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"Culture of Privilege"

Former local high school student describes alcohol and Kavanaugh parties in the 1980s

(Editor's note: The Sentinel Newspapers conducted an interview with a woman who recently came forward to speak with us regarding events that occurred during the time former Georgetown Prep student and Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh went to high school. We have authenticated her background and offered her anonymity because we believe her voice deserves to be heard and we respect her desire for privacy. For the purposes of this interview we will call her Elizabeth. She is married and has been for more than 20 years. She has more than one child but said she wanted to speak out for her teenage daughter and "everyone else's daughter including my mother's

daughter.")

Elizabeth grew up in Montgomery County. In retrospect she said life in Bethesda was one of privilege, "though I did not realize it when I was younger."

Raised in a "very strict" Catholic family, she remembers her First Communion dress with pride. "It was white and had lace, but it was understated and my mother told me how beautiful I looked in it."

She went to private Catholic schools her entire life. In high school she was shy, but traveled in the same social circles as both Dr. Christine Blasey Ford and Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh.

"I knew them both and liked them both though we didn't see each other often," she said.

As a 15-year-old in the early 80s Elizabeth remembers riding with friends through Damascus during the Fall of 1982 when the Klu Klux Klan handed out flyers. She remembers a group of kids from Olney she read about in the local newspaper who were her age and got arrested for being part of a burglary ring. "These were not innocent times," she said. "I read news reports from members of Congress who said there wasn't much going on back then and how innocent everything was. Like there's no way this went on. Well, they're lying or they lived under a rock."

Mostly, she said, she remembers how boys and girls interacted at the time. "There were people who got away with everything. And there were people who didn't. If you had money, or were on the winning football team, or both, you didn't have limits. Everyone else did."

She was told boys often acted out and to be careful. Her mother warned her about boys who got too "handsy" and was told as a Catholic girl how to politely rebuke them. Her friends warned her about the "nice boys" who would change when they had something to drink. "I thought maybe they

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Maryland legislators ask for Kavanaugh investigation

By Neal Earley
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Eleven Maryland delegates have written a letter to the Montgomery County Police Chief and State's Attorney, asking them to conduct an investigation into the sexual assault claims made against U.S. Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh.

In the letter dated Sept. 25, the delegates who represent Montgomery County in the Maryland House of Delegates asked Police Chief Tom Manger and State's Attorney John McCarthy to conduct an investigation into the sexual assault allegations that several women made against Kavanaugh while he was in high school at Georgetown Prep in North Bethesda.

In the letter, the delegates mentioned the first accuser, Christine Blasey Ford, who said that Kavanaugh held her down against her will, rubbed his body against her, covered her mouth so she could not scream and attempted to take her clothes off, at a party in 1982, before she was able to flee.

Kavanaugh, who graduated from Georgetown Prep in 1983, denies all

allegations of sexual assault, saying that Ford's story is not true.

"The incidents in question are alleged to have occurred among residents of Montgomery County, and there are allegedly direct and corroborating witnesses who may be able to provide details on this case," the Maryland delegates wrote in the letter. "We request an investigation be conducted if Christine Blasey Ford or other complainants support such an investigation."

While representatives for Manger nor McCarthy did not comment on the letter, both men have said they will investigate any sexual assault allegation if there is a complaint filed with Montgomery County Police. As of now, Montgomery County Police have not received a complaint detailing a sexual assault allegation against Brett Kavanaugh.

While Ford said the incident likely occurred at a party at a home in Montgomery County, she is not entirely sure of its specific location, meaning Montgomery County Police would have to investigate if they even have jurisdiction over the case if she

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PHOTO BY THE SENTINEL

Robin Ficker, left, executive editor Brian Karem, Marc Elrich and Nancy Floreen

County Executive candidates face off in Sentinel debate

By Neal Earley
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ROCKVILLE — If any more evidence is needed to show that Montgomery County will have a contested general election for County Executive for the first time in decades, last Monday night's debate is definitive proof.

The three candidates vying to succeed Ike Leggett as County Executive squared off in a contentious debate Monday night at the Montgomery County Council Office Building, offering different visions for the County's future and trading personal jabs. Sentinel Executive Editor Brian Karem and columnist Paul

K. Schwartz moderated the debate among the three candidates.

The debate began with just the two at-large members of the County Council, Marc Elrich and Nancy Floreen.

