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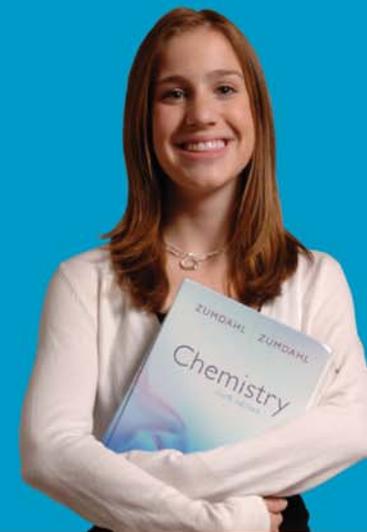
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Bubba's Belly Run Goes the Distance

Memorial Race exceeds goals.

BY ANSLEY LABARRE
THE ALMANAC

Drivers swept past a rare sight last Sunday as they curved the bend on Falls Road, where the yard of the Bullis School was lined with miniature American flags. The 5,188 flags were devoted to every service member whose life had been lost in Iraq or Afghanistan, and were a greater part of the first annual Bubba's Belly Run.

The run was created by Nicki Bunting, wife of Bullis graduate and Army Captain Brian Bunting. Better known to friends and family as "Bubba," Brian Bunting was killed in action in Afghanistan last February, just



Lining the Bullis School during Bubba's Belly Run last Sunday were 5,188 flags, each representing a life lost during military service in Iraq and Afghanistan. "There's not enough emphasis on our military heroes," said Nicki Bunting, who established the run in memory of her husband to benefit three military charities.

days after returning to active-duty from two weeks of R&R at home.

Nicki Bunting says she established the 5K as a family event honoring her husband's devotion to fatherhood. She said her husband dreamed of having a large family, and Nicki Bunting discovered she was pregnant with their second child just four days after learning of her husband's death. She says having the baby — Brian Bunting's last wish — keeps her going, and it was with a happy mindset that she and her sister Tracey Paul established Bubba's Belly Run.

"It was amazing to see it all come to fruition," said Nicki Bunting.

Nicki Bunting, due to deliver baby Cooper in November, participated in the maternity walk and in the kid's fun-run with two-year-old son Connor. The events were combined with the 5k to raise money for

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Cabin John Regional Park 'Howls' with Delight

New dog park offers attracts pets and owners.

BY ANSLEY LABARRE
THE ALMANAC

Pet owners can lose the leash at Cabin John, where a new dog park opened last Wednesday. The dog park is the fourth official canine-friendly facility in the Montgomery County Parks system, and has already received praise for its design in the days since opening to the public.

The dog park is a part of the greater Cabin John Regional Park, located at 10900

Westlake Drive. It totals 50,000 square feet, covering a little more than an acre between the mini-train tracks. The facility was completed after two months of summer construction.

The most attractive feature of the new park, described by designers and pet-owners alike, is its division in two main areas separating dogs by size. The 40,000-square-foot large dog section was built for dogs exceeding 20 pounds, and the 10,000-square-foot small dog area is designated for

those weighing less.

Cabin John Dog Park's project manager CJ Lilly says this specific design, used for the first time at Cabin John, addresses the possibility of aggression that arises any time dogs find themselves in the same vicinity without a leash.

"There is a huge disparity in sizes in dogs," said Lilly. "[The park] provides owners with a safer environment."

Dog owner Jeanine Poltronieri agrees, saying her 15-pound poodle-mix has a history of picking fights with dogs three times his size. Poltronieri says the new amenities allow her pet to exercise off the leash with-

out any threat of attack.

Cabin John Dog Park is surrounded by six feet of fence, and offers a rock-climbing structure and water fountains for both dogs and owners. Some first-time visitors to the dog park commented on the mere presence of shade and benches available to owners while supervising their roaming pets.

"They've really thought of everything," said Montgomery County resident Penny Alberg, who also said she doesn't think other public dog facilities don't measure up to Cabin John's new park.

