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Students of the St. George's  
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Church Festival held this  
past weekend in Potomac.



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# Community Center Advisory Board Converting to Non-Profit

The Potomac Community Center Advisory Board is changing from an advisory board to the Montgomery County Recreation Department to a formal 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. The board will continue its functions as a fundraising body and steering committee for the center but the shift is part of a larger change in the Montgomery County Department of Recreation that is intended to model such advisory panels after the Friends of the Library organization, which has an overarching organization with chapters for the county's individual libraries.

Many of the county's community centers do not have advisory boards and the subsequent additional funding that such boards help to generate. Under the new model an as-of-yet undetermined percentage of moneys raised by all chapters will be earmarked for the umbrella Friends organization to be distributed to other centers, said Gabe Albornoz, the director of the recreation department. Such support will be crucial as the recreation department, which is charged with generating revenue through user fees, deals with the financial recession and budget cuts that have trimmed 23 percent of the departments staff positions in the last two years, with possibly steeper cuts coming next year, Albornoz said. At least three other community centers in the county al-



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**The Potomac Community Center Advisory Board is now the Friends of the Potomac Community Center, Inc., and is converting to a formal non-profit organization. Last year 10 of the board members who have been on the board for more than 10 years, shown here, were named co-recipients of the Citizen of the Year Award by the Potomac Chamber of Commerce.**

ready operate as non-profit organizations, and Albornoz said he hopes the umbrella organization will be in place by the end of next summer.

"This really is an important and creative way of trying to meet the demand of our customers and trying to ensure the best possible programs and the best possible facilities," said Albornoz.

The Potomac Community Center Advisory Board had previously operated in the fashion of a non-profit organization but had not been formally designated as such, said board member Larry Chloupek. The board has filed the necessary paperwork with the Internal Revenue Service and is now the Friends of the Potomac Community Center, Inc., and should formally transition to a

non-profit by the end of the year, Chloupek said, but the pending change in status will not alter the board's direction.

"Our mission has not changed at all," said Chloupek. "We're still there as an arm to the Potomac Community Center raising money for the center and that's our sole purpose."

The advisory board grew out of the group of citizens that banded together in the early 1980s to help establish the Potomac Community Center after the Lake Normandy Elementary School, which had previously operated in the building, was closed, said Albornoz. Montgomery County Public Schools had considered maintaining the facility as a surplus school or a storage facility, but members of the community banded together to purchase the property before turning it over to the county's recreation department.

In the years since, the advisory board has been instrumental in raising money for new equipment for the center and in developing programs such as Club Friday, a weekly tradition for local children who pack the center each Friday night during the school year to play games and socialize. Ten of the organization's longtime board members last year were named Potomac co-citizens of the year by the Potomac Chamber of Commerce.

— AARON STERN

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## Fire Scoopers

**Baskin Robbins teams up with Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department.**

BY AARON STERN  
THE ALMANAC

**T**raining to be a firefighter requires hard work and a serious mindset. Sometimes it also involves scooping ice cream.

Members of the Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department's Junior Firefighter Program swapped training to put out deadly blazes with learning how to scoop ice cream for demanding customers on Wednesday, April 29. For the third straight year, Baskin Robbins ice cream store in Cabin John Shopping Center took part in a nationwide benefit during which a scoop of ice cream cost 31 cents and the Baskin Robbins corporate offices donated \$100,000 to the National Volunteer Fire Council to support the council's National Junior Firefighter Program. At Baskin Robbins in Cabin John Shopping Center, the Cabin John firefighters collected donations — \$250 in all — for their own junior training program, and the line for cheap ice cream snaked out the door as customers lined up to get served by future firefighters.

"This has been a very successful community building event," said Baskin Robbins store owner Sam Coleman. That was the case despite the drizzly weather for the now annual tradition that Coleman said has become the store's ceremonial kickoff to summer.

"Ideally it would be 85 and sunny, but..." he said.

Store employee and Winston Churchill High School junior Joey Roylance said that he has almost decided for sure that he wants



**Cabin John Shopping Center Baskin Robbins store owner Sam Coleman and Cabin John Park Volunteer Fire Department Chief Jim Seavey joined forces to scoop ice cream and raise money for local and national junior firefighting programs on Wednesday, April 29.**

to become a volunteer firefighter.

"It was just something I always thought about," he said.

At 17-years old, Roylance could wait until he was 18 and go into training without the permission of his parents, but aside from that there is little difference between the training that members of the junior training program go to as opposed to those that that legal adults, said Cabin John chief Jim Seavey. Youths can join the program at the age of 16, and once certain tests are passed, that training includes responding to emergency calls, being trained as an Emergency Response Technician — as all firefighters are, Seavey said — and going into burning buildings to help fight fires.



**Youth members of the Greek Orthodox Church perform a variety of traditional Greek dancing.**

## Food, Dance at St. George's



**Sophia Anagnostiadis of Potomac, volunteered her time to help serve traditional Greek food during her church's annual Greek festival on Saturday and Sunday.**

**F**or several generations the Greek Orthodox Church of St. George has presented its annual Greek Festival to the community and the metropolitan area, and that tradition continued last weekend. The annual fair features traditional Greek food, crafts, artwork and games for children and is a popular local tradition that draws visitors from across the D.C. metro region. Despite the intermittent rain last weekend the festival went ahead as scheduled.



**Traditional Greek food like gyros, dolmas, kabob's., almond cookies, moussaka and much more was served at the St. George's Greek Orthodox Church Festival.**

## Proceeding With Caution **Local schools plodding on through fears of swine flu.**

BY AARON STERN  
THE ALMANAC

**T**he Norwood School on River Road has a long tradition where students entering the building are greeted with handshakes from the heads of the lower and upper schools. With reports of the swine flu virus spreading across the country, that tradition was suspended last week.