With the Republican candidate, Robin Ficker, absent at the start of the debate, Floreen and Elrich began laying out their vision for the County's economic future.

Elrich, who won a tightly-contested Democratic Primary with businessman David Blair, led the Council's decision to pass an increase in the minimum wage to \$15 per hour

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REFLECTIONS

September 23, 1982

Klan members recruit Saturday in Damascus

Each week the Sentinel visits a memorable story from its archives. This week we are running two stories that were mentioned in an exclusive interview on page one by the victim of sexual assault.

About a dozen members of the Ku Klux Klan, clad in the familiar white sheets, paraded on a street corner in Damascus last Saturday, handing out Klan literature in an apparent recruitment drive.

The Klansmen covered both sides of the intersection of Routes 27 and 108 that form downtown Damascus. They pushed pieces of literature into the open windows of many cars stopped at a traffic light. Some

passerby, however, accepted the literature handed to them.

Saturday marked the first of what the Klansmen said will be a series of appearances in Montgomery County designed to recruit more members. Three of the men present for Saturday for the two-hour Klan appearances in Montgomery County. The rest included Sam Royer, who identified himself as the head of the Klan in Maryland, were rural western Maryland counties.

Royer and Hall, who as a resident of the county is head of the recruitment drive here, refused to say how many Klansmen gathered to speak with the reporters. They were admittedly anxious for press cover-

age.

The Klan will no longer be silent as it has been in the past, Klan members said, noting that they will become more politically active. They would not specify however, what action by the Klan can be expected.

"The Reagan administration is turning out to be a boon for the Klan," Royer said.

"The NAACP has on organization, why can't we?" asked another Klan member.

Roscoe Nix, director of the Montgomery County chapter of the NAACP, said the success of the Klan's efforts to recruit here will depend on "the extent to which the ma-

jority believe" the Klan and the NAACP "are comparable in their history"

All residents of the county, not just blacks, should be concerned whenever a group like the Klan sets up recruitment activities, Nix said.

"They believe they will be able to portray the blacks as scapegoats for society's problems," he said. "They believe with the economic conditions what they are and crime (statistics high), the mood will be receptive."

He said the NAACP will watch the Klan, focusing especially on how public officials respond to Klan activities.

January 14, 1982

Police nab 3 more teens in burglaries

Continued investigation by Montgomery County police into an Olney burglary spree occurring between October and December 1981 has resulted in the arrests of two adults and juvenile, bringing the total arrested to 13.

Police expected to arrest another juvenile Wednesday Jan. 13 to close the case, Det. John Horwat said. Joseph Edward Elliott, 19, of 8729 Briars Road in Olney, was arrested and charged with theft.

David Wayne Stackhouse, 18,

of 17500 Prince David Drive in Olney was arrested and charged with conspiracy to commit theft, Horwat said.

Both were released on personal bond.

In addition to the arrests of Elliott and Stackhouse, Horwat said he expected that the arrest of a 15-year old Olney youth on Wednesday Jan. 13 would be the final arrest in the investigation.

Three 17-year-olds, six 16-year olds, one 15-year old and a single

14-year old youth, all residents of the three Olney subdivisions where the burglaries were committed, and all students at Sherwood High School, had been arrested by the end of last week.

The youths are credited with the theft of more than \$20,000 in fool, liquor, marijuana, money, and stereo equipment which they allegedly took while skipping school in the burglaries occurring between Oct. 5 and Dec 9.

NEWS

Hogan breaks ground on Brookeville project

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On Tuesday, Gov. Larry Hogan (R) made a trip to Montgomery County, as he's done on several occasions, to speak about a new transportation project.

Appearing this time in Brookeville, Hogan, along with Transportation Secretary Pete Rahn, broke ground on the relocation of a part of Georgia Avenue in Brookeville.

The MD-97 project will realign a part of Georgia Avenue in Brookeville to accommodate increased delays and congestion along the two-lane road that cuts through the historic part of Northern Montgomery County. Construction of the project is expected to begin this month.

"In Montgomery County and all across the state, we are moving forward on nearly all of the highest-pri-

ority transportation infrastructure projects in every single jurisdiction from one corner of the state to the other," said Hogan. "The new highway will enhance safety, reduce travel times, and preserve the historic nature of the beautiful town of Brookeville while ensuring that commuters have access to businesses, churches and recreation."

