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The first game in the "Minute It To Win It" at the Club Friday contest required competitors to put a cookie on their foreheads and, without touching it, move it into their mouths in under a minute.

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This game consisted of stacking golf balls on each other.

'Minute It To Win It'

More than 200 kids turned out for the Potomac Community Center's Club Friday program Feb. 25, as Ultimate Amusements presented the "Minute It to Win It" contest. Cheered on by parents and friends, students from third through sixth grade competed in various games. Zach Jacobs was the evening's winner and Tristan Linares was runner up.



Wearing a pedometer on their head, contestants tried to see who could travel the farthest distance by rotating their head.



The crowd cheers the contestants at Club Friday.

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Zach Jacobs, right, was the evening's winner. Runner up Tristan Linares is at left.



Bustling with New Stores, Services

Park Potomac keeps expanding.

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

Park Potomac is a new "must-do" destination. This rapidly expanding town center provides residents of Potomac and nearby communities with new intriguing choices for dining and shopping. Besides the inaugural store, Harris Teeter, the center now features a women's boutique, bridal salon, three restaurants, a travel agency and a dry cleaner. Located just off I-270 and Montrose Road, the area will further expand with a Kimpton Boutique Hotel, a Starbucks and more retail shops.

Many of the businesses have relocated to Park Potomac from other Montgomery County locations. Every owner remarked that business is better, the number of customers keeps increasing, and they are ecstatic that they made the move.

Here is a run-down on the shops and restaurants of Park Potomac:

EMILY GRACE, a contemporary women's boutique, offers unique

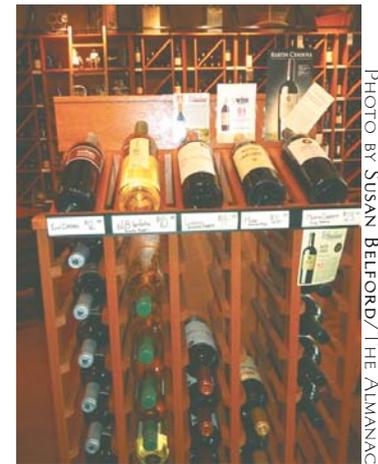


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One of the displays of Wine Harvest's wines.

apparel for women. Owned by Stacey Soler, the store features clothing for every event. They carry everything from denim to cocktail dresses, business suits to casual sportswear.

"The most important thing about a small boutique is that we form a relationship with our customers," Soler said. "Since only four of us work here, we know our customers, what they like and what looks good on them. We also offer a free personal shopping service by appointment. Customers love this service because we help

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Another Book From Mike Sacks

"You're Wildest Dreams, Within Reason."

BY SENITRA MCCOMBS
THE ALMANAC

Potomac native and humor writer Mike Sacks veers into new territory in the literary world with his latest book "Your Wildest Dreams, Within Reason."

The book is a collection of humor pieces he's written for various publications including Vanity Fair, Esquire and the New Yorker.

"These pieces have been published over the past six or seven

years, Sacks said. "This book is different from my first two books because there is no reoccurring theme. It's just a collection of individual humor pieces."

Sacks' toughest challenge in writing the book was finding a publisher for it. The majority of publishers he contacted wanted stories that were connected by theme or by character.

But Sacks eventually succeeded and Tin House Books released "Your Wildest Dreams, Within Reason" on March 1. It is available now at local bookstores, including Poetry and Prose in Bethesda, and online at Amazon.com.

"I grew up reading collections of humor pieces from Woody Allen

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them create outfits as well as feel good about how they look.”

Emily Grace moved from the Traville Village Center. www.shopemilygrace.com

THE LOVE COUTURE BRIDAL BOUTIQUE, opened recently by Sandy Ferreria Leone, provides a “hip, urban, chic shopping experience for today’s bride.”

This boutique is a full-service bridal salon which carries haute couture as well as more moderately priced bridal gowns, bridesmaid’s dresses, mother of the bride and groom dresses, cocktail gowns and flower girl dresses. Leone has over 15 years of experience in the Rockville bridal industry. Love Couture Bridal Boutique offers a relaxed and personalized shopping experience. The store also holds a bridal trunk show highlighting a different designer each week. From March 3-6, they will feature gowns by Matthew Christopher Couture. Call 301-610-LOVE (5683) for information or an appointment. www.lovecouturebridal.com.



A bridal gown from Love Couture.

THE TRAVEL PLACE is a full service travel agency specializing in tours, cruises, destination weddings, family travel and customized tours.

CEO Karen Dunlap lauds the high level of experienced agents. “In their collective travels, they have covered the globe,” Dunlap said. She also stated that the company’s specialty is “Smart luxury” — getting the most value for your dollars. “Our agency provides lots of amenities one cannot get on the internet. Some of the added benefits might include cabin upgrades, cruise credits and other perks at no additional cost. We relocated from the Cabin John Shopping Center — and we absolutely love our new offices in Park Potomac.”

This travel agency offers a travel event every six weeks. The next event will be “An Evening with Tauck Tours” on March 16 at The Wine Harvest. To RSVP or for more information, call 240-387-4160. www.travelplaceinc.com

THE WINE HARVEST is both a wine store and a restaurant. Besides an ample selection of U.S. and international wines, the store carries a variety of wine and beer gifts, napkins, openers, wine stoppers, glasses and more. The menu includes cheese plates, pates, sandwiches of fresh ingredients, home-made soups and a wide selection of



Elevation Burger provides casual family dining.

wines by the glass and beers on tap.

Owner Andrew Meyrowitz, a professional sommelier, is extremely knowledgeable about the more than 500 bottles of wine his store carries. Every Friday from 5-8 p.m. is Happy Hour featuring selected wines by the glass for \$1.99, tap beers for \$1.99 and Miller Lite for \$.99. Check out the menu at www.thewineharvest.com.

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Emily Grace Women's Boutique offers fine fashion.

ZOËS KITCHEN offers customers a relaxing atmosphere with Mediterranean fare. Signature dishes are shrimp, salmon or chicken kabobs, steak and chicken rollups, fresh hummus and veggie pita pizza. The restaurant’s focus is on “serving food of exceptional quality and using fresh ingredients prepared in-house daily from original recipes.” View menu at www.zoeskitchen.com.

ROYAL VALET CLEANERS offers organic cleaning for the sake of the environment as well as for the clothing. An accomplished seamstress is also available for alterations.

EAGLE BANK was one of the first businesses to open in Park Potomac. It is a locally owned bank and its signature is customer relationships. Eagle Bank also serves the community through volunteerism and corporate charities. www.eaglebank.com.

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‘You’re Wildest Dreams, Within Reason’

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and other authors. So, I thought it would be fun putting out a book like this,” Sacks said.

ONE OF HIS FAVORITE stories from the collection is a story called “Whoops!” where an office worker mistakenly sends out an all staff email that brings to life a secret world that he has involving his co-workers.

