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Colby wore his "horse hat" at the Potomac Hunt Races. Official outrider Allen Forney and Colby teamed up to catch a runaway horse that eluded every other effort. Perhaps it was the hat that got his attention.

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## OBITUARY

### Ronald Lane Gadwah

**Sept. 9, 1948 – April 21, 2010**

Ronald Lane Gadwah, loving husband of Susan Pisarra Gadwah who grew up in Potomac. Father of Nathaniel D. Gadwah and Alexis C. Gadwah of Francetown, N.H. He also survived by his father, Glendon Gadwah (Ethel) of Boscowon, N.H. His mother, Ramona Bunnell Gadwah and a brother, Robert predeceased him. Brothers Glen Gadwah (Emily) of Clinton, Mass., James Gadwah (Joel) of Boscowon, N.H. Anthony Pisarra of Potomac, Stuart Pisarra of Boynton Beach, Fla., Justin Pisarra of Adelphi, Md., and sisters, Patricia Gadwah Siemel (Tom) of Kingston, R.I., and Diana Pisarra of Arlington, Va., a favorite aunt, Ginger Bunnell Allen (Rick) of Antrim, N.H., son-in-law of Elie and Ted Cain of Potomac, and Joe and Barbara Pisarra of Chevy Chase, Md. also, many other aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

After graduating from Tenney Highschool in Methuen, Mass., he joined the U.S. Air Force during the era of the Vietnam War where he worked his way up to the rank of sergeant. His tour of duty ended abruptly three months short of his four-year commitment due to a serious parachuting accident including an honorable discharge from the service. After his long recovery he attended Dean Jr. College continuing on to the University of Massachusetts through the G.I. Bill.

Following his education he moved to Texas where his first wife was from and started his own business installing insulation for several years before moving back to N.H. where he fulfilled a life long dream to become a musician. He and his best friend, Jeff Watson of Westmoreland, N.H. started touring all over New England doing gigs in restaurants, outdoor summer events, and other musical venues for the next 15 years. He continued his interest in music even after becoming an employee of Eastern Mountain Sports as a facilities and new store locations manager.

His current wife, Susan, had first met him when she moved from Potomac to Bennington, N.H. and eventually they married. They moved to Mathias, W.Va. three years ago where they joined the Mountain View Brethren Church. They fulfilled the rest of their life together working for the church's outreach and community projects. Ron felt very happy being part of helping others and, also, playing his guitar for friends.

His final concert was at Inova Fairfax Hospital for the pleasure of other patients in the progressive care unit where he spent his last days.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Mountain View Brethren Church Outreach c/o Pastor Olin Bailey, 978 Dispanet Road, Mathias, W.V. 26812

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## A Day of Sport and Social Tailgating

### 58<sup>th</sup> running of the Potomac Hunt Races.

BY CISSY FINLEY GRANT  
THE ALMANAC

Oh, what a day it was last Sunday at the Potomac Hunt Races. It was one of those feel good kind of days everyone needs once in a while.

First, it was weather-perfect for a race day. That always brings a crowd out in droves. "We arrived a little after noon time and were in back-up traffic all the way from Poole's Store," Lynn Dermody reported while standing at the finish line where her husband, Chris, was shooting pictures amidst a gaggle of other photographers awaiting a sensational moment.

Second, the 58th running of the Potomac Hunt Races included not only a superb day of sport and social tailgating, but an opportunity for hundreds of attendees, thanks to Beverley Bosselmann, to be familiarized with the Yellow Ribbon Fund, an organization that supports injured service members and their families.

#### GETTING AROUND

Nary a car windshield was excluded from a flyer describing this organization and the support it offers to servicemen and women. Bosselmann, a jtMFH of Potomac hunt and a co-chairman of the races, and her husband, Rainer, were sponsors of the Cpl. Kirk J. Bosselmann Memorial Pony Races, named for their Marine son who was killed while serving in Iraq.

The pony races were the first of the eight-race program that included two featured \$7,500 Preakness open timber and Preakness open hurdle events, both won by crowd favorites. In the timber event, owner/trainer Bay Cockburn's "I'm Telling" with



PHOTOS BY CISSY FINLEY GRANT/THE ALMANAC  
**Austin Kiplinger, center, is flanked by, (from left) Beverley Bosselmann, Jason Cole, Bonnie Nicholson, Knight Kiplinger, Dana Kiplinger and Daphne Micheletti. Cole's horse, Run Darlin won the Kiplinger sponsored race.**

Jacob Roberts in the saddle, gave the crowd its money's worth by leading the pack most of the way around the three mile, eighteen fence course, and then crossing the finish line by only a scant half-length lead.

"He loves to lead. I knew when he came over the last fence he had it," said Cockburn, a former race rider who was seriously injured in a training accident several years ago. "It was a last minute decision for me to enter him today," he said, referring to his horse who has won three previous timbers this season.

**ANOTHER CROWD FAVORITE**, Randy Rouse's "One Sea," provided the only photo finish of the day. Taking the lead in the seven horse, two mile hurdle race, "One Sea" appeared to have lost his bid for the purse when Irvin Naylor's "Best Alibi" out jumped him over the last hurdle. The reserve left in Rouse's horse, who last month won the Fairfax Hunt's point-to-point, was phenomenal in the home stretch. "This is the third

time he has won this race," said Rouse, 93, a legendary steeplechase rider and MFH Fairfax (VA) Hunt.

It's a toss up between people watching and following the horses. Tailgate picnics spread up and down both sides of the race course, many covered with colorful tents, some barbecuing, nearly all with elaborate floral arrangements and shining silver trays covered with everything from shrimp to Popeye's chicken.