As part of the project, the State will construct a new 0.7-mile stretch of two-lane highway. The project will cost \$47.6 million, \$10 million of which will come from County funds.

The new stretch of highway will be more bicycle-friendly, with bicycle-compatible shoulders north of Goldmine Road and south of Holiday Drive. State transportation officials said that when completed, the new road will be safer for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers alike.

As part of the project, the State will construct two new bridges — one

at Meadow Branch Stream and the other at Reddy Branch Stream. In addition, the State will build two single-lane roundabouts.

MD-97, better known as Georgia Avenue, is an important corridor that connects Silver Spring's border with the District of Columbia to the Pennsylvania border in Frederick County.

For years Montgomery County legislators have promised to update the road; now, with the help of State funding, the project will finally come to fruition.

Rahn said that during construction of the project, which will take about three years, drivers will need to be cautious as workers build the road.

"We ask that drivers slow down during all phases of construction for the duration of this project, as we work to build this new roadway for the Brookeville community," said Rahn.

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NEWS

Takoma Park to rename Confederate Civil War streets

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TAKOMA PARK — After months of delay, the Takoma Park Commemoration Commission made its recommendation about how the City Council should rename five streets currently named after Civil War generals.

The Commemoration Commission, one of the city’s resident advisory commissions, recommended the City Council make no legal change to the street names, not add additional place names to the streets in question, add a historical marker at the intersection of Lee and Hancock Avenues, and rename Jackson-Boyd Park.

During its examination process, the commission explored three pos-

sible options, including renaming the streets through a formal process, adding a commemorative plaque or an honorary name while keeping the current legal names, or leaving the current legal names.

The Commission collected feedback, and commission member Richard O’Connor said they received 53 public comments.

The streets in question include Lee Avenue, named after Confederate General Robert E Lee, as well as Sheridan Avenue, Grant Avenue, Hancock Avenue, and Sherman Avenue., all named after Union Generals Philip Sheridan, Ulysses S. Grant, Winfred Hancock and William T. Sherman, respectively.

O’Connor said that many of the residents on the streets in question “opposed” the idea of legally renam-

ing the streets but were “open” to the idea of having commemorative plaques dedicating the streets to other individuals.

“It [has] more to do with the difficulty of dealing with the post office on the name change,” added commission member Diana Kohn.

Council member Kacy Kostuik (Ward 3) said she was in favor of legally changing the names, adding that she recognized it would “add hardship to the residents already there,” but “at minimum” supported a rededication approach.

The Commission established that any new names should be limited to deceased individuals with a connection to the city. O’Connor explaining that individuals outside the criteria would turn the renaming process into a “popularity contest.”

When it came to commemorative plaques, members of the commission emphasized that any commemorative approach should also include a plaque explaining the significance of the commemorative names.

“The critical point that we arrived at was that this should be an opportunity to educate and learn from those five names on those streets ... all five of them, in various ways, stood on the wrong side of history.”

“If there’s the secondary name and there isn’t a piece of plaque with some information about these names ... why these names and feelings towards the community ... you kind of lose that opportunity and you lose those alternative names,” added former mayor and current commission member Bruce Williams.

Council member Peter Kovar (Ward 1) asked if the actions of Confederate and Union generals were all equitable to each other.

“There were as many people upset at the fact that if you were going to start saying ‘if you’re going to pick on Lee’ that you didn’t also pick on Sherman and Sheridan whose actions against the Indians were arguably ... as reprehensible,” said commission member Jessica Kessler.

“The idea that you were singling out Lee ... began to be more of an issue than we anticipated.”

“Many Civil War scholars consider the actions of Sherman and Sheridan to be war criminals if there was a war tribunal at that time ... all five of them are tainted,” O’Connor added. “How do we portray them to the future generations?”

Second child dies in Silver Spring murder/suicide

By Kathleen Stubbs
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SILVER SPRING — Eleven-year-old Mina Kim had completed less than two weeks of the sixth grade.

She liked to play video games with her friend Nardos Tsegaye, also age 11, and she knew mathematics well.

“I like going to middle school. The only thing is the time you have to wake up [in the morning],” Nardos said Sept. 17.

