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Sharon Ippolito and Walt Whitman High School's Katie Mayo are in the lead roles in the Potomac Theatre Company's spring musical production of "Raggedy Ann and Andy, A Musical Adventure," which wraps up this weekend with matinee performances Saturday and Sunday at the Bullis School.

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Weigh in on Bubble

A Montgomery County hearing examiner recently took public testimony both for and against a proposed seasonal tennis bubble that the Potomac Swim and Tennis Club on Oaklyn Drive wishes to construct. The hearing took place on Friday, March 6, but the public record will stay open until Friday, April 3. Those wishing to submit written comment either in favor of or opposing the bubble can do so by contacting the Office of Zoning and Administrative Hearings, Stella B. Werner Council Office Building, 100 Maryland Avenue, Room 200, Rockville, Maryland 20850, or by emailing testimony to ozah@montgomerycountymd.gov.

The club's plan is to shift the two courts currently bordering Oaklyn

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NEWS

Concerns Mount Over Science City

Local groups wary of transportation ripple effect of 60,000 jobs in Gaithersburg West.

BY AARON STERN
THE ALMANAC



A man at a community meeting in Rockville last week reviews renderings of the proposed science city in the Gaithersburg West Master Plan area currently under consideration by the Montgomery County Planning Board.

As the city of Gaithersburg and the Montgomery County Planning Board weigh the potential of a future science-based city area along the edges of North Potomac, Gaithersburg and Rockville, local residents are growing more vocal in their concern about the ramifications of such a project.

The Gaithersburg West Master Plan is currently being updated by the planning staffs of both the Planning Board and the City of Gaithersburg. That plan would revolve around the reconstitution of the current Life Sciences Center from its current form of scattered, sequestered medical-related buildings to a pedestrian and mass-transit friendly area of science-based higher learning, and research where many of the people who work there live nearby.

The project has been touted by planning officials and developers as an innovative research community that will bring highly educated residents to the area and be good for the local economy. That sounds good to nearby residents like Donna Baron of Gaithersburg, but not in the size currently being considered.

"The scale is just outrageous," said Baron, who formed the Gaithersburg-North Potomac-Rockville Coalition to keep local citizens abreast of the development plans.

THAT SCALE that Baron calls outrageous envisions the creation of upwards of 20 million square feet of commercial space, 60,000 jobs, and 5,000 dwelling units. Much of the driving force behind that plan is provided by Johns Hopkins University, which would have one 40-acre campus and another 108-acre area of high-rise research and academic facilities on what is now Belward Farm on Darnestown and Muddy Branch Roads. The density planned for that area is

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Potential Home Invasion Thwarted

Police patrols stepped up around Rock Run Drive and the River Falls neighborhood.

BY AARON STERN
THE ALMANAC

When the doorbell rang at the front door of her Rock Run Drive home just after 9 p.m. on Friday, March 20, Jane Smith didn't think to be any more suspicious than she usually is. Already as cautious with that sort of thing as anyone she knows, Smith looked through the peephole

in the door rather than open it. She saw nothing and went back about her business, figuring that some neighborhood children were fooling around.

Five minutes later the doorbell rang again. Her husband, who was upstairs, became concerned, and opened up a window overlooking their front door. Below he saw two men in bushes near the house, whispering to one another. He heard one tell the

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Police Home Safety Tips

In the wake of a possible attempted home invasion on Friday night, March 20 in Potomac, police put out a notice recommending the following measures for protecting one's home.

- ❖ Keep your windows and doors locked.
- ❖ Before opening the door to someone you do not recognize, verify their identity through an independent source. For example, if a person states that they are a delivery/utility worker, call the publicly listed telephone number for the local corporate office to confirm the same. (Do not trust a number provided by the unknown subject.)
- ❖ Always remain aware of your surroundings; scan any hidden areas near the entry points of your home before entering or exiting.

❖ Trim shrubbery near your home to prevent the obstruction of entrances and windows.

❖ Make your home always seem occupied.

❖ Consider placing timers on lights, a radio, and/or a television.

❖ If you live alone, have a neighbor park their extra vehicle in your driveway.

❖ Walk in pairs or at least notify someone of where you are going — as well as your expected time of return.

❖ Avoid scheduling contractors to enter your home during your absence; do not provide them with a key.

❖ Keep all tools/ladders out of sight and locked away.

Scotland Residents Keep Legal Options Open

Families whose homes were raided by police last summer file notices with county that they still may sue.

BY AARON STERN
THE ALMANAC

A group of residents from the Scotland neighborhood in Potomac notified Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett's office that they may sue the Montgomery County Police Department. At least five families either from the historically black neighborhood or with ties to it filed notices on Monday, March 21 in relation to predawn raids of six homes in Scot-

land, Germantown, and Cabin John on Sept. 24, 2008. Several of those raids were executed by SWAT under no-knock warrants. Those whose homes were raided have questioned the motives of the raids and manner in which they were executed.

According to Montgomery County law, the residents had 180 days from the date of the incident to either file suit or notify the county that they might file a suit in relation to the incident. The notices filed by the families were submitted the day before that time frame ended.

"I don't want anyone feeling they have the right to bust my door down, mistreat me, mistreat my wife," said Tyrone Stott, whose Germantown home was raided as police searched for his son.

A final decision has not yet been made whether or not to pursue legal action, the group told The Almanac, but the Scotland community has been in touch with local and national representatives of the ACLU and the NAACP. Several of the families also filed formal complaints with the police department on Friday, March 20, said Leo Thompson, whose Cabin John home was raided when officers searched that September morning for his son Detric Thompson.

Residents have said that police intentionally damaged their personal property during the raid, and that they believe the raid was conducted under the pretense of a burglary investigation to push a misled gang investigation. Though designer leather coats were among the items reported stolen in the alleged August burglary, residents said that police searched for red and black bandanas and other clothing that could affiliate them with a gang.

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PHOTO BY AARON STERN/THE ALMANAC

Damage sustained to this doorframe of the front entrance to one Scotland resident's home in a Sept. 24 police raid has left the door unable to lock. Residents believe police used the pretense of a burglary investigation to further a gang investigation in a neighborhood where they claim there is no true gang activity.



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Cleaning Up

Volunteers from Potomac Paddlesports — with equipment provided by the National Park Service — spent their morning on Saturday, March 21 cleaning graffiti off of boulders near Sandy Landing, a popular put-in site for local paddlers near Great Falls in the C&O Canal National Historical Park.

THIS WEEK IN POTOMAC

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Drive 17 feet away from Oaklyn and 12 feet to the east, add a court, and top them with a bubble that would be 35 feet high at its apex. The bubble would be raised from Oct. 25 to April 15 each year, and additional lighting would allow nighttime tennis to be played until 10 p.m. each night the rest of the year. The bubble would be a dark green to blend in with the trees, would be screened by additional trees and would be opaque unlike other bubble in the area such as the one on the Georgetown Prep campus.