Denise and Rex Reed, who the previous evening hosted a Preakness dinner party for 60 friends at their Potomac home, brought tons of food (no, they were not left-overs) to their tailgate and a "seven hand" (that's the way you measure horses, folks) stuffed pony to watch over things. Their four-year-old son, Liam, who by this time next year is expected to have a baby sister or brother with him at the races, delighted in sitting astride.

Austin Kiplinger, whose Bittersweet Field is home to the Potomac Hunt Races and



**If you no longer ride them yourself, the next best thing is to own a winner. Above, Bay Cockburn, injured several years ago in a training accident, receives the winning trophy for I'm Tellin', his Preakness open timber winner. Vicki Crawford makes the presentation.**

numerous other equine events throughout the year, was enjoying the day with all the hundreds of other "guests" including his son, Knight with his wife, Ann, daughter-in-law, Dana, and her daughter, Cameron, plus multiple other relatives and their personal guests. They too dove into tailgate fare between watching hooves flying across the rolling countryside.

The Kiplingers, plus Austin's steady companion, Bonnie Nicholson, presented the winning trophy to Jason Cole, owner/trainer of "Run Darlin," winner of the Kiplinger sponsored young adult flat race. When asked if there was a wedding planned in the near future, Austin replied, "We [Austin and Bonnie] are talking about it, but there is no date set. I am trying to buy a house."

Montevideo, the 1828 Seneca/Poolesville home where Austin, known to many as "Kip", and his late wife of 63 years, Gogo, SEE POTOMAC HUNT RACES. PAGE 6



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**For spectators, the horses prove to be the focal point of the Potomac Hunt Races.**



PHOTOS BY CISSY FINLEY GRANT/THE ALMANAC  
**Hats were in at the 58th running of the Potomac Hunt Races. Above, from left, Knight Kiplinger, Vicki Crawford and Austin Kiplinger filled the bill. Crawford is jtMFH Potomac Hunt.**



**There were professional tote boards and amateur endeavors. Above, Dick and Sue Moran, center, get their money ready for bets.**

# OPINION

## For the Cure Awareness, money raised by Komen for the Cure, benefit many in our region.

Last year at this time, I was still in the midst of chemotherapy for breast cancer, reacting to my first year participating as a “survivor” in the Komen Race for the Cure. This year, sporting my own hair again and cancer-free, I find many more reasons to walk the walk.

First, the money raised by Komen has a robust local impact, outreach to underserved women in our region who need help with awareness, screening, treatment and more. Recently announced grant recipients that help poor women with screening and treatment including Arlington Free Clinic, Alexandria Neighborhood Health Services. Some Fairfax County recipients serve immigrant communities like the Korean Community Service Center, the Ethiopian Community Development Council, the Somali Family Care Network. Others, like the Breast Cancer Network of Strength in Herndon, provide support for women in the aftermath of diagnosis and treatment. The American Association on Health and Disability in Rockville reaches women with disabilities who often fall through the cracks of early detection.

Second, in the last year, the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force announced controversial and confusing new guidelines for screening for breast cancer that could give women one more reason to put off self-exams, mammograms and visits to the doctor. At 40, you still need to talk to your doctor about when to begin mammo-

gram screening and how often, even if you have no history of breast cancer in your family. Be sure you're talking to a health care professional with expertise in breast health. And if you find a lump or anything suspicious in your own breast, don't delay visiting the doctor.

It takes more than money to ensure that women are in the best possible position to discover any breast cancer early on — it takes the kind of awareness that comes with 50,000 people coming together to walk on a Saturday morning, it takes education, it takes energy, time and effort.

I encourage you to join the Race for the Cure; there is still time to register and take part in the 5K itself. There are many ways to participate, including walking, running, and even “Sleeping in for the Cure” (you still get a T-

### Father's Day Photos

Every year at this time, the Almanac puts out the call for photographs of fathers and their children, grandfathers and their children and grand children.

Father's Day is Sunday, June 20, and once again the Almanac will publish a gallery of Father's Day photos.

Send in photos as soon as possible, including names of everyone in the picture, the date

### Get Involved

More than 50,000 people are expected on the National Mall on Saturday, June 5, 2010 for the Susan G. Komen Global Race for the Cure. Register at [www.globalracefortheCure.org](http://www.globalracefortheCure.org)

shirt).

But most of all, I urge the women reading this to be sure that they are taking care of themselves, for everyone reading this to advocate for the women in their lives.

Early detection — along with a healthy lifestyle — is the key.

Breast cancer is detected early by self-exams, by doctor exams and by mammograms. Be sure you show up for all of the above on your own behalf.

— MARY KIMM,

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the picture was taken, the ages of the children and sentence or two about what is happening and where the photograph was taken. Be sure to include your town name and neighborhood.

Email photos to [almanac@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:almanac@connectionnewspapers.com), or mail a disk or prints to Potomac Almanac, Father's Day Photo Gallery, 1606 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

## More Things Change, More They Stay the Same

BY LIZA WILSON DURANT, PHD  
WMCCA PRESIDENT

This is my last letter before I step down as president of WMCCA and leave the organization in the hands of the indefatigable spirit that is Ginny Barnes — recently recognized by the County Council as one of the “40 Environmentalists to make a significant impact in Montgomery County during the last 40 Years.” As we move into our summer hiatus, there is an important issue in process that deserves the collective attention and concern of our community — the County Council's attempt to dismantle the Montgomery County Department of Parks.