The move was a precautionary measure as Norwood and other area schools stressed to their students the importance of maintaining personal hygiene to minimize the potential spread of germs. In a letter to parents and students in Montgomery County Public Schools on Wednesday, April 29,

schools superintendent Jerry West and Montgomery County Chief of Public Health Ulder Tillman urged the use of standard personal hygiene practices from regular hand washing to covering the nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing. Two days later Rockville High School was closed indefinitely when a student tested positive for the H1N1 swine flu that has caused multiple fatalities in Mexico and has turned up throughout the United States in the last two weeks. In another letter that same day West urged the use of those hygienic practices and told parents not to panic.

"Rockville High School was a proactive decision meant to limit the spread of this flu," West wrote. "Although there is cause for concern, it is important not to become

alarmed. It is a time to be calm and keep in mind the messages of covering coughs, disposing of paper tissues in proper containers or in plastic bags, washing hands frequently, and staying home if you are feeling ill."

That message of common flu season precautions has been emphasized to students at the Bullis School as well, where a taskforce comprised of school administrators and the school nurse have been meeting every morning to review the current information about the virus available through the Centers for Disease Control, said Jim Ledyard, the school's director of development.

"That's... a higher than normal type of response," Ledyard said of the taskforce.

"We're just being thoughtful and careful and proceeding to go about our business."

Ledyard said that Bullis parents aren't holding their children out of school to avoid potential exposure and that more recent news reports indicate an encouraging trend.

"Happily there hasn't been the type of spread that a week ago they were frightened about and predicting," he said.

"We'll just keep our fingers crossed and hope we don't get faced with a case," said Dick Ewing, the head of the Norwood School. If all goes well, said Ewing, hopefully fears about the swine flu will soon subside, life can get back to normal, and students at his school will once again be greeted with handshakes as they begin their day.

# Women Unite To Tackle Breast Cancer

BY SHARON ALLEN GILDER  
THE ALMANAC

The ballroom at Manor Country Club in Rockville was filled Sunday, April 19, with 100 women figuratively singing an empowered song of hope. They joined voices in a supportive refrain to raise awareness and funds for Brem Foundation to Defeat Breast Cancer. Their choir was led by the foundation's namesake, Dr. Rachel Brem, director of Breast Imaging and Intervention, professor of Radiology, and vice-chair of the Department of Radiology at The George Washington University Medical Center.

Twelve Montgomery County women served as hostesses for the event titled, "Brunch & Brem:" Marian Apple, Lynne Bergman, Beth Bonita, Stephanie Garfinkle, Lori Garnher, Jody Goldkind, Lindsay Junkins, Debbie Kivitz, Cindi LaPietra, Karen Porter, Charlie Wilson, and Tracy Young. All shared a common bond to volunteer their time as "Rachel's Angels" and make a difference by doing something that matters for mothers, grandmothers, sisters, aunts, daughters and friends. Goldkind lit a ceremonial candle and said, "I light this candle in memory of many and in honor of all." She added, "Every time the Angels gather, the more awareness we're spreading and putting wings on hope."

**POTOMAC RESIDENT** and hostess Charlie Wilson said she became involved because, "So many of my friends have breast cancer and it could be me at any moment. I want to be proactive and not just be giving



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**At the presentation of the \$10,000 check to the Brem Foundation are Dr. Rachel Brem, Ellen Gordon and Rosemary Laphen, vice chair of CharityWorks.**

lip service. I want to be part of something greater than myself."

Brem shared the statistic that one out of eight women will develop breast cancer in their lifetime. She added, "Breast cancer is unquestionably an epidemic in the Washington area." The region has the highest mortality rate in the United States from the disease. For African American women, there is a particularly virulent form of breast cancer. Brem reflected, "In the seventies, breast cancer surgery was mutilating. Today,

women who have had breast surgery are able to go to the gym or even a topless beach and no one would know." She added, "I would like to have no job because there is a cure for breast cancer. I hope to see that day in my lifetime."

One of the advances Brem has implemented at GW's Breast Imaging Center is the goal of melding the newest technology in the most compassionate way. Because the unknowing is stressful, she emphasizes the importance of minimizing the time a

woman has to wait for biopsy results.

The artificial intelligence used by fighter pilots in the military is part of the detection process at GW. Brem was one of the principle investigators in the Missiles to Medicine program that employs computer-aided technology for breast cancer detection to assist in determining what is friend or foe. The technology has provided 20 percent more cancer detection resulting in 27,000 women diagnosed thanks to the power of the computer.

**THE PUBLIC PRESENTATION** of a \$10,000 grant to Brem Foundation from local philanthropy giant CharityWorks was made by vice chair Rosemary Laphen. CharityWorks was established nine years ago by Leah Gansler and a volunteer-driven base committed to change. Laphen said, "There were 42 applications for grants and we were only able to make 10. With Brem Foundation we were amazed we had so much in common. We are both committed to make a difference in the lives of indigent women."

As guest Tracey Perrick said, "This is worthwhile because of the message about empowerment. Women definitely have to lookout for themselves. As a society, it's important for each of us to do our part. Cancer is prevalent. Some form of cancer has affected every single person that I know. I'm thankful for being invited today."

Hostess, Lindsay Junkins shared the impact attending a Brem event had on her, "After hearing Dr. Brem, I felt a personal

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## THIS WEEK IN POTOMAC

### Swine Flu Information

Montgomery County health officials are monitoring the swine flu situation and working with hospitals and community physicians and will provide updates as needed. A public information phone line is now open for residents to call at 240-777-4200. For more information go online to the county's Web site at [www.montgomerycountymd.gov](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov), or to the Centers for Disease Control's site at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).

### General Assembly Wrap-up

The next meeting of the West Montgomery County Citizens Association on Wednesday, May 13 will feature Potomac's representatives to the Maryland General Assembly, who will discuss the recently completed legislative session. State Sen. Rob Garagiola (D-15), and Delegates Brian Feldman (D-15), Kathleen Dumais (D-15) and Craig Rice (D-15) will be onhand to offer their takes on what was completed in Annapolis and what lies ahead and to take questions from those in attendance. This meeting and all meetings of the WMCCA is open to the public. The meeting will take place at the Potomac Library on Wednesday, May 13 at 8p.m.