Sacks said that he hopes people will walk away from the book laughing and, of course, buying the book.

Sacks especially enjoys the editing process when he is writing.

“I like making the pieces as perfect as I can get them, even though I can never achieve perfection,” Sacks said.

Sacks noted that being a humor writer

is easier than composing his usual non-fiction work because he doesn’t have to spend as much time researching or interviewing people for his subject. However, he did acknowledge that “... even those [humor] pieces have to be connected to reality in some way.”

CURRENTLY, SACKS is working on two new comedy books due out sometime this winter. In addition to his books, Sacks also has a website <http://www.mikesacks.com/>. His favorite author is American humorist David Sedaris.

Originally from Northern Virginia, Sacks moved to Potomac as a child. At 15, he started working at Kemp Mill Records in White Flint Mall and in Aspen Hill and continued there off and on for 10 years.

After graduating from Tulane University, he entered the writing profession working for Knight-Ridder News and the Washington Post.

Currently, he works on the editorial staff of Vanity Fair in New York.

During his downtime, he reads, plays baseball, listens to Chet Baker and Charlie Parker and spends time with his 2-year-old daughter.

Sacks’ advice to beginning writers is to remember the importance of writing everyday while taking to heart any rejection letters they receive because they might be doing something wrong.

“With the internet, anyone can write from anywhere” Sacks said. “You don’t have to go to New York if you want to write, you can just do it on your own and I encourage anyone who wants to do it to just go for it.”



Potomac native Mike Sacks

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ONGOING

Montgomery County's Department of Recreation is now accepting registrations for its summer camps and programs. The 2011 Summer Camps and Programs guide is filled with affordable camp programs designed to serve a wide range of interests. Some of this year's camps include rocketry, magic, horseback riding, swimming, dance, nature and theatre. Early sign-up is encouraged because registration is on a first-come, first-served basis and space is limited. Individuals can register one of four ways: by mail, fax, online or in person at the Recreation Department Administrative Offices located at 4010 Randolph Road, Silver Spring. The Summer Camps guide is available at all Recreation community and aquatic centers or online at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rec. For more information, call 240-777-6870.

THURSDAY/MARCH 3

Schools Meeting. 6 to 8 p.m. Q&A Session with Christopher Barclay, president of the Montgomery County Board of Education. At Montgomery Blair High School, Student Activity Center.

JCC Senior Speakers. 10:30 a.m. Cost is \$5. Rabbi Arnold Saltzman on Pope John Paul and his Relations with the Jewish People. At Ring House, 1801 E. Jefferson St., Rockville. Call Debby Sokobin at 301-348-3760.

MONDAY/MARCH 7

Afternoon Grief Support Group. For anyone grieving the death of a loved one, a six-week group led by Montgomery Hospice professional counselors. 1-2:30 p.m. Mondays, Faith United Methodist Church, 6810 Montrose Road, Rockville. Registration required: 301-921-4400.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 9

Alzheimer's Support Group. 6:30 to 8 p.m. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month. For additional information or to RSVP, contact Nicole McMonigle at Arden Courts of Potomac, 10718 Potomac Tennis Lane, Potomac. Call 301-983-3620 or email potomac@arden-courts.com.

THURSDAY/MARCH 10

Parent Loss Support Group. For

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

MARCH 16 TO APRIL 13

Lamaze Classes. 7 to 9:15 p.m. L'Amazing Baby: Childbirth Preparation with a Jewish Twist. This class offers parents-to-be a traditional childbirth class plus a spiritual, ritual and emotional support network for welcoming a Jewish child into the community. Cost is \$80/member per couple; \$100/gen. Public per couple. At the JCC of Greater Washington, 6125 Montrose Road, Rockville. Visit www.jccgw.org/parenting or Jennifer Silber at 301-348-3837 or jsilber@jccgw.org.

THURSDAY/MARCH 17

JCC Senior Speakers. 10:30 a.m. Cost is \$5. Maryland Attorney General Doug Gansler on legislation before the General Assembly. At Ring House, 1801 E. Jefferson St., Rockville. Call Debby Sokobin at 301-348-3760.

THURSDAY/MARCH 24

JCC Senior Speakers. 10:30 a.m. Cost is \$5. Rockville Major Phyllis Marcuccio on the City of Rockville, Initiatives and Direction. At Ring House, 1801 E. Jefferson St., Rockville. Call Debby Sokobin at 301-348-3760.

TUESDAY/MARCH 29

Lunch and Learn. Noon to 1:30 p.m. "Frontotemporal Dementia vs Alzheimer's Disease — What's the Difference?" — Seating is limited and lunch will be provided. RSVP in advance by contacting Nicole McMonigle at Arden Courts of Potomac, 10718 Potomac Tennis Lane, Potomac. Call 301-983-3620 or email potomac@arden-courts.com

THURSDAY/MARCH 31

JCC Senior Speakers. 10:30 a.m. Cost is \$5. Richard Rosenzeig with the National Museum of American Jewish Military History. At Ring House, 1801 E. Jefferson St., Rockville. Call Debby Sokobin at 301-348-3760.

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Our Endangered Park Police?

BY GINNY BARNES
WMCCA PRESIDENT

Our park system is a defining characteristic of Montgomery County and its vision. With 34,000 acres of nationally-recognized parkland, Montgomery County offers citizens a wide variety of green space, historic and cultural sites, recreational facilities, and diverse ecosystems. It is under the jurisdiction of Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC), a bi-county agency chartered by the State of Maryland.

There are obvious reasons for keeping such valuable assets out of the reach of elected politicians. In recent years several proposals have surfaced that appear to threaten the delicate balance of parks stewardship.

About two years ago, there was an attempt by the County Executive, sparked by an Office of Management and Budget Report and supported by Councilmember Marc Elrich to absorb Parks programming into the Recreation Department which is under the jurisdiction of the Executive Branch. Questions arose about the complicated relationship between park ownership and programs, particularly with facilities such as ball fields, ice rinks and tennis courts. Who would handle maintenance? How to separate out programming that was strictly recreational from that which also teaches stewardship of our parks? Who would control changes to facilities located within a larger park setting? There was public opposition. After being charged by the Council to at least find a solution to a confusing program delivery system, the Recreation Department and the Department of Parks worked closely together to streamline program registration and eliminate duplication. The merger effort was put aside.

Then budget discussions at the County Council in 2010 brought up a new idea. Merge the Park Police into the County Police Force. Like the recreation merger, this was billed as a cost saving measure. The issue was argued back and forth without definitive action. But County Executive Ike Leggett was convinced the police merger will save money and lead to better

WMCCA Meeting

The next West Montgomery County Citizens Association meeting is Wednesday, March 9, 7:15 p.m. at the Potomac Community Center. The speakers will be Park Police Chief Darien Manley and Park Director Mary Bradford.