**WMCCA** The Department of Parks is part of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, a State organization. The County Council's proposal includes the elimination of the Park Police force, whose function will be transferred to the Montgomery County Police, and the transfer of all recreation activities managed by the Department of Parks not central to the core mission to the Department of Recreation under the County Executive. The Department of Recreation has an entirely different focus to their offerings, commonly contracted out to commercial entities rather than offered by County or Park staff, educators and naturalists.

The Council has also proposed the elimination of the Office of the People's Council for

one year. The People's Council provides significant support to citizens and community groups trying to navigate the legal system when facing special exception cases, development issues, and mandatory referrals, among other issues. This plan is being proposed in part to address County budget woes, but it is unclear if these changes will have any significant impact on the County's bottom line. Regardless of budget impact, the influence of the Department of Parks on the quality of life in Montgomery County will be diminished, and this is a loss for all of us.

Western Montgomery County is a treasure reflecting hundreds of years of history through its buildings, trails, parks, farmlands, woodlands, scenic roads and open fields. It is also a place that has seen significant changes, including the demise of farming and equestrian life, and increased housing developments.

Change is inevitable and often necessary for a community to sustain itself in the face of an increasing population, but despite pressures for zoning changes, Potomac remains a window to our County's history and a place that values the environment and our natural resources. WMCCA has had a heavy hand in supporting these protections, which make the quality of life in Potomac so high. I credit WMCCA's success in this regard to our assiduous Board of Directors, the time they invest in studying the issues and concerns of our community, and their work in communicating with the County Council, Park and Planning, the Department

### Bring Concerns

The next meeting of the West Montgomery County Citizens Association will be Wednesday, May 26 at 8 p.m. at the Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive. If schools are closed because of inclement weather, the meeting will be cancelled. The public is welcome to attend.

This will be WMCCA's last General meeting until after the summer. Each year one meeting is devoted to a more complete discussion of the issues being followed and offers the public a chance to bring topics of concern to them. Through this process, members have been helped with problems such as illegal tree cutting, development proposals, and parkland encroachment. Committee chairs and directors will cover a range of current WMCCA efforts, including the River Road sidewalk extension, plans for Norton Road tree replanting, the Norwood School request for amendment to their Special Exception to allow further expansion, recent Conservation easement cases at the Planning Board, a proposal for street lights on South Glen Road, the Greater Seneca Science Corridor plan, and County Council budget cutting implications for parks and services.

of Environmental Protection, and other County entities on behalf of the community.

WMCCA Board members collectively invest hundreds of hours attending meetings, testifying at hearings, writing letters and testimony, and reaching out to neighbors to listen to their concerns. The greatest reward of our work is to see that much of what we cherish in Montgomery County remains unchanged, protected, and conserved. It has been a great privilege to be entrusted with WMCCA's agenda, and as I conclude my term as President, I feel gratitude

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# LETTER

## Mind the Gap On River Road

To the Editor:

There is a dangerous gap in the western River Road sidewalk system, but the Montgomery County Department of transportation is taking steps to correct it. The 1,550 foot gap starts east of River Oaks Road and continues to Riverwood Drive. This is the only segment in a contiguous sidewalk from the Village out to Swains Lock.

The first step in filling the gap is Capital Improvement Project # 506747 (Annual Sidewalk Program), which will complete the 450-foot partial segment from Norton to River Oaks Drive. There was a public meeting on May 10 in Rockville for comments and the public commentary was universally supportive of this project. This segment opens the sidewalks into Potomac Village for the 50 homes in the River Oaks neighborhood. The open comment period closes on May 24. Written comments for consideration by the Public Hearing Officer may be submitted to Bruce E. Johnston, Chief, Division of Transportation Engineering, 100 Edison Park Drive, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20878 – or you can e-mail him at [bruce.johnston@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:bruce.johnston@montgomerycountymd.gov).

The next 1,100 foot segment from River Oaks to Riverwood Drive, which fills the gap, is slated for engineering in the coming year and completion in either 2011 or 2012. The exact dates depend on the project complexity, costs and other factors. Completion of this segment opens a sidewalk into the Village for 258 homes and nearly 1,000 citizens of Potomac. It will also eliminate hundreds of short car trips to the Village, Potomac Elementary and the bus stops in town. Safety will be materially increased as walkers will be able to follow River Road on the outside

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# LET'S TALK Real Estate



by **Michael Matese**  
**BUYERS WANT GREEN**

There was a time when a seller could recoup the costs of almost any luxury home upgrade, but those days are gone for now. What improvements are buyers still willing to pay for? Anything green.

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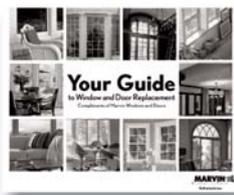
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## GETTING AROUND

# At Potomac Hunt Races

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lived from 1958 until her death in 2007, will remain in the Kiplinger family with son, Knight and his wife, Ann, at the helm.

**NOT ALL EYES** focused entirely earthward. It would have been hard not to notice the small plane circling 'round and 'round pulling a white banner with print large enough for Mr. Magoo to read. It was advertising Magassy Plastic Surgery. All in the know realized it referred to Dr. Csaba Magassy, a 35-year Potomac Hunt member. It wouldn't surprise many if it weren't Csaba, who has his own plane and commercial license, flying the Piper Cub. He later advised, "Not."

For many in attendance, it was a long, but lovely day. The lovely part was over for all but race committee members who heard the announcer advise, "you are expected on this course tomorrow morning at 7 a.m. for cleanup duty." That included not only the co-chairs, Beverley Bosselmann, Peter Hitchen and Skip Crawford but all those assisting including Karen O'Shaughnessy, Jack Louth, Kaja Farnsworth, Toni Koerber, Anne Davies, Devereaux Raskauskas, Pam Blumberg, Candace and Jim Gerrety and dozens more who were lucky enough to trudge over in the next morning's rain. Just think of all the bottles, cans and chicken bones waiting.