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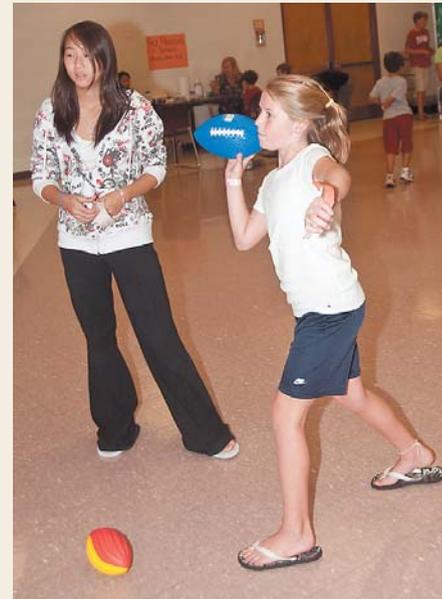
Samuel Strand, 3 and a half, of Potomac, likes the balloons he gets from Popcorn the clown.

More Than a Little Fun

PHOTOS BY HARVEY LEVINE/THE ALMANAC



The Potomac Community Center was filled with children's activities for its Fun Fest on Friday, Sept. 25.



Emma Barlock, a Wootton Hig School senior, runs the football toss as Meredith White, a 4th grader from Potomac, tries to win a prize.



Controlled Performance

Christopher Piper controls the action in Glen Echo's Puppet Co. production of "Hansel and Gretel." The performances run through Oct. 11.

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Three-year-old Kaelin Shew of Rockville meets the witch.

Children talk to the witch after they see "Hansel and Gretel." Christopher Piper is the puppeteer.

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Citizen of the Year • Businessperson of the Year • Youth of the Year

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 THE DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 1, 2009

These awards are given annually by the Potomac Chamber of commerce and the winners will be featured in the Potomac Day Parade on October 24th. They will also be presented with plaques at the Awards Banquet in November.

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

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

Please mail or fax your entries to the Potomac Chamber of Commerce, Inc.
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three charities — the American Widow Project, the Fisher House that caters to families of injured servicemen, and Flat Daddies, an organization that creates life-size cutouts of parents serving abroad.

Paul says she and her sister had big dreams of raising \$50,000, but were happy to have the first 30 people register for the race. Over 800 runners later, Paul says she

can't believe they surpassed their monetary goal.

"It's a testament to the people we're honoring," said Paul. "And a display of support from the community."

Some participants in Bubba's Belly Run traveled across the nation to contribute to the run's intent of raising awareness. Corinne Raichel, a 25-year-old army wife from Chicago, said she anticipates the event's local roots will create a bigger im-

act on the community. Raichel also said the mere fact Bubba's Belly Run sold every flag honoring the exact number of service members killed in action is proof that it is easy for the community to support soldiers, regardless of personal feelings about war.

"Yes they are just flags," said Raichel. "But they are representing people."

Nicki Bunting says it is within the tight-knit Potomac community that her husband's death hit closer to home. As one of 13 ser-

vicemen killed from Montgomery County, the former Bullis class president was well known throughout the area. Nicki Bunting now plans to use the annual run, which will continue to be held on the weekend of the Bunting's wedding anniversary, to shed light on those killed in the line of service.

"There's not enough emphasis on our military heroes," said Nicki Bunting. "I want to make people realize how many Bubba's there are."

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by
Michael Matese

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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 or 301-215-6660.

THURSDAY/OCT. 1

Blues Dance. Cost is \$8. Beginner workshop from 8:15-9 p.m. Dancing from 9-11:30 p.m. With rotating DJs and instructors. At the Ballroom Annex of Glen Echo Park. Email: info@capitalblues.org.

FRIDAY/OCT. 2

Contra Dance. \$9 admission. Lesson from 7:30-8:15 p.m. Dancing from 8:30-11:30 p.m. Anna Rain calls to The Serpentine Band with Andrea Hoag on fiddle; Charlie Pilzer on piano and button accordion, Leigh Pilzer on saxophone and clarinet, and Will Morrison on drums and percussion. At the Spanish Ballroom of Glen Echo Park. Email: fndcontra@yahoo.com.

Blues Dance. Swing lesson from 8-9 p.m. Dancing from 9 p.m. to midnight. With the Clarence Turner Band and instructors Tina Davis & Don West and Michelle Richter & Dexter Santos. At the Bumper Car Pavilion, Glen Echo Park. Go to www.CapitalBlues.org or call Donna Barker at 301-634-2231.