Career Assessment Test at Churchill

Each year Winston Churchill High School offers students the opportunity to take a career exploration assessment, the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery).

The ASBAB test results provide a snapshot of current knowledge and skills. These scores can be compared with the educational or job requirements for occupations of interest. Information from this test will not be passed on to the military.

The ASVAB test will be administered on Tuesday, March 31 at 7:25 a.m. The test is free but each participating student must have parental permission. Permission slips are available on the Churchill homepage, www.Churchillhs.org. Permission forms must be returned to the College/Career Center no later than Friday, March 27.

Contact Mrs. Zimmerman in the Churchill College/Career Center with any questions.

River Docents

This summer, Potomac Conservancy seeks volunteer docents at the River Center at Lockhouse 8. Docents are representatives for the Conservancy on weekends from May through October at the River Center, and share their knowledge about the C&O Canal and the Potomac River with visitors. Potomac Conservancy will be happy to work with college students to receive internship or other class credit for volunteering. Expected commitment is one weekend a month. Docents must be at least 18 years old.

A docent meeting will be held on Sunday, April 19. New docents will be trained from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.; all current and past docents are invited to attend from 3:30 to 4 p.m. for a meet-and-greet.

For more information about being a docent or events at the River Center at Lockhouse 8, visit www.potomac.org or contact Bridget Chapin, River Center Coordinator, at chapin@potomac.org or 301.608.1188, 211.

Wootton's 'Beauty and the Beast'

Thomas Wootton High School kicks off its spring musical "Beauty and the Beast" this weekend.

Directed by Adam Graham, Wootton's production features the talents of Jessica Futran as Belle, Aaron Gage as the Beast, Jonathan Helwig as Gaston, Josi Suslov as Mrs. Potts, Bryan Pike as LeFou, Alex Garretson as Maurice, Mattia D'Affuso as Lumiere, Fasil Gebeyehu as Cogsworth, Lauren Fagan as Babette, Stephanie Helwig as Madame Bouche, Spencer Wight as Darque, Dana Lipowsky as the Enchantress, Suzy Bobadilla, CeeCee Yao and Jenay McNeil as the Silly Girls, William Jeffreys as the Bookseller, Jack Stonesifer as the Baker, Matt Popkin as Gaston's Crony, and Jonathan Loewy as the Young Prince. Vocal direction is provided by Carla Ingram with choreography by Mel Allard. Under the musical direction of Carolyn Herman, Wootton musicians will provide top-notch, live accompaniment.

Show times are: 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 20, Saturday March 21, Friday, March 27 and Saturday, March 28; and 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 22 and Sunday, March 29. Tickets are \$10 for general admission seats and \$15 for reserved seats and can be purchased from the Wootton Box Office in the auditorium lobby from Monday, March 16 through Thursday, March 26 from 3-6 p.m. except on show dates when the box office will be open only during the two hours prior to show time.

Tickets also may be ordered by mail. Order forms are available on the Wootton webpage: <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/woottonhs/academics/art/B&BTicketOrder.pdf>

For more information, call 301-279-8581

NEWS



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The Belward Farm at the intersection of Darnestown Road and Muddy Branch Road in Gaithersburg is part of a proposed new science city that would bring researchers, scientific companies, and students to the area, but many residents fear it could also bring a crippling increase in traffic.

Local Groups Wary of Project

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comparable to that of Rosslyn, Va., said Baron, and would create a transportation nightmare for the surrounding areas that would trickle down into Potomac and beyond.

"And where's [the traffic] going to go? It's going to go down Travilah [Road], down Piney Meetinghouse [Road], down Seven Locks [Road, and down Falls Road," said Baron. "I'm surprised the people in Potomac aren't just screaming about this."

To handle the increased traffic load the Gaithersburg West Master Plan includes road enhancements and the realignment of the Corridor Cities Transitway (CCT) — a planned light rail or bus rapid transit system intended to run from Shady Grove to Clarksburg — through the planning area.

The use of the CCT would enable those who worked in the science city but lived outside of it to take advantage of environmentally-friendly mass transit and redefine the area from what it is now "where the focus is really the car and how to get

places by car," said Nancy Sturgeon, the project's lead planner for the planning board, at an informational community meeting last week hosted by the Planning Board.

BUT RELYING on the CCT — which is not yet funded and only tentatively projected for construction around 2015 — is a risky proposition with Hopkins hoping to break ground as early as 2012 or 2013, said Jan Fine, a spokesperson for Residents For Reasonable Growth, a group that has proposed a smaller-scale version of the master plan redesign.

"I don't think they can accurately estimate how many people are going to carpool and how many people are going to use mass transit," Fine said.

The Planning Board will present the Public Hearing Draft Plan at its headquarters at 8787 Georgia Avenue in Silver Spring on Thursday, March 26 at 7 p.m. To learn more about the Gaithersburg West Master Plan proposal visit <http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/community/gaithersburg/index.shtml>.

Families Extend Time for Possible Suit

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One warrant application listed, under the heading "Items to be searched for: ... Evidence linking the aforementioned suspect to the criminal street gang 'Bloods' or '54' or '54 Mob' or 'Bloody Pound' or '54 Bloody Pound'" Those items were to include clothing, notes, photographs, computer memory cards, and address books, among others.

Police confirmed that none of the items were recovered during the raids. Charges against all but one of the suspects have since been dropped for lack of evidence. Aaron Wilson, 18, is still facing charges in relation to firearms that were found in his possession during the raids.

The families said that they have not yet decided

whether or not they will pursue legal action against the police department, but that they wanted to keep their options open. Despite a private meeting with police and county officials in January they said that they still do not feel the situation has been rectified. Residents have said that the raids were just the latest incident in what has been ongoing tension between the community and local police.

Kay Freeman's son was a target of the September raids, and had he been in the wrong she said she would have let him know.

"Had he done something, my anger would be towards him," she said. "But I don't feel he did anything. I feel they fabricated the whole thing."

PETS



Sgt. Pepper

Sgt. Pepper is an eight-month-old, 50 pound, spayed Shepherd mix who is a healthy, bouncy puppy. She loves leash walks, the people and dogs she meets and is housebroken. Sgt. Pepper will get by with a little help from her PAW friends and a kind, puppy-savvy adopter.

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.



Cheyenne

Cheyenne is a five-year-old, 72 pound, spayed Hound mix who was rescued from a rural shelter when their time was up. She may have some Bloodhound in her and is very sweet and low key. Cheyenne will blossom with the right kind of adopter.

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 703-917-6407.