**Veteran foxhunter and steeplechase rider, Randy Rouse, 93, holds the Gen. H.H. Semmes perpetual trophy for his winner, One Sea, in the Preakness open hurdle race.**



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**Graeme Finley, 3, finds at opportunity to play at the Potomac Hunt Races.**



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## THURSDAY/MAY 20

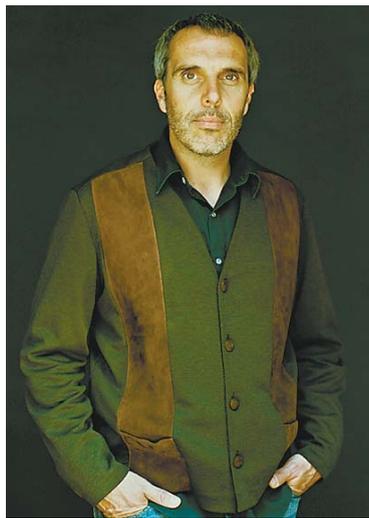
**Blues Dance.** 8:15 - 11:30 p.m.  
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## FRIDAY/MAY 21

**The Yardbirds.** 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25.  
The Yardbirds may be best known for their former members, Eric Clapton, Jimmy Page and Jeff Beck. At the Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center, Montgomery College, 51 Mannakee Street, Rockville. Call the Box Office at 240-567-5301, Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. To order tickets online, please visit our Web site at [www.montgomerycollege.edu/PAC](http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/PAC).

**Contra Dance.** 7:30-11:30 p.m. Cost is \$9. Contra dancing as well as some square dances and waltzes. Lesson from 7:30-8:15 p.m. Dancing from 8:30-11:30 p.m. George Marshall & Tim van Egmond calls to (and plays with) Swallowtail: David Cantieni on wind instruments, Ron Grosslein on fiddle, Timm Triplett on piano, George Marshall on concertina, and Tim van Egmond on hammered dulcimer. At the Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. in Glen Echo. Email: [info@fridaynightdance.org](mailto:info@fridaynightdance.org).

**La Divina Milonga Party.** 8:30 - midnight. Admission is \$15. The evening will include a lesson for Argentine Tango beginners and up from 8:30 - 9 p.m. The lesson is followed by a Dance Party to recorded music from 9 p.m. - midnight with Teacher and DJ Fabio Bonini, playing Traditional Tango, Milongas, Waltz and Tango Nuevo. At The Ballroom Annex of Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. in Glen Echo.



## TUESDAY/JUNE 8

**John Wort Hannam Performs.** 8 p.m. At the Unitarian Universalist Church of Rockville, 100 Welsh Park Dr., Rockville. Tickets are \$18/door, \$15/advance at FocusMusic.org. Contact David Spitzer at [focusrockville@earthlink.net](mailto:focusrockville@earthlink.net) or 301-275-7459.

## SATURDAY/MAY 22

**Joshua Bayer Jazz.** 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Free. Original music for jazz sextet. At the Washington Conservatory at Glen Echo Park, South Arcade, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Reservations suggested: 301-320-2770 and [www.washingtonconservatory.org](http://www.washingtonconservatory.org).

**Swing Dancing.** 8 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$15. Beginner lesson at 8 p.m. Dancing from 9 p.m. to midnight. With the 16-piece Tom Cunningham Orchestra. At the Spanish Ballroom of Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. in Glen Echo.

**"Dancing Alfonso."** 7 p.m. Film screening followed by Flamenco dancing lessons. Free and open to the public. Sponsored by the Embassy of Israel and the Sally Korobkin Education Fund. At Glen Echo Town Hall. For reservations contact: Anna Bayer at [abbayer@yahoo.com](mailto:abbayer@yahoo.com).

**Free Workshops for Dog Owners.** 2-4 p.m. TTouch: Helping Reactive, Aging, Anxious & Fearful Dogs. A certified TTouch (Tellington Touch) practitioner will discuss and demonstrate TTouch - a method using body work, wraps and confidence exercises to reduce stress in dogs. Learn techniques to help your dog relax his body and calm his mind. Demo dogs will be available for practice. Speaker: Pam Wanveer, [www.woodsiddetouch.com](http://www.woodsiddetouch.com). To register: [www.YourDogsFriend.info](http://www.YourDogsFriend.info) or 301-983-5913 / Please don't bring your dog. At the Potomac Community Center, 11315 Falls Road, Potomac.

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**Gan Shabbat.** 11 a.m. An interactive Saturday morning service for young children and their families. Members and non-members welcome. At Congregation Har Shalom, 11510 Falls Road, Potomac.

**Washington Conservatory of Music Concert.** 7 p.m. Free. Joshua Bayer Jazz Ensemble. At Glen Echo Park, South Arcade Building, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. in Glen Echo. Call 301-320-2770 or visit [www.washingtonconservatory.org](http://www.washingtonconservatory.org).

## SUNDAY/MAY 23

**Milonga.** 2:30 - 6 p.m. Admission is \$10. Tango lesson at 2:30 p.m. Dancing from 3-6 p.m. Argentine Tango music played by DJ Joe Petrisko. At the Spanish Ballroom of Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. in Glen Echo.

**Family Dance.** 3-5 p.m. Admission is \$5. Spend the afternoon dancing with your children. Each of the family dances features live music and dance calling from 3-5 p.m. in the Bumper Car Pavilion. At the Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. in Glen Echo. Visit [fsgw.org](http://fsgw.org).

