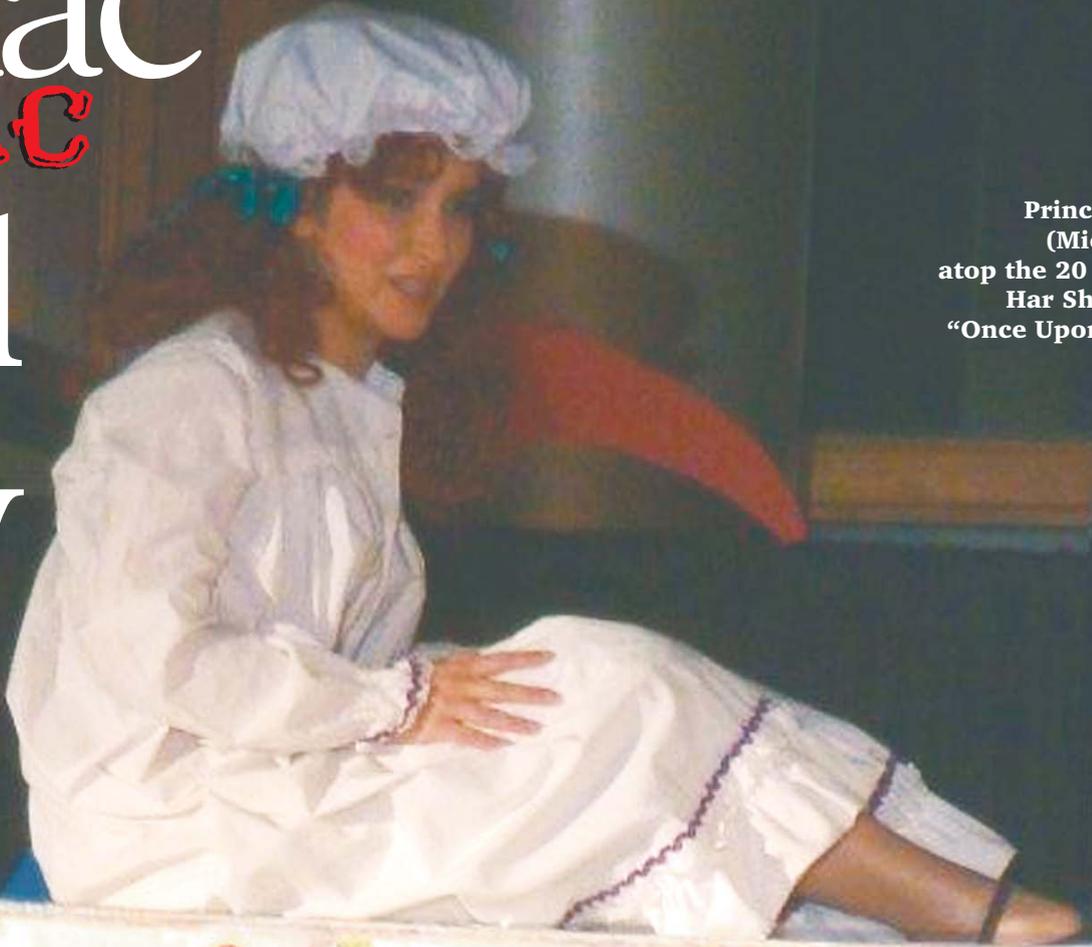


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## Musical Majesty

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Princess Winnifred  
(Michelle Hessel)  
atop the 20 mattresses in  
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GREENBERG FAMILY PHOTO

**Mitch Greenberg with his wife Rebecca and sons Simon (left) and Matias and their dog Luke in Kitty Hawk, four months after his double lung transplant.**

## Progress against Cystic Fibrosis

**Local event raises funds for research.**

BY COLLEEN HEALY  
THE ALMANAC

**L**ifelong Potomac resident and cystic fibrosis activist Cristin Caine invited 80 friends and family to the second annual Girls Night Out Silent Auction on Feb. 5 benefiting the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

One hundred percent of the \$7,500 raised at this event goes directly to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. The efforts of Caine, her

mother, Jo Anne McIntyre, and her friend, Kristin Chu, are inspired by Caine's childhood friend, Mitch Greenberg.

When Caine and Greenberg were growing up, the life expectancy of an individual with Cystic Fibrosis was 19 years. Greenberg is now 37 years old, a husband, and a father of twin 7-year old boys.

"CF is a unique disease in that real progress has and is being made and now with lung transplants, life expectancy is even higher," Greenberg said. "No genetic disease has ever really been cured, but what the CF foundation and researchers are doing is very close to a cure. Allowing children born with what

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## 'Once Upon A Mattress' Musical Dazzles and Delights

**Synagogue hosts sixth annual musical.**

BY SUSAN BELFORD  
THE ALMANAC

**W**ith an abundance of exuberant singing, dancing and talent, the Congregation Har Shalom Players performed "Once Upon A Mattress," the "true" story of the Princess and the Pea, on Saturday, Jan. 29 and Sunday, Jan. 30 by.

The show is the 6th annual musical for the synagogue. The Players will also perform the play for The Children's Inn this month.

Under the direction of Shelly Horn, the play featured Michelle Hessel as Princess Winnifred and Thomas Copas as Prince



**Princess Winnifred and Prince Dauntless (Michelle Hessel and Thomas Copas)**

Dauntless.

Miriam Ozur Dahl played the controlling and possessive queen looking for the perfect princess for her son. She was pushy,

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**While many tree limbs cracked and broke off due to the weight of the heavy snow, some limbs cracked but remain just barely attached to the tree. Since these limbs could be lethal if they fell on someone — and can do considerable damage if they fell on a car or house — they need to be removed.**

## Cleaning Up after the Storm

**DOWNED TREES AND TREE DEBRIS**

Report downed trees on County property online at [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/311](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/311) or by calling 311 (240-777-0311 from outside the County) or the Police non-emergency number at 301-279-8000.

The County does not prune or tend to private trees. If the private limb is blocking a roadway and posing a hazard, the County's Department of Transportation crew will cut up the limb and leave it for the homeowner to discard. Trees that have fallen on private property are the responsibility of the property owner. The County's Office of Consumer Protection advises homeowners to deal with established tree removal businesses only and to call Consumer Protection first to check

on a business complaint record. Consumer Protection can be reached at 311 (240-777-0311 from outside the County).

