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Winston Churchill High School theater students, who most recently performed "Rent: School Edition," serenaded voters as they showed up at the Herbert Hoover Middle School polling station on Tuesday, Nov. 4. Voters turned out in high numbers early, with lines ranging from 30 minutes to an hour at various polling locations before 9 a.m.

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'Just Fed Up'

Potomac voters showed up early and in high numbers to make their selections on Tuesday morning.

BY AARON STERN
THE ALMANAC

Chief Judge Steve Cades showed up at 6 a.m. to prepare the Potomac Community Center polling site for the general election on Tuesday, Nov. 4. Though the polls wouldn't open for another hour, five people were already waiting to vote. By 7:30, the line was halfway into the center's parking lot.

"It seems like people have come here on a mission today."

— Vernon Ricks

said.

At various polling stations around Potomac, the wait to vote grew as long as 30 minutes to an hour. As she waited in line at Herbert Hoover Middle School to cast her vote in the general election, Tomye Spears said that the economy was first and foremost on her mind.

"I'm just fed up," she said. "I'm absolutely fed up the way it's been the last eight years." A lifelong Republican originally from Texas, Spears said she began voting the Democratic

ticket two elections ago because she was fed up with the Republican Party. A Barack Obama victory, she said, would mean a lot.

"To myself. To my kids. If things don't get turned around, we're in a heap of trouble," Spears said.

"The issue is the overall [national] security and the security of the financing system," said Dr. Hadi Bahar as he readied to vote at the Potomac Community Center. Despite a lengthy campaign and countless opportunities for each presidential candidate to clearly explain how they would solve the current financial crisis, Bahar said he felt neither candidate offered a concrete explanation. In particular, Bahar never heard a plan for how CEOs who receive golden parachutes as their companies crash and burn would be dealt with in the future. As a result, Bahar said he wasn't terribly pleased with either candidate.

"So I'm voting for one, but reluctantly," Bahar said.

"THE ECONOMY and the war," said Ben

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Jonathan Fishbein, a challenger and watcher for the McCain campaign, brought his radio with him to listen to results as he worked the polls at Cabin John Middle School on Tuesday, Nov. 4.



PHOTO BY MARY KIMM/THE ALMANAC

Election officials at River Falls said they could accommodate about 70 voters every 30 minutes, and about 150 people waited in line at around 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 4.



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Julia Chandler, River Falls resident and junior at Walt Whitman High School, serves home-baked breads, coffee and orange juice to voters waiting in line outside the River Falls Clubhouse. She and other Whitman students were asking for donations to help fund their school United Nations trip to Qatar.

Students Serve in Presidential Campaigns

Armies of high school volunteers mobilized on behalf of both presidential candidates.

BY AARON STERN
THE ALMANAC

On Friday, Oct. 31 as many of his friends and classmates were likely readying themselves for Halloween festivities, Lawrence Yen sat in a small room in the back of the Barack Obama campaign office in Bethesda. Reading from a prompt on a computer screen, Yen, a senior at Winston Churchill High School, called one known Obama

supporter after another. He called, he informed his listeners, first to ensure that they intended to vote on Tuesday, Nov. 4 and second, to see if they would volunteer with the campaign that day in one capacity or another.

"I saw that you signed up to take off on election day to help Barack. I just wanted to make sure you were still planning on doing that," Yen would say, reading from a computer screen. Depending on their

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Churchill senior Lawrence Yen calling Obama supporters on Friday, Oct. 31 to ensure they vote in the general election.



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Early, Heavy Turnout

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Haskin when asked what mattered most to him this election. "Civic duty, too," he said of what brought him to the polls. Haskin also brought his daughter along with him to Hoover Tuesday morning to see what voting was like.

Lines at Hoover ranged from 30 to 40 minutes long between 7 and 8 a.m., said Chief Judge Deborah Snead.

Some people brought books and magazines as they stood in line. One man standing in line had a newspaper.

"I always bring something to read," he said. "You never know what's going to happen."

At Our Lady of Mercy Parish precinct chair Vernon Ricks said the line was about 50 yards long when the poll opened at 7 a.m., but that it grew to more than 150 yards before 8:30 a.m.

"Everybody I've seen has been happy," Ricks said. "It seems like people have come here on a mission today."

Ricks said he himself was waiting to vote until the end of the day so he can hopefully "cast the deciding vote."

THERE WERE no major glitches to report Tuesday morning, though there was some confusion at Cabin John Middle School. Those who normally voted at Bells Mill Elementary School, which is currently under reconstruction, were supposed to vote at Cabin John, with the regular Cabin John voters going to the cafeteria, the Bells Mill voters to the school's gymnasium. Some people got in the wrong line though, only to realize it later and have to go to the back of the correct line, said Jonathan Fishbein, a challenger and watcher for the McCain campaign.

"I don't think anybody walked away," Fishbein said.

Judy Murphy spent her morning outside of Hoover soliciting donations for the Winston Churchill High School theater department's trip to Scotland next year but was going to go to Wayside Elementary to vote later in the day.

"I just want my voice to be heard," Murphy said. "There's a lot of assumptions about who's going to win, but it ain't over 'til the fat lady sings."

— Mark Giannotto contributed to this story.



PHOTO BY AARON STERN/THE ALMANAC

Voters stand in line at Hoover Middle School, where lines reportedly got as long as 30 to 40 minutes before 9 a.m. "I always bring something to read," said one man. "You never know what's going to happen."

Students Volunteer in Political Campaigns

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response, he clicked on either 'yes' or 'no' prompts based on the responses he got, when he got any at all.

"Most of the time nobody's home or they just don't pick up," Yen said. It was, after all, around 6 p.m. on a Friday afternoon, prime commuting time.

Yen is one of many local high school students that have been making many calls like those lately. As the presidential race steamed through the summer and raced towards its finish this week, volunteers on both ends of the political spectrum labored hard, making telephone calls, going door-to-door and doing anything else they could for their presidential candidates. For those volunteers still in high school, that meant juggling their normal school-related responsibilities with their budding political concerns. Yen, 17, took an AP government class last year that sparked his political interest, so he started interning with the Obama campaign this past summer and has continued his work there throughout the fall.

"I decided I really needed to get involved and somehow make a difference even if I can't vote," he said

IF LAWRENCE YEN has been a foot soldier in the effort to mobilize votes for Barack Obama, then Adam Scholl, a senior at Walt Whitman High School, has been a commanding officer. As the National High School Development Coordinator for Obama for America, Scholl is in charge of coordinating the efforts of Obama's roughly 2,000 high school student-volunteers across the country.

The bottom up, grass roots-style of Obama's campaign has been particularly

conducive to student involvement, Scholl said.

"There's been no opportunity like it before. There's never been a presidential candidate that took youth so seriously," Scholl said.

Because Obama carries the youth vote statistically Scholl has not directed his campaign towards high school students, instead using his army of volunteers to reach adults. Only a fraction of high school seniors nationwide were eligible to vote in Tuesday's general election anyhow — 7 percent, according to Scholl.

Last week Scholl focused on organizing large bus trips of student volunteers that would head into swing states for one last weekend of door-to-door canvassing in a final push to reach undecided voters.

"We tell our canvassers your face is the last thing they're going to see before they go into the voting booth, so it definitely can have an impact," he said.