**Contra and Square Dance.** 7 - 10:30 p.m. Admission is \$12/nonmembers; \$9/FSGW members. Traditional contra dancing includes square dances, mixers, waltzes and other couple dances. Lesson at 7 p.m., followed by dances with Swallowtail from 7:30-10:30 p.m. At the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. in Glen Echo. Visit [fsgw.org](http://fsgw.org).

**MCYO: Evening Spectacular.** 7 p.m. Strathmore, in conjunction with Maryland Classic Youth Orchestras, presents a "jam"-packed concert featuring the MCYO Philharmonic, MCYO Chamber Orchestra and guest artists Classical Jam featuring the world premiere of *Concerto for Quintet, Orchestra and Audience* a new work by Alarm Will Sound's Payton MacDonald commissioned by Strathmore. At the Music Center at Strathmore.

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**Bruce Molsky & Ale Moller.** 7:30 p.m. At IMT at Saint Mark Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Road, Rockville. Tickets are \$15/advance, \$20/door. Call 301-754-3611 and visit [www.imtfolk.org](http://www.imtfolk.org).

**Beth Shalom Book Club.** 8 p.m. Will discuss "the City of Thieves" by David Benioff. At Beth Shalom Congregation, 11825 Seven Locks Road, Potomac. Email Tanya Lampert [alamp9608@yahoo.com](mailto:alamp9608@yahoo.com).

## WEDNESDAY/MAY 26

**Psalm Enchanted Evening.** 8 p.m. Psalms will be presented in Hebrew, English, Old Church Slavonic, Latin, Creole, Malayalam, Anglo Saxon and more. Presented by Zemer Chai, Washington's premier Jewish Choir. At Ohr Kodesh Congregation, 8300 Meadowbrook Lane, Chevy Chase. To purchase tickets, go to [www.zemerchai.org](http://www.zemerchai.org) or call 301 963 3462.

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# Churchill's Hall, Ruben Score 7 in Victory

**Craig leads Whitman with three goals in defeat.**

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE ALMANAC

**M**airin Hall possessed the ball, raced down field and scored with 15.9 seconds remaining in the first half. Moments later, the Churchill sophomore won the draw, sprinted toward the net and deposited another goal in the closing seconds.

Hall scored three of her seven goals in the final minute of the first half as the Churchill girls lacrosse team cruised to a 25-5 win over the Whitman Vikings on May 15 in the quarterfinals of the 4A West regional tournament at CHS.

Churchill jumped out to a 9-1 lead before Whitman's Sarah Craig scored a pair of goals to close the gap to six, leading to a Bulldog timeout with 5:27 remaining. But while Craig's goals showed Whitman was still fighting, Hall extinguished hopes of a Viking comeback. Churchill scored five goals in the final 2:29 of the first half, four by Hall, giving the Bulldogs a 14-3 halftime advantage.

"We did really well," Hall said. "We've been working really hard this week to play our best game of the season. ... I just wanted



**Churchill's Mairin Hall scored six goals in regional quarterfinal victory over Whitman on May 15.**

to get up [by] as many as we could" near the end of the first half.

Hall also scored Churchill's first goal of the second half.

"Mairin's extremely fast," Churchill coach Christen Pena-Ariet said. "Whenever she has the ball I have confidence she's going to



**Whitman's Sarah Craig scored three goals in defeat.**

make a smart play, whether it's scoring, making a good pass or just keeping possession."

Katie Ruben also had a big game for Churchill, scoring seven goals. The junior scored four consecutive early in the first half, putting the Bulldogs up 5-1.

"Katie has ability with both hands," Pena-Ariet said. "She's hard to defend."

**SIX DIFFERENT** Churchill players scored, led by Hall and Ruben. Senior Zoe Kabelac scored four goals for the Bulldogs, senior Sophia Ein and sophomore Maddie Flax each scored three and sophomore Ping Ni added one.

The senior Craig led the Vikings with three goals. Sophomore Clara Schneider scored two, including the game's first goal to give Whitman a brief lead.

Whitman beat Kennedy 16-1 in its opening round game.

"It was nice that we won our first playoff game," Craig said, "so it was a little bit of an easier transition" to the end of my career.

Whitman coach Mary Pat Veihmeyer said the Vikings' underclassmen can learn from the experience.

"I think they — I hope they — realize they've got to work harder," she said. "They can't expect to come in and kind of walk through it. They've got to play hard all the time. They've got to play hard in practice and that hasn't been happening all the time. We'll meet and see what they can do [in the] offseason, because it's not their skill level. It's putting it all together and working hard all year long and having a goal that they want to reach."

Churchill advanced to the regional final with a 20-10 win over Blake on May 17.

## Wootton Boys Advance to Regional Final

**Kyle has breakout game for Patriots.**

BY JARED WASSERMAN  
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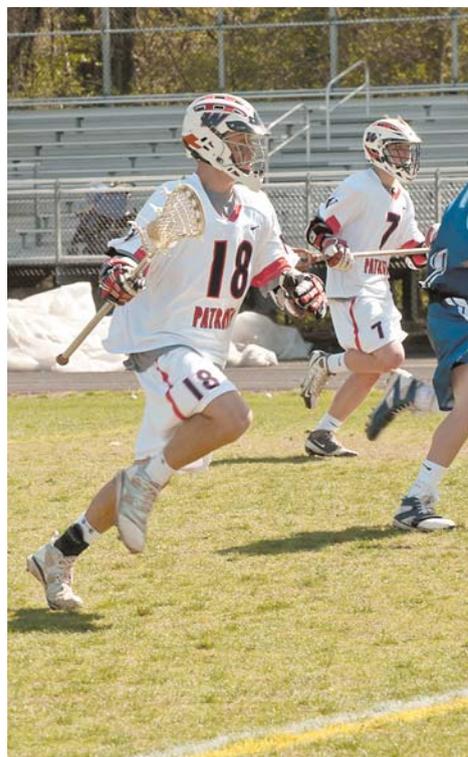
**A**midst a constant downpour of rain and a soggy playing surface, the Wootton Patriots boys lacrosse team dismantled the Churchill Bulldogs, 19-7, in the 4A West regional semifinal on May 17 behind four goals and five assists from senior attack Jeff Zifrony and four goals from junior midfielder Alex Kyle.