The County's Division of Solid Waste Services collects yard trim year-round. If the debris is from private property trees and meets curbside yard trim collection requirements, the resident may bundle the debris and put it at curbside on their regular recycling collection day.

If the private property branches are too large for curbside collection, or cannot be bagged, bundled, or containerized, they may be taken to the County's Shady Grove Processing Facility and Transfer Station.

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CIVIC CALENDAR

Get Involved

COMPILED BY KEN MOORE

Send listings to [kmoore@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:kmoore@connectionnewspapers.com)

LIBRARY MONTH

February is "Library Lovers Month," and friends of the Potomac Library are worried about how the library will be affected by the coming budget. "Imagine Potomac without its library. It is vulnerable," according to Potomac Friends president Sue Shaw. Membership forms to join the Potomac Chapter of The Friends of The Library are available in the lobby of the library. A postcard writing campaign is underway for the month of February, with the cards available at the library. Just visiting the library during this month can show support. Download a membership form: [www.folmc.org/about-us/membership-brochure/](http://www.folmc.org/about-us/membership-brochure/)

RIVER CLEANUP

Sunday, Feb. 13, 10 am - noon. Potomac Conservancy conducts monthly Canal Stewards cleanups, open to all ages at the River Center at Lock 8, off the Clara Barton Parkway. [www.potomac.org](http://www.potomac.org)

IMPROVE COUNTY

GOVERNMENT

Monday, Feb. 14, 7:45 - 10 p.m. How can county government become more effective? At the next monthly meeting of the Montgomery County Civic Federation, key community leaders will discuss recommendations from the Organizational Reform Commission, which was created by the Council to propose reorganization or consolidation of functions performed by the county government or county-funded agencies. The one-hour program will be followed by discussion of other key local issues. Montgomery County Council Office Building, 100 Maryland Ave., Rockville. See [www.montgomerycivic.org](http://www.montgomerycivic.org).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Through April 11. Maryland 428<sup>th</sup> General Assembly meets for 90 days to act on more than 2300 bills, including the state's annual budget. See <http://mlis.state.md.us/>

SPRING WATER QUALITY

CLASSES

Audubon Naturalist Society offers Water Quality Classes for anyone who wants to become a volunteer to monitor local streams. Monitors commit to a half-day of monitoring three or four times a year. Contact Cathy Wiss at [wqm@audubonnaturalist.org](mailto:wqm@audubonnaturalist.org) or call 202-966-1310. Audubon also seeks volunteers to become ground stewards to remove invasive vines, help maintain trails or tackle other projects. Summer nature camp volunteers are also needed. Contact Audubon's volunteer office at 301-652-9188, ext. 30, or e-mail [volunteer@audubonnaturalist.org](mailto:volunteer@audubonnaturalist.org)

PEOPLE

Be My Valentine

COMPILED BY DEBORAH STEVENS/  
THE ALMANAC



Larry and Diane Palmer were introduced on a blind date in June 1955. Their families had mutual friends when Larry and Diane were growing up. Diane caught Larry's eye when she was 5 years old and he was 6 years old.



Ken and Marcy Markowitz have known each other since they were 13 years old. Marcy was a friend of Ken's cousin. During the high school years they went their separate ways only to reconnect in 1992 at Ken's cousin's wedding.



Richard and Ellie Taylor recommend a lot of long walks to make their marriage work. They worked on the Alaska pipeline after they were married.



This is a wedding photo of Nancy and Alex Patch of Potomac. They met at a group outing in February 1977 while going to a Point-to-Point in Fairfax, Va.

# Making Progress against Cystic Fibrosis

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was once a death sentence, into now the possibility and the probability of a somewhat 'normal' life. And perhaps they will actually find that cure."

Gayle Greenberg, senior director of major gifts for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and Mitch Greenberg's mother, agrees The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation is "one of the most cost-efficient charities, with almost 90 cents of every dollar raised going directly to research, education and care. CF is an orphan disease, only affecting approximately 30,000 individuals in the U.S. The Foundation depends on the generosity of individuals to help fund its drug discovery and development pipeline, consisting of nearly 30 potential therapies. These drugs, if successful, could have a tremendous impact on the lives of people with CF. Cystic fibrosis is a genetic disease that causes repeated and chronic lung infections and difficulty digesting food and nutrients. Currently, there is no cure but there is hope. People with CF are living longer and more productive lives than ever before."

Caine started fundraising for the Foundation

at age 4 by going door to door collecting pledges for the Cystic Fibrosis swim-a-long. In college, she organized walk-a-thon. She then took a job as special events director for the Foundation. As a stay-at-home mom, Caine wanted to continue to raise funds for the Foundation but have an event geared towards her friends. Girls Night Out for CF, held yearly in Potomac, includes products and services that women, mostly moms, in their 30s and 40s would want or need over the course of the year. She said that "What I love most about Girls Night Out for CF is that it serves three purposes; first of course to raise money to fight Cystic Fibrosis, second to give my friends a night out with a relevant and affordable silent auction, and third to increase awareness of local businesses. The community has been so supportive of this newborn, homegrown, event."

Her mother, Jo Anne McIntyre added, "We have been involved in many different ways, so when my daughter proposed having an event at my home, I was immediately enthusiastic. I am excited to be sharing her enthusiasm and giving spirit."

Seconds Kristin Chu: "I had been exploring



PHOTO BY COLLEEN HEALY/THE ALMANAC

From left, hosts Kristin Chu, Cristin Caine, and Jo Anne McIntyre raised \$7,500 for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation at a Girls Night Out Silent auction.

ideas for volunteering when Cristin mentioned her idea of a Girls Night Out Silent Auction to me about two years ago. I couldn't pass up the opportunity to help such a worthwhile cause while working with such a dear friend."

For more information or to make a donation to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation visit [www.cff.org](http://www.cff.org).

# Players Present Musical

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hard to please — and exerted her influence (so she thought) over her husband King Sextimus the Silent (played by David Levin) whose gestures and body language kept the audience laughing. The play culminated with the princess sleeping upon 20 mattresses — and capturing the heart of her Prince.