Read, Eat & Give Event. 6:30-9:30 p.m. Admission is \$25/individuals, \$45/couples. This year's theme of beer tasting and food pairing features the brews of Dogfish Head Alehouse, Gaithersburg; Flying Dog Brewery, Frederick; and Hook & Ladder Brewing Company, Silver Spring. Attendees can taste sample of the microbrews on hand and learn how to pair them with food. Hosted by Friends of the Library, Montgomery County. At VisArts, 155 Gibbs Street, Rockville, around the corner from Rockville Library. Visit www.folmc.org or call 240-777-0020.

Story/Stereo with Alexander Chee, Srikanth Reddy, and Musical Guest Bluebrain. 7:30 p.m. Free. Join Alexander Chee as he reads from his novel, *Edinburgh*. He is joined by Srikanth Reddy, author of *Facts for Visitors*. Special musical guest Bluebrain. Call 301-654-8664 or visit www.writer.org.

Bob Brown Puppets. 10:30 a.m. The "World on a String" program will take audiences on a rollicking trip to Australia, China, Ireland, the Congo, England, France, Japan, Russia, Ukraine and back to the U.S.A. At Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Dr., Potomac.

SATURDAY/OCT. 3

20th Annual Taste of Bethesda. 11-4 p.m. Free admission. There are 50 restaurants and four stages of entertainment at Bethesda's Woodmont Triangle. Taste tickets will be sold on-site in bundles of four tickets for \$5. Food servings cost one to four tickets. The event is held along Norfolk, Fairmont, St. Elmo, Cordell and Del Ray Avenues in Bethesda's Woodmont Triangle.

Swing Dance. \$20. Swing lesson from 8-9 p.m. Dancing from 9 p.m. to midnight. With the Barbara Morrison band and instructors Donna Barker and Mike Marcotte. At the Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo park. Go to www.CapitalBlues.org or call Donna Barker at 301-634-2231.

Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon: Help for Reactive Dogs. 3-5 p.m. Free. Why your dog growls and lunges at other dogs/strangers and what you can do about it. At the Potomac Community Center, 11315 Falls Rd., Potomac.

OCT. 3-4

Homes tour. Potomac Country House Tour & Vendor Boutiques will be held Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at St. Francis Episcopal Church, 10033 River Road, Potomac. This 54th annual event benefits local and national charities. Tour four spectacular homes, shop with 20 fabulous vendors, and enjoy a delicious lunch and dessert cafe. Free admission to the Boutiques and ala carte lunch. Home Tour tickets \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Call 301-365-2055 or visit www.potomaccountryhousetour.org



OCT. 3-4

CorbinDances. Saturday, Oct. 3 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 4 at 3 p.m. Potomac native Patrick Corbin returns to Potomac to perform with the company he created, CorbinDances. After years of studying and performing with Joffrey Ballet and Paul Taylor Dance Company, he launched CorbinDances. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for students. At the American Dance Institute, 1570 East Jefferson Street in Rockville. Call 301-984-3003 or visit www.americandance.org.

SUNDAY/OCT. 4

So, You want to Go to the Dog Park – Dogs at Play. 2-4 p.m. Free. Learn about polite and rude greetings, stress signals, breed-specific play styles, common social gestures and emotional states from Robin Bennett, co-author of *Off-Leash Dog Play – A Complete Guide to Safety & Fun*. At the Potomac Community Center, 11315 Falls Rd., Potomac.

Potomac Horse Center Open House. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free horse and pony rides, tractor-drawn hay rides, riding demos and stable tours, moon bounce and face painting, and more. Potomac Horse Center is located in North Potomac near Duffell Mill and Travilah Roads, at 14211 Quincey Orchard Road. Call 301-208-0200 or go to www.PotomacHorse.com.

Slow Blues and Swing Dance. Slow Blues lesson from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Dancing from 8:30-11:30 p.m. With the Kim Massie and Daryl Davis Band and instructors Donna Barker and Mike Marcotte. At the Spanish Ballroom, Glen Echo Park. The Glen Echo National Park is located at 7300 MacArthur Blvd, Glen Echo. Go to www.CapitalBlues.org or call Donna Barker at 301-634-2231.

