages. "**Busytown**" will run through **Nov. 2**, playing on Saturdays and Sundays at 12:30 and 3:30 p.m. in the Annette M. and Theodore N. Lerner Family Theatre. For **Oct. 11** and **25**, the show will play at 10:30 a.m. Single tickets range from \$10-\$21. Shows run roughly 90 minutes, with one intermission. Reservations are recommended. Call the box office at 301-280-1660 or visit www.ImaginationStage.org. Imagination Stage is located 4908 Auburn Avenue, Bethesda and is handicapped accessible.

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"**A Year with Frog and Toad**" runs **Oct. 15-17**, at 8 p.m., **Oct. 18**, at 1 and 8 p.m., and **Oct. 19**, at 2 p.m. This musical follows the adventures of two amphibious friends, a worrywart toad and a perky frog. Due to the renovation of the Performing Arts Center, this show will be performed in the Theatre Arts Building.

Wootton High School Center for the Arts will present Tim Kelly's "**Horror High!**" a send-up of teen slasher flicks. Show times are: Thursday, **Oct. 23**, Friday, **Oct. 24** and Saturday, **Oct. 25** at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for students, \$10 for adults (general admission only)

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FINE ARTS

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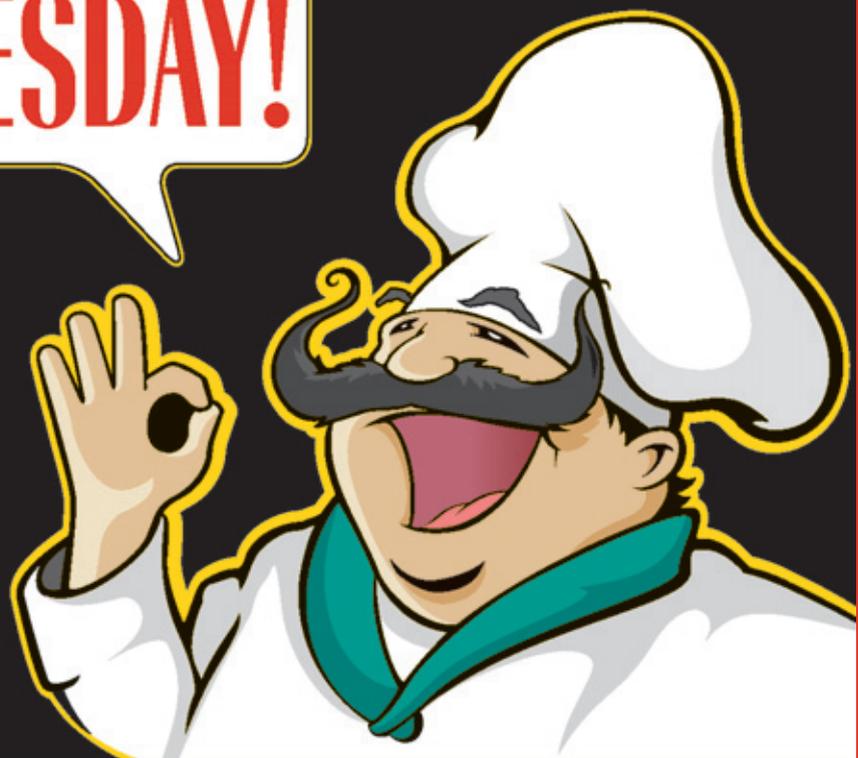
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PEOPLE



With the Potomac River in the background, political strategist, Mark Walsh, addressed the crowd of nearly 150 women, advising them, "If you hear a rumor, fight back."



PHOTOS BY CISSY FINLEY/THE ALMANAC
 Pat Silverman, (front) and Mary Eccles help themselves to the luncheon buffet.

Fund-Raiser at Marwood Draws Crowd

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luncheon polls, Murray better get her work gloves on.

When Nalini Rogers was informed Senator Obama was in Washington for the day and asked if he might drop by, she replied, "It would be nice, but I am sure he has bigger ticket items."

Maybe not. Surely, the candidate would enjoy the beauty of Marwood, recently restored by the Rogers. The former home of Republican Maryland State Sen. Louise Gore, her parents and siblings; the Joseph Kennedy family lived there at one time; it is the place during WW II, President Franklin Roosevelt sometimes stayed and called his Shangri-La; it is the former site of movie filming; and, under the aegis of the Gore family the gathering place of many Republican soirees, including one attended by President George H.W. Bush and Mrs. Bush. The 1930's

mansion is loaded with history and intrigue.