More than 60 percent of the players are members of the Congregation Har Shalom and amateur performers. The script was rewritten to include children; this play includes more than 12 in the cast. The remaining 40 percent of the cast were community theater actors and actresses who have previously worked with Horn, Vocal Director Lee Rosenthal and Music Director Marci Shegogue in Rockville Little Theater performances.

Ken Lechter and Stew Remer are experienced producers who have managed the Shalom Player's shows the past seven years. Remer said, "What makes this show very special is that we have entire families performing in this play. We are fortunate that our all-volunteer cast and crew return again and again to perform because we have so much fun — we are now like a family. We could not do it without the talents of Shelly, Lee and Marci. Past shows have included 'Oliver,' 'Damn Yankees,' 'Fiddler on the

Roof' and 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.' The team of directors and producers will select the play for next year over the summer and casting and rehearsals will begin next fall.

"Our congregation is very supportive and the play has been a real community builder. We have become part of the fabric of this synagogue. Even our president, Jeff Ashin, is in the play."

Because they used the synagogue as their theater, the play had to be performed "in the round". Choreography by Karen Creel and Stephanie Miller enhanced the show and "The Spanish Panic" group dance enchanted the audience.

Congregation Har Shalom is a progressive, egalitarian, participatory Conservative Jewish congregation. Services are offered daily along with many social, religious, educational, cultural and community programs.

## Cleaning Up

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For details regarding the requirements for curbside collection of tree debris and more information about the Transfer Station, including hours, visit the new Post Storm Information site at [www.montgomerycountymd.gov](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov). Trees that have fallen on utility lines should be reported to PEPCO 1-877-737-2662

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## THURSDAY/FEB. 10

**Jef Lee Johnson Band.** 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$28. At the Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. Visit [www.strathmore.org](http://www.strathmore.org) or call (301) 581-5100.

**Slow Blues and Swing Dance.** 9 to 11:30 p.m. Admission is \$8. With DJ Mike Marcotte and Guests. Slow Blues Lesson from 8:15 to 9 p.m.; dancing from 9 to 11:30 p.m. At the Back Room, Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Call Donna Barker at 301-634-2231 or go to [info@CapitalBlues.org](mailto:info@CapitalBlues.org) or [www.CapitalBlues.org](http://www.CapitalBlues.org).

**Free Bone Builders exercise class for adults.** 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Potomac Community Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. (Also on Thursday, Feb. 10, Tuesday, Feb. 15 and Thursday, Feb. 17, Feb. 22 and Feb. 24) Exercise class led by trained volunteers that incorporates balance and weight training proven to increase bone density. Wear comfortable clothing and athletic shoes. Call Shawn Brennan 240-777-1350. For more library events, see <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/libraries/branchinfo/pt.asp>

**Bi-lingual Family Storytime:** 10:30 a.m. Helena Luk presents a bi-lingual, Chinese and English, storytime for families. No registration required. Potomac Community Library, Potomac Community Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. 240-777-0690. For more library events, see <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/libraries/branchinfo/pt.asp>

## FRIDAY/FEB. 11

**Winter Night Hike:** Ages 5 and up, free, Friday, Feb. 11, 7-8 p.m. with naturalist Geri Drymalski. Locust Grove Nature Center, Cabin John Regional Park, 7777 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, 301-765-8660 [www.locustgrovenature.org](http://www.locustgrovenature.org)

**Contra Dance.** 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Admission is \$9. Contra dance lesson from 7:30 to 8:15 p.m.; called dance to live music with the Glen Echo Open Band from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. At the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, 7300



## FEB. 18-19

**Dance Bethesda.** Free dance parties, dance lessons and dance concert showcasing area companies. Friday from 7-9:30 p.m.; Saturday at 8 p.m. The Dance Bethesda Dance Concert will feature some of the region's most exciting dance performers, including Furia Flamenca, Lesole's Dance Project and ClancyWorks Dance Company, as well as Joy of Motion's Urban Impact, DuShor Dance Studio, Dance Bethesda Dance Studio and Dansez! Dansez! Tickets at [www.bethesda.org](http://www.bethesda.org) for \$15 for adults and \$8 for children 12 and under. At Imagination Stage, 4908 Auburn Ave., Bethesda. DuShor Dance Studio, 7800 Wisconsin Ave., will offer lessons and demonstrations in Foxtrot, Tango, Salsa and more. Dance Bethesda Dance Studio, 8227 Woodmont Ave., will host a social dance party and lessons.

MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Email: [fndcontra@yahoo.com](mailto:fndcontra@yahoo.com)

**Puppetry Slam.** 7 to 8:15 p.m. and 9 to 10:15 p.m. Tickets are \$15. Amateurs and professionals from all over the East Coast will perform edgy and provocative works that might not be seen at any other venue. Teens ages 13-16 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. At the Puppet Co. Playhouse, Glen Echo Park. Call 301-634-5380 or visit <http://www.thepuppetco.org/schedule/slam/>

## FEB. 12 AND FEB. 13

**Pianist Christopher Taylor.** 8 p.m. on Saturday and 3 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$32 to \$79. Will perform Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 26 in D Major ("Coronation") with the National Philharmonic, led by Music Director and Conductor Piotr Gajewski. At the Music Center at Strathmore. For tickets, visit [nationalphilharmonic.org](http://nationalphilharmonic.org) or call the Strathmore Ticket Office at 301-581-5100.

**"Hello Dolly."** A musical about Love, Life and Yonkers. Saturday at 8 p.m.; Sunday at 2 and 6 p.m. Tickets are \$15-\$25 and can be ordered at [www.bethami.org](http://www.bethami.org) or by calling 301-340-6818. Temple Beth Ami is at 14330 Travilah Road, Rockville.

## SATURDAY/FEB. 12

**Touch of Love.** 4 to 7 p.m. A collection of paintings, photography, jewelry and glass work by established artists. At Exhibit 9 in Potomac. Contact Sarah at 202-276-9419 or email: [info@exhibit9gallery.net](mailto:info@exhibit9gallery.net) or visit [www.exhibit9gallery.net](http://www.exhibit9gallery.net).