Contra and Square Dance. Lesson at 7 p.m. Dancing from 7:30-10:30 p.m. \$12/nonmembers, \$9 members. Focus on New England style contra dances, including square dances, country mixers, waltzes and other couple dances. At the Bumper Car Pavilion. Dances called by Michael Baraclaugh to Floorplay.

Waltz Dance. 2-6 p.m. \$8. Texas 2-step Workshop with Mal and Linda Zerden from 2-2:30 p.m. Waltz Workshop from 3-3:30 p.m. Dance from 3:30-6 p.m. with the band, Oklahoma Twisters. At the Spanish ballroom at Glen Echo Park. Call Joan Koury at 202-238-0230 or Glen Echo Park at 301-634-2222, or go to www.WaltzTimeDances.org. The Glen Echo National Park is located at 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. info@waltztimedances.org.

Voices of the River: Glen Echoes. 2:45-3:45 p.m. Come listen to the Glen Echoes "ring a chord" as this barbershop quartet sings in close harmony with the flow of the river on the porch of the River Center. The Glen Echoes are an *acapella* quartet with Charlie Sheridan, singing Bass, Richard Cook, singing Lead, Mike Holmes, singing Tenor, and Ken Sleeman, singing Baritone. At the River Center at Lockhouse 8, C&O Canal National Historical Park, 7906 Riverside Ave., Cabin John, Md.

Mushrooms Along the Potomac. 1-2:30 p.m. Join the Conservancy for a walk along the C&O Canal to learn about mushrooms with mushroom enthusiast Buddy Kilpatrick. At River Center at Lockhouse 8, C&O Canal National Historical Park, 7906 Riverside Ave., Cabin John, Md. Contact Bridget Chapin, chapin@potomac.org, 301-608-1188, x206, or visit www.potomac.org.

MONDAY/OCT. 5

Scottish Fiddling With Alasdair Fraser & Natalie Haas. 8 p.m. At the IMT/Kroeger

Taste of Bethesda Is October 3

Taste of Bethesda is celebrating its 20th anniversary on Saturday, Oct. 3 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Produced by the Bethesda Urban Partnership, Taste of Bethesda will feature more than 50 of downtown Bethesda's restaurants, four stages of live entertainment and an activity area for children.

Highlighted cuisine will include Indian, Thai, Italian, Japanese, Spanish, Mexican and more as well as seafood, burgers, fries, steak and pizza that will be complemented by cookies, cupcakes, ice cream and coffee drinks. Taste of Bethesda is located on Fairmont, Norfolk, St. Elmo, Cordell and Del Ray Avenues in the heart of Bethesda's Woodmont Triangle. Four stages showcase musical and cultural performances, and a children's area featuring activities, balloons and giveaways that will provide additional entertainment for young visitors. More than 40,000 attendees enjoy Taste of Bethesda each year. Admission to Taste of Bethesda is free. Tickets will be sold on-site to "taste" different foods; a serving costs one to four tickets and tickets are \$5 for four tickets. The event is located three blocks from the Bethesda Metro station. Free parking is also available in downtown Bethesda's public garages. The free Bethesda Circulator will transport visitors to and from the Bethesda Metro station and public garages. Call 301-215-6660 or visit www.bethesda.org/specialevents/taste/taste.htm.



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11 a.m. - 1 p.m. — Swing Shift (Swing)
1:30 - 3:30 p.m. — Signature Live! (Motown)

St. Elmo Stage

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. — Five Finger Discount Band (Funk)
2 - 4 p.m. — Texas Chainsaw Horns (Swing, Jump, Blues)

Cordell Stage

11:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. — JCJ Band (Latin)
1:45 - 3:45 p.m. — Chopsteeth (Afro-funk)

Norfolk Stage

11 - 11:45 a.m. — Ancient Rhythms (Middle Eastern Dance)
12 - 12:45 p.m. — Los Quetzales (Mexican Dance)
1 - 1:45 p.m. — Wong Chinese Lion Dancers (Chinese Dance)
2 - 2:45 p.m. — Jayantika Dance Company (Indian Dance)



3 - 3:45 p.m. — Sankofa Dance Theater (West African Dance)

Veterans Park Entertainment

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. — ilyaimy (Folk rock/alternative)
1:30- 3:30 p.m. — The Village Jazz Band (Jazz)

Kid's Corner

The kid's corner will feature face painting and cookie decorating with Bundles of Cookies from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. *Please note* - long lines for these activities have to be cut at 3:30 p.m.