### Planning Board Includes Potomac Candidates

The Montgomery County Council has 18 applicants to choose among as it seeks to fill an upcoming vacancy on the Montgomery County Planning Board. Three of those

candidates are Potomac residents. The deadline for filing applications to serve on the board that oversees growth and development in the county was Monday, April 22. The Council has yet to decide who it will interview. A tentative date for interviews is Tuesday, June 9.

No more than three members of the Planning Board may be from the same political party, and all members must be residents and registered voters of Montgomery County when appointed. Members serve four-year terms and are limited to two full terms. The position can be filled by a Democrat; a Republican; a voter who declines to affiliate with a party; or by a member of another party officially recognized by the Montgomery County Board of Elections.

Applications for the open position were received from: Alan S. Bowser (Democrat) of Silver Spring; Jay A. DeFranco (Democrat) of Olney; Carol Van Dam Falk (Democrat) of Gaithersburg; Benjamin W. George (Republican) of Boyds; Robert Gooding (Democrat) of Silver Spring; Ilaya Rome Hopkins (Democrat) of Bethesda; Earl L. Kendrick (Republican) of Potomac; Patricia H. Lee (Democrat) of Olney; Philip Litman (Unaffiliated) of Rockville; Don O'Neill (Democrat) of Montgomery Village; Chris Paladino (Democrat) of Silver Spring; Donna Mandel Perlmutter (Democrat) of Potomac; Roberto R. Piñero (Democrat) of Silver Spring; John R. Pobiak (Unaffiliated) of Potomac; Cynthia Rubenstein (Democrat) of Silver Spring; Christopher Schauer (Republican) of Derwood; Joav Steinbach (Democrat) of Rockville; and Marye Wells-Harley (Democrat) of Silver Spring. In addition, Wendell M. Holloway (Democrat) of Potomac submitted an application, but later withdrew.

In addition to the seat to be vacated by Commissioner

John Robinson, the current board members are Chairman Royce Hanson, a Democrat; Joseph Alfandre, a Democrat; Jean B. Cryor, a Republican; and Amy Presley, a Republican. Annual compensation for board members currently is \$30,000.

The Planning Board serves as the Council's principal adviser on land use planning and community planning. Planning Board members also serve as commissioners of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

### Wootton Student Elected To Board of Education

Thomas S. Wootton High School junior Timothy Hwang has been elected student member of the Montgomery County Board of Education for 2009-2010. According to a statement from Montgomery County Public Schools, Hwang was chosen by 56 percent of the secondary students who cast ballots in the April 29 election, conducted by the Montgomery County Region of the Maryland Association of Student Councils. The overall voter turnout was 63,384 or 85 percent of secondary students. All high schools and middle schools submitted election results, along with several special schools and alternative programs.

Hwang's opponent, Jiayi Yang, is a junior at Richard Montgomery High School.

Hwang will begin his term as the 32nd student member

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# PEOPLE

## Sundick, Bruce Wed

Sherry Small Sundick and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Sundick announce the marriage of their daughter Amy Sundick to Jason Bruce. Rabbi David Shneyer officiated the ceremony.

Suzy Balamaci, sister of the bride was the Matron of Honor. The best man was Jeremy Rogers, close friend of the groom. Cameron Balamaci, nephew of the bride, was the ringbearer.

Ted and Sandra Bruce are the parents of the groom who reside in Georgia. Myrle Larsen, the groom's grandmother, and Thelma Sundick, the bride's grandmother, were part of the wedding party as well. Haskell Small, uncle of the bride played the piano and a close friend of the groom, Kevin Dugas, played the bagpipe as the bride walked down the aisle.

The wedding took place at the Willard Intercontinental Hotel in Washington D.C. on Saturday, April 25, 2009. They honeymooned in Italy off of the Amalfi Coast. Jason works for Cox communications and Amy works in catering for Alon's. They reside in Atlanta, Ga.



**Amy Sundick and Jason Bruce were married on Saturday, April 25.**

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## Tracking Gaithersburg West's Master Plan

By CAROL VAN DAM FALK  
WMCCA PRESIDENT

**A**s I step down at the end of the summer as president of WMCCA to make way for the very capable, passionate new President, Liza Durant, we have much to be proud of — but much work still lies ahead. A top priority will be to track the developments of the Gaithersburg West master plan. We have attended several informational meetings with Johns Hopkins real estate folks and County officials, including Council President Phil Andrews. I can report to you that Mr. Andrews expressed similar concerns at our recent meeting. He does not support the sheer magnitude of what Johns Hopkins has in mind, and he agrees that 40,000 new jobs and 20 million square feet of office space, research facilities, and housing should be downscaled. Mr. Andrews also agrees that transit is an overriding concern, and is something that must be nailed down before any development begins.

WMCCA Director Mike Denker and I attended the Planning Board's first work session on Gaithersburg West, and there was quite a bit of pushback from Planning Board members to staff regarding the same issues. Several Planning Board Commissioners flatly stated that without a commitment on major upgrades to highway interchanges from state transportation officials, this project should not move forward. Our roads simply cannot handle the density proposed by Johns Hopkins.

Ginny Barnes, as WMCCA's Environmental

### WMCCA Meeting

The next meeting of the West Montgomery County Citizens Association will be Wednesday, May 13 at 8 p.m. at the Potomac Library. If schools are closed because of inclement weather, the meeting will be cancelled. Guest speakers will be state Sen. Rob Garigiola and Delegates Brian Feldman, Kathleen Dumais and Craig Rice. The meeting will start with students who "Go Outdoors for Science" presenting their environmental Science Fair projects, and the election of WMCCA officers and directors. As always, the public is welcome.

chairperson, will continue efforts on revisions to the County Forest Conservation Law. She has worked with other organizations and county officials over the last five years to strengthen the law so it protects more existing forest rather than simply providing mitigation after forest has been cut and destroyed. Conservation easements as well as canopy protection on smaller lots play significant roles in overall forest function and have become pivotal issues local communities.

WMCCA is also keeping tabs on the proposal for a Country Inn on River Road. The project still lacks definition and could be troublesome in years to come if approved for usage not in keeping with the intent of the Country Inn Zone.