As for Mina, “She likes it, but I don’t know if she loves it or not,” Nardos said.

Mina died at a hospital four days later.

Mina’s father, Yong Mun Kim, 57, had shot her mother, Sang Yeon Kim, 48; her brother, Andy Kim, 10; her unnamed half-sister, age 22; and Mina herself. He then shot himself in their Coleville home, Montgomery County, police said.

Montgomery County Police spokesperson Officer Rick Goodale said police continue to investigate the crime, and they have not determined a motive.

Nardos knew Mina from when they were in the same fourth- and fifth-grade classes at Westover Elementary School. They had also ridden the bus together.

The girls sometimes visited each other’s houses and played a multi-player online game called Roblox. Though she had met Mina’s parents. Nardos didn’t know them as well as she knew Mina.

Nardos said she enjoys math, and she and Mina were in the same math class at Argyle Middle School.

Argyle Principal James Allrich sent a letter to parents and guardians about Mina’s death Friday.

“The Argyle community is heartbroken by this tragic news,” Allrich wrote. “For those of our students who knew Mina, we ask that you remember her gentle, joyful, and kind nature. For those of you who did

not know her, we ask that you understand our sadness and join us in keeping Mina’s family and friends in our thoughts during this difficult time.”

Allrich said counselors, psychologists and pupil personnel workers would be available for the week of Sept. 24 to support students and staff.

“It is very difficult to face the loss of a young person,” Allrich wrote.

Parents and guardians at Westover Elementary received a somber letter with similar news on Sept. 17.

“It is with deep sorrow that I inform you that Andy Kim, a fourth-grade student at our school, has died,” Principal Audra Wilson wrote. “The Westover Community is heartbroken by this tragic news. For those of our students and families who knew Andy, we ask that you remember his creativity and gentle spirit.”

She asked students and families who did not know Andy to keep his family and friends in their thoughts.

Wilson wrote that she and a counselor would meet with fourth and fifth graders that day. Counselors, psychologists and pupil personnel workers were to be available for the week of Sept. 18. She, too, said, “It is very difficult to face the loss of a young person.”

Wilson and Allrich also sent information to parents and guardians about how to talk with their children about the death of a classmate.

Amit, who did not want to give his last name, said he was acquainted with the Kim family from when his daughter and the Kim children would wait at the same school bus stop.

He said he did not see Andy on the first day of school waiting for the bus in the neighborhood this year.

However, he knew the Kims to be a nice family.

“Sometimes we would take a walk and see his [Andy’s] dad working in the garden or something.”

Amit’s daughter Anannya, a 12-year-old in seventh grade at Argyle, said she knew Mina from the bus

stop, but not well.

“Mina was really quiet, and she didn’t really talk much,” Anannya said.

She shared a memory of Mina from when they both attended Westover.

“I know she was good at math,” Anannya said.

Anannya said Westover had a school-wide activity involving mathematics called Math Attack.

“I was in fifth [grade]; she was in third or fourth,” said Anannya.

Mina was one of the few students in the school who successfully completed the game that day.

“Even I didn’t get it,” Anannya said of Math Attack.

A neighbor named John, who did not want to give his last name, said his family and the Kim family got along well. Yong Kim had visited John’s family’s house for parties.

John, who is in his 30s, said Yong Kim enjoyed fishing.

“He [Yong Kim] goes fishing at Ocean City [Maryland] every year,” and would take John’s family some fish from his trip, John said.

Yong Kim was a mechanic and had repaired John’s car when it had a problem.

“They’re a happy family with a lot of kids,” John said.

He said the Kims had another daughter, who had moved out two or three years ago after a disagreement with Yong Kim.

John said his mother knew Sang Kim, who would sometimes go to John’s home to visit.

Police spokesperson Goodale said police are still trying to figure out what happened that morning and what led to the shooting. The lone survivor, the 22-year-old daughter of Sang Kim from a previous relationship had been the one who called police.

Police responded to the home on the 100 block of Amberleigh Drive at 12:06 a.m. Sept. 17 after Sang Kim’s daughter, age 22, called to report the shooting.

Rockville Town Center may soon see 240 unit apartment building addition

By Neal Earley
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Another addition to Rockville Town Center could be coming relatively soon.