Efforts to merge the Park Police force with the Montgomery County Police has sparked heated discussion and raised questions about park safety, potential cost savings to a strapped County budget, the use of tax revenue currently allocated to park policing functions, and if such a move might open our parklands to unintended uses at the hands of County government. The Potomac Subregion is rich in parkland acreage. Since Park Police duties are embedded in the stewardship ethic emphasized by Parks Director Mary Bradford, we invited her along with Park Police Chief Manley to brief our membership on the structure and function of our Park police force.

As always, the public is welcome to attend. If schools are closed because of inclement weather, the meeting will be cancelled.

service, so he introduced legislation to the State Delegation in Annapolis. The first incarnation of the legislation requested far-reaching powers and was rejected by the Delegation, and a milder form of enabling legislation subsequently introduced by County Executive Leggett, and the second measure, proposed State Bill MC/PG 112-11. This would have empowered the County Council to make police merger decisions as well as eliminating a provision that currently sets aside a portion of property taxes for parks, thus providing an assured means of covering debt as well as buying and maintaining park property. The bill could have hurt MNCPPC's bond rating and raised the interest rate they pay to borrow money.

Already unpopular with Prince George County, the Montgomery County Council was not convinced of the need for a merger, and Council President Valerie Ervin said the proposed legislation "over-reached" what was needed to simply enable such an action. At least five Council members opposed, several vigorously. Rejected by the very body it would have enabled, the legislation stood little chance in Annapolis, and County Executive Leggett has withdrawn the bill, vowing to bring it back again in the fall when State legislators return to Annapolis. In the meantime, he has thrown

the weight of the Montgomery County Office of Public Information behind a campaign to convince the public this merger should be done.

There is controversy and many questions. Is an unproved saving of \$2 million out of a more than \$4 billion county budget worth the logistical nightmare of joining two police forces with very different benefit packages, training and duties? Will our parks be less safe? Will parkland come closer to being under the control of government entities committed to creating more housing in a county reaching build-out? Will the proposed merger even produce any cost savings? There is no enthusiasm for the proposed merger among either of the affected workforces. Finally, by starting to blur the edges of park stewardship responsibilities, do we expose our treasured parks and green spaces to being reduced to political footballs by putting their fates and their budgets within the discretion of this and future County Executives?

WMCCA believes that since this issue is not going away. Since we have nearly 10 percent of the total county parkland here in the Potomac Subregion, it is time we became acquainted with the full duties of Park Police and learn how they deal with issues of encroachment, public safety, and resource stewardship. The public is always welcome to attend our meetings. We look forward to seeing you March 9.

PLANNING AND ZONING

The Tavern at River Falls: WMCCA membership voted to support this project at the February General Meeting.

WMCCA's Board reviewed the site plan and renderings with the architect, landlord and applicant's attorney, and found the plan to be consistent with the current character of the shopping center. In our letter to the Planning Commission we noted the courtyard of the center is currently a popular gathering area. We are satisfied that the planned addition into this courtyard will not encroach on this community asset.

We are also heartened by the landlord's agreement to improve the loss of trees in the parking lot. We look forward to a lively and welcome addition to Potomac Village. The project is scheduled to go before the Planning Commission on March 10.

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

C&O Canal National Historic Park at Old Angler's Inn: You may have noticed significant land disturbance along the road adjacent to Old Angler's Inn and across the street on National Park property.

The National Park Service has issued permits to construct four Potomac Interceptor sewer odor control structures. One of the four is located here. The odor control buildings require a water line that is being installed on the Old Angler's side of MacArthur Boulevard. NPS decided to add public restrooms to the project since a water line was needed anyway.

However, construction has been slowed by

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About Reporting
After a lively discussion about what it is like to be a reporter from Potomac Almanac writer Colleen Healy, the students in Patrick Eibel's third grade class at St. Raphael School hold up copies of the paper to take home.

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To the Editor:

On behalf of the Friends of the Library, Potomac Chapter, I would like to thank you and the staff of the Almanac for your continued support of the Potomac Library. By advertising our events, writing articles and keeping the readership informed about the current budget problems, you have made a difference.

As the book sale chairperson, I would like to give a special thanks to the community for the generous donations of books throughout the years, for attending our Saturday sales and our lobby sales and for volunteering at our library.

Currently the library budget is funding collection materials at about 50 percent less than in previous years. Some of your donations have been directly added to the collection by our Potomac librarians. The rest have been sold in our sales and the resulting profits have enabled us to make a sizeable monetary contribution for the purchase of books and other materials.

The library is suffering tough times due to the budget crisis and

is vulnerable to closing if the budget cuts are as deep as last year.

There are some things that each of us can do to influence the outcome. We are a community library and we need to have the community involved.

Like any business, Montgomery County Public Libraries keeps track of what is happening in each branch. Among evaluation tools are counts of foot traffic, circulation, computer usage and attendance at programs.

Foot Traffic: When you walk in the Potomac Library to attend a program or meeting, or pick up the latest issue of the Almanac or a tax form, or see what is for sale on the "Deals" bookcases in the lobby, you would assume that you would be counted. Not so! The next time you visit the library, please take the time to also enter the main part of the library and be counted as part of the foot traffic. Browse the shelves, read a newspaper, talk with the staff and enjoy the free internet service. We want our numbers to be a true reflection of library usage.

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Moving Tips Too

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- Have your automobiles serviced.
- Prepare auto registration to be transferred.

Moving Tips - 2 Weeks Before

- Contact your bank and/or credit union to transfer or close accounts. Clear out safety deposit boxes. Pick up traveler's checks or cash for "on the road" expenses.
- Confirm travel arrangements for pets and family.
- Plan meals for the last week of the move to help empty the refrigerator and avoid using appliances that will already be packed.

Moving Tips - 1 Week Before

- Notify friends and family of your new address and phone number with a free Moving Notice.
- Finish packing and prepare an "essentials" box. Designate several moving boxes and items as "last load" items. Pack your suitcases and valuables separately.
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WEDNESDAY/MARCH 2

Winter Walks Along the Canal. Join Audubon's Senior Naturalist, Stephanie Mason, and look for wintering birds and other wildlife, practice winter botany skills and enjoy views of the Potomac River. For adults. 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. \$17 members, \$24 nonmembers. Carpooling from Audubon Naturalist Society, Woodend Sanctuary, 8940 Jones Mill Road, Chevy Chase, 20815 to Carderock. www.AudubonNaturalist.org

Nathan and Noble Jolley, Jazz. 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12. Nate and Noble, Jr. will team up with fellow musicians Tim Green (saxophone), Christie Dashiell (vocals) and Eric Wheeler (bass). At the Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

MARCH 2-5

Living Out. March 2-5 at 8 p.m.; Sunday, March 6 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10/regular; \$8/seniors and students. Call 240-567-5301 or visit www.montgomerycollege.edu/PAC. At The Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center, 51 Mannakee Street, Rockville.