It would have been impossible for the women attending Thursday's luncheon to have enjoyed the Potomac River view if James Gore, a previous owner, had not had trees removed. Oops! The trees, according to a 1992 Washington Post article were part of a "scenic easement" the National Park Service paid the Gore family \$88,000 in 1978. Although he claimed it was an innocent error by the tree company he hired, he nevertheless plead guilty, and was fined for chopping down five of the trees.

With less than a month to go, the \$34,000 raised from the luncheon organized by Donna Eacho, Tory Joseph, Belle O'Brien, Polly Vail, Kathy Wenger, and hostess Nalini Rogers, might just be what it takes to push their candidate over the top. Either way, they deserve a thank you note from Senator Obama, with or without a Presidential Seal.



Donna Eacho, Nancy Fechnay and Nancy McCormick-Pickett tally the reservations.

SCHOOLS



Churchill Homecoming

Senior homecoming princess Angela Biciocchi, Senior Queen Emily Wolf, Senior King SunJun Wei and Senior prince Phillip Pei are presented to the crowd at the homecoming game on Oct. 3 against Blake. More photos, page 18.



Tenth grade students from Winston Churchill High School gather before the Homecoming Dance on Saturday, Oct. 4. They are, back row from left, Brett Johnson, Ryan Kanfer, Brian Green, Harry Simon, Matthew Spivak, Jake Sickels, Josh Rosefelt, and, front row from left, Danielle Kram, Jamie Oppenheimer, Jody Berson, Danielle Mandir, Zoe Maslen, Allison Furfine, Molly Shutt, Janey Asher, and Madeline Kalicka.

SCHOOL NOTES

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The **Academy of International Studies** is conducting a search for parent and community volunteers to work with the classes of 2011 and 2012 International Studies Academy members on their yearly research projects. The mentor meets with the student once a week or every other week at Churchill throughout the first semester. The meeting time would be approximately 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. during lunch. If interested, email contact information to Wendy_A_Tilles@mcpsmd.org, and

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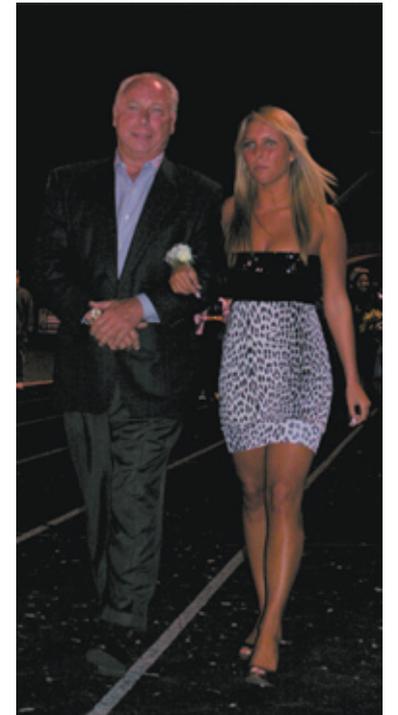
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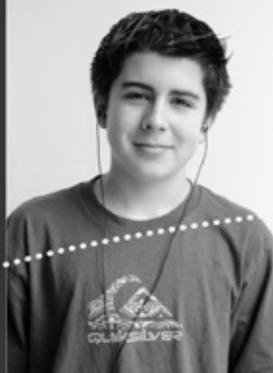
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NEWS

Honoring Benz, Alderdice, PCC

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general socializing every Friday night during the school year, with another 90 or so on the waiting list.

"Its organized chaos," said Chloupek. It is also consistently recognized as one of the most successful such programs in the county, said Cohen, a model that the county's Department of Recreation looks to when trying to design like programs.

Club Friday was so popular that eventually After Hours for grades 6-8 was started.

"It's really important ... to provide a place for children to come to that is safe, alcohol free, and drug free," said Heltzer.

MUCH LIKE a super hero, or the Red Cross, perhaps, Andrea Alderdice is there when you need her. A past president and current board member of the Potomac Chamber of Commerce and a fixture for many years in Potomac real estate before recently shifting to the Bethesda market, Alderdice is always ready to help.

"If nobody else would or could do it, Andy was always there," said Fred Goldman, of the Potomac Chamber of Commerce. "It" is anything, really, that is needed, said Goldberg.



Andrea Alderdice

Alderdice is also a board member of the Kiwanis Club of Washington and heavily involved with an orthopedic clinic run out of Sibley Hospital for developmentally disadvantaged children.