### Election of WMCCA Officers and Directors

The Nominating Committee proposes the following slate of WMCCA Officers and Directors to the membership for a vote at our May 13 meeting. Nominations may also be made from the floor.

President: Liza Durant

President Elect: Ginny Barnes; Vice President: Susanne Lee; Immediate Past President: Carol Falk

Treasurer: George Barnes; Secretary: Kate Anderson; Newsletter: Lois Williams

Directors nominated for a two-year term: Mike Denker, Shawn Justement, Cynthia Fain

Directors serving second year of a two-year term:

Ellie Pizarra Cain, Diana Conway, Betsy Dahan, John Yassin

### Planning and Zoning Report

By GEORGE BARNES

Potomac Swim and Tennis Club: A decision by the Hearing Examiner on the special exception modification to allow a tennis bubble will be available soon. The record had been kept open until the end of April to allow all parties to submit complete testimony.

### Environmental Report

By GINNY BARNES

Montgomery County Stormwater Permit: Implementation of the new National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Permit, delegated through the Federal Clean Water Act, has begun, including budgeting at the County level. The Stormwater Partners Network (of which WMCCA is a member) is supporting a modest \$10 increase in the annual Water Qual-

ity Protection Charge (to \$45.50) to fund Total Maximum Daily Load planning and other stormwater work necessary to meet conditions of the new permit. Stormwater pollution, with the toxins and sediment it carries, is the greatest threat to our streams, rivers and the Chesapeake Bay, and severely impairs our ability to provide clean drinking water to a growing population.

Stormwater Partners honored by Civic Federation: Each year the Civic Federation gives the Star Cup Award to an outstanding effort in the Montgomery County civic community. This year, the Stormwater Partners Network, under the leadership of Diane Cameron, will receive the award for its work with Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection to craft a Stormwater Permit that, for the first time, sets limits on pollutants reaching our watersheds. WMCCA will be a participant in the ceremony.

Conservation Easements, Winterset Subdivision: On April 4, the Planning Board heard a request to remove a Category I easement from a property where afforestation (planting forest where none existed previously) by the developer had not occurred in 1996 when the development was built, so there was no forest within the easement. The property owner had since received permits from the Department of Permitting Services to build an array of structures within the easement that should never have been allowed. The danger here lies in setting a precedent for lifting easements just because they have already been violated — in this case, by a large cast of characters that included the homeowner, the developer, and the County's own Permitting Department. A creative solution proffered by the Planning Board includes changing the nature of the easement without lifting it by using the developer's original bond posted in 1996 to plant trees on all properties in the subdivision that have easements as well as requiring 4-to-1 mitigation by the property owner to protect off-site existing forest. Another hearing is scheduled May 7 at the Planning Board.

In Memoriam — Throughout our region, the historic preservation, civic, and environmental communities are mourning the loss of Wayne Goldstein, a tireless activist and a pillar for those of us working for better government, for citizens to be heard and respected, for our historic resources to be saved, and for our environment to be protected. Many of Wayne's friends and colleagues feel that one of the ways he'd wish us to honor him is by defeating the Knapp Amendment No. 09-1 — a proposal to amend Chapter 24A of the Montgomery County Code regarding preservation of historic sites. Wayne was working hard on this issue at the time of his sudden death April 27. The amendment would essentially gut our ability to preserve historic structures, and many of the historic sites now part of our collective heritage would have been considered ineligible under this proposal. Write or call in your opposition; emails should be addressed to County Council President Phil Andrews, county.council@montgomerycountymd.gov, or call 240 777-7900. The record closes for comments May 22.

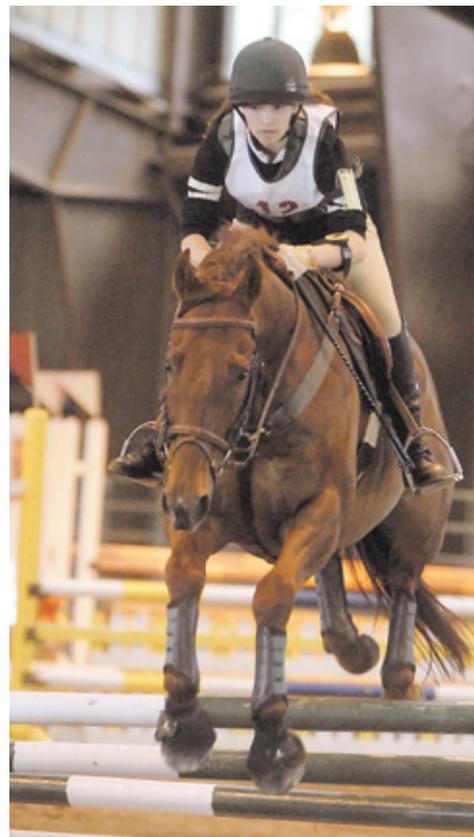


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### In Competition

Elisa Willems of North Potomac rides her horse Beamer during the stadium jumping competition at the Difficult Run Regional Horse Trials on May 2-3 at Frying Pan Park in Herndon, Va.

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Suger, at right, is a two-year-old, 30 pound, spayed Shepherd/Whippet mix who's personality is well-described by her name. This smart girl is housebroken, loves other dogs and loves to play doggie games. Suger will make an active household a playful, affectionate pet.

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## ONGOING

The **Bethesda Farmers Market** will be open Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Veterans Park, corner of Norfolk and Woodmont Avenues, through Oct. 31. Visit [www.bethesda.org](http://www.bethesda.org) or 301-215-6660.

## THURSDAY/MAY 7

**Blues Dance.** 8:30 p.m. at Ballroom Annex at Glen Echo, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Learn the dances and then enjoy music from a DJ. \$8/person. Visit [www.glenechopark.org](http://www.glenechopark.org) for more.

## FRIDAY/MAY 8

**Contra Dance.** 7:30 p.m. at Spanish Ballroom, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. \$9/person. Visit [www.glenechopark.org](http://www.glenechopark.org) for more.

## SATURDAY/MAY 9

**StoryTheatre Series.** 10:30 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. at Imagination Stage,

4908 Auburn Ave., Bethesda. Watch "Anansegromma." \$7/person. Visit [www.imaginationstage.org](http://www.imaginationstage.org) or 301-280-1660.