On Monday, representatives for the developer gave their pitch to the Rockville Mayor and City Council as to why they should approve their proposed apartment building, which will be located near the Rockville Metro Station.

While Monday night marked a public hearing for the planned development, only those representing the developer testified.

The developer’s plan is to add a seven-story, 240-unit residential building on the northwest corner of the intersection of East Middle Lane and MD-355. If approved, the building would become an addition to the Rockville Metro Plaza, a pair of office buildings located along Rockville Pike.

The proposed addition to the plaza would be mostly for residential purposes, with 240 multi-unit dwellings and 8,500 square feet of commercial retail space and a structured parking garage.

“They continue to own and maintain these buildings, and I think they’ve been a big success for the Rockville Town Center,” said Barbara A. Sears, who testified on behalf of the developer, Folger Pratt.

Currently, the spot for the proposed location is a parking lot, something that has concerned some members of the Council who want to make sure the developer builds an adequate parking garage along

with the residential building.

While the proposed seven-story building would be for mostly for residential use, Folger Pratt originally planned for it to be a third office building – something that they were discouraged from building, given all the empty office space in the City and County.

While the proposal is to build a 270-unit building, the developer has requested that they keep previous approval for it to be a space for offices until 2024 if the market for office space arises.

In accordance with Rockville zoning laws, the proposed development will have at least 15 percent or 36 of its units be affordable housing. Of the 36 affordable housing units, 18 will be one-bedroom units, six will be studio units, nine will be two-bedrooms and three will be three-bedrooms.

Council member Beryl Feinberg questioned why the proposed development will have only three affordable and no market rate three-bedroom housing units, meaning that the property may not be optional for families

“You have no market rate three beds?” Feinberg said.

Representatives from Folger and Pratt said that market research showed that families with multiple kids prefer townhomes in the area that are of similar cost with more space.

While the Rockville Planning Commission has recommended approval for the project, a date for the Mayor and Council to approve or reject the proposed development has yet to be scheduled.

OPINIONS & VIEWS

Inside the mind of a goof

Editor's Notebook

by Brian J. Karem

I admit it.

Sometimes I feel like being goofy.

You know, take your shoes off, run through the cold creek, spit-in-the-wind goofy.

However old a man gets, I'm convinced you can't brush off the desire to run into a crowd of obstreperous idiots and begin sticking out your tongue.

Charles M. Schulz always wrote something like "Thffft" whenever Charlie Brown, or Snoopy did it. And that usually brought about the "Awggh!" scream from Lucy.

These were my watch-words growing up.

Thffft! And Awggh!

I know it seems juvenile, but these are perfectly legitimate responses to certain news events, statements, etc. — at least I'm going to continue to believe that because of my aforementioned need to meet my goof quota.

By now you may be waiting for the other shoe to drop, so what-the-heck let's wade into the water and deliver our first annual "Thffft" and "Awggh" awards.

These awards were voted on by local monks and kept in a super-secret sound-proof booth at Price Waterhouse for three weeks, so we know they must be right.

Our first award goes to (drum roll please) . . .

President Trump gets a "Thffft" award for his juvenile suggestion that "I never saw them do anything wrong," when referring to accusations of sexual molestation against his SCOTS nominee Brett Kavanaugh.

No one ever said Kavanaugh assaulted Trump. A few of Trump's supporters get an "Awggh" award for supporting Trump.

Also getting a "Thffft" award is Kavanaugh for telling us he kept his virginity until his late 20s on national television. I could've gone my entire life without ever hearing when a federal judge lost his virginity.

Betsy Devos, the President's favorite knuckle-busting enforcer on education gets an "Awggh" award for her ridiculous and unneeded cuts to education. She gets a "Holy S" award for plans to try and arm school teachers instead of

spending money on school supplies.

Brock Long, who has charged the government for traveling back and forth to his home in the Carolinas while working for FEMA gets a king-sized "Awggh".

The NFL pundits who predicted the demise of local professional football get a great big "Thffft" from the Washington Redskins after the 'Skins scalped the Green Bay Packers this week.

All right, make that a guarded "Thffft" because I don't want to have to come back and say "Awggh" if the 'Skins hit the skids — which they often do.