Kyle's rocket outside shot and Zifrony's quickness behind the goal were on full display when it mattered most.

"Alex had a breakout game, he did a real nice job," Wootton head coach Colin Thomson said. "Jeff's been solid all year long — I think they just did an excellent job."

The Bulldogs went up 3-1 with 5:23 remaining in the first quarter off goals from senior midfielder Matt Risk and senior attack Matt Bank. A penalty-filled first half stifled the Patriots offense, leading to an 8-5 advantage at intermission.

However, Wootton poured it on the visiting Bulldogs in the third quarter with quick



**Wootton junior midfielder Alex Kyle, seen earlier this season, scored four goals in 4A West regional semifinal win over Churchill on May 17.**

goals from Zifrony, Kyle, junior attack Chris Doran, and sophomore long-stick midfielder Curt Brooks.

"We wanted to score right away and not let them back into the game," Zifrony said. "We knew that a quick three goals would seal the deal."

"We had a lot of emotion in the first half," Thomson said. "We settled down and started playing better lacrosse [in the second half]."

A goal by Risk with 3:01 left in the third quarter cut the deficit to 14-7, but Churchill would draw no closer as the Wootton defense tightened, allowing its attack to possess the ball for the majority of the fourth quarter. The Patriots held the Bulldogs scoreless for the final 15 minutes of play.

"I give credit to the offense," senior defender Reid Shepard said. "We had the ball so much [that] every time they got it they tried to force plays and made careless mistakes."

Wootton advances to the regional finals after defeating Churchill for the first time in postseason play.

"To come out and play the way we did and beat them by 12, it feels great," Zifrony said. "We knew coming into the game it would be physical but we kept our heads and executed."

## 5Qs Five questions with Churchill senior Matt Risk

**Q: What location is the farthest from the Washington D.C. metro area that you have traveled?**

A: London.

**Q: What is the best feeling you can have during a lacrosse game?**

A: The end of the game [when you're] winning.

**Q: You're going to play at Lehigh next year. What are you most looking forward to about the transition?**

A: I'm looking forward to playing again with our goalie from last year, Griffin Farha. He is at Lehigh and I look forward to spending more time with him. ... Also, the higher level of competition.

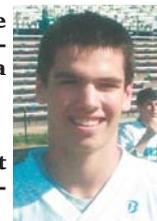
**Q: Who is your favorite music artist?**

A: Kid Cudi. He's a very unique artist. I'm a fan of rap and hip-hop. He's a great writer, along with a good singer/rapper.

**Q: What do you like to do in your free time?**

A: Fishing has become a big part of the senior year. If you don't have too much homework to do you can just go fishing and hang out. It's a great thing to do.

— JON ROETMAN



# SPORTS

## Wootton Girls Lax Loses to Sherwood

The top-seeded Wootton girls lacrosse team lost to No. 4 Sherwood 9-8 on May 17 in the 4A West regional semifinals. Marissa Cresham, Molly Berman and Erika Burns each scored two goals for the Patriots.

The season-ending loss came two days after a win over Paint Branch in the quarterfinals. The Panthers served merely as a tune-up opponent for the Patriots as they prepared to face Sherwood. On May 15, the Patriots cruised past the Panthers, 21-3, behind senior attack Berman's eight goals and senior attack Burns' three goals and three assists.

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"We wanted to solidify what we've been working on in practice and set the tone for the rest of the playoffs," Burns said.

Wootton jumped out to a double-digit lead over the Panthers, allowing their focus to shift to Sherwood before the first half was even completed.

"Well, once we started to pull ahead and get up by at least 10, we wanted to practice our settled offense and some plays that we've been working on, and practice moving the goalie in preparation for Sherwood," Berman said.

Fourth-seeded Sherwood — which beat Walter Johnson, 10-5, in the regional quarterfinals — was the only Montgomery County team to defeat the Patriots this season. Despite two tallies apiece from Berman and Burns, the Warriors edged Wootton by the score of 8-6 on May 1. Sherwood's goalie in particular has given the Patriots fits in past matchups.

The Patriots had elevated their preparation level and set their sights on being the first Montgomery

County team — in either boys or girls lacrosse — to capture a Maryland state championship.

"I think we've gotten a lot more intense in our practices because we know that [each game] could be our last," senior midfielder Michelle Castagnola said. "We know what we need to do to win, and we make sure to practice doing just that."

"A Montgomery County team could have a decent chance of winning states if they played a solid game, Burns said. "MoCo is catching by having new programs for younger girls and within a few years we'll probably be closer to [Baltimore and Annapolis'] level of play."

— JARED WASSERMAN

## Vikes Baseball Advances

The Whitman baseball team defeated Richard Montgomery 2-1 in the opening round of the 4A West regional tournament. The Vikings took a 1-0 lead into the seventh inning before Richard Montgomery tied the game at 1 in the top half. Whitman won with a run in the bottom half.

Ross Olchyk picked up the win in relief, allowing no runs and no hits in 2/3 of an inning. Starter Ryan McGill allowed six hits and an unearned run in 6 1/3 innings. Michael Flack and Paul Balland each had one hit for the Vikings.