MONDAY/MARCH 30

Voter Registration Deadline. 9 p.m. at Board of Elections, 751 Twinbrook Parkway, Rockville. Visit www.777vote.org or 240-777-VOTE.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 1

Health Lecture. Noon at the Wellness Community, 5430 Grosvenor Lane, Bethesda. Free. Workshop for caregivers of people who have cancer. Reservations, 301-493-5002.
Support Group. DBSA Family Support Group will meet at 7:30 p.m., in the Parish Hall of St. Raphael's Church at 1513 Dunster Road in Rockville. The meeting is for the families and friends of people who have been diagnosed with depression or bipolar illness. Free. For more information,

call 301-299-4255 or 301-570-9065, www.dbsanca-family.org.

THURSDAY/APRIL 2

Support Group. Pain Connection Chronic Pain Support Group, 1:30-3 p.m., at Davis Library, 6400 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda, for anyone with chronic pain, family members and interested community residents. Free. 301-309-2444 or www.painconnection.org for more information.

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OPINION

'The Gold Standard of Citizens Groups'

BY CAROL VAN DAM FALK
WMCCA PRESIDENT

In the course of my years serving WMCCA, many public institutions and private developers come before the board as an early step in the approval process for projects proposed in Potomac. Over the last 10 years, the WMCCA Board heard presentations for Norwood School's expansion of playing fields, a continuing care facility on Democracy Boulevard, Bullis School's comprehensive master plan for new buildings and increased enrollment, Normandie Farm's expansion of dining and banquet facilities, TCP at Avenel's golf course and stream rehabilitation project, Congressional Country Club's swimming pool and storm water management alterations, changes to the Potomac Oaks shopping center, a second level for Safeway, a Rock Run Wellness Center, a Potomac Inn, the Potomac Swim and Recreation Club's tennis bubble, and Norwood School's new buildings.

WEST MONTGOMERY COUNTY CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

In our role of monitoring significant changes in the community, the WMCCA Board is interested in an institution's impact on traffic, the environment, and the neighborhood, as well as its adherence to the tenets of the Potomac Subregion Master Plan. We insist on realistic traffic counts for an institution's expansion. We review a proposal's environmental impact, including impervious surface area, forest conservation plan, and stormwater management plan. We look at a project in relation to the size of its site. We discuss our concerns with the institution's representatives early in their process of applying for county approvals. And sometimes we testify before the Planning Board and Hearing Examiner against a troubling aspect of a project or against the project as a whole.

Private and public entities looking to build or expand don't want WMCCA's opposition. We have always been an effective and formidable opponent — this is a truth and a tribute to WMCCA. Over the years, we can and have stopped development proposals in their tracks, and we have significantly changed even more of them. What those looking to build or expand can count on is constructive criticism that always makes their project better if and when it passes through all the layers of review. This is one of the reasons why WMCCA has been called "the gold standard of citizens groups."

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DYING ROADSIDE TREES

BY DIANA CONWAY

Several board members from WMCCA met on March 9 with Brett Linkletter, program manager for tree maintenance with the county's Department of Public Works and Transportation, to review the trees marked for removal from Persimmon Tree Road. We determined that the marked trees were indeed dead or would be dying. We also found out that the office responsible for their removal has a significant backlog of one to three years. And we were informed that we can request a two-

WMCCA Meeting

The next meeting of the West Montgomery County Citizens Association will be Wednesday, April 1 at 8 p.m. at the Potomac Library. If schools are closed because of inclement weather, the meeting will be cancelled. The topic is Norwood School's Building Plan. Norwood School on River Road will soon request a modification of their Special Exception to allow increased enrollment, hours of operation, and staff, as well as approval for their long-range building program for construction of a performing arts center, a new classroom building, a natatorium, and a small building near River Road to house equipment. Dick Ewing, Head of Norwood, Todd Broun, legal counsel, Linowes and Blocher, and Steve Parker, architect with Grimm & Parker have been invited to this meeting. As always, the public is welcome.

to-one replacement ratio, to help preserve the wooded appearance of the road, again with a one- to three-year delay, due to budget and staffing limitations. We also understand that property owners abutting a public right-of-way can ask the county's tree maintenance group to remove invasive growth from the area.

PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT

BY GEORGE BARNES

Potomac Swim and Tennis Club: The Hearing Examiner has sent out a supplemental notice regarding this case because some civic associations that should have received notice of the hearing were inadvertently omitted from the mailing. The Hearing Examiner will keep the record in the case open for an additional 30 days to allow these associations to express views in writing, which must be received by April 17.

The County Council has sent notice that they are seeking applicants for a vacancy on the Montgomery County Planning Board to fill the seat occupied by John Robinson whose term will expire on June 14. Full details of the application process are available from the Council offices.

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

BY GINNY BARNES

Winterset, Lot 46 (600 feet east of Ambleside Drive) – Montgomery County Planning Board Public Hearing originally scheduled for March 5 has been postponed due to inadequate public notice. The Amendment proposes to remove a Category I easement of 17,569 square feet to build a garage. The site currently has many non-compliant and/or unapproved uses within the easement, including part of an in-ground swimming pool, decking, a shed, a stone/concrete patio, fencing and part of a driveway. Curiously, no citations for violation of the easement were issued and staff is recommending approval of the request and offsite mitigation for the loss. A new hearing is scheduled for April 2.

Connelly School of the Holy Child (9025 Bradley Boulevard) – Limited Amendment to remove a substantial Forest Conservation Easement to build an artificial turf playing field. Park and Planning has discovered the school has already violated the easement by constructing an electronic scoreboard and will not act on the amendment proposal until the Forest Conservation viola-

tion goes before the Planning Commission. No date has yet been set.

Montgomery County Stormwater Permit – WMCCA is one of an impressive number of organizations that make up the Stormwater Partners Network which successfully worked to craft a ground breaking new stormwater discharge permit under the Federal Clean Water Act. However, the Waterkeepers Alliance and Earthjustice have recently requested a "Contested Case Hearing" in a letter to the Maryland Department of the Environment, claiming, among other things that the new permit fails to meet compliance with Maryland water quality standards and fails to incorporate required effluent limits.

Montgomery County Stormwater Partners has been selected by the Montgomery County Civic Federation (MCCF) to receive the "Sentinel Award" for contribution to good government at the local level. The award will be given at the annual Civic Federation banquet May 15.

THE INTERCOUNTY CONNECTOR

BY DIANA CONWAY

WMCCA joined others in Annapolis on March 16 to meet with our four state legislators on the InterCounty Connector. This 18-mile, \$10-a-day toll road is sucking up funds from our federal highway allotment and our borrowing capacity, and will result in a doubling of tolls on all other Maryland toll roads, bridges and tunnels, in addition to the \$2 billion in debt that it will incur. In an earlier meeting with County Executive Ike Leggett, we were given the bitter news that Montgomery County's share of stimulus dollars is significantly reduced — because "we're getting the ICC." While some portions of the road are under construction, the biggest and most financially and environmentally costly portion in the center has not been started.