THURSDAY/MARCH 3

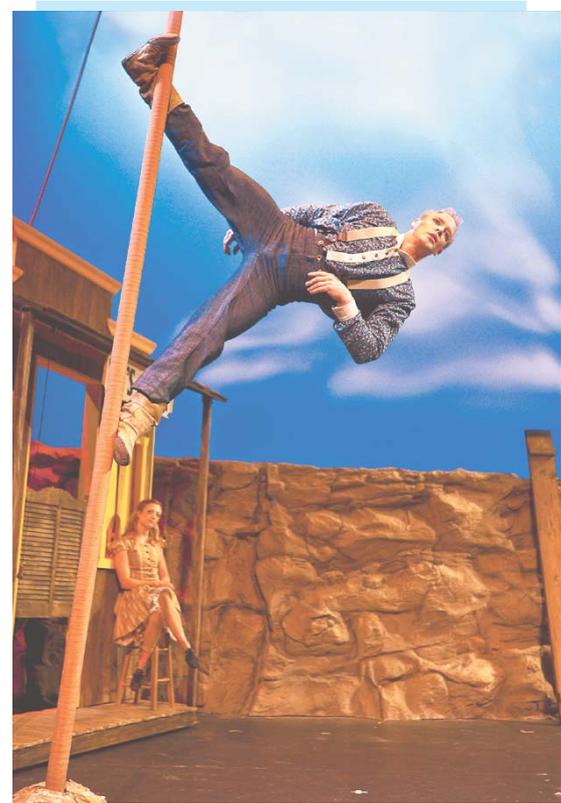
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An Evening of Jazz & Jobim with Ron Kearns, saxophone and Paul Wingo, guitar. 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$28. At the Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

FRIDAY/MARCH 4

Friday Night Eclectic Series. 9 p.m. The Junior League Band is an old-time inspired rock band fronted by the Georgia-grown banjo player and vocalist Lissy Rosemont. Tickets are \$10/advance; \$12/door. At the Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.



TUESDAY/MARCH 8

Cirque Mechanics: Boom Town. 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25-\$45 (Stars price \$22.50-\$40.50). Join the acrobats of Cirque Mechanics as they time-travel to the 1865 mining town of Rosebud, where an unlikely discovery sets off a hilarious series of events full of the lore and adventure of the old West. At the Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. Visit www.strathmore.org or call 301-581-5100.

Story/Stereo: A Night of Literature & Music. 8 p.m. Free. Emerging Writer Fellowship recipients Matthew Pitt (Attention Please Now) and James Hannaham (God Says No) will read. Musical guest: The Caribbean. At The Writer's Center, 4508 Walsh Street, Bethesda. Visit www.writer.org or call 301-654-8664.

MARCH 4 AND 5

"Once On This Island." Friday, March 4 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, March 5 at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. At Connelly School of the Holy Child, 9049 Bradley Blvd., Potomac. Call 301-365-0955 x 2104.

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

Swing Dance. 9 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$15. With the Brooks Tegler Big Band. Beginner swing lesson from 8 to 9 p.m.; followed by dancing from 9 p.m. to midnight. At the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Contact huh@thejamcellar.com or call 202-569-8329.

Open House. 9 a.m. to noon. Visitors will explore more than 60 undergraduate and graduate degree programs offered. At the Universities at Shady Grove, Building III, 9630 Gudelsky Drive, Rockville.

Evening Trilogy Series. 5:30 p.m. Poetry, music, stories and reflections will be used to explore how disability and illness shape individual and family life. At River Road Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 6301 River Road, Bethesda. Call 301-229-0400; website: www.ruuuc.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. 301-652-9188. Weekly on Saturday mornings, starting March 5. www.AudubonNaturalist.org

SUNDAY/MARCH 6

Waltz Dance. 3:30 to 6 p.m. Admission is \$10. With the Gotham Pioneers, who will provide a mix of Hambro, Schottische, Swing, Tango and Polka. Introductory Waltz Workshop from 2:45 to 3:30 p.m. At the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Call Joan Koury at 202-238-0230 or Glen Echo Park at 301-634-2222, go to www.WaltzTimeDances.org or e-mail info@WaltzTimeDances.org.

Open Door Reading. 2 p.m. Free. Kim Kupperman reads from her recent collection of essays, "I Just Lately Started Buying Wings." She is joined by poet J.H. Beall, who reads from "Republic." The Writer's Center, 4508 Walsh Street, Bethesda. Visit Writer.org or call 301-654-8664.

MONDAY/MARCH 7

Frank Solivan & Dirty Kitchen. 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$18/advance; \$22/door. At IMT at Saint Mark Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Road, Rockville. Call 301-754-3611 and visit www.imtfolk.org

TUESDAY/MARCH 8

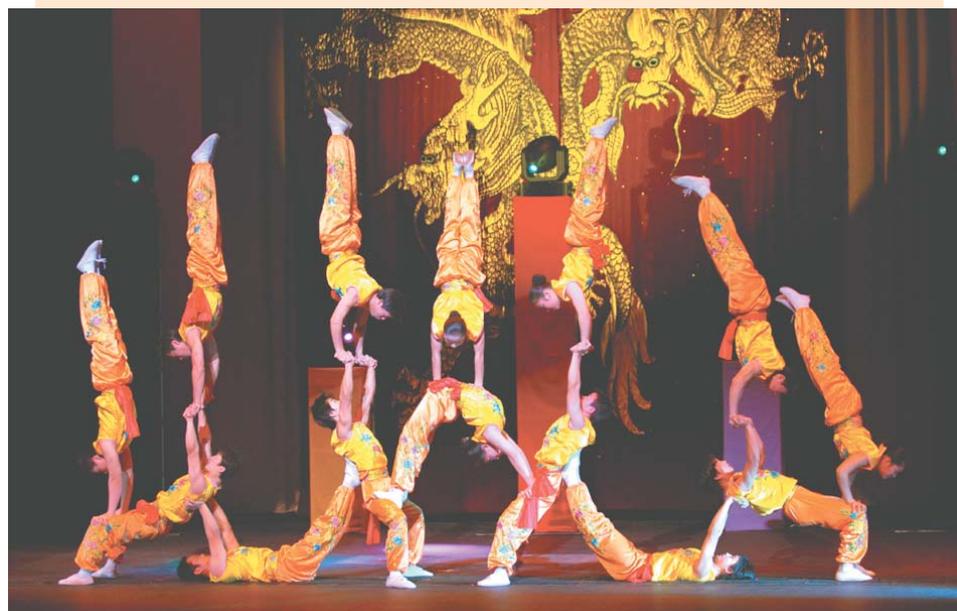
Mardi Gras and Zydeco Dance Party. 8 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$15. Featuring Leroy Thomas and the Zydeco Roadrunners. At the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Call Michael Hart at 301-762-6730 or Glen Echo Park at 301-634-2222, or go to www.DancingbytheBayou.com.