## Churchill, Whitman, Wootton Eliminated

The Churchill, Whitman and Wootton softball teams were knocked out of the 4A West regional tournament in the opening round. Churchill lost to Walter Johnson, 6-4, Whitman lost to Gaithersburg, 4-3, and Wootton lost to Blair, 10-0.

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## Keeping Up Appearances, Sort Of



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I'm not a "bucket list" kind of guy. Nor have I been a stop and smell the roses (bouquet) kind of guy. But until this past year, I had never been a guy diagnosed with cancer, the kind of cancer which my oncologist has said he "can't cure," although one which he "can treat." In his opinion, surgery was not an option. With inoperable-type news like that, one would think I'd be smelling every flower in town and looking for a bigger bucket as well to fill before I kick it. But I haven't.

Aside from neither pursuit being characteristic of who I am and how I roll, making a list (enjoying it once, let alone twice) or enjoying every aromatic scent that wafts my way, seemed to be a concession to the diagnosis, giving in to its inevitability. I felt, and still feel, that doing things that I wouldn't normally do (or hadn't ever done) would be - to me, anyway - like accepting my fate and acting accordingly; trying to fit 30 years into 24 months because, well, you know. It can't be done, any more than I can squeeze into a pair of 34-inch waist pants. I want to be who I am, not someone I'm trying to be. I can live with who I've become. I don't mind "dancing with the horse that brung me."

I don't want to act out of character. I want to act in character, with my dignity and humanity intact. If I were to find myself acting uncharacteristically, I would know the reason I'm doing so is because I have a disease/diagnosis whose prognosis has robbed me of the rest of my life, and knowing that would make kicking the bucket a frustrating and banal pursuit, not some kind of metaphorical joy of accomplishment. I don't want to know - or think I know - that I must do such and such by a certain time because, before too long I won't be kicking much of anything. That reasoning would be self-defeating and there's already more than enough pressure (and some pain and suffering) to go around. There is no need to create additional/external pressure points (of minimal return). That's not to say that I'm pretending I don't have cancer but, if I were to act abnormally (for me), that would be pretending that I'm somebody I'm not. And if there's one consideration (underlying and overriding) in all I do concerning this cancer train that I'm on (aside from wanting to get off and/or transfer at the next station), it is that I want to act in a way that brings me the most happiness. Because with that happiness comes reduced stress and with that reduced stress comes cancer fighters. And if I've been told once - which I haven't, I've been told multiple times by health care professionals and lay persons alike, it is how much effect a patient's positive, stress-free attitude can have on his or her prognosis. And so I look for any port in this storm.

My new favorite word is "stable." It used to be "shrinkage," (Seinfeld context not applicable here; this isn't funny, this is serious). As a cancer patient, I have come to appreciate - and spin super positively, scan interpretations which my oncologist characterizes as "stable." Shrinkage of tumors is obviously preferred - and ideal, but "stable" I can live with. Duh! And however long I do live, I don't want to be living my life constantly thinking of death as I race around the globe biting at those last few apples. Death will come soon enough. There's no sense rushing it. Hyacinth Bucket/"Bouquet" wouldn't have it any other way. There's a right way to do things and though I may not exactly aim to please, I do aim to live a little and laugh a lot.

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# To Date Or Not To Date: That Is the Question

BY DANIELLE COLLINS  
THE ALMANAC

**S**ixteen Candles,” “Never Been Kissed” and “Clueless” — movies that give hope to romantics everywhere that dating still exists in high school. You know what I’m talking about: the butterflies in your stomach when you spot that special someone in the hall, the pitter-patter in your heart upon seeing their number on your caller ID, and the spring in your step when you meet them for your first date.



But it seems that in today’s teenage culture, true dating has greatly disappeared. Drive-in movies replaced by Netflix, pizza and bowling nights replaced by meeting at Starbucks, and one-on-one dinner dates replaced by group gatherings at someone’s house.

At Churchill, where these casual encounters rule the social scene, dating becomes more and more rare, as students seem to be embracing the current trend of “hook-ups” over relationships.

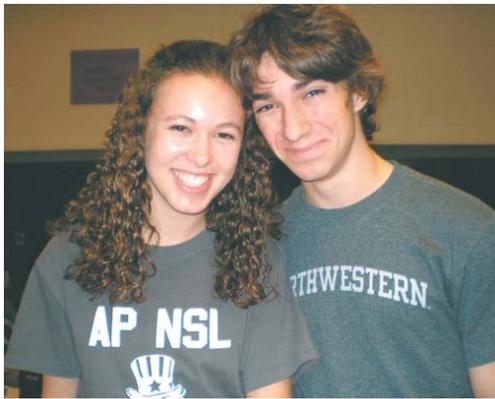
“Although I do have a boyfriend,

I would say that many people just hook up in high school,” said sophomore Tori Hoffman. “Lots of people my age aren’t really ready for a relationship. Often times, people at Churchill look for shallow things, basing a relationship on unimportant qualities.” She went on to say, “the media really affects the high school dating scene because more modern movies portray hooking up and casual flings as normal behaviors that are typical for high school.”

Freshman Aaron Ross also commented on the informal Churchill dating scene, explaining that, “situations in high school are pretty casual for a lot of people, but they get complicated way too fast.” Sounds about right, Aaron.

Although at first glance it may seem that the days of high school chivalry and romance are dead, a real relationship has been proven possible for a select number of students — the lucky ones.