**Black History Month.** 3 p.m. Soul in Motion Ensemble, "Reflecting Africa." At the Twinbrook Library, 202 Meadow Hall Drive, Rockville. Call 240-777-0240.

**Book Sale,** 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, Potomac Chapter. Most hardbacks \$1 and paperbacks 50 cents. Potomac Community Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. 240-777-0690. For more library events, see <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/libraries/branchinfo/pt.asp>

**Lunar New Year.** 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Free. Local restaurants will supply Asian foods; also crafts, dance troupes, karate, fashions. At the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre and Social Hall, 603 Edmonston Drive, Rockville. Call 240-314-5022.

**Potomac Horse Center Valentine's Jumper Schooling Show.** Watch a horse show indoors. Potomac Horse Center, 14211 Quince Orchard Road, North Potomac, 301-208-0200, [www.potomachorse.com](http://www.potomachorse.com). The center's client show is scheduled for March 20.

**Swing Dance and Red Dress Ball.** 8 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$15. Beginner swing lesson from 8 to 9 p.m.; dancing to the Eric Felten Jazz Orchestra follows. At the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Email: [dance@flyingfeet.org](mailto:dance@flyingfeet.org).

**Crazy Love:** It's almost Valentine's Day and local animals are gearing up for the mating season. Explore spring 'traditionalists' and look into some of nature's stranger romances. 5 years and up. Free. 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. Locust Grove Nature Center, Cabin John Regional Park, 7777 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, 301-765-8660 [www.locustgrovenature.org](http://www.locustgrovenature.org)

**Beginner Bird Walk.** Audubon Naturalist Society. 8 a.m. Approximately one hour. Bring binoculars or borrow a pair that morning from Audubon. Beginner walks at Audubon's Woodend Sanctuary, 8940 Jones Mill Road, Chevy Chase, 20815. 301-652-9188. Weekly walks begin Saturday mornings starting March 5. [www.AudubonNaturalist.org](http://www.AudubonNaturalist.org).

**Yoga Session.** Noon to 1:15 p.m. This fun workout is specifically designed to teach the yoga moves that will improve your flexibility and golf game. In partnership with Village Yoga, 10154 River Road, Suite 150, Potomac. All levels welcomed. Member fee: \$18, Guest fee: \$22. R.S.V.P. by February 9th. Call Village Yoga at 301-299-1948 or visit <http://www.villageyogayogi.com>.

## SUNDAY/FEB. 13

**Zydeco Dance Party.** 3:30 to 6 p.m. Admission is \$20. With the band, Rosie Ledet and the Zydeco Playboys. Beginner Zydeco dance lesson at 3 p.m. taught by Michael Hart and Sharon Schilero. Dancing from 3:30 to 6 p.m. At the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Call Michael Hart at 301-762-6730 or Glen Echo Park at 301-634-2222, or go to [www.DancingbytheBayou.com](http://www.DancingbytheBayou.com).

**Canal Stewards Cleanup,** 10 am to noon.



**Christopher Taylor**

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Sponsored by the Potomac Conservancy, this monthly clean-up day engages volunteers in as caretakers of a site within the C&O Canal National Historical Park. Potomac Conservancy also operates environmental awareness programs out of the River Center, Lock 8, 7906 Riverside Dr., Cabin John. Off Clara Barton Parkway between Cabin John and Carderock exits. Contact Deanna Tricarico at [tricarico@potomac.org](mailto:tricarico@potomac.org) or 301-608-1188 x.204. Visit [www.potomac.org/site/river-center-events/index.php](http://www.potomac.org/site/river-center-events/index.php)

**Contra and Square Dance.** 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Admission is \$12. Contra lesson at 7 p.m.; dancing to live music from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. At the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Email: [fndcontra@yahoo.com](mailto:fndcontra@yahoo.com).

**Baby, It's Cold Outside.** Explore basics of winter ecology and strategies organisms from grasses to grackles to gray tree frogs employ for winter survival. Free, registration required. For adults. 1-4 p.m. Woodend Sanctuary, 8940 Jones Mill Road, Chevy Chase, 20815. 301-652-9188. [www.AudubonNaturalist.org](http://www.AudubonNaturalist.org)

**Open Door Reading:** Writer's Center presents poets published by newly-launched Broadkill River Press. Readers include former Walt Whitman English teacher and poet Martin Galvin (Sounding the Atlantic), Mary Ann Larkin (That Deep and Steady Hum), Laura Miller (Exile at Sarzana) and Sid Gold (The Year of The Dog Throwers). 2 p.m. Writer's Center, 4508 Walsh St., Bethesda, 20815. See [writer.org](http://writer.org)

## MONDAY/FEB. 14

**Beth Sholom Book Club.** 8 p.m. The book titled "Son of Hamas" is the autobiography of 32-year-old Mosab Hassan Yousef, the eldest son of Hamas co-founder Sheik Hassan Yousef. Meets at Beth Sholom Congregation, 11825 Seven Locks Road, Potomac. Email Tanya Lampert [alamp9608@yahoo.com](mailto:alamp9608@yahoo.com).

**Dianne Reeves.** 8 p.m. Reeves is a four-time Grammy-winner for Best Vocal Jazz Performance and the first artist to win the Grammy for three consecutive recordings. Tickets are \$35-\$65. At the Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 301-581-5100 or visit [www.strathmore.org](http://www.strathmore.org).