We urged our legislators to consider completing the two ends and linking them to existing roadways, so the expensive center section could be cancelled or at least deferred to free up funds for critical needs like schools, health and safety, and other vital social services being cut in this difficult budget climate. To date the ICC remains the only fully funded transportation project despite cuts amounting to 30 percent of the \$10-plus billion originally slated for transportation, including transit projects like the Purple Line and the Corridor Cities Transitway which are proven traffic-relievers, and together cost less than the ICC.

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The Almanac welcomes views on any public issue.

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A Raggedy Adventure

Don't be fooled by the yarn hair or the button eyes. Raggedy Ann and Raggedy Andy may seem like simple, lifeless dolls but as brought to life by the Potomac Theatre Company, they are anything but.

The Potomac Theatre Company opened its annual spring children's musical last weekend and will continue this upcoming weekend with matinee performances on Saturday and Sunday at the Bullis School's Blair Family Center for the Arts.

In "Raggedy Ann and Andy, A Musical Adventure," the two iconic dolls embark on the adventure of a lifetime, leaving their playhouse environs and the 7-year-old girl to whom they belong to rescue their friend Babette, a French doll who has been kidnapped by a love-smitten snow globe pirate. Along the way they meet characters of all kinds, and their adventure is both comedic and uplifting, said Marilyn Shockey of the Potomac Theatre Company.

"I think the kids will enjoy the songs and the dances — there's something always going on," Shockey said.

The show features a host of local talent, including Walt Whitman High School junior Katie Mayo as Raggedy Andy, Bullis teacher and Winston Churchill High School graduate Liberty Okulski as Babette and Churchill senior Kendall Forward in three different roles.

On top of the entertainment value, the show's universal message of tolerance and acceptance

Doll-Tastic Raffle

The Potomac Theatre Company is holding a doll-themed raffle featuring a furnished doll house, a doll house kit, a pair of Raggedy Ann and Andy dolls (\$1 raffle tickets), a doll set of six dolls (\$1), as well as a variety case of wine, a ship's wheel mirror framed with seashells, and a pet portrait by local artist Anne Martinez.

Tickets are five for \$1, 12 for \$3, and \$20 for six (though the Raggedy Ann and Andy pair and the six-doll set are \$1 per ticket). Those buying the raffle tickets can specify which item they would like their tickets to apply to, thereby increasing their odds of getting their desired item, said Elie Pizarra-Cain.

"The furnished doll house everyone's been flipping over because it really is cute," she said.

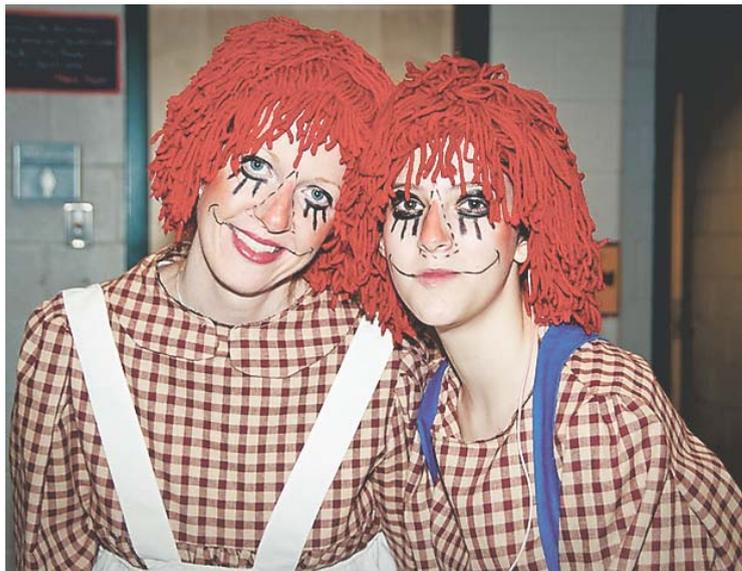
Tickets can be bought by phone, before and after each show, or at the Potomac Theatre Company's annual fund-raising luncheon and fashion show on Wednesday, April 1 at Avenel. Winners will be drawn the first week of April. Anyone interested in attending the annual fund-raising luncheon and fashion show or purchasing tickets should call 301-299-8571.

is a great lesson for children, said Shockey.

"It's a very uplifting kind of show because it has a sweet message at the end," she said.

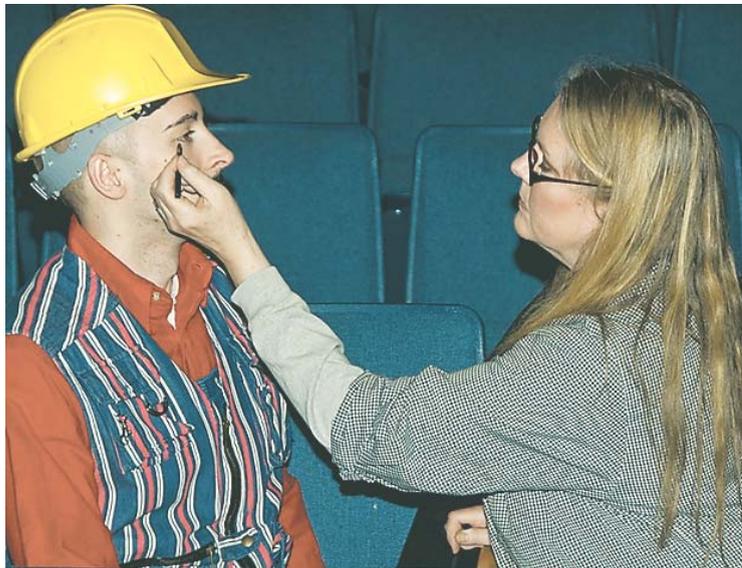
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— AARON STERN



Sharon Ippolito and Walt Whitman High School's Katie Mayo as Raggedy Ann and Raggedy Andy, respectively, in the Potomac Theatre Company's spring children's musical production, "Raggedy Ann and Andy, A Musical Adventure." This weekend is the show's final weekend with matinee performances on Saturday and Sunday at the Bullis School.

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Lynn Sharp Spears applies the finishing touches to the Potomac Theatre Company's Jimmy Hennigan before a dress rehearsal for "Raggedy Ann and Andy, A Musical Adventure," which wraps up this weekend at the Bullis School with matinee performances on Saturday and Sunday.