But, speaking of hitting the skids, I'm going "Awggh" with the Green Bay Packers opening 1-1-1, although Aaron Rodgers has earned the right to go "Thffft" to the rest of the league and all those arm-chair morons who thought he was washed-up. The man is still a competitor despite his injuries and probably the best quarterback in the league.

A big "Thffft" has to also go out to Trump who says the country did a great job last year helping people in Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria flatted the island and left 3000 dead. We also have to give everyone a back-handed "Awggh" award for those who claim a lot of people didn't die in Puerto Rico.

Speaking of awards, you can't help but want to give out an "Awggh" award to the developers in this county who want to continue with unfettered building..

Civic groups have been warning us for years about the price of unfettered development, prompting developers to go "Thffft" but that's all come home to roost as the county's future has gotten so entangled in legal problems as to resemble a Michael Jackson barbecue for homeless teens.

And, of course if that is not enough, the grand-daddy award, earning both a "Thffft" and an "Awggh" has got to go to the idiots my age who have forgotten their youth. People who have privilege have gotten away with so much for so long, when someone accuses a privileged Supreme Court justice nominee of violating a young woman the privileged among us seem unmoved and people my age pretend we lived lives of quiet desperation instead of the lives we lead.

Meanwhile, I'll join the juveniles who think most of the education world just doesn't get it.

"Awggh."

"Thffft."

MC/DC

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LETTERS

A Ben Jealous fan

To the editor;

In just under two months, the country will head to the polls and elect leaders that will shape our country’s future. As consequential as the 2018 midterms are, the state of Maryland is no different with its gubernatorial race. We have the unique opportunity to unseat Governor Hogan - a governor that does not represent the states popular interests, and replace him with a forward thinking, progressive such as former NAACP President and CEO Ben Jealous.

Jealous’ clear vision of a progressive agenda that would work for all generations of Marylanders is something rather inspiring. Whether it be providing funding for K-12 programs across the state for the youth or implementing a Medicare-for-All system, Jealous’ campaign platform is a collection of promising initiatives that Maryland could be a part of. As someone who is attending a four-year university, student debt is a harsh reality that only seems to get worse as time goes on. When I heard about Jealous’ plan to end the student debt crisis by offering a debt free path to graduation and providing a community college education to all, I am optimistic about future generations not having to worry about money while obtaining an education.

My optimism cannot be said if Larry Hogan continues to be our governor. His weak stances on issues where Maryland has the opportunity to do so much more have been limiting our states potential. Our education system has fallen from the best in the country to number 6 because of Hogan’s funding cuts. Positive changes that our state and our nation needs can come from a Jealous governorship, rather than of four more years of stagnation and lack of leadership that would occur if a change is not made this November. Vote for Ben Jealous Nov. 6th.

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College Park

Love POTUS, hates Puerto Rico

To the editor;

The difference between the Carolinas and Puerto Rico concerning their Hurricane response you pondered: It is personified most by the optics of preparedness (or lack of) by local leadership. Whenever and wherever in the world there is an emergency or natural disaster, the local response is the first area we put under a scrutiny, not the Presidency. This local response is typically exemplified by both our elected and civic leaders taking turns standing at the podium with their supporting staff literally backing them up; These are the types of images which brings about confidence in local government. I contrast that with Puerto Rico's which had none and instilled none. If not so pathetic, and heart wrenching, it would be comical.

One only need to “Google” the images of San Juan’s Mayor, Carmen Yulia Cruz to see ineptitude, whining peripatetic rants, and a retaliatory blame game. The local populace also should share some of the responsibility for of electing such ineffectual officials into office. Make no mistake, the infrastructure breakdown, corruption, virtual fiscal insolvency of the local government did not happen overnight and was crumbling for three previous Presidential administrations. The lack of well maintained or the availability of local government assets was apparent.

Imagine for a moment, coming to the roadside aid of a motorist with a flat tire only to discover that the vehicle is so decrepit and unroadworthy yet you are accused of the making the motorist late for work and for the estimated 4,645 obituaries that will be estimated in the days, weeks and months afterwards. Ineptitude has no race, no gender, no political affiliation, or any place of natural origin this time it just took a layover in Puerto Rico during Hurricane Maria.