## TUESDAY, FEB. 15

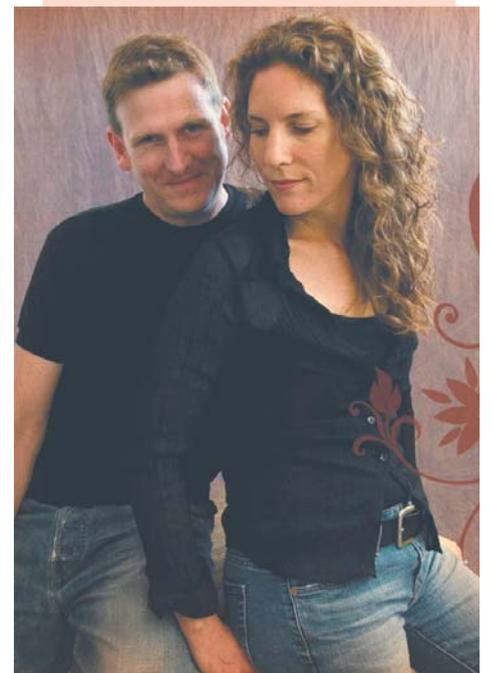
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**Duo Recital.** At 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$28 (Stars

price \$25.20). This intimate duo recital in the Mansion pairs the critically acclaimed superstar cellist Alisa Weilerstein with singer/composer/pianist Gabriel Kahane, whose music "absorbs everything from nineteenth twenties neoclassicism to bluegrass and modern indie pop" (The New Yorker), in a program featuring Bach's Suite No. 5 and solo works by Kahane. The performance culminates with the Washington premiere of a new sonata created by Kahane for cello, piano and voice which draws on the poetry of the great 20th century Polish poet Zbigniew Herbert. At the Mansion at Strathmore. Call 301-581-5109 or visit [www.strathmore.org](http://www.strathmore.org).

## WEDNESDAY, FEB. 16

**Blues at the Crossroads: The Robert Johnson Centennial Concert.** 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25-\$45. Featuring Big Head Todd & The Monsters, David "Honeyboy" Edwards, Hubert Sumlin, and Cedric Burnside and Lightnin' Malcolm. At the Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. For tickets, call 301-581-5100 or visit [www.strathmore.org](http://www.strathmore.org).



## TUESDAY/FEB. 22

**Allison Downey and John Austin.** 8 p.m. Tickets are \$18/door; \$15/advance at [FocusMusic.org](http://FocusMusic.org). At the Unitarian Universalist Church, 100 Welsh Park Drive, Rockville. Visit [www.allisondowney.com](http://www.allisondowney.com).

# FINE ARTS

**FEB. 5 TO MARCH 5**

**“Touch of Love.”**

Exhibit 9 Gallery's collection of paintings, photographs, prints, jewelry and more. With artists Fataneh Dadkhah (photography), Parisa Faghieh (painting and children's book author), Elizabeth Grusin-Howe (print maker), Nasser Ovissi (water color and prints), Hanna Beth Sanford (watercolor), and Darab Shabahang (Persian calligraphy on copper). Opening reception is Feb. 5 and 12 from 4 to 7 p.m. At E9 Gallery, 10116 Lloyd Road, Potomac. Call Sarah Barzmeheri at 202-276-9419 or visit <http://exhibit9gallery.net/calendar.htm>



**Touch of Love at the E9 Gallery in Potomac**

**FEB. 12-13**

**“Varying Degrees of Tension.”**

Painting and Drawings by Sam Miller. Artist's reception on Saturday, Feb. 12 from 4 to 6 p.m. At the Glen Echo Yellow Barn Gallery. Call 1-301-371-5593.

**NOW THROUGH FEB. 21**

**“Brush, Stone and Wood.”** Free.

An exhibit by artists David Firestone, Carolyn Thorington, and Phil Brown. At Gallery Har Shalom, 11510 Falls Road, Potomac. Call 301-299-7087.

**FEB. 27 TO APRIL 27**

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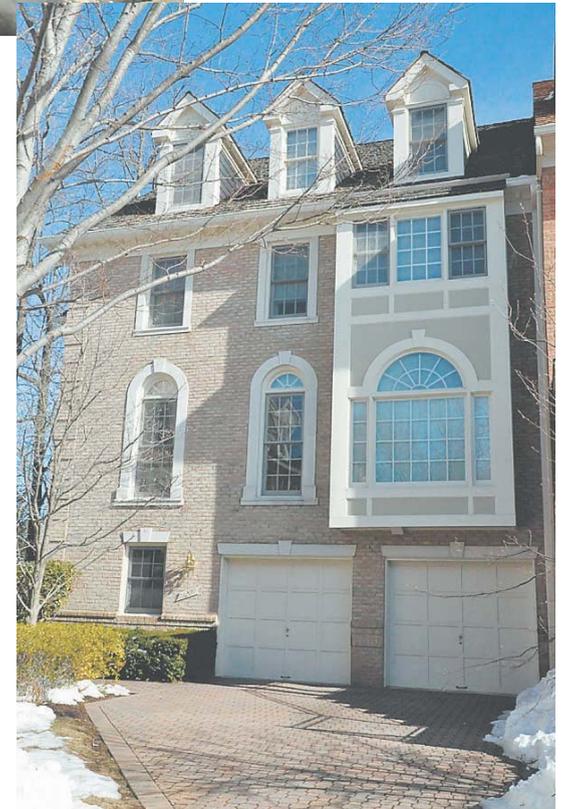
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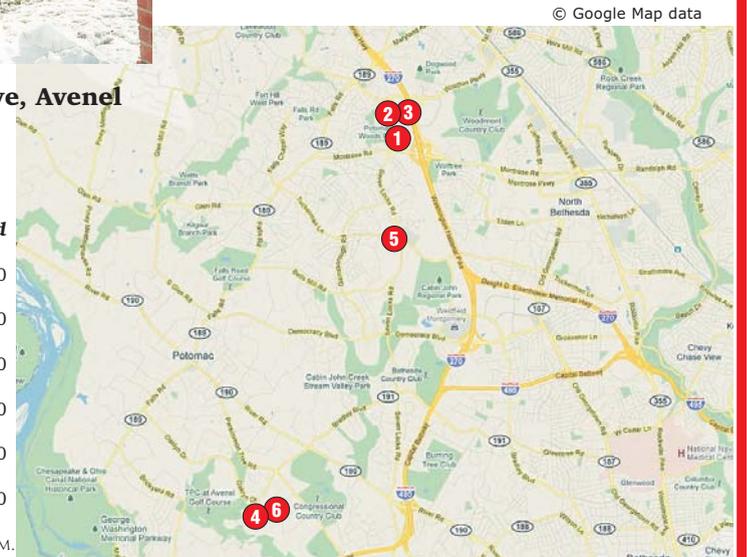
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# SCHOOLS

## Students Describe Favorite Classes

BY DANIELLE COLLINS  
FOR THE ALMANAC

Some of us are science geeks, fluent in the complex language of molecular compositions, while ex-cited (and not the least bit squeamish) about the thought of dissecting a sheep's brain or pig's foot. Others are English lovers, reciting with ease the words of Shakespeare and Walt Whitman, unfazed by the prospect of writing a 10-page literary analysis essay. Some are history buffs, knowledgeable about every event leading up to World War II and every Civil War general's military strategy. And of course, others possess a particular talent for the arts, capable of singing, dancing and drawing with such ease and talent, it leaves the rest of us in awe (and maybe a bit of jealousy). No matter which area of study interests you, there is sure to be a class at school that becomes your favorite. With so many to choose from, I ask you, Churchill students: what is the best class you have taken at Churchill?