**Colonial Candle Making.** 1:30 p.m. at Visitor Center, 3400 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek. Learn about candles, wicks and more. \$15/member; \$20/non member. 301-283-2113.

**Fine Arts Festival.** 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Woodmont Triangle along Norfolk and Auburn Avenues. Enjoy exhibits music, food and more. Free. Visit [www.bethesda.org](http://www.bethesda.org) or 301-215-6660.

**Art Class.** 10 a.m. at St. James Episcopal Church, 11815 Seven Locks Road. Learn about weaving and more. Visit [www.potomaccraftsmen.org](http://www.potomaccraftsmen.org) for more.

**Art Exhibit.** Noon-5 p.m. at Yellow Barn Studio, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. See paintings by Russ Schofield. Free. Visit [www.yellowbarnstudio.com](http://www.yellowbarnstudio.com) or 301-371-5593.

**Park Movie.** 4 p.m. at Arcade Building at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Watch a movie documenting the park's 115-year history. Free. Visit [www.nps.gov/glec](http://www.nps.gov/glec) or 301-320-1400.

**Carousel Tours.** 10:30 a.m. at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. See how it was made, how it works and more. Free. Visit [www.nps.gov/glec](http://www.nps.gov/glec) or 301-320-1400.

**Nature Programs.** Enjoy activities, stories, animals, hikes and more from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Free for members and children under 2, \$5/non member. Visit [www.discoverycreek.org](http://www.discoverycreek.org) or 202-488-0627.

**Tiny Tot Saturdays.** 10 a.m. at Puppet Co. in Glen Echo, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. \$5/person. Watch "Old McDonald's Farm." Visit [www.thepuppetco.org](http://www.thepuppetco.org) or 301-634-

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**Book Sale.** 9 a.m. at Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive. Free. 240-777-0960.

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## SUNDAY/MAY 10

**Mother's Day Poetry and Open Mic.** 2 p.m. at The Writer's Center, 4508 Walsh Street, Bethesda. Sign-up begins at 1:30 p.m. E-mail [postmaster@writer.org](mailto:postmaster@writer.org) or 301-654-8664.

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**Cajun Dance.** 3-6 p.m. at Spanish Ballroom in Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. \$18/person. Live music. Visit [www.glenechopark.org](http://www.glenechopark.org)

for more.

**Family Dance.** 3-5 p.m. at Bumper Car Pavilion, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. \$5/person. Visit [www.glenechopark.org](http://www.glenechopark.org) for more.

**Contra and Square Dance.** 7-10:30 p.m. at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Enjoy live music to dance. \$12/nonmember; \$9 to member. Visit [www.fsgw.org](http://www.fsgw.org) for more.

**Sunday Blues Dance.** 7-11 p.m. at Spanish Ballroom, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. \$12/dance; \$17/lesson and dance. Visit [www.glenechopark.org](http://www.glenechopark.org) for more.

## MONDAY/MAY 11

**StoryTheatre Series.** 10:30 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. at Imagination Stage, 4908 Auburn Ave., Bethesda. Watch "Anansegromma." \$7/person. Visit [www.imaginationstage.org](http://www.imaginationstage.org) or 301-280-1660.

## THURSDAY/MAY 14

**Blues Dance.** 8:30-11:30 p.m. at Ballroom Annex, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. \$8/person. Visit [www.glenechopark.org](http://www.glenechopark.org) for more.

**Theater Performance.** 7:30 p.m. at Hoover Theatre, 8810 Postoak Road. Watch "The Mikado (Gilber and Sullivan)." \$5/person. 301-469-1010.

## FRIDAY/MAY 15

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**Community Carnival and Silent Auction.** Noon-4 p.m. at Churchill High School stadium. Enjoy games, food and more. \$1/person plus cost of tickets. Visit [www.churchillsga.com](http://www.churchillsga.com) for more.

**Colonial Foodways.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Visitor Center, 3400 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek. Learn about food and see a demonstration. Free/member, fee/nonmember. 301-283-2113.

**Strawberry Festival.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Potomac United Methodist Church, 9908 S. Glen Road. Enjoy a silent auction, artists, games, food and more. Proceeds benefit outreach programs of the church. Visit [www.potomac-umc.org](http://www.potomac-umc.org) or 301-299-9383.

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**Beginning Yoga.** 1:30 p.m. at Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive. Adults. Free. Register at 240-777-0960.

**Music Performance.** Mosaic Harmony spring concert. 7 p.m. at River Road Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 6301 River Road, Bethesda. Adults: \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Adults over 60 and students: \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Children under 12: free. Tickets available at [www.mosaicarmony.org](http://www.mosaicarmony.org).

**Strut a Mutt Dog Parade.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m. along Woodmont Avenue in Bethesda. Enjoy contests, exhibits, children's park and more. For more information or to register, go to [www.strutyourmuttbethesda.org](http://www.strutyourmuttbethesda.org)

**Fundraiser.** 7 p.m. at Bindeman Suburban Center, 11810 Falls Road. Enjoy a gourmet dinner, silent and live auction. Proceeds will send local students to the International Fringe Festival in Scotland. \$150/person; \$250/couple. Visit [www.supportingcastfoundation.org](http://www.supportingcastfoundation.org) or 301-365-0084 for reservations or more information.



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# Women Unite To Tackle Breast Cancer

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impact seeing what this foundation can do for those without insurance and, the opportunities and technology the foundation provides is very inspiring.” Perrick added, “We need to do our part. Whether it’s a small donation or big donation, get involved and donate your time. Everyone has something to give and just a little bit goes a long way.”

Brem Foundation president Sue Apple told the gathering, “Today is a gift, a gift of empowerment. When you get a call from a girl friend that she has breast cancer and your heart just drops, after today, it won’t drop and you’ll know what to do, you’ll be able to connect a women in need. That’s the gift today. We’re trying to raise every woman’s expectations for quality care.”

Potomac resident Lynne Bergman said she has attended several Brem events and keeps coming back because, “I love a good party and to spread the message is the single most important thing that anybody can do. If I can help one person know about

breast cancer and understand their bodies, I’ll do that over and over and over.”