Rebecca Loebe in Concert. 8 p.m. Tickets are \$18/door; \$15/advance at FocusMusic.org. At the Unitarian Universalist Church of Rockville, 100 Welsh Park Drive, Rockville. Contact David Spitzer at focusrockville@earthlink.net or 301-275-7459.

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WEDNESDAY/MARCH 9

Stars of the Bolshoi. 8 p.m. Featuring



THURSDAY/MARCH 3

Peking Acrobats. 8 p.m. The troupe features China's most gifted tumblers, contortionists, jugglers, cyclists and gymnasts. Tickets: \$25-\$48 (Stars Price \$22.50-\$43.20). At the Music Center at Strathmore. For tickets, call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

Bolshoi Principal Dancers Maria Mashina and Andrei Bolotin performing some of the greatest beloved ballet moments of ballet classics, including Sleeping Beauty, Swan Lake and Don Quixote. Tickets are \$40/regular; \$38/seniors and students. Call 240-567-5301 or visit www.montgomerycollege.edu/PAC. At The Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center, 51 Mannakee Street, Rockville.

AllThingsBlues.htm or contact Ken Roesel at 703.282.4187 or at DanceBuddies@Starpower.net.

THURSDAY/MARCH 10

Slow Blues and Swing Dance. 9 to 11:30 p.m. Admission is \$8. Beginner lesson at 8:15 p.m. With DJ Mike Marcotte and Guests. At the Back Room at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Call Donna Barker at 301-634-2231 or go to info@CapitalBlues.org or www.CapitalBlues.org.

Critters (and Couture!) For The Cure Fashion Show Gala. Ten women cancer survivors and their pups will work the "catwalk" in spring fashions by Bloomingdale's and Doggie Couture. At Bloomingdale's Chevy Chase to raise awareness and funds for women's cancer. Visit <http://www.crittersfortheure.org/>.

Eastern Box Turtle: Natural History and Conservation. This box turtle is on the decline, much due to habitat loss and fragmentation, but also threats from motor vehicles, raccoons and dogs. Sandy Barnett will offer a slide presentation and discussion. Free. 7:30 – 9 :30 p.m. Woodend Sanctuary, 8940 Jones Mill Road, Chevy Chase, 20815. 301-652-9188. www.AudubonNaturalist.org

MARCH 11-27

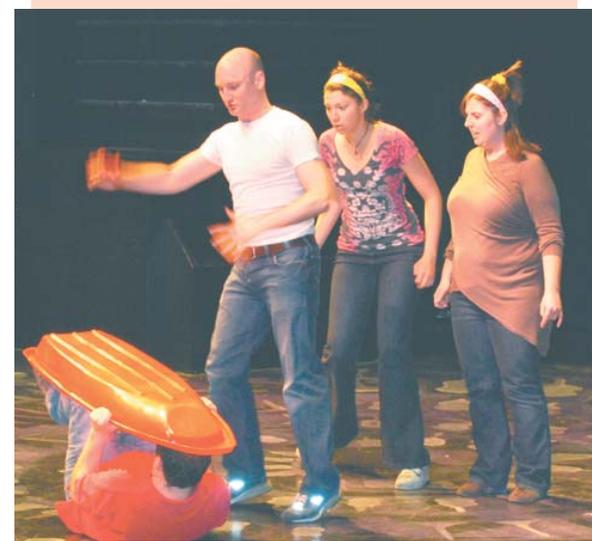
"The Mousetrap." Potomac Theater Company's production of Agatha Christie's stage thriller, "The Mousetrap," is scheduled for three weekends in March. March 11, 12, 13; March 18, 19, 20; March 25, 26, 27. Fridays and Saturdays 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. Performances at The Blair Family Center for the Arts at the Bullis School, 10601 Falls Road, Potomac. 301-299-8571. www.potomactheatreco.org

FRIDAY/MARCH 11

Aardvark Art Bazaar. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. A free, family-friendly art fair that features local musicians, artists and craftsmen, as well as a children's activity area. At The Harbor School, 7701 Bradley Boulevard, Bethesda. Call Whitney Tuttle at 301-365-1100.

Blues and Soul Fusion Dance

Party. 9 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$10. Soul Swing Lesson from 8 to 8:30 p.m.; dancing from 9 p.m. to midnight. At the Back Room at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. For more information visit <http://www.dancebuddies.com/>



The Round House Theatre

SATURDAY/MARCH 12

Play in a Day. 8 p.m. Six professional area theatre companies will write, direct, rehearse and perform original plays based on similar themes in only 24 hours. The plays will be presented at the seventh annual Play In A Day, a one-of-a-kind theatrical event. Tickets are \$15. At Imagination Stage, 4908 Auburn Ave., Bethesda.

ENTERTAINMENT

Bethesda Art Walk Is Friday, March 11

Patrons can delight in 11 downtown Bethesda galleries at the Bethesda Art Walk scheduled for Friday, March 11 from 6-9 p.m. The Bethesda Art Walk allows art lovers to visit downtown Bethesda's gallery community on the second Friday of every month.

Bethesda's galleries feature painting, sculpture, photography, pottery and mixed media. Many galleries change exhibits monthly and hold receptions showcasing the featured artist in conjunction with the Bethesda Art Walk. Attendees are invited to delight in the artwork, enjoy free refreshments and to shop at these unique and inspiring galleries.

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 Gallery 360, 4836 Rugby Ave.
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 Gallery Neptune, 4901 Cordell Ave.
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 Lenore's Place, 7720 Wisconsin Ave.
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NOW THROUGH MARCH 27

An Expressionist Journey of Multimedia. Oil paintings of Cathy Abramson and Carolyn Jackson, and multimedia paintings of Vian Borchert. The body of work includes figuratives, abstracts, landscapes and portraits. At the Kentlands Mansion Gallery, 320 Kent Square Road, Gaithersburg. Contact Andi Rosati at 301-258-6394 or arosati@gaithersburgmd.gov or visit the Mansion's web page at www.gaithersburgmd.gov/kentlandsmansion.

NOW THROUGH MARCH 5

Invitational Show. Waverly Street Gallery's 3rd Annual Invitational Show. 21+21 will feature nationally and locally recognized artists working in almost every medium — painting, sculpture, photography, jewelry and ceramics. At Waverly Street Gallery, 4600 East-West Highway, Bethesda. Call 301-951-9441.

MARCH 2-28

Metal Magic. Copper, steel, metal wall sculptures. With artists Susana Garten, David Hubbard, Brian Jerome Murphy, Marla Rudnick and Elizabeth Steel. A reception to meet the artists on Sunday, March 6 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. At The Dennis and Phillip Ratner Museum, 10001 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda. Call 301-897-1518.