Many students cite Churchill's science program as an incredible department filled with classes that both provide knowledge and hands-on experience. Gabe Snider, a sophomore, says, "Honors Biology is a great class I have taken at Churchill. My teacher makes everything really fun and gets our attention by talking in weird voices and telling funny stories. He teaches the class through slideshows of notes and puts the information on Edline when class ends, making it easy to get the notes and study from them. My favorite unit so far has been the DNA unit where we studied genetics. We did some cool labs and even got to take the DNA of a strawberry."

Similarly, senior Joe Rinaldi states, "AP Biology is the best class I have taken at Churchill. The teacher explained everything in ways we could all understand, which was really helpful because the subject matter is pretty difficult. We talked a lot about animal systems and did lots of dissections. We dissect a baby pig at the end of the year, and worked a lot with bacteria cells. We also did a lab on transpiration and measuring water loss through tree leaves and a study identifying proteins, carbohydrates, lipids and nucleic acids. I would definitely recommend the class to anybody at Churchill."

Emily Shapiro, a senior, has come to love her AP Spanish class, citing both the class and a class study abroad trip as memorable portions of her study experience. She says that while Spanish did not start out as her favorite class, "it quickly became one of my favorite subjects after I traveled to Spain and went to Argentina with my class. Studying abroad helped me see the many uses of Spanish, I realized the potential for travel all over the world. The Argentina trip helped the language come alive for me, and put the class into real world situation. While we were there, we got to experience the wildlife, went to Patagonia and went exploring in the Andes. During the class, we read stories and poems analyze them for meaning. We speak in only Spanish and learn lots of vocabulary words."

Other students rave about Churchill's Choral and Drama departments for providing students with the abilities to unleash their creative sides and get involved in school productions. Senior Eunice Choi says, "My favorite class in high school has definitely been my Showstoppers class. It has really helped me grow as a person and a leader. I have a lot more confidence and was elected to be the class represen-

tative. I have different vocal positions and have made a lot of good friends. Also, I perform in the annual Blast performance, which has been an incredible experience."

Senior Alex Levenson agrees, stating, "I love my choral class the best because each class period, we do a different thing and get to do a lot each time. Through my choral class, I have gotten involved in a group called Simply, another called Showstoppers and a jazz group. I have loved each group because we all really bond and become close friends. Churchill parents also get involved and love to support us. We have monthly concerts so they can see what we all have been working on. There is a lot of talent in the groups, and it is great to show that to our parents in performances."

As an English lover myself, I agree with sophomore Eli Berman, who cites his English class as one of the best classes he has taken so far. He has "a great teacher who is so funny and helpful for everything I



Joe Rinaldi

do and write. Aside from the books we read, I love that we have big class discussions that are open and creative. Everyone can voice their opinion and it really encourages participation. A lot of the time, we talk about things outside of the curriculum, which let us all be creative and think outside the box. Everything we do in English encourages

thought, and the class has made me a stronger student, writer and thinker." For Abby Newburger, a junior, history is a particularly interesting subject. "My favorite class at Churchill so far has been Ancient and Medieval History. It is a great subject and I had a very lively teacher. I have always loved studying history and found that learning about the daily lives of people in ancient times was so fascinating. The medieval world is really interesting to me because it is so different from the world today. I loved the class so much that I went to Europe and got to study different subjects we covered in class."

As for me, I am torn between last year's AP English class and AP Psychology class. After all, it's a hard call between reading Great Gatsby and watching a video about a woman with 16 different personalities! Both classes have left their mark on me in different ways. I am now versed in both classic literature and the wild theories of Sigmund Freud, have become a decent writer (or at least I hope!), and can explain in detail the functions of each lobe of the human brain. Now that's a lot of learning!

### SCHOOL NOTES

**Dylan Thayer**, son of Jody and Bradley Thayer of Potomac, has been named to the dean's list at Hamilton College for the 2010 fall semester. Thayer is a graduate of Saint Andrews Episcopal School.

**Braeden L. Lovett** of Potomac and **Kimberly V. Williams** of North Potomac received Highest Honors for McDaniel College's fall 2010 dean's list.

**Jenny J. Chen** of North Potomac, a junior at Colby College in Waterville, Maine, is spending the spring semester of the 2010-11 academic year in England studying at University of York. Chen, a graduate of Thomas Sprigg Wootton High School, is the daughter of Zhao Chen and Wei Wang of North Potomac. She is majoring in English and international studies at Colby.

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## Minding My Own Business



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I haven't been writing much the last few weeks. Heck, I haven't felt much like writing at all the last few weeks. And when I woke up this morning with some ideas on which to write, the reason for this not writing/not feeling like writing became clear: it had to do with my having cancer (doesn't everything?). However, my reasons for this specific inactivity had to do with the rather serious (to me, anyway) subject matter on which I had written the last few weeks: outliving my original prognosis and dealing with my now unknown life-expectancy/future as well as the as-yet undetermined treatment protocol going forward. Can you say angst? It seems, however, that after meeting with my oncologist on Friday, Jan. 7, and receiving the continuing good news that I did, we agreed on a treatment plan that's not nearly as reactive as I feared it might be, and as a result – in my opinion, my mind took a break, a time-out, if you will, from all the doom and potential gloom and non-stop pressure a terminal diagnosis can exert.