Local singer Sandra Dean was diagnosed with breast cancer in November on the same day as her mother. Soon after, she received an invitation in the mail with a touch of serendipity from hostess, Jody Goldkind. Dean contacted Goldkind and said, “How did you know? I didn’t tell anyone.” Goldkind responded, “I didn’t know, I just invited you.” Dean said, “I decided to come to find out what this is all about and stay on top of things and I brought my daughter along so she would be aware.”

Brem’s message also reaches women globally. More than 70 of her research studies have been published in professional journals and she makes personal appearances around the world. In June she will be speaking in Berlin, Germany and traveling to Israel to teach a three-day course in Jerusalem titled, “The First U.S. Israeli Breast Imaging Update.”

On Saturday, April 25, 2009, at GW’s Sixth Annual Cancer Gala she received the Commitment to Overcoming Cancer Award pre-

sented to an individual or team who exemplifies the GW Medical Center’s commitment to overcoming cancer through patient care, outreach, research, education, and/or policy work.

**WHAT DO WOMEN** need to be sure to ask when they make an appointment for a mammogram? Brem advises, “You want to be sure the physicians reading your mammogram spend the majority, or optimally, all their time in breast imaging.” Brem adds, “There is no age you should stop getting a mammogram. You need to know what you need to do to help yourself in the best way. There is no need for a surgical procedure for a breast biopsy.” At GW, Brem and her colleague, Dr. Jocelyn Rapelyea, perform minimally invasive biopsies with results available within two to three days.

Hostess and Potomac interior designer Cindi LaPietra said, “Dr. Brem was inspirational. She let us know that you don’t have to wait. It’s nice to know when you’re in a stressful situation you can go to GW and get an answer from a radiologist who specializes in breast

cancer detection. It’s so important to have an answer in a couple of days.”

Apple said, “We get \$5 from college students who say they don’t have any money. I say to them, can you give up a latte for the foundation? They say yes, and I say, ‘OK, give me the five bucks.’ Any donation amount is good, it all adds up.” The foundation has no administrative salaries paid and 100 percent of monies donated go directly to foundation programs including the Biopsy Fund to pay for biopsies for uninsured women, a research coordinator and, purchase of the latest technology. Apple encouraged federal employees to designate Brem Foundation during the Combined Federal Campaign. Brem’s CFC number is 33112.

CharityWorks’ philosophy captures the spirit of Brem Foundation and philanthropy for the greater good: “Real change happens street by street, heart by heart, one soul, one conscience at a time. It happens because concerned and caring individuals commit to making a difference.” For more information, visit [www.bremfoundation.org](http://www.bremfoundation.org).



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## THURSDAY/MAY 7

**Chronic Pain Support Group.** 1:30 p.m. at Davis Library, 6400 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda. For anyone with chronic pain, family and residents. Free. Visit [www.painconnection.org](http://www.painconnection.org) or 301-309-2444.

## TUESDAY/MAY 12

**Parent Loss Support Group.** For

adults who have experienced the death of one or both parents, a six-week group led by Montgomery Hospice professional counselors. 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesdays, Montgomery Hospice, 1355 Piccard Drive, Rockville. Registration required: 301-921-4400.

## WEDNESDAY/MAY 13

**Group.** 6:45 p.m. at Adventist Rehabilitation Hospital, 9909 Medical Center Drive. Learn about healing. Free. 301-869-1580.

## AFTERNOON GRIEF SUPPORT

**GROUP.** For anyone grieving the death of a loved one, a six-week group led by Montgomery Hospice professional counselors. 1-2:30 p.m.

Wednesdays, Trinity Lutheran Church, 11200 Old Georgetown Road, Rockville. Registration required: 301-921-4400.

## SUNDAY/MAY 17

**Practice ACT and SAT.** 9 a.m. at Wootton High School. Free. Visit [www.mytutor.com](http://www.mytutor.com) for dates.

## WEDNESDAY/MAY 20

**LOSS OF A CHILD SUPPORT GROUP.** For parents grieving the death of a child of any age. A six-week group led by Montgomery Hospice professional counselors. 6:30-8:00 p.m. Wednesdays, Montgomery Hospice, 1355 Piccard Drive, Rockville. Registration

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**Support Group -DBSA.** 7:30 p.m., in the Parish Hall of St. Raphael's Church at 1513 Dunster Road in Rockville, Md. 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, Internet: [www.dbsanca-family.org](http://www.dbsanca-family.org)

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## NEWS

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of the Board on July 1. He has been active in student government for several years and currently is the vice president of the Montgomery County Region of the Maryland Association of Student Councils.<sup>o</sup>

### Prosecution Date for Invasion Suspect Set

The man suspected in last year's deadly series of home invasions is scheduled to begin on Monday, May 11. Jose Garcia-Perlera of Hyattsville is accused of perpetrating six home invasions in Potomac, Bethesda, Chevy Chase, and Northwest Washington, DC that targeted the elderly. During one of those invasions Mary Frances Havenstein of Seven Locks Road in Bethesda was killed. Garcia-Perlera has been charged by indictment with 17 counts, including murder, home invasion, burglaries, and robberies.

### THIS WEEK IN POTOMAC

### Gaithersburg West Master Plan Work Sessions

The Montgomery County Planning Board will take up a series of work sessions in the coming months to discuss the proposed Gaithersburg West Master Plan. The focal point of that plan is a science city that is designed to be a hub of scientific research and production and a semi-urban area where many

of those who work there also live there. The proposed development would greatly increase the density of the area where the Belward Farm is located on Darnestown Road and adjoining properties, and will have significant implications for the surrounding areas, including Potomac. The first work session was held last week. Below is the schedule of remaining work sessions.

Work session #2, May 14, 2009: Environmental Analysis, Corridor Cities Transitway (CCT), LSC Districts, LSC Zone, LSC Design Guidelines.