Theater Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, 6125 Montrose Rd, Rockville. Tickets: \$20 advance/ \$25 door. Call 301-754-3611 and visit www.imtfolk.org. Go to www.alasdairfraser.com, www.nataliehass.com.

THURSDAY/OCT. 8

Blues Dance. \$8. Beginner workshop from 8:15-9 p.m. Dancing from 9-11:30 p.m. Rotating DJs and instructors. At the Ballroom Annex of Glen Echo Park. Email: info@capitalblues.org.

FRIDAY/OCT. 9

Contra Dance. 7:30 - 11:30 p.m. \$9 admission. Lesson from 7:30-8:15 p.m. dance from 8:30-11:30 p.m. Featuring the Glen Echo Open Band. At the Spanish Ballroom of Glen Echo Park. Email: fndcontra@yahoo.com.

SATURDAY/OCT. 10

Swing Dance. 8 p.m. - midnight. \$15 admission. Lesson with Tom and Debra 8-9 p.m., dance 9

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CALENDAR

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p.m. - 12 midnight. Dancing with Blair Carman and the Belleview Boys from Ohio. At the Spanish Ballroom of Glen Echo Park.

Travilah Oak Celebration. Noon to 4 p.m. Celebrate the Travilah Oak's birthday with fun and festivities. Music, hayrides, pony rides, vaulting demos on horseback, antique fire engine and vintage autos, alpacas, baby turkeys and guinea hens, the C&O Park Mounted Police, karate exhibition, Indian dancing, pumpkin decorating contest, and more. The great white oak tree is estimated to be over 300 years old. At the Potomac Oak Center, intersection of Glen and Travilah Roads in Potomac.

Mathemagical Design: Geometry in Textiles with Jennifer Moore. 10 a.m. to noon. Free. Sponsored by the Potomac Fiber Arts Guild. At the Potomac Community Center, 11315 Falls Road, Potomac. Go to www.potomacraftsmenguild.org.

Truck Touch. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Featuring exciting vehicles of all shapes and sizes for kids to climb and touch. \$3/person and under 2 free. At Suburban Nursery School, 7210 Hidden Creek Road, Bethesda. Call 301-263-9327.

SUNDAY/OCT. 11

Family Dance. 3-5 p.m. \$5. At the Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo Park. Spend the afternoon dancing with your children. Bring your entire family, neighbors, church or synagogue group, birthday party, and girl or boy scout troop.

Contra and Square Dance. Newcomer lesson at 7 p.m. Dancing 7:30-10:30 p.m. Focus on New England style contra dances, and including square dances, country mixers, waltzes and other couple dances. Dances called by Ron Buchanan to the Dead Sea Squirrels. At the Bumper Car Pavilion. Admission \$12/non-members, \$9 members.

The Heyman Celebration. 3-10 p.m. A mini-folk festival tribute to the late Vic Heyman and his wife Reba. To benefit the Heyman Folk Scholarship Fund. Dr. Vic Heyman, who died on Jan. 6, 2009, of Parkinson's, was a Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense in the 1960s who later started a direct-mail company in Rockville, Md., and became a noted figure in area folk music circles as a concert presenter. Tickets for the show range from \$25 to \$125. At the Historic Olney Theatre. Go to www.heymancelebration.org or call Sherry Panzer at 301-580-9401.