Crunch Time

BY AARON STERN
THE ALMANAC

With only three weeks left in the 426th session of the General Assembly, the race is on to pass legislation. This year's session has been dominated by a projected \$1.9 billion budget deficit that has rendered any bills with price tags attached to them virtually dead on arrival, but that doesn't mean that legislators — and local activists — haven't been busy fighting for a variety of projects. Here is a quick look at some legislation that members of the Montgomery County Delegation have worked on with the help of local residents. To track legislation visit either montgomerycountydelegation.com or mlis.state.md.us/

MC 922-09 – Montgomery County – Steel Jaw Leghold or Body-Gripping Traps – Prohibition

Fran Magassy grew up in Potomac off of River Road near a pond and saw firsthand muskrats and other small animals that chewed their legs off to escape steel traps.

"I saw that myself in person," she said.

Those images of maimed and dead animals have stayed with Magassy a lifetime, and now she is one of many residents from Potomac and elsewhere who are pushing the Maryland General Assembly to approve a bill that would ban the use of animal leg traps in Montgomery

County. With less than a month left in the assembly that bill is one of hundreds that will vie for approval before Maryland's legislators adjourn on April 13, and it is one of many that would have a direct impact on Montgomery County.

While Magassy and others like her say that banning animal leg traps in Montgomery County would end an unnecessarily cruel practice, opponents say the bill would make protecting livestock extremely difficult and could force some farmers to abandon their livelihoods.

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Coaching Comeback for Collins

Four years later, former Churchill football coach is back coaching softball at the school.

BY MARK GIANNOTTO
THE ALMANAC

Back in 2005, Jamie Collins never thought he would be trying to organize a secret buddy system or helping decide how his players' clothes would match at school. Four years ago, all that mattered to Collins was trying to find a way to terrorize opposing quarterbacks as Churchill's head varsity football coach.

That was the problem, though. After authoring a remarkable turnaround leading the Bulldogs to a one-loss regular season and a spot in the regional finals in just his second season as coach, the only thing on Collins's mind was finding ways to replicate that each and every year.

He ignored his family, his weight ballooned to over 300 pounds, and winning just didn't seem to feel as good as it should. So after the 2006 campaign, Collins, a computer science teacher at the school, resigned after three years at the helm.

"When you're the head football coach, you're the head football coach for 365 days, 24 hours a day," said Collins. "Football just takes everything. I love it, I miss it, I miss the kids, but I had to do what's best for my family and for myself."

FLASH FORWARD three years to the beginning of this spring and there stands



THEN: Jamie Collins talks with players on the Churchill football team back in 2005. Collins led the Bulldogs to the regional finals that year, but resigned after the 2006 season because of the time commitment involved.

Collins joking around with the players that will be a part of his first venture back into varsity sports.

There's no football helmets or pads to be found. And during practice, the only hitting being done is off a practice tee.

Collins is the new Churchill softball coach and despite a 16-0 loss to regional title contender Clarksburg in last Saturday's season opener, he's enjoying himself again.

Now healthier having lost more than 100 pounds since his football coaching days, Collins wants to author another program transformation on the softball diamond. But this time he wants to do it on his terms, so he can still spend time with his two children, four-year-old Mason and one and a half-year-old Delaney.

"It's not the same amount of time in the



NOW: Collins shows Churchill's Lia Psillos the proper throwing motion during a recent practice. The coach has lost more than 100 pounds and has a lot less stress with his football coaching days in the rearview mirror.

offseason," said Collins of the differences between coaching football and softball. "It's not the same amount of time at night. We don't get film of other teams and then break down film."

But don't assume football has completely left him. Collins still has his gridiron contacts. In fact, he called up Clarksburg football coach Larry Hurd, who also happens to be the school's varsity softball coach, in advance of last Saturday's game.

When Hurd answered the phone, "he was shocked" to hear who the opposing coach would be. Collins also helps out some play

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Wootton Softball Starts Strong

Garnher pitches one-hitter in season-opening win over B-CC.

BY MIKE WEINER
THE ALMANAC

As a team looking to establish itself after a 15-4 record last season, its best since 1989, an 11-0 victory over Bethesda-Chevy Chase last Saturday was just what the doctor ordered for the Wootton Patriots' softball team. Behind a strong effort from pitcher Andi Garnher, who threw a one-hitter with 10 strikeouts, Wootton dominated the Barons from start to finish.

But before Garnher even took the mound, Wootton scored six runs in the first inning without a recorded out, and cruised from that point on. After two early walks helped load the bases, the Patriots kept the pressure on with three RBI hits in the inning. Key in the offensive effort was senior third baseman Megan Berman, who went 2-3 with 4 RBIs and a walk.

From that point on, Garnher went to work. Against an overwhelmed B-CC team, she was able to use her tremendous power to her advantage, and the Baron hitters were befuddled.

"We didn't really have to do much," Berman said. "Ten strikeouts is a lot of work, it was pretty easy for us."

Wootton needs to bank on Garnher being a force in county play this season to improve on last year's finish, which saw the Patriots lose a 2-1 nail biter in the regional semifinals to Sherwood. Along with a reshuffled defensive lineup, the team will have to deal with the loss of Rachel Baron, who was arguably its best player last season. Baron, who is now a senior, elected not to play for Wootton this year. Adjustments could be an issue, but Berman thinks they will get along just fine.

"Everyone switched positions, so that's going to take some getting used to," she said. "We're closer as a team this year though. We have a good, solid core."

Offensively, the lineup will lean heavily on the power of Berman and fellow seniors Sarah Biron and Alex Shamburek. The Patriots will rely on a number of new players from the junior varsity team, namely first baseman Amanda Lyberger and shortstop Rachel Laufer. At the same time, the Patriots know much of their success hinges on Garnher's play.

"Andi is unhittable when she's on her game," Berman said. "As long as she's on her game, we'll be fine."

Putting Away the Past

Churchill, Wootton girls lacrosse teams look towards optimistic future.

BY MARK GIANNOTTO
AND MIKE WEINER
THE ALMANAC

It's funny how a season-ending loss can sometimes overshadow a year's worth of accomplishments.

For the Churchill girls' lacrosse team, the hope is the memory of the 2008 4A/3A West regional semifinals — the Bulldogs led by six with 11 minutes to go only to watch it vanish in a heartbreaking 19-18 three-over-time thriller of a loss to Blake — won't linger and ruin another season.

And from all accounts, it appears Churchill has done just that, putting the season-ending loss in the rearview mirror and instead focusing on an inspired

postseason run that saw the Bulldogs upset both Whitman and Sherwood after going 8-7 during the regular season.

"I think we're actually going to have a better record [than last year] because a lot more people who made the team this year are athletic even though they aren't necessarily great lacrosse players yet," said senior captain Angela Biciocchi, who led the team in goals (58) last year and is headed to Delaware next year on a lacrosse scholarship.