For the few students who choose to date, the popular option seems

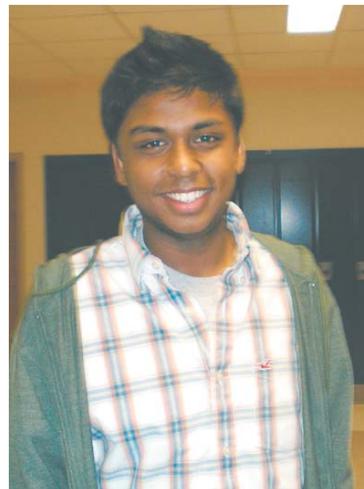


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**Ben Cullen and Johanna Klinman**

to be the classic dinner and a movie outing. Senior Emma Weckerling agrees that “people on dates mainly go to the movies and out to dinner.”

Many cite restaurants like The Cheesecake Factory and California Pizza Kitchen as popular dinner destinations, while Rio and Regal theaters are popular movie venues.

**FOR JUNIORS** Johanna Klinman and Ben Cullen, having classes together is the key to maintaining a relationship. Ben says, “I don’t think it’s especially hard to have a relationship, we have about four classes together so I see her every



**Freshman Aaron Ross**

day. We have band together so it was easy to get to know her.”

Johanna agrees, explaining that, “a lot of people are looking for a relationship because they want company and it feels like a best friend you see every day.”

While acknowledging the lack of many mature high school relationships, Tori Hoffman cites sympathy and understanding as the reason for her relationship’s success. “We understand each other and talk about everything. We put ourselves in each other’s shoes if there is ever a problem. Great high school couples do exist; they’re



**Tori Hoffman**

just harder to find at such a young age.”

For my parents, high school sweethearts who met at Churchill, dating was much more common. Perhaps I was born in the wrong generation — I long for the days where a boy would open the door for me rather than leave me to fend for myself.

I want to be picked up at my doorstep rather than have to meet at pre-determined location. And what happened to the days when a girl would receive flowers instead of receiving a text message saying “had a gr8 time?”

## More Things Change, More They Stay the Same

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for the opportunity to work on behalf of this community and also a delight to have worked beside so many dedicated individuals.

### **GREAT SENECA SCIENCE CORRIDOR**

BY DIANA CONWAY

The name of the project has shifted from “Gaithersburg West Master Plan” to “Great Seneca Science Corridor,” and the area near Shady Grove Road and Darnestown Road is in for big changes. Nearby communities like ours are destined to feel the impact on our roads, our schools, and community resources. There are some key improvements to the plan to protect surrounding communities from unacceptable levels of traffic congestion, thanks to effective, sustained advocacy by many individuals and community organizations, including WMCCA’s watchdog group — Diana Conway, chair, Elie Cain, Betsi Dahan, Mike Denker, Cindy Fain, and Carol Van Dam. But we remain deeply concerned.

On the Upside – Density for areas around Shady Grove was reduced from 20 million to 17.5 million square feet. Traffic tests were kept at current standards of 1,450 cars per lane per hour, rather than rising to 1,600,

as had been proposed. The community’s touchstone landscape will be partially preserved — the Belward Farm at Route 28 and Muddy Branch Road will be somewhat protected by requiring Johns Hopkins to push its footprint back from that unique landscape, so the rolling hill and vista to the barns will be preserved in perpetuity. Greater staging triggers were imposed, such as requiring 5,700 of the new housing units to be part of the staging plan for transportation (as the commercial development is) — this means that after a trigger point, no further commercial or residential growth may occur until completion of infrastructure improvements to support that growth. The Corridor Cities Transitway must be at least halfway constructed before commercial development can go beyond the 13 million square feet already approved to 17.5 million square feet now allowed. There will be more affordable housing, a Planning Board implementing committee, and an advisory committee. And there is more specificity about how the Plan achieves environmental sustainability (e.g., a specific target for tree canopy), uses open space, and provides connectivity to surrounding neighborhoods.

Now the Downside – As community activist Donna Baron put it, County Council reductions in density took us from the equivalent to 4.5 Pentagons, down to a mere

four Pentagons.

This increasing density pressures all surrounding areas, including Potomac’s Green Wedge and the Agricultural Reserve. The closest Metro stop is five miles from the Great Seneca Science Corridor area — thus more drivers, more roads, and more congestion.

The Corridor Cities Transitway (CCT) is predicted to carry, at best, only 12 to 15 percent of additional commuters, so 85 percent (over 50,000 cars) will be added to already congested roads. Expect six- and eight-lane highways with ten- and twelve-lane multilevel highway interchanges to handle the additional traffic — at odds with the County’s stated goal of more pedestrian-friendly in-filling. Historic Belward Farm will be developed for 15,000 people in ten- to 15-story buildings up to 150 feet tall, in violation of the terms of the gift/sale by Ms. Banks to Johns Hopkins Real Estate.

### **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 26 meeting. Nominations may also be made from the floor.

President: Ginny Barnes

President Elect: Susanne Lee; Vice President: Shawn Justement; Immediate Past

President: Liza Durant

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

Directors nominated for a two-year term: Elie Pisarra Cain, Diana Conway, Betsi Dahan, Carol Van Dam Directors serving second year of a two-year term: Mike Denker, Cynthia Fain, John Yassin Director nominated to serve second year of Shawn Justement’s term: Barbara Hoover.

### LETTER

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of the crash barrier rather than between the fast moving cars and the barrier.

One of the families that are interested in filling the gap is the Samtani family. The grandmother lives on one side of the gap on Tara Road and the grandchildren live in River Oaks on the other side of the gap. Dreaming of taking their bikes to see their grandmother on a warm spring day is just that, a dream. It is simply too dangerous to ride bikes next to the whizzing cars on River road in this segment. Hopefully, their dream will become a reality.

**Jim Schleckser**

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