Henry (not the bald speechless one)
Rockville

Well, thanks for reading

To the editor;

You have no right to investigate Brett Kavanaugh at the 11th hour. He’s a good man and long been known in Montgomery County. He’s part of what’s making America Great Again!

He will defend the President from communists like you who should be deported and sent into camps.

Kavanaugh knows how to stand up for what’s right in America and make sure that the Supreme Court supports the president no matter what. That’s what we need.

J. Billings
Poolesville

editor’s note: Careful. I think you dropped your swastika pin during your rant. But thanks for reading!

Looking at fruit falling from a poisonous tree



Appellate Court cases over many years interpreting the 4th Amendment’s prohibition against unreasonable searches and seizures have come up with the doctrine of the “fruit of the poisonous tree.” Under this principal, evidence obtained due to an illegal search is not admissible in a criminal trial against the person illegally searched. Whether circumstances “attenuate” or “dissipate the taint” of the improper search and seizure was explored in a recent unreported opinion from Maryland’s Court of Special Appeals in its opinion in Terrence Edwards v. State of Maryland.

The opinion indicates that following a series of taxicab robberies, police in Baltimore used a device to search for the cell phone that called the taxis, but

they did not get a warrant to do so. That search led them to an apartment where they found Edwards, who was taken in for questioning, photographed and released. One of the robbery victims identified his picture from a photo array as the robber, whereupon Edwards was arrested and photographed again when he was booked. Two days later, that photo was shown to a second victim, who again picked him out as the robber.

At the trial for the second robbery, the trial judge rejected a defense motion to exclude the identification from this second photo array, and a jury convicted Edwards of robbery. The appellate Court noted that determining whether the “poison” from an illegal search has “become so strained and diluted that is it no longer lethal,” one argument the State can make is attenuation of the taint of the search. The Court’s determination of that issue is based on three factors: 1) the temporal relationship between the illegal search and the evidence in question, 2) any intervening circumstances, and 3) the purpose and flagrancy of the

challenged police conduct.

Here, the appellate court agreed with the trial judge that the photo identification in this case was sufficiently attenuated from the original search for the cell phone so that the evidence was properly admitted. It noted that although time is the least important factor, it was two days after Edwards original detention and release before this photo identification was made. The argument that “but for” the original search the police never would have found Edwards was rejected. More importantly, the Court found that the intervening circumstance of use of a booking photo in a second, independent photo array was held to break the causal chain to the original search.

The Court also found that the police misconduct was also not so flagrant as to make the photo identification inadmissible.

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Renting versus buying can be complicated



For some, committing to buying a home is an easy decision. However, some struggle rationalizing homeownership. Adding to the confusion are the attempts to persuade tenants to be home owners by flaunting its benefits and financial savvy. However, the reality is that the rent vs. buy question is complicated.

Yes, homeownership does have benefits over renting. Besides having a place to live, the consensus is that homeownership provides stability and belonging to a community. Numerous studies have associated being a home owner with increased well being and better health outcomes. Research by the Harvard University’s Joint Center for Housing Studies concluded that homeownership and growing wealth are associated (Herbert, McCue, and Sanchez-Moyano; Is Homeownership Still an Effective Means of Building Wealth for Low-income and Minority Households? Was it Ever? Joint Center for Housing Studies Harvard University, September 2013).

But frustrated home buyers are returning to their rentals because of inventory shortages, intense competi-

tion, and increased home prices can be aggravating.

The latest National Association of Realtors (nar.realtor) release indicted a 1.5 percent decrease in home sales from the previous year. Although home sales were weak for the previous four months, home prices have increased for the 70th consecutive month! Nationwide median existing home prices increased 4.6 percent from the previous year to \$264,800. The lack of home sale inventory is partly to blame for the decreased home sales, which increases the upward pressure on home prices.

The Greater Capital Association of Realtors (gcaar.com) release of August housing data for Montgomery County is not much different from the national figures. Single-family home sales in the county decreased 0.7 percent from the previous year. Inventory is 8.3 percent below last year’s available homes for sale at the end of August. But median home sale prices jumped to \$443,000, which is an increase of 4.2 percent.