But Biciocchi will need to find a new running mate with the graduation of last year's assist leader Lauren Plotnick and she'll have



Seniors Angela Biciocchi (left) and Lizzy Naegali (right) are key cogs in coach Christen Ariet-Pena's first season as Churchill head coach.

to do it while getting used to a new coach. Christen Pena-Ariet, the girls' JV coach a year ago and a Churchill P.E. teacher, takes the reins from the now-departed Louisa

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Potential Home Invasion Thwarted

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other “there’s a boy on the couch.” The Smith’s son was in the living room in the front of the home watching television. They called the police. While they were on the phone, Jane Smith snuck into the den beside the front door, where the lights were off. She pulled the curtain aside and there, inches from her face, crouched in the narrow space between her home and the bushes in front of it, was a man in a ski mask watching the front door.

“It was absolutely terrifying. It’s like one of those horror films... where everybody screams. It was reality and it was just unbelievable that he was right there,” said Smith, who asked that her real last name not be used for this story.

Her husband yelled out of the open upstairs window at the men below, who then darted back across their front yard to the road and vanished.

SMITH IS CONVINCED that the men in ski masks at her front door intended to breach their home and burglarize it by force, if necessary.

“They’re planning on confrontation if they’re ringing the door on an occupied house,” Smith said. Smith said that the police officers who arrived and took their statement had not filed a report by the time she called the police department to follow up the next morning.

A friend of the Smiths with a contact in the police department made a call, and shortly thereafter Capt. Darryl McSwain, Commander

of the Montgomery County Police Department’s First District called the Smiths and took their statement himself. An investigative officer came to the home and dusted the front door for fingerprints.

McSwain told The Almanac that an extra patrol was established in the neighborhood after Friday’s incident, and that another nearby resident reported their doorbell having been rung with no one apparently at the front door around the same time as the Smiths. It is not known if the two incidents are related and McSwain said that reports of such incidents are uncommon in Potomac and elsewhere in the county, and that no such incidents have recently been reported in Potomac or in neighboring districts. McSwain also said that a report from the incident at the Smiths home had since been passed onto a police investigative unit and that the officers who responded initially to the call would be expected to file reports in such situations in the future.

Coming on the heels of last year’s series of home invasions in and around Potomac that targeted elderly residents for which an arrest was made in October, Friday night’s incident is particularly disturbing, said County Councilman Roger Berliner (D-1), who lives a short drive away from where the incident occurred.

“I look forward to the police determining whether this was a serious matter,” Berliner said. “Any home invasion in our community, particularly in this moment in time when

people are still recovering from the last series, is something that would create anxiety.”

THE DAYS SINCE the incident were hard, Smith said. Saturday the family stayed at home and collected itself, then went to the National Zoo on Sunday to take their minds off of it. Thinking about what could have been makes that hard.

“I think there’s probably a 50/50 chance that I would have opened up the front door,” she said. “The fact that I didn’t — I’m just thanking my lucky stars that I didn’t.”

Smith said she hopes parents will impress upon their children — and upon babysitters that come to watch their children — never to open the front door unless they know the people on the other side personally.

The Montgomery County Police Department’s 1st District Investigative Section has been assigned the Rock Run Drive case. Police are asking that anyone with information regarding the aforementioned incidents to contact the 1st District Investigative Section at 240-773-6084. To report suspicious individuals or vehicles in the community call the Police Department’s non-emergency number at 301-279-8000; callers may remain anonymous if they desire. Residents who want an officer to come to their home and perform an on-site home security survey, should contact 1st District Community Services Officer Michael Prather at 240-773-6077.



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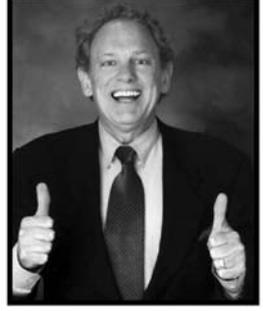
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Collins

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ers with recruiting, but as far as coaching the X's and O's, he's completely removed from his old football program.

THE TEAM he has now inherited notices some of that pigskin mentality emerge to the surface every once in awhile. While the varsity floundered to a 4-12 record a season ago, Collins led the Churchill JV to a solid 10-4 campaign.

"He wants to win, so he's going to put the best players forward," said senior catcher Jacque Vito. "And you can already tell, there's more conditioning this year."

Collins will lean on Vito and first baseman Lauren Siudzinski, the team's lone seniors, to guide a group that will include two sophomore pitchers and plenty of opportunities for inexperienced players to prove themselves.

As for Collins, he still chafes at some of the time commitment necessary to be a coach of any kind. The problem has never been the kids on the field, it's the ones he'd like to pick up from school every morning and tuck in at night.

"I'm already feeling the stress of not seeing my kids as much as I'd like," said Collins. "You just don't get a break between being a teacher and then being a coach in the afternoon. But a big difference is a lot of times the girls show more appreciation and it's a cool thing when they want to learn to get better."

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Girls Lacrosse Teams Look to Future

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Feve. Her transition will be helped by goalie Lizzy Naegeli, one of the best in the area.

"This year, I don't think there's a team we can't beat if we stay consistent throughout the whole game and don't let up," said Pena-Ariet.

Churchill began its season last Friday and faces Seneca Valley Wednesday, after the Almanac's deadline.

OVER AT WOOTTON, a 15-0 county record a year ago would seem to be indicative of a team to be reckoned with this season. But the Patriot girls' lacrosse team will have to prove its staying power in the upcoming campaign. The team loses nine contributing seniors from last season's undefeated run, including goalkeeper Amelia Titus and Julie Klatzkin, who led the team with 65 goals and 32 assists.

"We have a lot of big shoes to fill," senior attack Melissa Frohna said. "We know we're capable of doing big things again, it's just a matter of if people can step into new roles and contribute immediately."

The Patriots will look to a group of underclassmen to fill those holes. Midfielders Molly Berman and Abbey Engleman, a junior and sophomore, respectively, should anchor the offense, while defensively junior Erika Burns is likely to enjoy a breakout season on the back line. Both Burns and Berman saw time on varsity last year, and Engleman is expected to provide an athletic boost to the attack. The efforts of all three will be needed if the Patriots want to repeat their undefeated season in 2008.

Wootton and Churchill face one another this Friday at Wootton.

ABOUT THE ONLY lacrosse league where a 15-3 record means third place is in the Independent School League AA division. That's where **Bullis** and its 12-member senior class find themselves heading into another season chasing perennial powers St. Stephen's/St. Agnes and Georgetown Visitation. Those were the only teams the Bulldogs lost to in league play last year.