Work session #3, May 18, 2009: Continuation of Issues from Work session #2 (evening session)

Work session #4, May 28, 2009: Economic Analysis, Implementation, Staging

Work session #5, June 11, 2009: Continuation of Implementation and Staging

The general times for these sessions will be posted on the Planning Board's agenda, which is at [www.montgomeryplanningboard.org/agenda](http://www.montgomeryplanningboard.org/agenda).

### Help the U.S. Census Bureau

With the U.S. Census Bureau preparing to conduct a national census in 2010, the bureau is looking for part-time employees to serve as numerators and supervisors. So far the bureau has gotten a weak response from the Bethesda and Potomac areas and is looking to ramp up their efforts. Salaries are advertised as being competitive, and hours as flexible. Numerators check addresses on file to determine if the addresses still exist, an essential task to be performed this year to ready the census for next year. To learn more about the upcoming census and how to help, visit <http://2010.census.gov/2010censusjobs/>

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**Bullis junior Taylor Hairston won his No. 1 singles match 6-2, 6-1 to up his record to 10-1 this season.**



**Hairston and the rest of the Bulldog singles players swept their matches against Episcopal to claim a fifth-consecutive IAC title.**



**Sophomore Daniel Gray scrambles for a shot during his 7-5, 6-3 win last Thursday.**

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## Bullis Keeps Its Cool **'Mental is everything' as Bulldog boys' tennis wins fifth-straight IAC title.**

BY MARK GIANNOTTO  
THE ALMANAC

**I**t was still the first set last Thursday when Episcopal's Peter Pritchard slammed his racket to the ground in frustration after Bullis No. 1 singles player Taylor Hairston had taken a 4-2 lead. Hairston stood with arms crossed, his own racket resting gently against his legs, a picture of serenity compared to his opponent.

There was still much to be decided in this match, just one of six that would determine the 2009 IAC boys' tennis champion, but to Hairston, he had already won.

"I was happy when I saw him frustrated,"

said Hairston, who has lost just one match this season. "If I make them beat themselves, it's a lot easier."

The Bullis tennis team's mental edge over the rest of its conference brethren was on full display as the Bulldogs cruised to their fifth-straight IAC title, defeating Episcopal, 6-1, thanks in large part to a sweep of the four single's matches.

As a team, Bullis finished 10-0-1 in dual matches, with a tie to Churchill early in the season representing its only blemish.

**IN TERMS** of physical tools, Episcopal was every bit the equal of Bullis. Although the Bulldogs defeated the Maroon, 6-1, earlier

in the season, Episcopal came in playing its best tennis of the year having upset Georgetown Prep and St. Alban's to get to the team finals.

This was the first year in which the IAC went to a playoff format to decide the league champion, but it appeared as if the Bulldogs were seasoned pros when it came to big match pressure.

After taking the first set, 6-2, Hairston won the second set over Pritchard, 6-1, for the victory. Playing on the court next to Hairston was Bullis senior Alvin Flood, the No. 2 singles player, who took his match almost as easily, 6-2, 6-2. Just like his teammate, Flood noticed quickly that the

Maroon's James Dorsett had his head down — even after taking an early lead.

"I knew I had him then," said Flood following the win in his last home match.

No. 3 singles was a bit tighter as Bullis sophomore Daniel Gray won a close first set, 7-5, which gave him all the momentum. He found the second set to be far easier, winning 6-3.

"Mental is everything," said Gray. "You could play a guy who is a better player than you, but if he's not mentally right, he can't execute. I felt like when I was going well in the bigger points in the first set, he broke

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### SPORTS BRIEFS

## Whitman Baseball Beats Wootton

Coming off key wins over Quince Orchard, Damascus, Sherwood, and Magruder, the Wootton baseball team ascended to the No. 5 ranking in the metro area. But in its first game since being ranked, the Patriots ran into a roadblock in the form of the Whitman Vikings, who used two big home runs and a clutch 5<sup>th</sup> inning hit by Danny Lee to take down Wootton, 6-4, last week.

With two men on base courtesy of singles by Dan Novak and Michael Flack, Lee stepped in and lined the first pitch he faced to the gap in right field for a two-RBI hit.

It gave pitcher Danny Williams, who held Wootton score-

less following a four-run first inning, a lead he wouldn't relinquish. Down 4-1 heading into the fourth inning, the Vikings rallied to tie the game with a three-run home run off the bat of Flack, his first of the season.

"I really just wanted to put the ball in play and see what happened," Flack said. "I got my pitch and put a good swing on it and the ball went. It felt pretty good."

The win against Wootton was part of a key Whitman push to earn a bye in the playoffs. The Vikings, who upped their record to 12-3 this season after another win over Magruder this weekend, leapfrogged the Patriots in the standings courtesy of the victory.

"It's a big win and a big confidence builder and we know we can play with them," said Whitman coach Joe Cassidy.

Wootton followed up the Whitman loss with another on

senior day against Northwest, its second-straight since being ranked.

## Mason Back With the Skins

A day after being released by the New York Jets, Potomac native and former Scotland resident Marcus Mason was picked up on waivers by both the San Diego Chargers and Washington Redskins. He was awarded to the Redskins based on their worse record a season ago. Mason was with the Redskins during last year's preseason, carrying the ball 66 times for an NFL-best 317 yards.

The running back starred at Georgetown Prep during

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## SPORTS

# Bulldog Boys' Tennis Wins Fifth-Straight IAC Title

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down. That decided the match.”  
The Bulldogs' Maxwell Towe also took the No. 4 singles 6-3, 7-6 (7-3), while the Bullis No. 1 and No. 2 doubles squads also were victorious.

Afterwards, there was no boisterous celebration, just smiles all around. Bullis is used to this sort of success even if this is the first IAC title it has won since long time coach Jack Schore retired last

spring after 27 years at the helm. Clearly, though, the Bulldogs haven't missed a beat under new coach Steve Miguel.

The first-year coach noticed the composure his team showed in stark contrast to the emotions-on-its-sleeve approach taken by several Episcopal starters.

“We've been working on that,” said Miguel, acknowledging that wasn't always the case this season. “I'm very proud of how they re-

sponded to that. I was very nervous, we don't take any match lightly, but I'm pretty pleased with how hard they worked.”