APRIL 21 TO MAY 19

Artist Mark Lovett. Selected into the juried show, The First Annual Scottsdale Salon of Fine Arts, hosted by the Legacy Gallery. Mark Lovett Studio, 4 Echo Court, Potomac. Visit www.scottsdalosalonoffineart.com.

NOW THROUGH APRIL 27

Focus on Color. An exhibit by photographers Deborah Gillham, Marsha Liebl and Judy Reisman and glass-on-metal artist Susana Garten. Artists' reception Sunday, March 13 from 1 to 3 p.m. At Gallery Har Shalom, 11510 Falls Road, Potomac. Call 301-299-7087.

MARCH 12-29

Exhibition of Fine Art Glass. "Emerging Voices – An Artist's Journey Class." The exhibition will display for sale the works by local artists Jennifer Carroll, Steve Gibson, Kristi Provasnik, Eluned Schweitzer, Lynda Slayen and Mary Wactler. Opening Reception is March 12 from 4-6 p.m. At The Art Glass Center at Glen Echo, Jerry Zayde Slep Gallery, 7300 Mac Arthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Call 301-634-2273.



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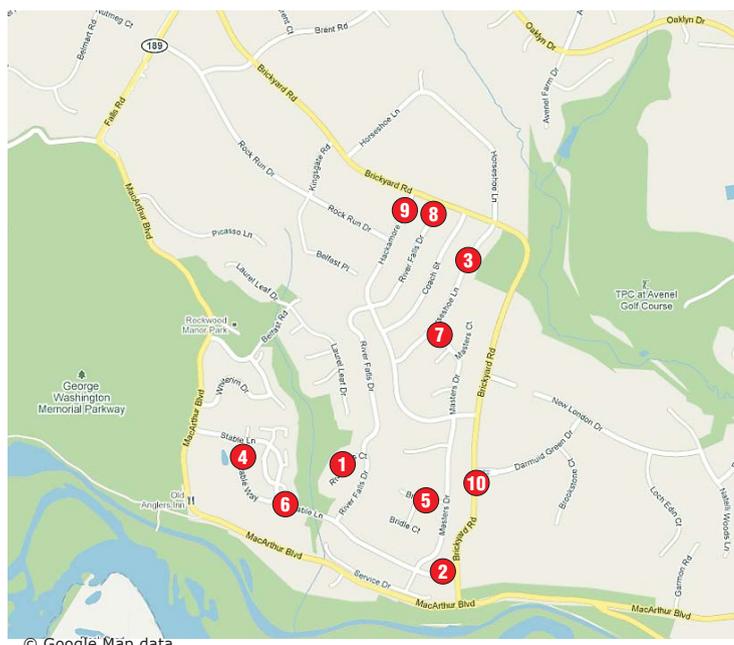
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LETTERS

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Let the Council members and Mr. Leggett know that libraries matter! Send emails and letters supporting the libraries during the current budget process. Last year Public Libraries received a 30 percent budget cut, by far the most of any department. As a result, all libraries have lost staff, hours and materials and many library services, including the book mobile, have been ended. Another unfair cut in relationship to other depart-

ments is likely to close some libraries and reduce what is left even further. Ask that other departments not be funded by discarding libraries.

The Potomac Library is at the heart of our community. Give it your support and use it to its full potential. Let everyone know why local libraries matter!

Judy Davis

Book Sale Chairperson
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An Additional Thank You

To the Editor:

I want to thank Marty van Duyn, the independent journalist-photographer, for the great article about my dog at Westminster. It is a very difficult event to cover, and even more difficult to photograph.

The only thing I want to add to the article is a very special thank you to Dr. Mike Scott and his staff at Potomac Animal Hospital for their wonderful care of Patrick and my other Westies. I have been going there for almost 14 years, and it has been a wonderful experience.

Thank you Potomac Almanac for presenting stories of every day people.

Jean Mullan
Potomac

WMCCA

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the discovery of extensive fill where foundations for the structures would be needed, and piers to support the foundations have been sunk to solid earth beneath the site.

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Late Run Propels Whitman Past Magruder

Cisco, Kelly, Kolakowski shoulder scoring load.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE ALMANAC

The Whitman girls basketball team worked the ball inside to senior Whitney Kolakowski, the 6-foot-3 center scored in the paint and head coach Pete Kenah pumped his fist.

Moments later, Kolakowski again caught the ball inside, scored and was fouled, leading to more fist pumps from Kenah.

Finally, senior Clara Kelly buried a 3-pointer with less than 2 minutes remaining in the fourth quarter.

The Vikings were going to advance in the playoffs and Kenah was leading the sideline celebration.

After struggling for three-plus quarters against a three-win Magruder team, the No. 5 Vikings used a 14-0 run to secure a 54-44 victory over the No. 12 Colonels on Friday during the opening round of the 4A West regional tournament at Whitman High School.

Whitman trailed 37-36 when Kolakowski scored on a putback with 5:37 remaining, giving the Vikings the lead and sparking the scoring surge. Kolakowski scored nine of her 14 points during the fourth quarter.

"They've been working really hard in practice and I'm happy for them," Kenah said. "Most likely, this is going to be their last home game and it was just really nice to see them have so much success."

With leading scorer Angelica Ceccone sidelined due to a knee injury, several Vikings have had to shoulder the offensive load. Kolakowski, Kelly and Rachel Sisco each scored in double figures for Whitman. Kelly finished with 15 points and Sisco tal-



Whitman junior Rachel Sisco attempts a 3-pointer during the Vikings' playoff win against Magruder on Feb. 25.

lied a team-high 16. Five-foot-11 junior Kristina Feldesman scored seven points and grabbed nine rebounds.

"I think they've gotten used to playing without [Ceccone]," Kenah said. "Anytime you lose 15.5 points — we only average 52 — that's significant."

Sisco, a sharp-shooting left-hander, knocked down four 3-pointers. She scored 11 of the Whitman's 20 first-half points and

was the only Viking to excel offensively in the opening 16 minutes.