"Whenever we've needed help to get a project done, she's been there," Goldberg said. "She sets a great example for the business community, she's not just all about making money for Andy, she's about giving back to the community as well and giving back her time and efforts."

This time of year she would normally have been helping the Chamber make their awards selection, but it wasn't until after she heard she'd won the Business Person of the Year Award that it occurred to her that no one had called her about that meeting.

"It's funny, I wasn't at that meeting I guess, because I was very surprised when they called me," she said. "I'm usually on the judging committee. I guess not this year."

Now she's looking forward to riding in the Potomac Day Parade as the award winners customarily do, and attending the Nov. 13 awards dinner at Normandie Farms Restaurant. Getting the award from her close friends and associates has deep meaning.

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Churchill Posts Homecoming Victory

Former Coaches Honored as Bulldogs Roll to 33-14 win.

BY AARON STERN
THE ALMANAC

For Henry Danver, returning to the field where he last coached a soccer game years and years ago was a surreal experience. For one, he was surrounded by people who he last knew as his fresh-faced teenage athletes who were now mothers, fathers, and professionals.

The school has since been remodeled and the field itself is different now too.

Gone are the days when he used to mow the patchy field of whatever-grass on a ride-on mower. That work is now done by county maintenance employees, and even the field itself has changed. Danver remembers the days when he would joke with coaches and parents that if everybody could bring in

a seed of genuine bluegrass — from yards, golf courses, wherever — they might be able to grow a genuine bluegrass field for his teams. These days that pipe dream is no longer a joke, the Churchill athletic field seeded with lush bluegrass courtesy of the Churchill Booster Club.

“Things have changed a lot since I’ve



Former Churchill football coach Fred Shepherd with Brian and DeDe Dove at Churchill's homecoming on Friday, Oct. 3. The stadium was formally renamed Friday night Shepherd Stadium at Danver Field to honor Shepherd and former boys and girls soccer coach Henry Danver.

been here,” Danver said.

Danver and fellow Bulldog coaching legend Fred Shepherd were celebrated at halftime of Churchill's homecoming game on Friday, Oct. 3 as the stadium in which the two men coached their teams to hundreds of victories was renamed in their honor.

Shepherd coached the Bulldog football team during its most successful era from 1969-1995, leading the team to the only two state titles in school history, along with 14 regional championships, 13 county titles and a 208-80-1 record in his 27 years. More than 200 of Shepherd's players went on to play college football and nine made it all the way to the NFL. Shepherd was named Maryland coach of the year in 1976 and was inducted into the Maryland High School Football Hall of Fame in 1999. Danver coached soccer at Churchill for 23

years and was most notably one of the pioneers that pushed for girl's soccer to be included as a varsity sport in high school. During his time at the school, Danver coached both the boy's and girl's soccer teams to a combined record of 419-130-32. With the boy's team he won five state titles, eight regional championships, and 10 county titles. He led the girl's team to six division championships and three county titles. The stadium previously had no official name.

Being back quite literally on their old stomping grounds was surreal for the two men, but not in a bad way.

“I was thrilled to death and a little awed that they would do this,” said Shepherd in between exchanging hearty handshakes and bear hugs with former players. “I’m just

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Bulldogs Control Bengals Early and With Ease.

If the lockstep analysis of the team's performance shared by the Bulldogs' team leaders with their head coach following their win is sign for encouragement, the Northwest Jaguars — and the rest of the county — should consider themselves on notice.

After a dominating 33-14 win over the Bengals, a game the Bulldogs controlled easily 26-0 at halftime, coach and player alike were hardly bastions of boastfulness.

“We had too many penalties,” said senior quarterback Curran Chabra. “We need to tighten up.”

“We got ahead [and had] a little bit of a mental lapse,” said head coach Greg Neuendorf.

Indeed, after a crisp first half in which the Bulldogs seemed to be stopped only by themselves, the night looked like it could get extra ugly for the Bengals. But the Bulldogs' read option ground game and efficient, timely passing led by Chabra and senior receiver Danny Holzman bogged down in the second half, hampered not just by a peppering of false start and illegal motion penalties, but also by a turnover inside Blake's 20 yard line.

Such procedural miscues and costly red zone turnovers won't fly against stiff opposition like Northwest, and the team seems to know that.

“Like I told our kids, we're going to need to improve to win our next five games,” said Neuendorf.