And though I have some deficits and some anti-cancer (pills and such) routine that I follow from which I never take a break – or need to take a break, and which I have assimilated into my daily – and nightly activities, it's the emotional stuff that can take its toll and exact a price. Sometimes I pretend. Sometimes I deny. Sometimes I get depressed. ("Sometimes?") And often I write. And recently I had written about the end of my original 13-month-to-two-year prognosis (Feb. 27, 2011). Heavy doesn't begin to describe the weight – and wait of that reality. So much so that I spent four columns writing about it. After seeing my oncologist on the 7th, apparently, my instincts for self-preservation took over and instructed my brain, subconsciously, to stop the cancer focus for awhile and give myself a mental rest.

Certainly there are ebbs and flows, highs and lows in this cancer battle; things you can control, things you can't. Knowing when to give in to the emotion (and how to get out of it when you do) and when not to, are the constants in this battle. And after a particularly stressful crossroads-type of moment ("Moment?" More like a month), I gave in and decided to exhale and give myself some time to breathe normally and wander emotionally and get off the cancer train, for however long I could. It didn't mean I stopped thinking about it, it meant I stopped focusing on it – as best I could.

And for a few weeks, I really didn't have a cancer thought worth writing/venting about. I was out of the woods for another quarter or so (the frequency of the all-telling scans), and I was going to try and get out from underneath the shadows as well. And I largely succeeded until today. I do consider the fortnight a success, though. When you're terminal and/or a cancer patient (stage notwithstanding), a minute away, an hour away, a day away from its grip, is heaven on Earth and time worth savoring. So even though I didn't have anything to say these last few weeks, I've enjoyed all the time not saying them.

Life goes on though (thank God!) and my cancer thoughts are back. To tell you the truth, I'm glad to have them. It means – to me – that all systems are go and I can return to normal, as normal as a 56-year-old life-long non-smoker, diagnosed with inoperable stage IV lung cancer, can be. But it's nothing I can't live with, as I have already done so going on two years. This is my new normal. It's the abnormal I'll likely have some difficulty adapting to.

Next week: The "cunancerdrum" of living with cancer continues.

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# Churchill Boys Capture First Division Title in 32 Years

**Bulldogs in position to capture top-three playoff seed.**

The Churchill boys basketball team on Feb. 4 secured the Montgomery County 4A West Division title for the first time in 32 years with a 58-34 win over Richard Montgomery. The victory was Churchill's 13th consecutive, but the streak was snapped by a 68-57 overtime loss to Wootton on Monday.

Against Richard Montgomery, Churchill (15-3, 10-1) jumped out a 17-5 first quarter lead and never looked back en route to the victory. Senior Jesse Simon led the Bulldog offense connecting on four 3-pointers and totaled 16 points for the evening. Juniors Thomas Geenen (8 points, 7 rebounds), Christian Bonaparte (5 points, 6 assists) and Quan Gill (8 points) also contributed to the Bulldogs' cause.

For the evening, the Bulldogs shot 50 percent from the floor and pressured the Rockets into 26 turnovers.

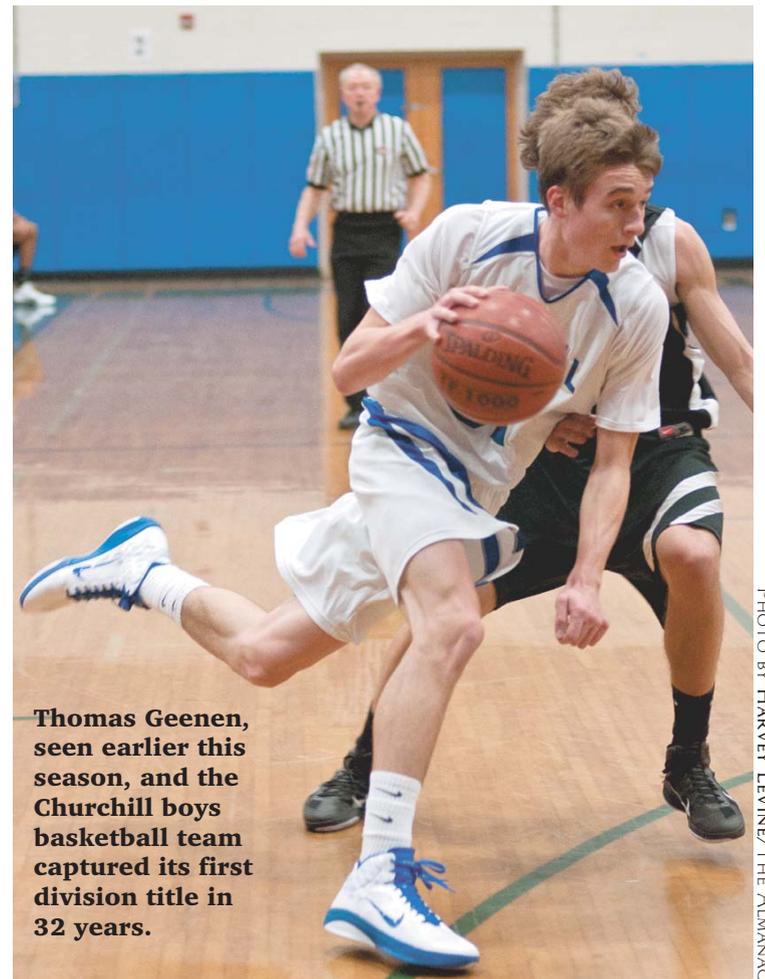
"I am very proud of our team this evening," Churchill head Coach Matt Miller was quoted as saying in an e-mail. "At the start of the year, we told our players that since it's been such a long time since Churchill won a regular season division title or went

deep in the playoffs, why not us? Then we had some adversity with some major injuries but all the other kids continued to believe in what we were doing and everyone stepped-up their game. For us to be in this position with what we have gone through is a tribute to every player on our team.

"Now that said, just because we won the regular season title doesn't mean we are through believing and I hope our players understand this. We want this to just be the beginning and not the end. We know that there is a lot of basketball left to be played. We want to be able to compete later in the season and to do that we still have a tough road ahead. We have some weaknesses that will have to improve for us to make any sort of a run in the playoffs. But for tonight, we are going to enjoy this one because we've achieved something not seen around here very often."

Churchill is in position to secure a top-three seed in the 4A West regional playoffs, bringing with it a first-round bye.