In the third season of her second stint with Bullis, coach Kathleen Lloyd has watched this program go from league doormat to a potential sleeper on the cusp of unseating the area's best teams. She will depend on four players committed to play Division-I lacrosse next year. Leading scorers Alex Aust (Maryland) and Dina Jackson (Georgetown) will head the attack, while talented defenders Amanda Hechinger (Stanford), and Adrienne Wendling (Bucknell) patrol the back line.

"We want to give [the top teams] a good game and do the best we can against them," said Lloyd, whose team graduated just one player from last season. "We're definitely more confident this year. These girls are used to pressure, used to playing high level teams."

Bullis started the season 3-0 and takes on Holy Child next Tuesday.

A CORE of eight returning seniors will lead **Whitman** this season. Longtime coach Mary Pat Veihmeyer expects players like Stephanie Dorman, Carla Tilchin, Jane Hedges, and Carla Sullivan to lead the charge. The Vikings started the season last Friday with a 14-12 win over Northwest. They take on Sherwood Tuesday, after the Almanac's deadline.



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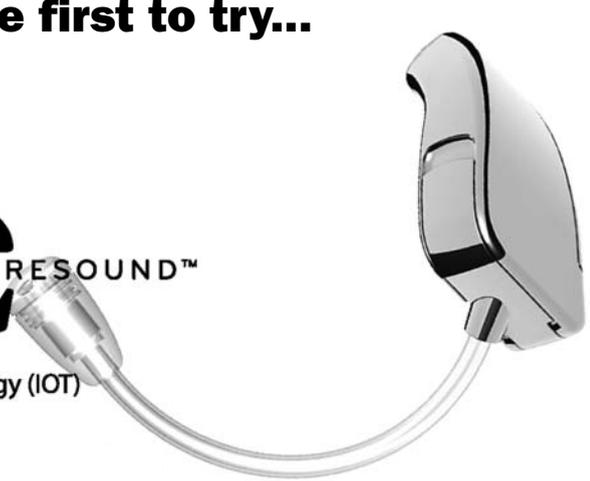
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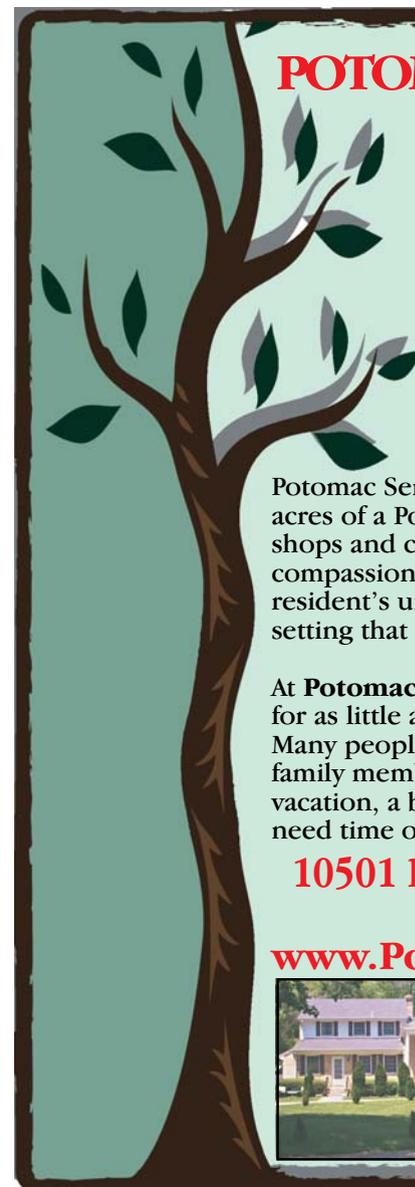
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Too Close for Comfort



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Boy, am I glad I woke up this morning, for obvious reasons. For less than obvious reasons, I'm happy I woke up this morning because the dreams I was having (or shall I say, the dreams I am remembering) were just that, dreams and not real. The content of the three I remember were 1) my accountant and I were speaking on the phone (always scary). He was giving me dire medical news (not his specialty), advising that the continuing lack of a "mature" diet, on my part, combined with a non-fitness regimen had finally come home to roost. He didn't call me a chicken for not having wised up sooner and changed my eating habits, he simply said something — that I don't remember — which was eye-opening, almost literally.

The second dream I remember was almost worse, but not exactly. It had to do with work, Connection Newspaper work. Not a specific task or deadline, or anything to do with commuting to and from, rather it just had to do with being at work, Monday through Friday. It was when I woke up and realized that I didn't have to actually go to work BECAUSE IT WAS SUNDAY that I knew I had dreamt a nightmare instead.

The third piece of a dream that I recall had to do with my nearly 14-year old, golden retriever Bailey. In my dream/dream state, I heard a dog barking somewhere in the distance, as if he was lost, wailing a forlorn-type howl as if he knew he would never be found (at least that's what it felt like in my dream). In reality, Bailey had requested (and I use that term loosely) that he be let out earlier than usual, 5:22 a.m. instead of 6:30 a.m., approximately; early enough that after letting him out (unattended as usual; he has the run of the neighborhood so he doesn't require supervision), I went back upstairs to bed rather than sit and wait (sometimes up to an hour) for his random return. A return/routine he has followed without fail for his entire life so it was nothing I was worried about and absolutely nothing out of the ordinary. I figured that when he was good and ready to come back in the house, he would bark his intentions, as he has done hundreds of times before.

And so he did. That lost dog barking in my dream/nightmare was actually Bailey barking at the front door wanting to be let back in. So when I woke up thinking that it was a work day and a work day that began with some sobering medical news, along with the feeling that my dog (my son, if you will) was lost and barking his farewell (sort of) turned out instead to be something completely different and much less serious. It was not a work day, my accountant was not calling me (with or without medical news) and Bailey was not lost; he was simply standing outside the front door, snow-covered (under cover though on our porch) barking his normal sounds asking to be let back in.

Certainly I felt relief when I woke up and realized that all I was "nightmaring" was merely a dream and not real at all. Still, it felt real so much so that I thought a column commenting on it was appropriate and possibly even therapeutic.