**THE ONLY QUESTION** that remains to be answered is who reigns supreme in terms of boys' tennis in the Potomac area. Bullis, Churchill, Whitman, and Wootton are all strong this season. The three public schools have all faced each other this season with

Whitman defeating both Churchill and Wootton and Churchill winning in its lone matchup with Wootton. Bullis, though, only has the tie with the Bulldogs — a match that was called at three apiece due to darkness — on its resume.

So the argument rages, with the top three public school teams in the county and the best private school team around, who is the king of the area's tennis land-

scape? Anybody up for a Potomac Tennis Invitational?

“Down the road that could be possible,” said Miguel. “I think there's a lot of good competition in this area, even the IAC. I feel fortunate, very fortunate, to come out of this winning 6-1.”

Bullis takes part in the annual Ben John Tournament this week, while the three public schools are in the midst of the county tournament.

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his record-setting high school football career, becoming the all-time leading rusher in Maryland football history with 5,700 yards.

He then played two years at Illinois before transferring to Youngstown State, where he rushed for a school record 1,847 yards during his senior season. After going undrafted out of college, Mason was signed by the Redskins in 2007. He spent most of his rookie year on the practice squad. He has also spent time on the Baltimore Ravens practice squad.

## Churchill Softball Scores Upset

The Churchill softball team's fortunes took a positive turn last Saturday with a momentum-building 6-5 win at perennial power Blake last Saturday. Shortstop Maddie Ulanow led the way with three hits and three RBIs, while sophomore pitcher Meagan O'Loone was solid on the mound.

The win was Churchill's second in a row after beginning the season slowly. The team has one more game, Wednesday after the

Almanac's deadline, before the playoffs begin Friday.

## Lacrosse Update

Playoff lacrosse action is set to begin this weekend and all four Potomac area schools have the opportunity to make the end of the spring special. After an undefeated season, the Wootton boys' earned a first-round bye and will face the winner of Blair vs. Bethesda-Chevy

Chase this weekend. Both the Churchill and Whitman boys' teams also received first-round byes and will face each other Saturday, with a time yet to be determined.

In the girls' bracket, Churchill was awarded the No. 1 overall seed after an undefeated regular season and could potentially face rival Wootton in the second round Saturday, should the Patriots de-

feat Paint Branch in their first round game. The Whitman girls take on Blair in the first round.

The Bullis boys' lacrosse team begins the IAC playoffs Wednesday, after the Almanac's deadline, when they take on St. Stephen's/St. Agnes in the first round. The Bullis girls' have one game remaining against Sidwell Friends Thursday before beginning the postseason next week.

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## Cub Scouts Then, Eagle Scouts Now

On Tuesday, April 21, four Boy Scouts from Troop 1427 in Potomac had a joint Eagle Scout Court of Honor at the River Falls Community Center at 7:30 p.m. to receive their awards and become Eagle Scouts. Troop 1427 is part of the Montgomery District of the National Capital Area Council.

Brendan Barber, Karl Benz, Kevin Goral and Brian Rodan began as Cub Scouts together in first grade at Carderock Springs Elementary School and together followed the trail to become Eagle Scouts throughout the past 12 years. They are all seniors at Whitman High School and will be graduating in June before heading to various colleges in the fall. All four are honor students and have received numerous commendations and acknowledgements for becoming Eagle Scouts from their state and local representatives, the Governor, and their senators.

**BARBER'S** Eagle Scout Project was the design, construction, and installation of benches and a seating area at two bus stops at the intersection of MacArthur Boulevard and Brickyard Road in Potomac for the comfort, safety, and convenience of passengers waiting for the bus. Barber coordinated the project with the Ride-On System and Division of Transit Services. Barber will be attend Lehigh University in Bethlehem.

**BENZ'S** Eagle Scout Project was the renovation and removal of one dumpster load of debris from

the horse/hiking trails of Evans Stable, a public horse stable on Washington Suburban Sanitation Commission (WSSC) property near Avenel. WSSC leases the property to Nancy Evans, who manages the public horse stable. Benz also made and installed over a dozen custom oak trail signs along the trails. Benz will attend Middlebury College in Middlebury, Vt. next year.

**FOR GORAL'S** Eagle Scout Project, he helped the non-profit organization, A Wider Circle which re-located to Silver Spring. The project involved priming and painting of walls and floors that were built in their new facility. The painting by over 30 volunteers of a large loft storage space, an office space, bathrooms, and multipurpose rooms enabled A Wider Circle to resume their household goods donation program, teaching sessions and other crucial community services that they provide. Goral will be attend St. Mary's College of Maryland in St. Mary's City.

**RODAN'S** Eagle Scout Project was the repair of a mountain bike trail in Maryland for Calleva, an outdoor education program. The trail was damaged by the installation of power lines. With the help of volunteers from the Scout troop and local community, he constructed and installed two new bridges to allow bikers to cross a creek at different points on the trail. Rodan will attend The University of Maryland at College Park this fall.

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 heard, but usually not in a flattering way. So  
 I've researched further. According to The  
 American Heritage Dictionary, the definition of  
 narcissistic is "excessive love of oneself." The  
 derivation of the word narcissistic is Greek  
 mythology, specifically having to do with a  
 youth named Narcissus who was so in love with  
 himself and his own reflection in a pond that  
 he was with Echo (another character in Greek  
 mythology), her unrequited love caused her to  
 pine away until nothing but her voice  
 remained, (but leaving a word and definition  
 with which I/we are familiar). Simple enough, I  
 suppose. But, is its proper use as a noun, an  
 adjective, an adverb? And though, I guess I  
 understand its meaning now, its use and place-  
 ment in speech and print still escapes me.

Self-absorbed, self-indulgent, self-impor-  
 tant; I can certainly use those "selves" in a sen-  
 tence, but as a theme for an entire column,  
 we'll see. If these three "selves" are indeed varia-  
 tions of the narcissistic theme, than I would say  
 I have a much greater appreciation for their use  
 and perhaps their abuse than previously under-  
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 friends and family), of the point/relevance of  
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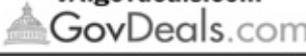
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