Since the school year began, Scholl has been busier than your average high school student. He started his school days at 7:25 a.m. just like any other student, but after fourth period ended at 10:45 a.m. he was off to his campaign office where in recent weeks he said he has spent anywhere from 8 to 12 hours a day. That doesn't leave much time for any other school activities — Scholl said he used to run his school's Young Democrats Club but these days it's all about Obama.

AS THE PRESIDENT of the Young Republicans Club at Churchill, Andrew Schick finds himself in the vast minority of high school students with political views or registered party affiliations.

"I don't want to say it's tough but I think it's frustrating," Schick said. When his friends and classmates find out that Schick, 18, is a registered Republican, "They're like 'oh, what's wrong with you, I didn't see that coming.'"

Daniel Cinquegrani, chairman of the Maryland Teenage Republican Party feels Schick's pain.

"I am vastly in the minority, but I will say that every time we have a discussion in class ... they're all polite," said Cinquegrani, a senior at Walter Johnson High School.

Like Scholl, Cinquegrani last week was in the throes of organizing trips of high school students to head to Pennsylvania and Virginia to lobby undecided voters in the two swing states.

Canvassing is a tiring and often trying experience, particularly when those answering the door are less than pleased to do so.

"You get a lot of doors slammed in your face," said Scholl. "I never had anyone be to hostile toward me in any serious way but some people were definitely pretty angry that I was there."

"I remember one time ... I asked a man who was probably 80 for his support," said Yen. "He cussed me out said 'don't you know [Obama is] an Arab, he's a Muslim, his middle name is Hussein?'"

Yen told the man those things weren't true — except for the middle name — but he didn't change any minds during that phone call.

He has had success though. Since the Obama office is near B-CC High School, volunteers often find themselves in the parking lot talking to students and teachers, Yen said. After discussing Obama's edu

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Two Burglary Suspects Cleared

BY AARON STERN
THE ALMANAC

All charges were dropped last week against two suspects charged in connection with an August burglary on Scotland Drive. An investigation into that burglary led to simultaneous raids of six homes in Scotland, Cabin John and Germantown by Montgomery County Police in late September during which none of the stolen items were recovered. The manner and execution of the raid is currently under investigation by the Internal Affairs department of the Montgomery County Police Department.

Randy Polite of Scotland had been charged with first degree burglary, fourth degree burglary, theft over \$500, conspiracy to commit first degree burglary, conspiracy to commit fourth degree burglary, and conspiracy to commit theft over \$500. Detric Thompson, 27, of Cabin John had been charged with the three conspiracy charges and charging docu

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Boundary Compromise

BY AARON STERN
THE ALMANAC

Realigning school boundaries is often a tricky and emotional process. When the Long Range Planning Division of Montgomery County Public Schools began exploring new boundary options for Winston Churchill High School cluster's elementary and middle schools earlier this year, some parents anticipated a tense process with an upsetting resolution.

When County School's Superintendent Jerry Weast released his recommendation for new boundaries last month there was a brief stirring among local parents.

"It seemed like there was an initial panic, [then] everything died down almost immediately," said Bells Mill Elementary School parent Merry Eisner. That is because Weast's recommendation seems to have satisfied many parents living in the affected areas. The Montgomery County Public Schools Board of Education will meet Nov. 12 and 13 and take public comment on the newly proposed boundaries as well as other major issues facing the public school system.

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PEOPLE

Morella Addresses Maryland's Women Legislators

BY CISSY FINLEY GRANT
THE ALMANAC

“Some of my best memories come from my years in Annapolis,” Ambassador Constance Morella told a crowd of over 300 women legislators, and their guests, attending the Women Legislators of Maryland Foundation, Inc., luncheon at Loews Hotel, Annapolis.

Following several years as U.S. Ambassador to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development in Paris, the former congresswoman, who spent 15 years representing the 8th district in the U. S. House of Representatives and eight years as a Maryland delegate in Annapolis told her audience, “I have gone from Paris Glendening (former Maryland Governor) to Paris France.”

Acknowledging the growth of Maryland women legislators, the guest speaker recalled when “The women’s caucus started in 1972 with 12 apostles.” Today there are 59 women members in the General Assembly.

The Oct. 24 event called, “The Reunion of The Sisterhood” prompted Morella to remark, “A reunion reminds me of the things we used to do together and what we ac-



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Guest speaker at the Women Legislators of Maryland Foundation, Inc., Ambassador Constance Morella (second from right) met with (left to right) Montgomery County Park and Planning Commissioner Jean Cryor, Potomac; Maryland State Treasurer Nancy Kopp, Bethesda, and Del. Kathleen Dumais, Potomac. Cryor, a former delegate, is a past president of the Women Legislators.

complished. I remember, with the numbers, you could not pass anything if you did not have the help of the guys. We had to work together,” she said. On an international note she added, “From the U.N. to the Marshall

Plan we must learn to work together.”

TO ENCOURAGE cooperation among women state legislators and to increase their numbers is the underlying and major

cause of the foundation. There were fewer women legislators in 1972 than now. And, there was a more sensitive issue not generally known or discussed. The ladies’ room. It was on the third floor of The State House whereas a spacious men’s room practically adjoined the House floor. (The informer pled anonymity.) How was the situation resolved? Very nicely, thank you. The men’s room was divided in half and equal facilities with equal accommodations were provided.

Women now comprise 31 percent of the Annapolis delegation, quite an increase from when then Delegate Morella was a member. There were few women at the time. She told of driving home one night, after a late session, and was stopped on the road by a policeman. The officer, quite stern, remarked on whatever the infraction was. He then checked the tags. House of Delegates. He returned to the driver and told her, “I will only give you a warning this time.” She thanked him profusely and promised not to repeat the offense. The officer replied, “I didn’t do it for you, I did it for your husband.”

After entertaining the audience with this bit of sexist humor, Morella struck a more serious note. “I remember when women could only be principals of elementary schools. Now, the president of Harvard is a

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OPINION

Looking at Land Use Near and Not So Far

BY CAROL VAN DAM FALK
WMCCA PRESIDENT

Gaithersburg West sounds like it's a million miles away from Potomac but it is right up against us (at the end of Piney Meetinghouse Road) and it's going to be big — virtually a new city at our doorstep. See <http://www.mcparkandplanning.org/planning/community/gaithersburg/>. We need to be part of the Gaithersburg West Master Plan discussions. There will be Community Meetings on Nov. 6 and 12 and Dec. 2 at 16641 Crabbs Branch Way at 7 p.m.

The WMCCA Board voted to send a letter to the Park and Planning Board registering its concern over extending the height from 20 feet to 30 feet for the roof of the proposed office building at Potomac Oak Shopping Center at Glen and Travilah Roads (formerly the Glenvillah Shopping Center). Although this building has already received site-plan approval, we are concerned about "mission creep" on this site, considering its location on a rustic road and the owners' ongoing application for sewer service for a site well outside the sewer envelope as outlined in the Potomac Subregion Master Plan.

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT By Ginny Barnes

Stormwater Partners Network and Montgomery County's new

draft Stormwater Permit:

Water quality in our county is steadily declining. The primary cause is a growing population and development that increases the amount of impervious surfaces such as roofs, driveways, parking lots and roads. Our population has climbed from 757,021 in 1990 and will reach a projected 1,024,000 by 2013 — all the while creating more "hard" surfaces and thus more runoff when it rains, and carrying sediments, nutrients, fecal bacteria, toxics and trash to our streams and rivers, the source of our drinking water. These pollutants eventually make their way to the dying Chesapeake Bay.