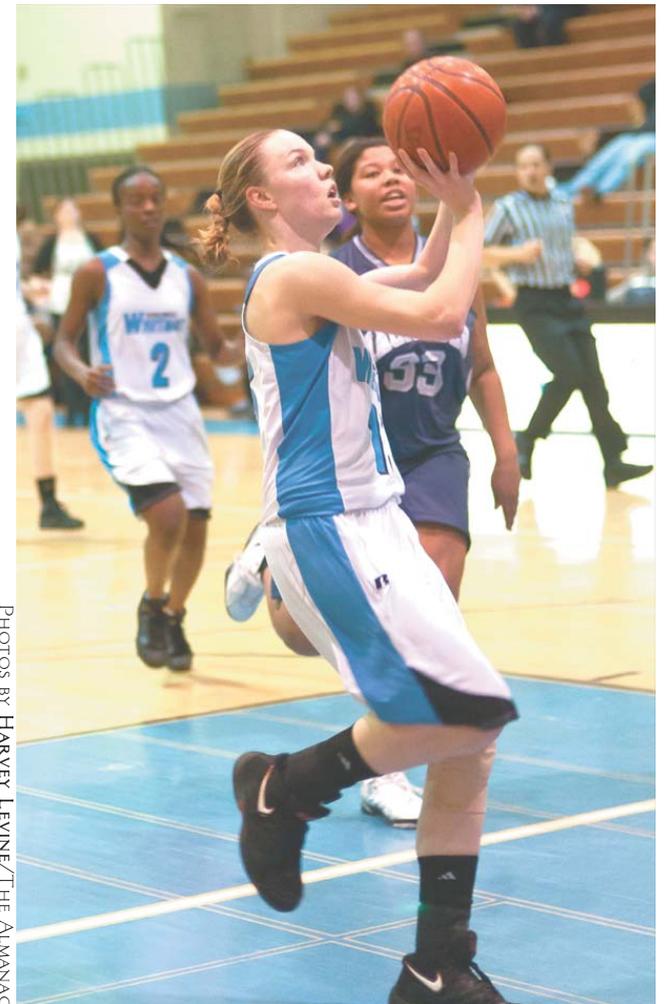
"It just seemed like our plays weren't going to work and we weren't going to come out with energy and we weren't going to be ready to play," Sisco said. "But we finally managed to" play well.

Whitman reached the regional championship game last season. While the Vikings graduated several talented players from that

postseason run, the team's goal hasn't changed.

"We want to go to UMBC [for the state tournament]; that's our goal," Kolakowski said. "We've been saying that the whole entire season. That's been our motto since the beginning."

Whitman faced No. 4 Wootton on Tuesday. Results were not available prior to the Almanac's deadline.



Whitman junior Kristina Feldesman scored seven points and grabbed nine rebounds during the Vikings' playoff win against Magruder.

BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Vikings End Season In Quarterfinals

The No. 8 Whitman boys basketball team ended its season with a 64-50 loss at top-seed Springbrook in the quarterfinal round of the 4A West regional tournament on Monday. Prior to the defeat, the Vikings experienced the thrill of winning at home one final time.

Whitman defeated No. 9 Richard Montgomery 50-40 in the opening round on Feb. 25. Whitman led 32-31 entering the fourth quarter and opened the period with a 10-2 run. Jake Harrison's 3-pointer with 4:08 remaining gave the Vikings its largest lead of the quarter at 42-35.

"The big thing for our team is energy," Whitman head coach Chris Lun said. "I

thought we played pretty good defense tonight. ... The crowd's been great. One thing I love about the Whitman kids, every since [2006], when we won the championship, we get pretty good home crowds. We play a lot of places around the county and I'd put our crowd against anybody else's."

Whitman knocked down 10 of 15 free-throw attempts in the fourth quarter. Ian Ross led Whitman with 13 points. Harrison and Daniel Voigt each scored 10 points for the Vikings and Bryan Joel added nine.

"I think the one thing about our team this year is no matter what happens, we're a really mentally tough team," Ross said. "We believe we can come back. We truly believe we can come back. We're not just talking; 'We're going to get back in this.' We actually legitimately believe we're going to come back."

Churchill Girls Beat Paint Branch

Sarafina Arthur-Williams stepped to the free-throw line early in the fourth quarter of Saturday's playoff game at Paint Branch and released an airball. The Churchill center cracked a delayed smile as a referee returned the ball for her second attempt.

"He told me, 'You better put the ball in the hoop, girl!'" Arthur-Williams said. "I started laughing."

After a moment of humor, the Bulldog junior knocked down her ensuing free-throw attempt. Much like the rest of the afternoon, she was all business.

Arthur-Williams scored 15 points, grabbed 16 rebounds and the No. 11 Churchill girls basketball team defeated No.

6 Paint Branch 51-35 in the opening round of the 4A West regional tournament on Feb. 26. The win came four days after the Bulldogs defeated the Panthers 60-44 to wrap up the regular season.

On Friday "we sat down with [Arthur-Williams] and we were telling her, 'You could have had a huge game against them last time. Here's some things you need to work on,'" Churchill head coach Kate McMahon said. "She's very receptive. She was hitting the boards harder and taking a little bit more time with her post moves."

Arthur-Williams was a force at both ends of the floor. Defensively, Churchill held Paint Branch to a single-digit scoring output until midway through the third quarter, when a Panther free throw cut the Bulldogs' lead

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SCHOOLS



Gym Dedication

The Fourth Presbyterian School of Potomac celebrated the addition of its new multi-purpose gymnasium with a Gym Dedication Ceremony on Jan. 13. In attendance were students, parents, faculty and staff, members of Fourth's board of directors, and architects who had worked on the building. John Murray, headmaster; Tom Yau, president of the board; and two Middle School students, Charlotte Holdrich and Peter Gilbert, shared with the audience their own reasons why they are grateful and excited about this new facility. The gym was completed in time for the beginning of the 2010-11 school year. The dedication also coincided with the beginning of the Golden Eagles basketball season. Following the ceremony, Fourth hosted Christ Episcopal School for both the Middle School boys' and girls' basketball games.

SCHOOL NOTES

The following Randolph-Macon Academy students have been named to the President's List for the second quarter of the 2010-11 school year:

- ❖ **Birahim Thiam**, the son of Oumou and Idrissa Thiam of North Potomac, and a junior at the Academy;
- ❖ **David Lee**, the son of Hong Gang Li and Chun Qing Lei of Potomac, and a freshman at the Academy.

Fily Thiam, the daughter of Oumou and Idrissa Thiam of North Potomac,

was named to the dean's list at Randolph-Macon Academy for the second quarter of 2010-11. She is a freshman at the Academy.

The following residents are on the dean's list at Villanova University in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences for the 2010 fall semester:

- ❖ **Kathleen Hamill**; North Potomac, freshman
- ❖ **Christopher Hamrick**; Potomac, freshman

- ❖ **Erin Kale**; Potomac, freshman
- ❖ **Margaret Langan**; Potomac, senior.

Rachel Hubshman of Potomac was named to the Dean's List at Berklee College of Music for the fall semester of the 2010 academic year.

Matthew Haskin, a resident of Potomac, has been named to the Fall 2010 dean's list at Roger Williams University.

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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

There's a part of me (a bigger part than I would like to admit) that is afraid to be honest with family and friends concerning my cancer and the cancer-related circumstances with which I might be dealing, sooner rather than later. Conflicted doesn't begin to describe that thought process. Do I or don't I, is the short question. The longer answer is what follows in this column.