Churchill will travel to face Gaithersburg at 7 p.m. on Feb. 11.



**Thomas Geenen, seen earlier this season, and the Churchill boys basketball team captured its first division title in 32 years.**

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# Wootton Girls Can't Snap Northwest Winning Streak

**Welty's 30 not enough for Wootton Boys.**

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE ALMANAC

When 6-foot-3 senior Gabby Flinchum was whistled for her second foul and taken out of the game by head coach Maggie Dyer, the Wootton girls basketball team held a seven-point lead over Northwest on Feb. 4, which the Patriots quickly extended to nine.

As Flinchum, Wootton's leading scorer, rebounder and shot blocker, sat on the bench for the entire second quarter, Northwest stormed back to momentarily take the lead.

Wootton held a one-point halftime advantage and Flinchum recorded a double-double when she returned in the second half. But the Patriots were unable to knock off the Jaguars, one of the hottest teams in Montgomery County, losing 49-45 at home. Wootton bounced back quickly, however, beating Churchill 47-42 on Monday, improving the Patriots' record to 12-5, 7-4 in 4A West division.

On Friday, Northwest extended its win streak to 12 games and Flinchum and Dyer each expressed displeasure with the game's officiating.

"It was really frustrating," Flinchum said. "I knew it was something I wasn't supposed to do but sometimes the calls just don't go



**Gabby Flinchum, seen earlier this season, was hampered by foul trouble against Northwest Feb. 4.**

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my way. I was just so frustrated because I felt like they were calling them on me but they weren't calling them the other way."

Flinchum finished with 16 points and 12 rebounds after producing just two points and no rebounds in a foul-plagued first half.

"I had three of my starters in foul trouble early," Dyer said. "I chose to sit them because the calls were so tight. I think that made an impact. Second half, we had too many turnovers and we gave them too many shot opportunities. ... They got to the line

23 times, we got there 14. For them, they really were good at driving to the basket. Still, getting to the line 23 times is a big deal. Those are free shots, so that hurt us a little bit."

Northwest finished 14-for-23 from the line and Wootton was 9-for-14.

Northwest outscored Wootton 17-9 in the third quarter and took a 36-29 lead into the final period. The Patriots pulled within two when a Flinchum three-point play cut the Jaguar lead to 42-40 with 1:56 remaining, but Wootton got no closer.

"We just came out flat, which has been a problem with us this season," Flinchum said. "Either we come out flat in the beginning of the game or come out flat in the beginning of the third quarter. It's something we need to work on."

Iris Cheng scored 14 points for Wootton and Jess Welch added nine.

"I think we did definitely better than last time we played them," Welch said, referring to the Patriots' 48-41 loss to Northwest on Jan. 12. "We definitely had a shot at winning. We just got into a little slump and couldn't get out of it."

On Jan. 31, Flinchum reached the 1,000-point mark in her Wootton career.

"It's a goal I actually set for myself after sophomore year because that was my breakout year, but I didn't tell anyone because if I didn't do it, I didn't want to disappoint anyone," she said. "Going into the beginning of the season, knowing I only had 214 points to score, I was like, 'Oh my gosh, I'm going to do it.' It was really exciting,

my teammates have been really supportive and I couldn't have done it without them."

Dyer spoke highly of Flinchum's work ethic.

"She's worked so hard to get to where she is," Dyer said. "It was a big accomplishment I think it was kind of a monkey off her back.

... We expect a lot from her. She's our leading rebounder, scorer and shot-blocker."

Wootton will host Damascus at 7 p.m. on Feb. 11.

## Welty Scores 30

Kyle Welty shot the Wootton boys basketball team back into a Feb. 4 contest against Northwest, burying two 3-points and scoring in transition to give the Patriots a three-point third-quarter lead. But even though Welty finished with 30 points, Wootton couldn't hold off Northwest, losing 67-61 at home.

The Jaguars took a 60-59 lead late in the fourth quarter and Thomas Candland put the finishing touches on Wootton with a 3-pointer.

Welty knocked down five 3-pointers en route to his 30-point effort. Connor Tendall finished with 14 points.

"Kyle played really well [and] I loved Connor," Wootton head coach Chris Bohlen said. "I think we're the best when we're inside-out. We've got to really work our offense to get defenses to collapse and then kick out."

Wootton bounced back with a 68-57 overtime win against Churchill on Monday.

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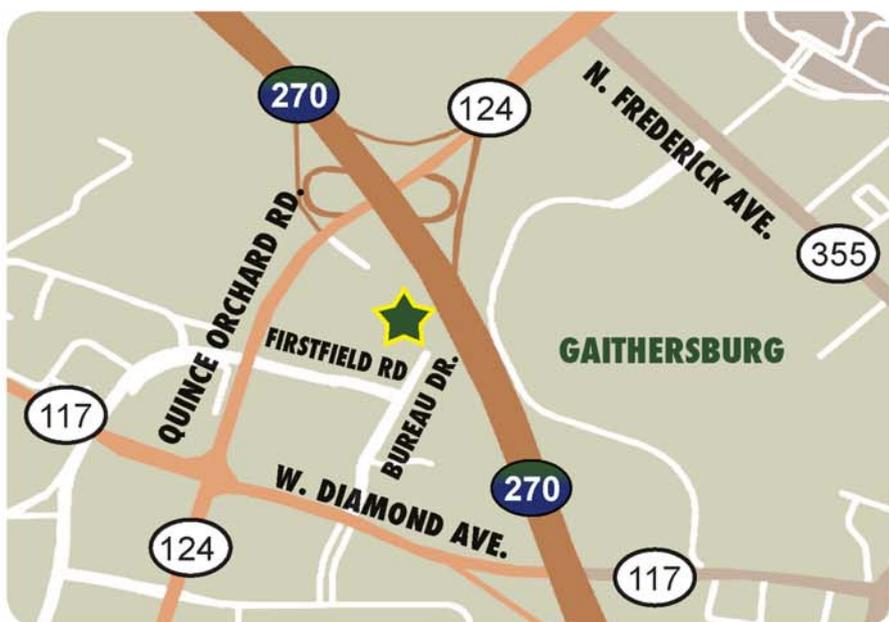
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