Our stormwater discharges are supposed to be regulated under the Federal Clean Water Act through the state of Maryland by something called a National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Permit (NPDES). Our county covers an area of 499 square miles and has 11,000 miles of storm sewer pipes with 900 major outfalls which can range in size from 12 to 36 inches in diameter, many of which discharge directly into a local stream. Our first permit was issued in 1996 and reissued in 2001. Until now, Montgomery County and other jurisdictions have simply been allowed to "do

the best you can" under their permits. This approach has led to the need for astronomically expensive restoration efforts (\$200,000 to \$500,000 per stream mile) and a proposal for a mid-river intake to obtain our drinking water, avoiding the pipe-clogging sediment pollution on the Potomac River shoreline.

The current permit action is in

until 10 p.m. During the colder months the bubble would cover the courts but may not contain noise, will require a fan unit to keep it inflated, and create traffic in and out of the club later in the evening. If the club seeks permission from the Board of Appeals to have different classes of membership (for example, tennis only, or limited duration) it would create a significant departure from the current requirements in the Zoning Ordinance for a swim club to operate and would require that the Ordinance be modified, with county-wide repercussions.

PNC Bank, Potomac Village: While not opposed to a new facility, the WMCCA Board is not particularly happy with the proposal made by PNC and the shopping center management to build a two-lane drive-through banking facility in the parking lot along the Falls Road side of the lot where the existing ATM kiosk is located. A number of parking spaces would be lost and a complicated set of stop signs at the Falls Road exit would try to regulate traffic attempting to leave the center. We are unconvinced that this proposal will result in anything but confusion and congestion at a point in the parking lot where it should be easier to navigate rather than made more difficult.

OPPOSING THE ICC By Diana Conway

At its Oct. 1 meeting, WMCCA members heard about a growing campaign to derail the InterCounty Connector, and approved a contribution of \$2,500 to the campaign to stop the ICC. The state's own study says that the ICC will not relieve traffic on 495, 95 or 270, and that many local intersections will get even worse with the ICC. This 18-mile, six-lane toll road is now estimated to cost \$3.8 billion. Canceling the road would incur only \$80 million, and allow funding to be redirected away from road-centric development and into transit. Transit ridership has been climbing rapidly — people want to get out of their cars.

SUSTAINABILITY WORKING GROUP

By Diana Conway
There is a new coalition working to make Montgomery County a sustainable and responsible community. See LAND USE, PAGE 13

WMCCA To Meet

The West Montgomery County Citizens Association will meet Wednesday, Nov. 12, 8 p.m., at the Potomac Library. If schools are closed because of inclement weather, the meeting will be cancelled. Speaker will be Councilmember Nancy Floreen (Democrat, At Large). Floreen serves as chair of the Transportation and Environment Committee and is a member of the Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee. She is Chair of the Metropolitan Council of Governments' Climate Change Steering Committee and serves on its Air Quality Committee. Bring questions and concerns. As always, the public is invited to attend. See www.WMCCA.org.

response to a renewal application submitted in 2005. At that time WMCCA joined with other organizations in a group called the Stormwater Partners to lobby for an NPDES permit that, for the first time, actually sets limits on pollution being discharged into our streams. Our collective lobbying effort has resulted in a much-improved draft permit that needs support from every citizen, especially if we expect to have clean water to drink and streams safe enough for wildlife and human recreation. A public hearing is scheduled for Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. in the Council Office building first floor auditorium.

Forest Conservation Law Amendments: Currently stuck in T&E Committee discussions, increased protections to existing forests are a critical partner to an improved NPDES Permit. A direct correlation exists between the amount of paving and the amount of forest in a watershed. Forests and trees are still the best and least expensive stormwater management available. Failure to protect forest now leads to water resource damages that cost us millions of dollars in attempted restoration.

PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT

By George Barnes
Tennis Bubble, Oaklyn Drive: The Board has voted to oppose the application for a modification to the Special Exception that governs the Potomac Swim and Tennis Club. Our opposition is based on the impacts to the neighboring properties from an additional tennis court with lighting at night



Time for Flu Shots

Ellie Zimmerman, 9, and Abigail Zimmerman, 7, get their flu shot from Adventist HealthCare Health and Wellness Nurse Susan Richards. Health officials from Shady Grove Adventist Hospital, Washington Adventist Hospital and Montgomery County government have partnered with local organizations on a new campaign called "Take Your Shot for Health," to encourage residents to get flu shots. To learn more, visit www.takeyourflushot.com.

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Criminal activities reported by the Montgomery County Police Department through Oct. 21.

A **garage burglary** occurred at 11100 Long Pine Trail in Potomac between 12 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, and 12 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19. No forced entry, property taken.

An **armed robbery** occurred at in the 11400 block of S. Glen Road in Potomac on Monday, Oct. 20 at 9:05 p.m. The adult male victim was told to meet "a customer" at the bottom of the driveway. The first suspect asked the victim if he had change for a \$100 bill, and then grabbed the victim and demanded his money. He said he had a gun but none was seen. The suspect got in to the passenger side of a white Chevrolet Cavalier and they drove off.

PETS OF THE WEEK



Whisper

Whisper is a male, 6-year-old, 50 lbs., neutered Shepherd/Retriever mix. Whisper is one of those sweet-tempered, adorable dogs who crave human attention. He loves treats, shakes paws and gives doggy kisses. Whisper would be a great dog for a kind family who would care for this wonderful, trained boy.



Pooka

Pooka is a male, 7-month-old, neutered kitten. A "pooka" is a mischievous, playful spirit and Pooka's character is very similar to his namesake. He's gentle when he plays and is something of a little klutz. Pooka would love to cuddle and knead a kind adopter to show his affection.

Partnership for Animal Welfare (PAW) is an all-volunteer, not-for-profit group. To adopt an animal, volunteer or make a tax-deductible donation, visit www.paw-rescue.org, 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 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.

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Newly designed iconography at the Saints Peter and Paul Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church was completed the week before the bazaar. “Pictures do not do this justice, you’ve got to see it,” said Father George Rados. The work was done by Leo Demontopolos of Florida, who made most of the painting on canvas that was then affixed to the dome of the church. That is the new method for doing such iconography, said Rados, to ensure that if the roof must be repaired for any reason the iconography can be removed without damage. Rados said that he worked with Demontopolos on the design. “My motive in creating the art in the ceilings was to try to ... create the hem of Heaven ... It makes you feel as though this is something to strive for. It’s inspiration, more or less.”



At Saints Peter and Paul Church

Rana Elamine explains the details of a Middle Eastern craft being looked at by Sara Scott of Potomac while attending the 25th Annual Bazaar at the Saints Peter and Paul Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church in Potomac on Oct. 18.

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‘The Reunion of The Sisterhood’

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woman and a woman has just been appointed the president of the University of Paris. We need more women in board rooms and in fields of science and technology,” she said.

Morella kept her audience spellbound with a litany of experiences from her days of daily house-to-house campaigning and door knocking (Her children started their own campaign. “Elect our mother and get her off the streets.”) to her years in Paris. Of the latter she told the luncheon group she was the only OECD ambassador in France who had French security guards with her at all times, was driven in a bullet proof car and could not display the American flag at their residence. When she asked the French government why, she was told that of all 30 OECD countries represented, they considered the threat of an attack greater for the United States representative than any other. “They provided and paid for it. They said if something should happen to me it would be an international incident. When Tony [her husband] asked what about him, he was told it would be just another funeral,” she said. Of the latter remark she recalled it was said with humor. However, Professor Morella only had security if he was

accompanied by his wife.