The win gave the Bulldogs a 4-1 record, and after a big win last week against a tough Gaithersburg team the Bulldogs didn't fall into the trap of dropping their guard against the struggling Blake Bengals.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Area Golf Teams Clean Up At District Tourney

The Potomac area was well represented at last week's Montgomery County District Golf Tournament as Wootton, Churchill, and Whitman were all among the top four finishers in the team competition.

The Wootton Patriots were most impressive, capturing the team district title with a combined score of 299, 14 strokes better than second-place Churchill. Leading the way for the Patriots were Dyland Skarupa and Brian Hollins, who finished in a tie for second in the individual competition with scores of 74. Andrew Stein wasn't far behind with a score of 75, finishing in a tie for third. Connor Tendall also finished in the top 10 for

Wootton.

Senior Gary Raizon and junior Diana Brown of **Churchill** both won the individual district title for the second consecutive, a feat that hasn't been accomplished by two golfers from the same school ever, according to coach Michael Fisher. Raizon shot a 71 while Brown shot a 78. Nader Shishechi finished in a tie for seventh with a score of 76.

By virtue of finishing in the top three of the district tournament, both Wootton and Churchill now move on to the state golf tournament to be held Oct. 21 and 23 at Potomac Ridge Golf Course.

The Whitman golf team finished two shots back of third-place Bethesda-Chevy Chase with a combined score of 321 in the team competition. Brandon Eng, Steven Fisher, and Alex Rhea all finished in a tie for 11th place in the individual competition with scores of 79.

Girl's Soccer Roundup

The Whitman Vikings girl's soccer team maintained its spot atop the 4A West standings this week thanks to a double overtime victory against Northwest last week.

The Vikings are now 6-1 this season and 4-0 in division play, having given up just four goals this season. Meanwhile, the team's offense has exploded for 17 goals in seven games.

Coached by Greg Herbert, Whitman is looking to make its first appearance in the state tournament in three years.

The Churchill Bulldogs girl's soccer team fell to 1-2 in division play after a 3-1 loss to Quince Orchard
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Wootton Comeback Bid Falls Just Short

Hail Mary and hopes for third victory knocked away by Northwest.

BY MIKE WEINER
THE ALMANAC

In what was one of the more exciting football games to be played so far in Montgomery County, Northwest High School fended off a pesky Wootton Patriots team en route to a 33-28 victory last Friday night.

The first quarter was a hotly contested defensive battle, with no scores coming until the second quarter. Wootton's defense, headlined by senior linebackers Mike Cresham and Justin Dhyani, were able to suppress a prolific Northwest running game at first.

NORTHWEST, though, led by senior running back Hassan Dixon, jumped out to a



The Wootton defense had a hard time stopping Northwest running back Hassan Dixon in its 33-28 loss to the Jaguars last Friday.

14-0 lead in the second quarter. Dixon ended up with 188 rushing yards and four touchdowns for the game. Wootton looked

to swing the momentum in the second quarter on a Mike Mooney sneak into the end zone, but he was called down inside the

one-yard line.

Northwest then stopped the Patriots on four straight plays, giving the Jaguars ample momentum. Wootton's offense didn't get on the board until the second half, when it was too little, too late, as they were already down 20-0.

MOONEY HAD 347 passing yards and three touchdowns, but each Patriot score was followed by a Northwest answer. There were five touchdowns scored in the fourth quarter as the teams alternated scores. After an eight-yard touchdown run by senior running back Andrew Rosenblatt, Dixon responded immediately with an 80-yard touchdown run.

Going with the back-and-forth trend of the second half, Mooney found junior wide receiver Matt Grimm on a screen pass to pull within five points. After a defensive stop, Wootton drove past midfield, setting up the final play with four seconds left. Mooney rolled right and heaved the ball towards the end zone, but it was knocked away, sending Wootton to its second-straight loss and a 2-3 record.

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Churchill Coach Greg Neuendorf addresses his defense in the first quarter of the Bulldogs' 33-14 homecoming win over Blake on Friday, Oct. 3.

Bulldogs Dominate Blake

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"I think we feel good, we're glad to win," said Neuendorf. "We're excited about where we are at this point in the season, especially compared to last year."

"We could have played a lot harder than

we did, but we got the W, that's what's important," said Holzman.

The key to beating Northwest?

"We've gotta come out a lot harder ... come out and play our hearts out for four quarters," said Chabra.

players ages 5 to 18, is looking to add a member to the team.

Responsibilities include assisting in training sessions for youth teams, game coaching, conducting clinics, and the possibility of year-round contracted employment. Interested Candidates should e-mail their resumes with current certifications and recent experience to staff@americansocceracademy.net.