If, as a cancer patient, I sound good and look good, then people won't react negatively to me - and thereby won't express nearly the level of concern that they would if my manner and appearance were not positive. And if in turn, people are reacting positively to me, then I won't be feeling bad about what I'm hearing. And if I don't feel bad about what I'm hearing, then maybe the cancer won't have reason to assert itself. Moreover, if I refuse to give the cancer its rightful due/level of significance, maybe it won't move and/or grow as per diagnosis-to-date, it hasn't?

However, if my desire/strategy of not involving/not alarming people about certain thoughts/fears I'm experiencing - as sort of a ruse to not elevate cancer's insidious hold on/in me, is merely just an amateurish attempt - by me, at mind over what matters, then maybe I'll be neglecting signs/symptoms that really matter. Ultimately, who am I kidding? Not that any of this is a laughing matter, but I doubt denial is a medically-prescribed and prudent course of treatment. Still, there seems to be a self-preservation instinct in me which prevents me from being honest with myself - and with the people closest to me, in some delusional attempt at hiding the truth behind a mask of normalcy and/or maybe even indifference: if I don't speak of it, don't admit to it, maybe it doesn't really exist/isn't that serious?

In my mind, as soon as I start admitting to having symptoms, then the slippery slope upon which all cancer patients teeter starts pitching forward and downward, hastening an inexorable descent to a premature death. If I don't utter the words or accept what's happening to me, maybe it won't actually happen. Naive? Denial? Wishful thinking? A great attitude? Totally wrong? Whatever works for me? All of it, none of it. Ergo my confusion and "conflation," to quote one of the many made-up words from my deceased father's unique vocabulary. No one told me this cancer trip was going to be easy. In fact, I was told that it was going to be the most difficult thing I've ever done; they weren't lying.

A supposed justification for my awkward sort of behavior; this lack of honesty, fear of some truths/inevitable, is a meager attempt - by yours truly, at saving myself from myself; any port in a storm. And I'm certainly in the middle of a storm. A storm, the likes of which I've never experienced before. Having experienced it now going on two years, I will admit to one thing: confusion. I never know from one day to the next how I'll feel, what I'll feel; is it the cancer, is it middle age? Am I outliving my diagnosis because of, or in spite of what I'm doing (some non-Western pursuits, in addition to the standard protocols I'm following)? Should I be changing my tactics? Adding something (mega doses of vitamin D, as an example) or stopping something (the eight tablespoons of pureed, canned asparagus I consume every day)? I don't know anything, really. I've been a pretty good listener, though. Pretending however, seems to be working.

The less said, the better - or maybe not?

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to 33-10 with 4:15 remaining. In the opening quarter, Paint Branch senior Britney Campbell scored on a drive to the basket with 1:16 remaining, narrowing Churchill's advantage to 11-7. From that point, the Bulldogs held the Panthers without a field goal for 13 minutes.

"I was very pleased with the way they played in the first half," McMahon said. "We knew that they were a very quick team, especially in the corners."

Leeda Jewayni led Churchill with 16 points. Her 3-pointer at the halftime buzzer gave the Bulldogs a 26-9 advantage. Her third-quarter 3-pointer gave Churchill a 33-9 lead, its largest of the night.

Jill Beaugard scored nine points for Churchill, Giulia Giannangali finished with six and Kim Deausen added five.

Churchill faced No. 3 Springbrook on Tuesday. Results were not available prior to the Almanac's deadline.

— JON ROETMAN

Churchill Boys Advance

Churchill overcame a sluggish and sloppy first half to defeat Walter Johnson 53-43

Monday evening in the 4A West Region quarterfinals. The third-seeded Bulldogs (18-5) will now face second seed Magruder, a 71-52 winner over Paint Branch, in the regional semifinals on Wednesday evening at Magruder.

Churchill jumped out to 17-6 lead early in the second quarter but then became plagued by cold shooting and turnovers as the Wildcats closed to 23-15 at half. Junior Sam Edens kept Churchill offense going in the first half with seven points while junior Quan Gill provided a spark off the bench with four points.

Walter Johnson then further narrowed the lead to 29-25 with 32 seconds left in the



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Ian Ross led Whitman with 13 points during an opening-round playoff victory over Richard Montgomery on Feb. 25.

third quarter when senior Will Lewis hit a 3-pointer to give the Bulldogs back the momentum.

Lewis then caught fire and ignited the Bulldogs by scoring 11 points in the fourth quarter including four consecutive free throws in the last 2:45 to help seal the victory. Edens and senior Jesse Simon also added clutch free throws as the Bulldogs held off the Wildcats to advance to their first boys 4A West regional semifinal in 32 years.

Lewis led the Bulldogs with 15 points on the evening (two 3-pointers and 5-for-6 from the free-throw line). Edens contributed 14 points and two 3-pointers while

junior Thomas Geenen controlled the boards with 13 rebounds.

"It wasn't a pretty win but it always feels good to get a playoff win," Churchill head coach Matt Miller said. "We missed a lot of opportunities early in the game to really put some distance between us and Walter Johnson. I think our guys were really pumped up and while we defended pretty well, we missed some shots that we should make. And then to their credit they made a run at us."

"But our guys rallied and obviously Will Lewis was huge for us tonight with 14 second half points including a couple of really big threes along with some outstanding hustle plays. Sam Edens kept us in it early and then helped us close things out at the end along with Jesse Simon. Quan Gill gave us some big minutes off the bench early, and, of course, Thomas Geenen was outstanding on the boards. Again, we had a lot of guys contributing and that's what you like to see."

Churchill will face Magruder at 7 p.m. Wednesday evening in the 4A West Regional semifinals at Magruder.

Wootton Girls Win

The No. 4 Wootton girls basketball team defeated No. 13 Walter Johnson 53-41 on Feb. 25 during the opening round of the 4A West regional tournament. The Patriots faced No. 5 Whitman on Tuesday. Results were not available prior to the Almanac's deadline.

Wootton Boys Lose

The No. 5 Wootton boys basketball team lost to No. 12 Sherwood 50-46 in the opening round of the 4A West regional tournament on Feb. 25, ending its season.

Living Wax Museum

The 2nd grade class at St. Raphael School performed a living wax museum in honor of Black History month. Each student in Mrs. Trees and Mrs. McNish's class researched the life of a famous African American and portrayed their story by "becoming animated" when visitors to the museum pressed a button at each "wax figure."



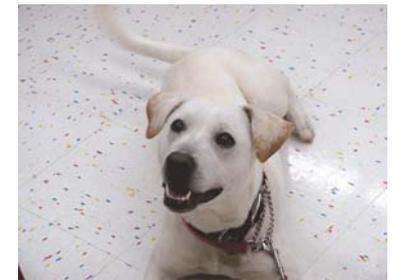
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