A SPONTANEOUS standing ovation from this group of women legislators and a spattering of men, including the speaker’s husband, Professor Tony Morella, followed her talk. Maryland Treasurer Nancy Kopp; Park and Planning Commissioner Jean Cryor and her daughter, Jennifer Baldwin, recently named to the Montgomery County Commission for Women; Del. Kathleen Dumais who represents the Potomac area; County Councilwoman Nancy Floreen; Montgomery County Department of Parks director Mary Bradford; President of the Montgomery County Commission for Women Reggie Oldeok; the commission’s executive director Judith Vaughn-Prather and commission member Pat Cornish; former state Sen. and former Secretary, Maryland Department of Aging, Jean Roesser; Del. Karen Montgomery of Montgomery County; state Sen. Jennie Forehand; Olney Theatre board of directors president and former Maryland’s First Lady, Frances Glendening ; and WSSC commissioner Adrienne Mandel were among the powerful with a purpose “... to encourage the greater participation of women in Maryland government.”

PEOPLE

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Chris Rogers (right), Marwood host, describes the restoration project of Marwood to guests at the C&O Canal benefit party.

Thousands Raised at Party

BY CISSY FINLEY GRANT
THE ALMANAC

It takes a big heart to fill in a big hole and there were lots of big hearts in attendance at a recent benefit party for the hurricane Hanna damaged C&O Canal towpath.

"This is the largest special event ever to benefit the C&O Canal," said Matthew Logan, president and founder of the recently formed C&O Canal Trust. "The superintendent convinced me the park needed a friends organization," said Logan, the former president of the Potomac Conservancy, a river conservation group.

Logan said the new organization's goal of raising \$100,000, part of the cost for repairing the 125 ft. wide and 50 ft. deep Hanna hole, is close to a reality. "I got a call from a lady recently who gave \$10,000

toward the repair in honor of her late father. She said he walked the canal daily," he added.

The Oct. 25 benefit party, given at Nalini and Chris Rogers' recently restored Marwood home overlooking the Potomac River, was co-hosted by, among others, Diana and Bill Conway, who, in recent years also gave a huge benefit for Hurricane Katrina victims in Bill Conway's native state of Louisiana.

The enthusiastic turnout for the canal, including Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett, warmed the hearts of C&O personnel including Kevin Brandt, superintendent of the C&O National Historic Park. "We have requested funds from the national office for the repairs, but there has been no answer yet. We have asked the trust to volunteer to raise funds for this," he said. Over \$30,000 was raised from this event for the towpath repair.

Brandt estimated 750,000 people yearly travel the

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Janelle Straszheim greets Napoleon, a prominent living room fixture at Marwood. Marwood was designed after the center section of Malmaison, Napoleon's gift to Josephine.



Don Harrison, president of The Friends of Historic Great Falls Tavern and vice chair of the board of directors of C&O Canal Trust, and his wife, Liz, were among the contributors to the canal restoration project.



Superintendent of the C&O National Historic Park, Kevin Brandt (left) and Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett, found a moment to talk.

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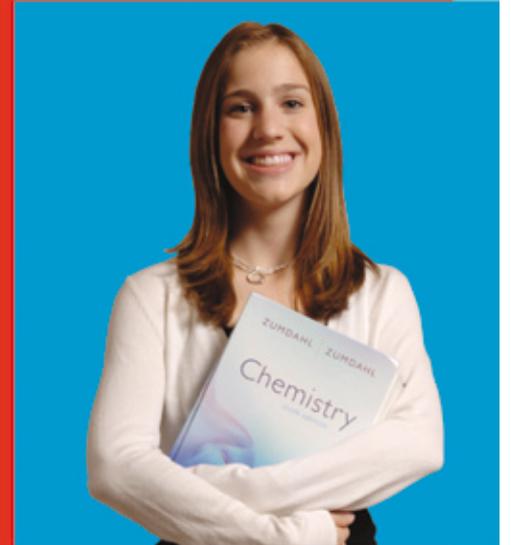
Brenda McDonagh's second graders at The Harbor School in Bethesda have been busy making campaign posters and pins and writing speeches. They have gone on the road to introduce the rest of the students/constituents to "Orange" and "Apple," junior candidates for The Harbor School. The students have been engaged in strategy sessions on how to get their message across, as well as addressing voters' questions and pressed home the need for an "educated vote."

Author's Effect

Children's author Mary Quattlebaum delights Washington Episcopal School student Joy Alycia Kramer by autographing her book. Joy is with her mother, Allyson, at the school's annual Book Fair on Oct. 22. This is the third year in a row that the school has hosted a children's book author.



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MILITARY NOTES

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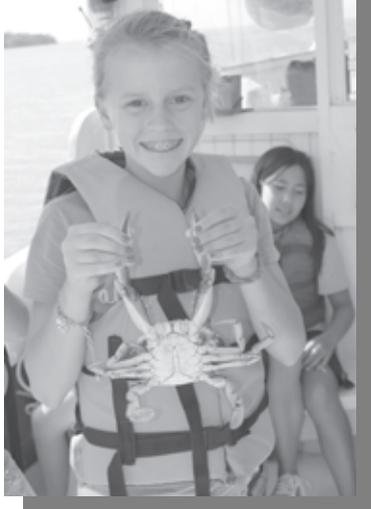


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PEOPLE

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canal in the Old Angler's Inn area where the Sept. 6 towpath cave-in occurred. "We immediately constructed a by-path around the breach," he said. Hikers will be able to continue their treks along the scenic area.

The estimated 200 respondents to the \$100-\$1000 invitation to Marwood found plenty of roaming space in the 33 room-13 bath mansion, built in 1931. It is where President Franklin D. Roosevelt, on occasion, hung his hat while the now Camp David was under construction and where the Joseph Kennedy family lived (1937-39) prior to his tenure as ambassador to Britain. Presidents Nixon and George H.W. Bush numbered among the dignitaries who visited Marwood in the past as did movie stars. Even a party scene filmed there was included in the movie, "Broadcast News."

Host Chris Rogers said it was nearly a three-year restoration project for their 16,000-square-foot home. When asked about the lower level theatre (adjacent to the 15 car underground garage) he said, "It was an empty shell when we got here and practically a dirt floor." That pretty well summed up the huge extent of the work needed throughout, including restoring some of the windows. Classical head ornaments and acanthus leaf brackets are among the original exterior objects d'art still in evidence. "We extended the back terrace quite a bit," he said pointing to iron grilling installed on a side wall. It was the front door when they bought Marwood in 2005, but not the original front door. That had been previously removed and sold.

Joel Achenbach, author of "The Grand Idea," spoke to canal enthusiasts, and other co-hosts in attendance, including Holly and Scott Funger, Mimi and Steve Kirstein, Kirsten and Brett Quigley and Sydney and Peter McKelvy, telling them, "I often think of the canal as the Great Wall of China in the Atlantic, or the Washington Monument. I think of George Washington when I walk along the canal." He added, "When you get a hole in the canal, that's a problem."

Achenbach's book, his sixth, devotes numerous pages to the 184.5 mile canal, its origins and preservation. A stack of his books, which he autographed on request, were presents to those at the party. Roy Sewall's "Our Potomac," a photo collection with history, was on sale, with all proceeds going to the canal restoration project. Sewall is chairman of the C&O Canal Trust board.

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REAL ESTATE Land Use

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REAL ESTATE NOTES

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Win and They're In Wootton and Churchill meet this Friday with playoff spot on the line.