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last Wednesday. The Bulldogs are 3-3-1 overall this season.

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humbled and really honored."

More than one hundred Bulldog alumni and their family members turned out to see and to honor their former coaches.

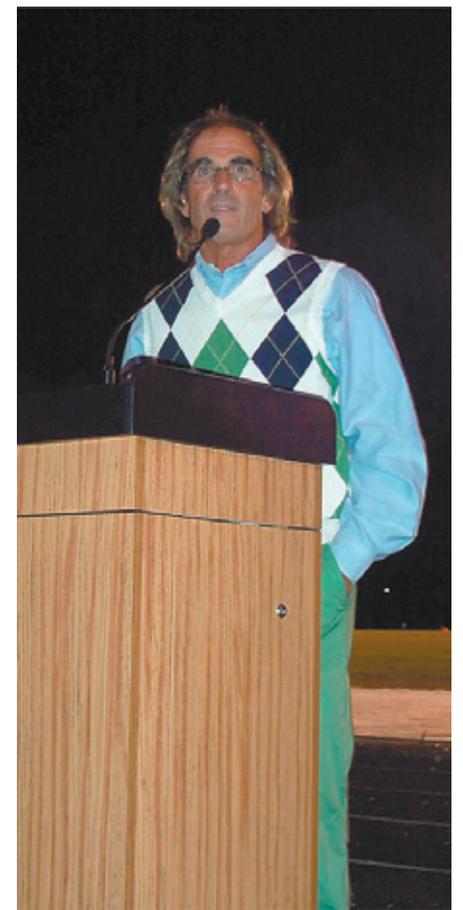
"This is the best part of it right here," said Shepherd, with each of his arms thrown around the necks of cousins Brian ('78) and DeDe Dove ('80), two of his former players. "The biggest thing about this event is all these guys here," Shepherd said of the alumni in attendance. After so many years it wasn't easy to remember the names of everyone he saw that night, but the faces — and the positions those faces played and the strengths and weaknesses that each of those faces played with — were indelible in his mind, Shepherd said.

Former players remembered Shepherd as a tough, gritty coach who expected complete commitment from his players.

"He helped me become a man," Dove said. "He was tough but fair. He was hard and he wanted your best."

Players and coaches made plenty of sacrifices to chase their athletic dreams, but so too did the families of each of the coaches, Danver said. And at the heart of every Bulldog soccer and football team of those golden ages was pure, unadulterated passion.

"Both of us did it because we loved it,"



Henry Danver, Churchill's former boys and girls soccer coach, addresses the fans and alumni at Churchill's homecoming last Friday.

said Danver, as he watched the Bulldog football team grind up and down the closely cut bluegrass playing surface that now bears his name.

"I'm just honored," Danver said. "It's very, very special."

You Make The Call



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

As a long-time customer server, I have had ample opportunities to do what I'm supposed to do; do what is right; and to do what is above and beyond, sometimes all together and sometimes independent of one another. As such, I feel somewhat qualified to discuss some of the customer service I receive and some of the customer service that I don't receive. And though \$4 per gallon gasoline and \$4.29 per gallon for home heating oil doesn't exactly put me in the best of moods, I'll try to be reasonable in my rant.

To quote the actor Peter Finch, in his role as "deranged ex-anchor," Howard Beale, from the 1977 release of the Oscar-winning movie, "Network," "I'm mad as hell and I'm not going to take it anymore." And furthermore, I have decided that I am no longer going to confront the foot soldiers, those front-line customer-servers with whom customers/consumers initially and most often engage, in their pursuit of truth, justice and what was once the American way, fairness. Henceforth, I am going to stop dealing with the infantry and follow Lt. Col. Sherman Potter's advice to Radar (from the long-running television show, M*A*S*H): "Always go to the top, Radar." To which Radar responded, "You're closer to it than I am, sir."

Well, I'm not any closer to the top than Radar was, but I am as close to a telephone as anyone else is, and since I am extremely comfortable and capable speaking on it, I have decided to complain up. The lack of on-site accountability has forced my hand — and fingers. No longer will I mumble in disbelief when treated disrespectfully, no longer will I grin and bear it when "policy" gets in the way of courtesy and this customer's satisfaction, and no longer will I attempt to resolve disputes with in-house management while backing up a line of frustrated customers waiting impatiently. I will remain calm. In fact, it will be as if I'm Katie Winters from the Secret brand deodorant commercials from yesteryear, "I will be cool, calm and collected." I will simply ask for a phone number for someone in customer service/customer relations at the main office/regional/corporate level to whom I can speak at a more convenient time.