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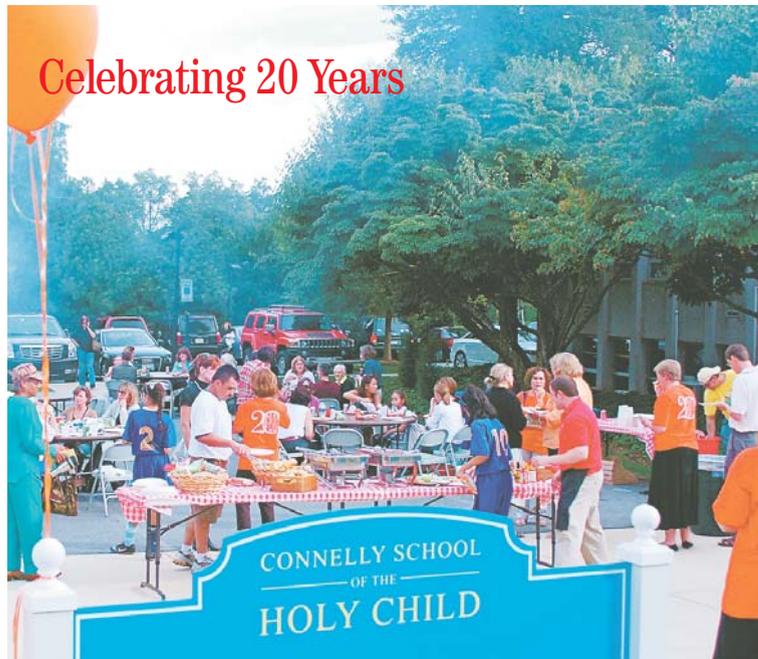
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SCHOOLS

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Students Maria Berkowitz, 12, and Lilly McCormick, 12, stand in front of the middle school after contributing to Holy Child's afternoon field hockey victory. The girls joined their fellow classmates in singing happy birthday to the Middle School during Friday's 20th anniversary celebration.

The middle school at the Connelly School of the Holy Child celebrated its 20th anniversary last Friday, Sept. 25. Mary Hopkins, head of the middle school, says the all-girls Catholic education integrates the entire curriculum, linking each class to the next and creating big-picture comprehension with the middle school's 84 students.

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Pet owners like Jeanine Poltronieri praise Cabin John's new dog park, which opened to the community last week on Wednesday, for its variety of amenities that allow dogs and owners alike to enjoy a little time off the leash.

'Howling' Success

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The park will celebrate a grand opening on Oct. 31 with "Howl-o-Ween." It is free for patrons, open every day from sunrise to sunset except for routine maintenance checks on Tuesday mornings. Lilly

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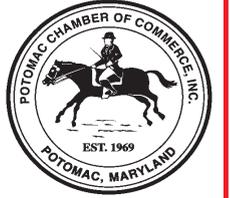
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Grimm's Late Interception Not Enough for Wootton

Patriots fall to 1-3 with loss to Paint Branch.

BY JARED WASSERMAN
THE ALMANAC

Wootton linebacker Matt Grimm returned an interception for a touch down with his team trailing Paint Branch in the fourth quarter, but the Patriots' comeback fell short as they lost, 23-13, Friday.

Trailing 21-6, senior quarterback Jeff Porter moved the Patriots offense into the red zone for a critical scoring chance. However, Porter's pass was intercepted by senior Ivan Tagoe with 9:35 left in the fourth quarter.

The Patriot defense would then provide what their offense could not for much of the night: points.

On the ensuing possession, Paint Branch senior quarterback Tracy Martin's screen pass to the slot receiver was jumped and picked off by Grimm with 8:06 remaining in the game. Grimm trotted untouched into the end zone for the 8-yard touchdown, cutting Wootton's deficit to eight points.

"All week in practice, we've been going through the bubble screen that Paint Branch ran and coach [Greg] Malling said, 'if it is a three-by-one [bunch formation], they will run [the screen],'" Grimm said. "I saw the three-by-one and knew it was coming. Our team needed a spark to get us back into the game and I jumped the pass."

The huge defensive play following a blown scoring opportunity reaffirmed the Patriots' belief in a comeback.

"We thought that we had just completely changed the momentum of the game over to our side," Porter

said. "I knew the defense was going to get a stop and give the offense a chance to score, but unfortunately it didn't work out like that."

Those comeback hopes were quickly dashed as the Paint Branch special teams unit sealed the victory.

Wootton senior wide receiver Rashawn Morris fielded a punt on the 1-yard line with 5:42 left in the game, and was brought down immediately by junior Earvin Anumba for the safety and a 23-13 lead.