BY MARK GIANNOTTO
THE ALMANAC

There have been plenty of memorable Wootton-Churchill football games over the past four decades, but this Friday when the Patriots and Bulldogs renew their annual rivalry, those in attendance will get to witness a Potomac first.

With both teams in the midst of renaissance seasons, this will be the first time ever that Wootton (6-3) and Churchill (6-3) match up with a playoff berth for both teams on the line. The Bulldogs have sniffed the postseason just once since 1995, while Wootton hasn't been to the playoffs since 1991.

The winner of this Friday's game will be the No. 3 seed in the 4A West playoffs. The loser will likely miss out on the postseason altogether. But aside from identical records and a bitter rivalry with each other, the two schools

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Churchill's Ryan Quinn (3) and Curran Chabra (16).



Wootton's Mike Mooney (14) and Stephane N'goumou (18).

Wootton Win Sets Up Match-up

In another must-win game, the Wootton Patriots earned a victory in their homecoming game, defeating Richard Montgomery, 63-38.

Wootton's high-powered spread offense flexed its muscle once again, although this time a new leader emerged to power the Patriots to a whopping 63 points. Senior tailback Andrew Rosenblatt gained 115 yards on only 16 carries and scored three touchdowns, carrying the team on his shoulders when quarterback Mike Mooney got off to a shaky start. Mooney's first pass was intercepted, but he bounced back and finished with 312 passing yards and four touchdowns. Mooney completed passes to six different receivers, including touchdowns to three receivers.

Wootton's victory sets the stage for what may go down as the most important regular season game in the county this year, a showdown with rival Churchill. Last year, the two teams met on the last week of the season, and Churchill's victory prevented Wootton from reaching the playoffs.

"We've been waiting for this opportunity for a long time," Patriots senior nose tackle Sam Hollman said. "We've taken it week by week and now it's all or nothing."

— MIKE WEINER

Whitman's Cinderellas Fall Just Short

Viking field hockey's magical run ends in shootout.

BY MARK GIANNOTTO
THE ALMANAC

It had all materialized so quickly and so perfectly that nobody on the Whitman field hockey team during last Thursday's 4A South regional field hockey final thought fate would end its magical run so cruelly.

After battling powerhouse Springbrook (13-1-1) to a scoreless tie over 80 minutes of action and with a trip to the state semifinals on the line, the match had gone to strokes (field hockey's version of a shootout). The Vikings had star goalkeeper Hillary Wall in the cage, a good sign since the senior hadn't allowed a goal in 220 minutes of postseason play.

On the sideline, though, Whitman coach MaryPat Veihmeyer already knew one team would leave the field in tears. She just hoped luck would be on her side.

"If it goes to strokes, it's fun to win, but it's always horrible to lose because of how close it was," said Veihmeyer.

But after senior Stephanie Dorman missed her penalty shot, giving Springbrook a 2-0 win in strokes,



Whitman senior Jackie Kantor fights for a loose ball in last Thursday's 4A South regional final against Springbrook.

Whitman's Cinderella run through the regional playoffs came to an abrupt end.

"It would be one thing to get blown out 3-0 or something, but to know you're that close, that's what's hard," said Veihmeyer afterwards.

Not many people had given the Vikings much of a chance to be in the regional final to begin with. Whitman (9-6) had lost to its quarterfinal opponent, Wootton, during the regular season, only to somehow pull out a 1-0 win in strokes.

Then, the Vikings pulled off the upset of the season, beating previously undefeated and No. 1 seed

Girl's soccer loses region final, 1-0 in 2OT.

BY MARK GIANNOTTO
THE ALMANAC

It was a twist of fate unbecoming of a team that seemed to fit into Cinderella's glass slipper perfectly.

After beginning the season 7-1, the Whitman girl's soccer team had dropped its last three games of the regular season to top-flight competition, entering the playoffs as a No. 9 seed. But the Vikings had put it all together in time to manufacture a mad dash through the bracket, including a 2-1 upset over No. 1 seed Walter Johnson in the quarterfinals last week.

So one minute into double overtime of Monday night's scoreless 4A West regional girl's soccer final when Whitman sophomore Lucy Arledge broke free on a mini-breakaway, it appeared to simply be another chapter in a storybook ending.

But there's always a catch, and this time it came in the form of Quince Orchard goalkeeper Amanda Whitney, who made a div-

ing save on Arledge's shot.

On the ensuing Cougar possession, Quince Orchard junior forward Ele Margelos dribbled her way past three Whitman defenders, and beat Vikings goalie Scarlett Meyer with a laser beam of a shot to the upper left corner of the goal.

The lone tally of the game gave Quince Orchard a 1-0 double overtime win and its third-straight regional title.

"I thought we were going home with the trophy," Whitman coach Greg Herbert said of Arledge's chance in double overtime. "Their keeper just made an excellent save."

The exchange in double overtime was the most offensive action seen all game. Throughout the 80 minutes of regulation, neither team could muster much in the way of scoring chances, with both defenses covering plenty of ground.

The Vikings best chance in regulation came early in the second half when senior midfielder Retha Koefoed broke free of the Cougar defense, but misfired wide on her shot. Koefoed was instrumental in the Vikings run through the play-

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SPORTS

Churchill Boy's Soccer Upset by Magruder

Early goal ends Bulldogs undefeated season.

BY MARK GIANNOTTO
THE ALMANAC

For a team like Churchill, undefeated all season long and equipped with 26-goal scorer and likely all-state selection Kevin Dansky, the early goal scored by Magruder in the opening minutes of Monday's 4A west region boy's soccer final certainly didn't seem insurmountable — at least not at first.

But after the Colonels had worked their defensive game plan to perfection, shutting out Churchill on their way to a 1-0 victory, the Bulldogs were only left to wonder how one lax moment had effectively ended their season.

"It was just really unlucky," said Dansky of the low line drive of a goal scored by Magruder's Colins Mbu that found its way through the Churchill defense five minutes into the game. "I think it was just one of those flukey goals."

Making matters worse for the Bulldogs was the background surrounding the game. In 2007, Magruder came into the regional final as not only the top team in the state, but also one of the best in the nation. A scrappy Bulldog

team took them to the brink of elimination, losing 2-1 in overtime. The Colonels went on to win the state championship.

This year, the sides were supposed to be reversed. Churchill came in as the overwhelming favorite, having compiled a 12-0-2 record over the course of the season.

But in a sign of things to come, one of the Bulldogs' few blemishes this season was a scoreless tie to Magruder on Oct. 16 in which the Colonels dominated play defensively. It was a formula they repeated Monday night.

"Outside of once they got the goal in, their purpose was to defend the game away," said first-year Churchill coach Arnold Tarzy. "It was frustrating."

Culminating with Mbu's goal, Magruder came out of the gates pressing the action and controlling possession. But after the early surge, Churchill regrouped and began to look like the team many predicted could win the state title.

For most of the second half and a good chunk of time before half-time, Churchill had Magruder on its heels, defending its own goal. The Colonels had a sound defensive strategy, draping Dansky, who

scored close to 80 percent of the Bulldogs' goals this season, with two and sometimes three players.

Still, Churchill's best chance to even things came with 15 minutes remaining in the game when Dansky somehow worked his way free along the left side of

Magruder's penalty box. But in a game where quality scoring chances were at a premium, the senior captain couldn't deliver, hitting the side of the net with his shot.

"It's just frustrating when there's three guys on you at once," said Dansky.