I have never been a squeaky wheel, but after years of getting greased and neglected, of being disagreed with and generally speaking, taken for granted, I am officially mad as hell and I am now going to start doing something different about it. Enough is enough!

It is too difficult, especially in this economy, to make the money I make, incur the expenses I do and pay the bills I must, simply to be treated as if there's plenty more where I came from. And there may very well be, but that fact doesn't feed or assuage this bulldog. I'm done, locally.

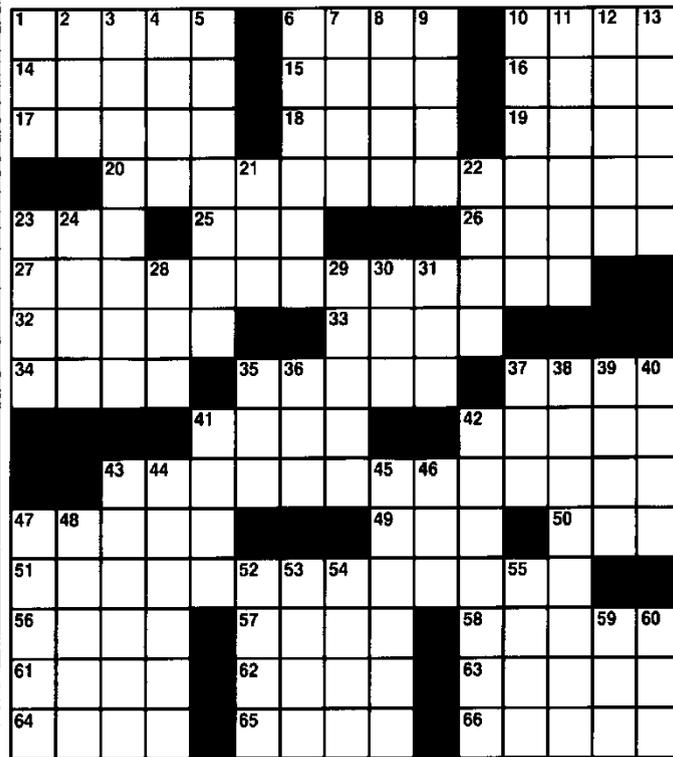
In the future (heck, make that the present), I will be communicating my dissatisfaction to those in a position of authority. I am not going to waste my breath or expend my energy complaining to the unempowered person standing in front of me. I am going to follow Sherman Potter's advice. I have tried the other way and it doesn't work. It's time to start at the top and work my way down. Wish me luck. I'll probably need it.

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- 18 Old Spanish kingdom
- 19 Coin no longer being minted
- 20 What happens when Kansas City wins a World Series?
- 23 Sea's partner
- 25 Draw
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- 33 Like a Burns acquaintance
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- 42 Not just a franchisee

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- 43 Why is the drought-plagued swim club bankrupt?
- 47 Film maker Frank
- 49 Playboy head, to friends
- 50 Lake Okeechobee's state: Abbr.
- 51 What's the anagrammatic reason for these odd questions?
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- 57 Food for Fido
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- 5 Mercury astronaut Deke
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- 10 Green party?
- 11 In a bad way
- 12 Excellence
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- 22 Kind of wit or test
- 23 Saturate
- 24 Curly cabbage

- 28 Compose
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- 30 Press for payment
- 31 Ginger —
- 35 "— me?"
- 36 Band aid?
- 37 Air letters?
- 38 Making whole
- 39 Make known
- 40 Bear with us at night

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- 41 Voiced
- 42 Times when you're not at your peak
- 43 Pinafores
- 44 Thirstiest
- 45 "Hey, check that out!"
- 46 Guitarist Paul
- 47 Class
- 48 Cop —
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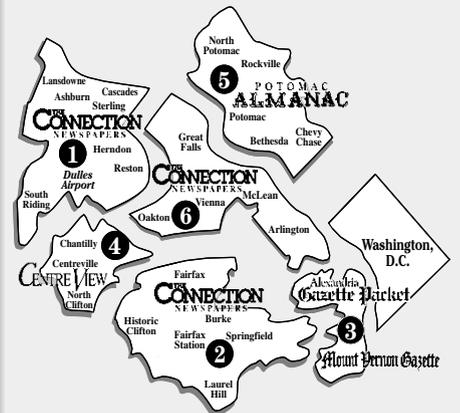
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