The Paint Branch offense, led by the elusive Martin, threw all over the Patriot secondary throughout the game.

"[Martin's] ability to throw on the run definitely affected the defense's performance," Wootton senior linebacker Adam Solomon said. "We knew coming into the game we had to contain the quarterback because he was much more accurate once he got out of the pocket. We failed to contain him and that's one of the reasons we lost."

Martin threw touchdown passes of 18 and 28 yards to Anumba in the first half. The Wootton defense was also unable to contain Tagoe, who caught six passes for 120 yards to go along with his 9-yard touchdown reception with 2:04 left in the second quarter.

"We knew [Tagoe] was athletic and one of their few playmakers that we had to stop if we were going to win," Solomon said.

One of the Patriots' few bright spots offensively occurred with 6:39 left in the second quarter, when senior quarterback Alex Kelly found junior wide receiver Jake Bradley in the middle of the field for a 24-yard touchdown. Bradley absorbed a huge hit, but maintained possession to cut the Paint Branch lead to 7-6 following a missed extra point.

Wootton fell to 1-3 with the loss.

The Patriots look for their first home win and to regain their offensive proficiency against Bethesda-Chevy Chase on Friday.



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Wootton quarterback Jeff Porter throws a pass during Friday's loss to Paint Branch. Porter drove the Patriot offense into the red zone during the fourth quarter but came up empty.

Chen, Wynant, Reyes Lead Wootton

BY JARED WASSERMAN
THE ALMANAC

The Wootton girls volleyball team handed Whitman its third straight loss, winning 3-0 Thursday.

Led by the strong play of seniors Allison Wynant and Cassandra Reyes around the net, as well as the setting ability of Jennifer Chen, the Patriots took the first and third games of the match comfortably by the scores of 25-12 and 25-15.

"[Chen] is absolutely the best athlete I've ever coached and really does an incredible amount of work to make her teammates look good," Wootton head coach Mary Malinauskas said.

However, Whitman put up more of a fight in the second game of the match.

The Vikings jumped out to an 11-5 lead before Wootton fought back to level the score at 16.

Neither team would concede the game without a struggle, resulting in nine more ties before the outcome of the second game was determined. Wootton eventually extended its lead and regained control of the match by a score of 32-30.

"I was pleased with the girls' focus and determination when we fell behind, and I felt pretty confident through most of that game that they would pull it



PHOTO BY HARVEY LEVINE/THE ALMANAC

SEE VOLLEYBALL, PAGE 11 **Wootton girls volleyball defeats Whitman.**

SPORTS BRIEFS

Churchill Football Remains Undefeated

Running back Ryan Quinn rushed for 116 yards and two touchdowns and quarterback Alex Kantor accounted for 193 yards and a pair of touchdowns as Churchill improved to 4-0 with a 42-7 victory over Richard Montgomery on Friday.

One week after defeating Walter Johnson by five points — Churchill's narrowest margin of victory this season — the Bulldogs recorded their most lopsided win of the campaign.

"They played well," Churchill coach Joe Allen said. "They were determined after the game against W.J. they were going to step up and play harder, and that's exactly what they did."

Kantor completed 4 of 10 passes for 96 yards and a touchdown. He also carried seven times for 97 yards and a score.

Matt Risk caught one pass for 53 and a touchdown, and led the team with 10 tackles. Danial Dadkhoo recorded three sacks, Jake Sickels returned an interception 44 yards for a touchdown and Anish Bhatia returned a fumble 36 yards for a score.

Allen has said the team needs to stay focused and not get caught up in the hype of a strong start. The coach also said last season's 5-1 start, followed by a 1-3 finish should help keep the team from getting too caught up in success.

Churchill hosts Northwest at 6:30 p.m. Friday for homecoming.

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SPORTS

Volleyball

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out," Malinauskas said.

Whitman failed to seize an opportunity that could have changed the outcome of the match.

"We wanted to win," Whitman head coach Meryl Wagman said. "We knew we had a shot at winning that second game and we didn't give up."

The Vikings look to halt their losing skid tonight against Walter Johnson.

"It's frustrating when you know you're playing better but can't translate that into a win," Wagman said. "We are ready to start winning again."