Afterwards, as Magruder celebrated its second-straight appear-

ance in the state tournament, Tarzy was left with the unenviable task of trying to explain how five innocent minutes could end an undefeated season.

"The team that plays the best sometimes finishes second, it's just the way that this game is," said Tarzy. "We'll just have to figure out what it's like to be a regional champ another time."



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Win and They're In

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couldn't be more different this season.

THE PATRIOTS have their high-flying spread offense to thank for the program's revitalization. Led by fourth-year coach Greg Malling and the prolific senior duo of quarterback Mike Mooney and wide receiver Stephane N'goumou, Wootton has averaged more than 31 points per game this year. It all came to a head last Friday, when Mooney and the Patriots put up 63 points against Richard Montgomery.

The weekly offensive explosions have gotten the attention of football observers outside the area. Mooney was named ESPN's East Region Player of the Week after throwing for a single-game Maryland state record 451 yards and three touchdowns in a 36-7 win over Blair two weeks ago. The senior is already approaching 2,500 passing yards for the season.

"It's a great feeling, and an honor for the whole team," said Mooney.

And both Mooney and N'goumou are planning on playing college football following their successful campaigns. Mooney has interest from several Ivy League schools, as well as various Division II and III schools.

N'goumou could be on national television as early as next fall with serious interest from Division I programs like Maryland, Iowa, Syracuse, and Connecticut.

"They put in a lot of hard work in the off season and they've done a great job of marketing themselves," Malling said of his players' rising recruitment stock. "They're doing a better job with their game tapes and contacting coaches and that type of stuff to get their names out."

DOWN THE STREET at Churchill, there hasn't been much thought put into future NFL careers. While the Bulldogs may be talented in their own right, they've snuck up on the entire county this year en route to their first winning

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SPORTS

Girl's Soccer Loses in 2OT

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offs, scoring two goals in last Thursday's 3-0 semifinal win over Sherwood.

"We couldn't take advantage of our chances"

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—Whitman coach Greg Herbert

double overtime that much harder to handle for a Viking squad looking to make its first appearance in the state tournament since winning the state title in 2004.

In a match played evenly for more than 90 minutes, Herbert and his team had to learn the hard way about

really want this and we're going to work hard for it," said Koefoed of the Vikings quick turn-around after the three-game losing streak to close out regular-season play.

The late-season chemistry only made the end result of Monday's



PHOTO BY HARVEY LEVINE/THE ALMANAC

Senior midfielder Retha Koefoed scored two goals in Whitman's 3-0 regional semifinal win over Sherwood last week.

just how maddening a game soccer can be. One missed opportunity can quickly turn into another team's celebration.

"We couldn't take advantage of our chances and they got their one and took advantage of it," Herbert said.

Run Ends in Shootout

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Blake, 1-0, to set up a chance at making the state tournament. Couple all that with the fact that Veihmeyer had announced prior to the postseason that this would be her 29th and final year as Whitman field hockey coach and it's no wonder the Vikings thought their fate would be decided by more than just pure luck.

"We had an awesome run ... I'm really happy with how far we got," said senior Maya Herm, who will play field hockey at Dartmouth next fall. "When it comes down to strokes, it's chance, sometimes you got it, sometimes you don't. In this case we didn't."

Wall allowed the deciding goal in strokes, but it was her play throughout the postseason that helped create this unlikely

"It would be one thing to get blown out 3-0 or something, but to know you're that close, that's what's hard."

— Whitman coach MaryPat Veihmeyer

run. Despite giving up no goals in Whitman's previous two playoff games, Wall might have saved her best performance for the final, stopping nine shots and carrying her team through several tense moments during regulation and the two overtime periods.

And although Veihmeyer's field hockey coaching career didn't quite have that surreal ending everyone dreams about, she was quite content knowing her Whitman team accomplished feats nobody could have predicted even two weeks ago.

"You can't complain when you have a great season and they really did," said Veihmeyer, who will continue to coach the Whitman girl's lacrosse team this spring. "They got better and better as the season went on and that's what a good team does."

Friday Game To Decide Rivalry

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season since 2004. Under second-year coach Greg Neuendorf, the school appears to be well ahead of schedule in its rebuilding project just a year after finishing 3-7.

Churchill does boast its own stable of talented offensive weapons, like senior quarterback Curran Chabra (a TD pass in all but one game this season) and junior running back Ryan Quinn (more than 100 yards rushing in all but two games this season), but the Bulldogs claim to fame is their consistency throughout the roster and willingness to out-work and out-hit the opposition.

Wide receiver Danny Holzman had a four-touchdown game earlier this season while the versatile Alex Kantor has thrown for and caught touchdown passes. On the defensive end, senior Scott Leyba leads a Bulldog secondary that has helped hold opponents to just 13 points per game in the team's six wins.

"The team isn't just good because we're good," said Quinn about the play of the team's skill position players. "We're good because everyone is good. We just play those positions where everyone notices."

— Almanac intern Mike Weiner contributed to this article.

Fanatic But Not A Phillie



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

While having a conversation recently with my mother about how it was that I could stand the pressure of watching our home town team, the Boston Red Sox, play baseball night after night, as they mostly won their 2008 playoff games, many of which were "elimination games" and extremely stressful if their winning mattered to you, I had an epiphany of sorts.

Sure, I love sports; sure I'm a long time member of Red Sox Nation, having been born, bred and buttered in New England; sure, my father was an even longer-time Red Sox fan, having sold concessions at Fenway Park during the Great Depression when he was a little boy, but my fanaticism may have much deeper psychological underpinnings than that.

Watching sports, especially during those moments of game-changing, series-ending, history-making, life-affirming circumstances, creates tremendous amounts of anxiety and discomfort, and depending on the outcome, mind-crushing and mood-altering disappointment as well. As fans, we all have mechanisms for dealing with the highs and lows and the roller-coastering emotions in between. It can be drinking, smoking, eating, not eating, sitting, standing, pacing, fidgeting, fumbling, dressing a certain way, undressing a certain way, watching from a specific place, not watching (like my father-in-law), following a particular routine, etc.; all in an attempt to charm the Sports Gods and secure your team's rightful place above the rest and to secure, as well, your admission into the fan's Hall of Fame (which of course does not exist outside of anyone's head). No individuals being equal in this pursuit, as a fan you do whatever you can to cope and hope and bring home the win.

And as I was explaining an abbreviated version of this philosophy to my hearing-impaired mother (for whom my brother and I felt compelled to buy the MLB package from Comcast because of her growing passion for the Bosox), I inadvertently discovered what may very well be the real reason I am able and determined to watch my beloved Red Sox win or lose, day after day, right down to the hopefully not, bitter (and premature) end: the opportunity to bite my nails without any recrimination or frustration by others as to the reason why I'm doing it.

Moreover, given the understandable tension of the sport's moment, as a fan I would be hard-pressed not to be nervous. And biting one's nails is a reasonably accepted, and semi expected-type normal behavior, especially from a fan watching an extremely stressful, highly competitive, contest, where it's likely there will be any number of slings and arrows of potentially outrageous fortune. Furthermore, given the emotional stakes fans have invested in their team's winning, especially Championships (in whatever Conference, Division, League, etc. you value), how does one not bite their nails?