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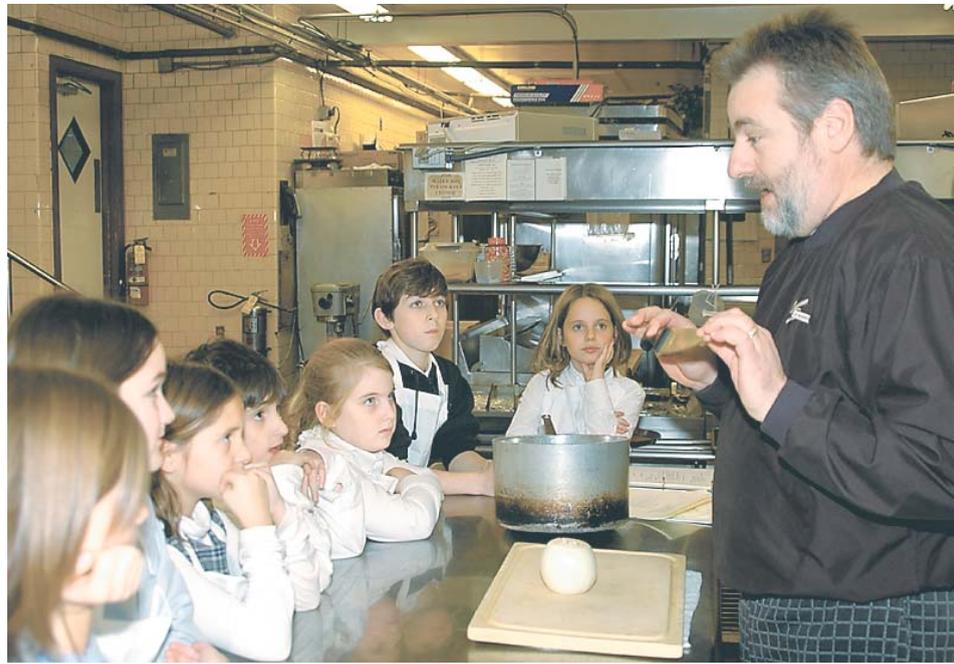
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'Mini-Chefs'

Cary G. Prokos, chef and proprietor of Normandie Farm Restaurant, led a cooking class, "Mini-Chefs at Normandie Farm" — part of the Bullis School's after school program. Prokos taught students how to make popovers, decorate cakes, create radish flowers, make fruit baskets and more. They learned how to prepare a "proper tea," appetizers and healthy snacks. In a final session last week, they prepared and then served food for their parents, siblings and Tom Farquhar, the head of Bullis.



Chef Cary Prokos, chef and proprietor of Normandie Farms leads the "Mini-Chefs at Normandie Farm" cooking class which included Hannah Plotnek, Carter Morris, Caroline Acocella, Matthew Schwartz, Sydney Schwartz, Kristi Palmer and Nora Ribera

Chef Cary Prokos, proprietor and owner of Normandie Farms and Hannah Plotek



Third graders Caroline Acocella and Sydney Schwartz.

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From front to back: Carter Morris, Hannah Plotek, Caroline Acocella, Sydney Schwartz, Kristi Palmer, and Matthew Schwartz.



Fifth grader Carter Morris and fourth grader Nora Ribera.

Different Groups in Potomac Push Legislative Bills

FROM PAGE 7

George Lechliden, president of the Montgomery County Farm Bureau, said that short of patrolling his property night and day, rifle in hand, he and farmers like him are forced to rely on such traps to prevent foxes and coyotes from attacking young cattle, sheep, pigs and chickens.

"There's no alternatives, [a] lot of people going to sell out and go out of the business," said Lechliden of the bill's potential passage.

Lechliden said the traps are used to catch groundhogs as well, whose homes can break the legs of cattle and horses alike once stepped in, and he said that the argument by many that the traps are a threat to wandering pets is both anecdotally and legally invalid. In all of his years of trapping on his Gaithersburg farm he said he has never caught a pet and if he had, it would be a moot point anyway.

"In this county you have to keep your dogs on your place, we got a leash law," said Lechliden.

Magassy sees it otherwise.

"There's a much better way to catch things and not be cruel," said Magassy.

The bill is scheduled to be debated again by the Montgomery County Delegation on Wednesday, March 25.

HB 27 – Defunding the Inter-County Connector

For years opponents of the Inter County

Connector have fought to stop construction of the 18.8-mile toll road from Interstate 370 in Gaithersburg to I-95 south of Laurel based on its environmental impact both during and after construction. But in a year of tight fiscal restraints, the idea of scrapping a \$2.5 billion project has gained traction with legislators that was absent in years past. House Bill 27 would defund the ICC, but while that would save money, it isn't quite so simple, said state Sen. Rob Garagiola (D-15), since much of that money is tied to bond financing and contracts would have to be broken to stop the construction, costing the state upwards of \$100 million.

Del. Brian Feldman, the head of the Montgomery County Delegation, said the bill passing a committee vote to be voted on by the full house or senate is "a long shot," but that compromise could be possible.

Potomac resident Diana Conway traveled to Annapolis on Monday, March 16 to meet with legislators about stopping the ICC. She said that a compromise solution would be to complete the two end pieces of the toll road already under construction but abandon the proposed middle portion — which Conway said is the most environmentally damaging portion of the project — and instead linking those two end pieces with existing roads via far cheaper road improvements. Putting together such a compromise bill in the coming weeks, let alone getting

it through the necessary committee hearings and votes might be a long shot, but one that Conway said is worth a shot.

"It seems like compromise is a much more likely scenario but whether we have time before the end of the session... I don't know," she said. "But on the other hand they've got no money. Which is running out faster, time or money?"

House Bill 1262 – Direct Shipping of Wine

For years Montgomery County residents have bemoaned the strict regulation of beer and wine that requires them to buy such products from specially-licensed stores, while keeping the shelves of supermarkets and gas stations stocked with only non-alcoholic beverages. It has also prevented them from legally having wine shipped to their front doors from wineries beyond the county and the state of Maryland. A series of bills under consideration aims to chip away at that system that Feldman said is archaic, and while many aren't likely to pass this year, Feldman is hopeful that the traction gained on House Bill 1262 — the bill that would allow people to order wine online and have it home-delivered — will enable it to pass next year's assembly.

"No county in the United States is quite like Montgomery County, in terms of the county serving essentially as a wholesaler for beer and wine," said Feldman. "Really

for me it's about consumers and it's about competition. Our state system is arcane, and our system in Montgomery County is even more arcane."

MC 930-09 – MCPS Funding Accountability and Transparency

Potomac resident and blogger Janis Sartucci finds trying to track the expenditures of the Montgomery County Public School system a maddening experience. Such a task would be easier if the Montgomery County Board of Education had a searchable Web site that listed by item each and every procurement, but for now MC 930-09 would require that the school system make every procurement over \$25,000 searchable on its Web site. That way responsible spending could be ensured, something which is always important but more so now than ever, said Sartucci.

Still, such a bill wouldn't cover items below \$25,000 and Sartucci fears that that won't help track what she feels is often wasteful spending.

"Kudos to Delegate [Al Carr, the bill's sponsor] for getting this legislation ... but we're spending money like its water," Sartucci said. "Its great legislation, but it's not even like a Band Aid. It's like one stitch in a gash that needs one hundred stitches."

The bill received a favorable report with amendments from the House Ways & Means Committee on Monday, March 23.

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