Although Wootton has shown resilience in close games, as well as its ability to inflict the knockout punch to inferior teams, Malinauskas insists that the team has not yet performed to its full potential.

"I think that we have a ton of room to improve, though, as far as running a more deceptive offense and blocking more effectively," Malinauskas said, "so I'm hoping that the fast start doesn't mean a fast burn-out."

SPORTS BRIEFS

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Whitman Football Improves to 3-1

The Whitman football team bounced back from its first loss of the season with a 25-20 victory over Bethesda-Chevy Chase on Friday.

Whitman, which improved to 3-1, defeated Northwest and Walter Johnson before losing to Quince Orchard.

The Vikings host Blair at 6:30 p.m. Friday.

Bullis Football Suffers First Loss

The Bullis football team lost to Potomac School, 9-0 on Saturday.

Bullis (2-1) travels to Bishop Ireton on Saturday.

SCHOOL NOTES

The Potomac Elementary School PTA relies on its parent volunteers to coordinate and support the many programs and fund-raisers that are offered at the school each year. Below are the committees and programs that are in need of parent volunteers. To chair or be a committee member, email Susan Danziger at sbdanziger1@aol.com.

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❖ Back To School Picnic Oct. 12 — Promote and plan a casual social evening event at the school

❖ Principal Coffees: Grades K & 1 Oct. 7 / Grades 2 & 3 Oct. 14 / Grades 4 & 5 Oct. 29. Purchase food & beverages for one grade level coffee.

❖ Math Night Oct. 28 — Chair Marcie Robinson is looking for a co-chair and volunteers to help with this program. The responsibilities will be to work with Tova Irving, math specialist, to come up with fun math-related activities for this evening event.

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"Discordant"



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I dreamt it. Now I have to define it. Why that word was in my head while I slept, or the context in which it appeared, I do not know (I can't recall, actually). But when I awoke, there it was, top of mind. And, so to the dictionary I went and now I know the word's meaning. As to why (its literal meaning aside) it was in my thoughts, its meaning, now defined, escapes me.

According to The American Heritage Dictionary, New College Edition, discordant is defined as 1. "Not in accord; conflicting. 2. Disagreeable in sound; harsh or dissonant." ("Dissonant?" Now I have to look that up.) "Dissonant" - "Harsh or inharmonious in sound; discordant," (among other definitions). Well, now that we've cleared that up, I can get on with this column.

Up until this column/this moment, I don't believe I have used the word "discordant" in any sentence I have ever written or spoken. Why it appeared last night, in the middle of my sleep, seems most peculiar. Perhaps it was the Chinese food that I had for dinner with my brother, Richard, before we attended evening services for Rosh Hashanah that laid the groundwork. High Holiday services will definitely cause one to consider the big picture, especially when "reading responsively" all the passages about God, life, death, prayer, self-worth, etc. characteristic of the opening of the Book of Judgement. Perhaps it was our usual discussion concerning my lung cancer diagnosis and my activities of daily living, vis-a-vis, hoping and coping, that implanted some thoughts in my subconscious.

But none of it lead to any discord, that I was aware of. We both agreed that the Chinese food was edible. Both agreed why and when to leave the Rosh Hashanah services and both agreed that we needed to get together more often. Furthermore, we both agreed that, all cancer-treatment effects considered, I looked (and I felt) pretty good. In the parking lot, we hugged, said our good-byes and off we both drove. No fuss. No muss.

Once in the car, I turned on the radio to ESPN 980 to catch the end of the Red Sox/Orioles game from Camden Yards to find out that the Sox were leading 3-1 in the eighth inning. More good news. I enjoyed listening to that broadcast for about 20 minutes, as long as it took me to drive to the Greenbelt Metro Station where I was picking up my wife, Dina, coming home from Virginia, where she had been working and acclimating to a new job; again positive all the way around, no discord or dissonance.

Now what happened on the ride home and at home once we arrived was also nothing out of the ordinary, either. There may have been a few conflicting chords plucked but not so that my mind should have searched its data base to insert a word in my subconscious to explain it, so that when I awoke I was consciously preoccupied with determining its meaning. So what does it all mean?

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