So that's what I do, I bite my nails. It's normal, almost. Under these circumstances, it's sort of what people/fans do. It's all the other times when I bite my nails — constantly, which are not normal, not expected and not reasonable (and rarely tolerated, I may add). But under these unique, sports-related circumstances, my nail biting is hardly noticed, hardly mentioned and rarely a topic of conversation, unlike every other moment when it is noticed, mentioned, etc. No wonder I love being a fan, it's the one time where my abnormalities are considered normal. Some call it fanaticism, I call it nirvana.

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The couple were engaged in Asheville, N.C. in June. The couple will be married in Washington D.C. in spring 2009. They reside in Atlanta, Ga.

Students Volunteer in Presidential Campaigns

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cation policies with one B-CC teacher Yen said he thinks he got the man to switch sides.

"I think that changed his mind, originally he was leaning towards McCain and after that I think he changed his mind," Yen said.

AS THE FINAL DAYS of the campaign wound down, McCain and Obama supporters alike were anxious, and emotions were high.

"It's almost entirely excitement. I'm really nervous but mostly I'm really excited," said Scholl.

"It means the world," said Yen.

With most national polls showing Obama with a five to seven percent lead with less than a week to go, Cinquegrani was worried.

"I think its important we don't give up, no matter what the polls say in certain states," Cinquegrani said. As he prepared for one final weekend of canvassing, the mission was clear and simple.

"Hit as many places as we can, hit as many voters who are undecided as possible," Cinquegrani said.

"I think [McCain will] come back a little bit, the gap will get a little bit closer but honestly I don't think he can pull it out right now," said Schick.

Charges Dropped for First Two Defendants

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ments said that he allegedly acted as a lookout during the August burglary on Scotland Drive.

The charges against both men were dropped during preliminary hearings at the Montgomery County District Court in Rockville on Friday, Oct. 31. The Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office did not respond to calls seeking comment on the case.

Thompson denied involvement and relatives of Polite have said that he was in Ohio the morning of the alleged burglary.

Scotland residents have said that police went out of their way to damage their personal property during the simultaneous

raids that were executed by SWAT teams in the early morning hours of Sept. 30. They have said also that they believe the burglary was used as a false pretense to push a misled gang investigation. Scotland residents say there is no gang activity in their community; police have said that the suspects whose homes were raided have gang ties. Scotland residents have been in contact with NAACP and ACLU representatives about their concerns.

After having his case dismissed Thompson said he was glad for the speedy resolution.

"But I'm not satisfied with the outcome because there's still more to do on this," Thompson said. "Waste of time and money, that's all it is."

Knit Scarves for Women with Breast Cancer

Pink yarn and knitting needles will substitute for workout gear at Fitness Express, Cabin John Mall on Friday Nov. 14, 7-9 p.m.

When Marilyn Menick, owner of Fitness Express, first heard the news story about how women with breast cancer undergoing chemotherapy shiver even in the summer, she stopped to listen. "Women undergoing chemo are often chilled and uncomfortable during treatments," she said. "There is a growing community of knitters making pink scarves to be donated to women going through treatment."

To participate in this effort:

For those who knit, donate a scarf or two.

If those who don't knit, but would like to learn, join the gathering on Friday Nov. 14 for knitting lessons at Fitness Express, 11325 Seven Locks Road in Cabin John Mall.

Donate pink yarn or funds to purchase yarn.

The scarves will be delivered locally to women going through chemotherapy and to the American Cancer Society to be distributed through their channels.

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FRIDAY/NOV. 7

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Food Festival and Bazaar. Enjoy Russian and Eastern European food and shopping from 4-8 p.m. at St. Mark Orthodox Church, 7124 River Road, Bethesda. Call 301-229-6300 or visit www.stmarkoca.org.

Blues and Swing Dance. Enjoy blues and swing dancing in the Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo Park. Blues dance lesson 8-9 p.m. followed by dancing from 9 p.m.-12 a.m. to live music from The Idle American. \$13/workshop and dance.

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.

SATURDAY/NOV. 8

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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.

Jewelry Exhibition. A collection of jewelry and metalwork pieces by 16 area artists will be offered for show and sale 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Woman's Club of Bethesda, 5500 Sonoma Road. Free. Call 301-299-3497.

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Classical guitarist Ernesto Tamayo will be performing Saturday, Nov. 15 at 8 p.m. at Westmoreland Congregational Church, 1 Westmoreland Circle, Bethesda. See www.marlowguitar.org.

6300 or visit www.stmarkoca.org.

Swing Dance. Enjoy a swing dance at the Spanish Ballroom in Glen Echo Park. Beginner Swing lesson from 8-9 p.m. and dance from 9 p.m.-12 a.m. to live music. \$15/person. E-mail dance@flyingfeet.org.

Art and Craft Sale. Members of the Art League of Germantown will take over the galleries at the Waters House, 12535 Milestone Manor Lane, Germantown, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., where they will exhibit and sell their creations. Call 301-515-2887.

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tango, rumba, cha-cha and many more at the Spanish Ballroom in Glen Echo Park. Lesson from 3 to 3:30 p.m., dance from 3:30-6 p.m. \$10/person. Call 703-860-4142 or e-mail jackelder@aol.com.

Contra and Square Dance. The Folklore Society of Greater Washington presents traditional American dancing including contra dances, square dances, and waltzes at the Spanish Ballroom in Glen Echo Park. Dance lesson from 7-7:30 p.m., dance from 7:30-10:30 p.m. to live music. \$12/non-members, \$9/FSGW members.

Art and Craft Sale. Members of the Art League of Germantown will take over the galleries at the Waters House, 12535 Milestone Manor Lane, Germantown, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., where they will exhibit and sell their creations. Call 301-515-2887.

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Holiday Designs and Decorations. Little Farms Garden Club of Potomac hosts program by floral designer Chris Polychrones at Potomac Community Center, 10 a.m. Cost: \$20.

THURSDAY/NOV. 13

Literary Luncheon Series. The Friends of the Montgomery County Library's 21st annual Literary Luncheon Series continues with Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, Maryland's first female lieutenant governor, at 11:30 a.m. at Strathmore Hall Arts Center in the Mansion, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. \$25/lecture and lunch, \$20 lecture only. FOLMC members: \$22/lunch, \$18 lecture only.

FRIDAY/NOV. 14

Holiday Bazaar. Enjoy art and craft vendors, specialty boutiques, holiday decor, refreshments, raffle, and more at the St. Jane de Chantal Holiday Bazaar, St. Jane de Chantal School, 9525 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda. 7-10 p.m., visit www.freewebs.com/dechantalholidaybazaar.

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.

Cajun/Zydeco Dance. Dancing by the Bayou presents Cajun and Zydeco dancing with Dennis Stroughmatt & Creole Stomp at the Bumper Car Pavilion in Glen Echo Park. Cajun dancing lesson at 8 p.m. followed by a dance from 8:30 p.m.-12 a.m. \$15/person. E-mail Dancingbythebayou@verizon.net.



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Evelyn (Erica Siegel) and her school music teacher (Rex Daugherty) discuss her future as a percussionist in "Playing from the Heart" at Imagination Stage, through Nov. 30.

THEATER

Bullis School presents **"Scapino!"** based on the commedia dell'arte of 18th century Italy, updated for modern audiences. Matinee performance is **Nov. 6** at 4 p.m.; evening performances are **Nov. 7** and **Nov. 8** at 7 p.m., at the Blair Center Howard Auditorium, 10601 Falls Road. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

"The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" will be playing at the Adventure Theatre in Glen Echo Park **Nov. 17-26**, with additional performances at the Roundhouse Theatre in Silver Spring, **Dec. 15-20** at 7 p.m. and **Dec. 21** at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Call the box office at 301-634-2270.

The Puppet Co. presents **"Tiny Tot Tuesdays"** for children ages 0-4 at the Adventure Theatre in Glen Echo Park on two Tuesdays each month at 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.: "Penguin's Playground" shows **Nov. 18**. Call 301-320-6668 or visit www.thepuppetco.org.

"The Three Billy Goats Gruff" runs at the Adventure Theatre in Glen Echo Park until **Nov. 21**. Performances on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Tickets: \$10. Call 301-320-6668 or visit www.thepuppetco.org.

"Miss Nelson is Missing!" a musical-comedy, will be running at the **Imagination Stage**, 4908 Au-

burn Ave., Bethesda, **Nov. 22-Jan. 4** at 12:30 and 3:30 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Recommended for ages 4 and up. Call the box office at 301-280-1660 or visit www.ImaginationStage.org.

The Potomac Theatre Company presents **"Scrooge,"** based on "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens **Nov. 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30** and **Dec. 5, 6 and 7** at the Bullis School Blair Family Center for the Arts, 10601 Falls Road, Potomac. Tickets: \$20/adults; \$18/seniors and children. Leave a message at 301-299-8571 for reservations.

"The Nutcracker" is running **Nov. 28- Dec. 31** at the Adventure Theatre in Glen Echo Park. Performances on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. and Saturdays and Sundays at 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Special shows on Nov. 28 and Dec. 26-31 at 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Tickets: \$10. Call 301-320-6668 or visit www.thepuppetco.org.

"Playing from the Heart," a play inspired by the early life of internationally acclaimed percussionist Evelyn Glennie will be running at the **Imagination Stage**, 4908 Auburn Ave., Bethesda, **though Nov. 30** at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays, 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Saturdays and 4 p.m. on Sundays. Recommended for ages 6 and up. Tickets: \$18.50. Call the box office at 301-280-1660 or visit www.ImaginationStage.org.

HOLIDAY CALENDAR

Submit holiday calendar items to almanac@connectionnewspapers.com. Photos are welcome.

FRIDAY/NOV. 7

Fall Crafts. Assemble a head dress, decorate a fall wreath and enjoy story time with Perfect Parties by Terrye the Cabin John Mall Atrium, 11325 Seven Locks Road, Potomac, 9:30 a.m.

Food Festival and Bazaar. Enjoy Russian and Eastern European food and shopping from 4-8 p.m. at St. Mark Orthodox Church, 7124 River Road, Bethesda. Call 301-229-6300 or visit www.stmarkoca.org.

SATURDAY/NOV. 8

Jewelry Exhibition. A collection of jewelry and metalwork pieces by 16 area artists will be offered for show and sale 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Woman's Club of Bethesda, 5500 Sonoma Road. Free. Call 301-299-3497.

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SATURDAY/NOV. 15

What If My Dog Bites Santa? Learn some helpful management and training techniques to keep your dogs out of trouble during the hectic holiday season, from 2-4 p.m. at Potomac Community Center, 11315 Falls Road, Potomac. Call 301-983-5913 or visit www.yourdogsfriend.info.

FINE ARTS

Glen Echo teacher and artist **Liz Stafford** will present her oil and watercolor paintings at the Yellow Barn Gallery at Glen Echo Park Saturday, **Nov. 8**, 12-8 p.m. and Sunday **Nov. 9**, 12-5 p.m. Works include Maryland and Maine landscapes, still life paintings, botanicals and portraits. Visit www.yellowbarnstudio.com.

Web designer and fiber artist **Margaret Coe** will give a program on the "hows and whys" of having one's own web site to feature one's work at St. James Episcopal Church, 11815 Seven Locks Road, Potomac, **Nov. 8**, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Free. Visit www.potomacraftsmenguild.org.

"Recent Landscapes" by Barbara Kreling will be on display at the Yellow Barn Gallery in Glen Echo Park **Nov. 15-16**, 12-5 p.m. An artist reception will be held Nov. 15, 4-6 p.m.

An exhibition of photographs of **Theodore Roosevelt Island** by Anthony J. and Megan D. Peritore will be shown in the Popcorn Gallery in Glen Echo Park Saturdays and Sundays through **Nov. 16** from 12-6 p.m.

A **Holiday Art Show and Sale** will be held in the Popcorn Gallery in Glen Echo Park Saturdays and Sundays, **Nov. 22-Jan. 11**, 12-6 p.m. Exhibition will feature works by resident artists.

An exhibition of portraits by photographer **Emily Whiting** is on display through **Nov. 30** at the Photoworks Gallery in Glen Echo Park every Sunday and Wednesday, 1-8 p.m. Free. Call 301-229-7930 or visit

www.glenechophotoworks.org.

The **Yellow Barn Studio** announced its open call for applications to participate in a tuition-free 10-week program of intensive art learning. Application deadline is **Dec. 1**. Applications will include a CD with 10 images, a list of works, and a completed application form. Application forms can be downloaded at www.YellowBarnStudio.com. Notifications of acceptance are sent out Dec. 15. The course runs Saturday mornings Jan. 24 - March 28.

Work from **The Miniature Painters, Sculptors & Gravers Society of Washington, D.C.** is on display at the Mansion at Strathmore's Gudelsky Galley Suite from **December through Jan. 3**. All the work is original and must be rendered 1/6 or less than life size and the image may not exceed 25 square inches. Free. Visit www.strathmore.org.

Peruvian artist **Nebior Arellano** is displaying tapestries inspired by the indigenous cultures of her homeland at the Mansion at Strathmore's First Floor Galleries from **December through Jan. 3**. Free. Visit www.strathmore.org.



'Personal Views'

Glen Echo teacher and artist **Liz Stafford** will present her oil and watercolor paintings in her "Personal Views" exhibit at the Yellow Barn Gallery at Glen Echo on Saturday, **Nov. 8** from noon to 8 p.m. and Sunday, **Nov. 9**, from noon to 5 p.m. Works will include Maryland and Maine landscapes, still life paintings, botanicals and portraits. See www.yellowbarnstudio.com.

Alice Hui's wood fire stoneware, porcelain teapots and vases and sculptures both wheel-thrown and slab-built and **Jane Brashares'** handmade paper, natural dyes, and found objects such as sea glass, stones and weathered wood are on display at the Mansion at Strathmore's Invitational Galley from **December through Jan. 3**. Visit www.strathmore.org.

FAITH NOTES

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Congregation Har Shalom, 11510 Falls Road, Potomac, presents **Maggie Anton**, author of the popular *Rashi's Daughter's* book series, on Wednesday, **Nov. 19**, 7:30 p.m. Anton will talk about her extensive research



into the world of Ashkenazic Jews during medieval times in France. To register visit www.harshalommaggieanton.eventbrite.com or call 301-299-70987 X 315.

Congregation Har Shalom, 11510 Falls Road, Potomac, is holding its annual Scholar's Weekend program on Friday and Saturday, **Nov. 21 and Nov. 22**. Shabat dinner on Friday at 6:45 p.m. is \$12/adult and \$8/age 12 and under.

Reservations for dinner may be made by going to <http://harshalomscholarsweekend.eventbrite.com> or by calling 301-299-7087 x 315.

The Seven Locks Baptist Church, 11845 Seven Locks Road, Potomac, holds **weekly prayer meetings**, Wednesday in the sanctuary at 6:45 p.m. Call 301-279-9388.

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