Those who are dissuaded from buying a home because of increasing home prices are facing rent increases. The median rent for Montgomery County is \$1,647. But according to Healthy Montgomery (healthymontgomery.org), there is upward pressure on rent. This is not just a local phenomenon, it is nationwide. According to the Census Bureau, some metropolitan areas and cities have experienced increases well over \$300. Rent increases are in part due to inflation and

the increasing cost of owning a rental property. However, tenants are mainly experiencing rent increases because of supply and demand. Rental inventory is just as tight as home sale inventory. The Census Bureau (census.gov) reported that the vacancy rate decreased year over year. Additionally, the Census Bureau reported last year that the percentage of renters who moved during 2017 was the lowest recorded since 1988.

The robust economy has prompted the Fed to increase interest rates this year. Another rate hike is expected this week. According to Freddie Mac (freddiemac.com), mortgage rates have increased in anticipation of the Fed’s rate hike. According to Freddie Mac’s Mortgage Market Survey, the average 30-year fixed rate mortgage is 4.65 percent. Although mortgage rates are the highest in several years, rates continue to be historically low.

For many who continue to rent, they’re perspective may be justified by comparing housing costs. The Trulia Rent Vs. Buy Calculator (trulia.com/rent_vs_buy) is a tool that compares these factors. Paying rent for a long term may make sense if your rent is low. However, buying can be a better long-term decision when comparing similar size properties and housing costs.

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Unhinged, unfit and uncontrollable

Pauls's View
by
Paul Schwartz

Unlike White House staff, I don't comment on a book unless I read it. That goes for Michael Wolff's book, "Fire and Fury," Bob Woodward's book "Fear" which I am currently in the middle of reading, and Omarosa Manigault Newman's "Unhinged," which I recently completed reading.

Although I certainly did not need Omarosa or any of the other authors to convince me that Donald J. Trump is an extreme narcissist who is completely devoid of empathy for anyone other than himself and is a chronic liar subject to uncontrollable fits of rage, or, as Omarosa calls it, "Donald going nuclear," I did very much enjoy reading her book as I did reading "Fire and Fury" and the innumerable other books I read over the last several months on this White House and this president.

"Unhinged" effectively captured each of the incidents with which we have become all too familiar from the beginning of Omarosa's time with Trump starting with "the Apprentice" through the 2016 presidential campaign, election, transition and administration leaving no incident out. Clearly she kept a diary in addition to her recordings. Her motives for the book may be primarily financial as well as, quite obviously, vindictive, but since, in Trumpworld, loyalty is a one-way street, I found it rather comforting to see so many individuals closest to him finally making a U-turn on him.

If anything, Trump should be proud of Omarosa. As Trump's apprentice, protege, underling, Omarosa, in "Unhinged," has demonstrated how successfully she learned her self-promotion lessons from her mentor, the king of self-promotion. Out-self-promoting the master is no small feat, yet Omarosa has pulled that off

and quite effectively.

The book referred to much of what Michael Wolff exposed in "Fire and Fury" and Bob Woodward captures in "Fear" such as factions in the Trump White House. Ivanka and Jared against Bannon or Priebus or Spicer, etc. is surely nothing new or surprising. Nor is it new or surprising that Trump prefers attractive female staffers to qualified experienced staffers. Anyone who frequents the White House as often as I do could easily figure that one out. This observation, arrived at by both Wolff and Omarosa, explains the rise of Hope Hicks.

Likewise, the quick rise and fall of Anthony Scaramucci is discussed in the book. What makes the book more interesting than just a compilation of events are the personal observations provided by Omarosa such as that poor Anthony "cried like a baby" when he was dismissed. Maybe too much information but the personal observations did make the book more enticing.

As is the case with "Fire and Fury" and "Fear," whether everything in "Unhinged" is exactly true may be subject to debate, but whether everything in it is totally believable, well, that is UN-debatable...clearly it is highly believable based on one's own simple observations over the last year or two or forty.

A perfect example of this is the most controversial item in the book which is whether Donald Trump uttered the so-called "N-word." You can debate Omarosa's credibility all you want, but, really, is there any doubt, based on all of his racist actions on full display for all to see such as his reaction to the non-violent silent protest of the NFL players or his condemnation of the Central Park Five after their DNA exoneration that he at some time used that racist term?

As I said, you can debate all you want on whether the behind-the-scenes observations made by Omarosa of events that are common knowledge are technically true, but whether those observations, such as her belief that Trump has a diminishing mental capacity, is highly believable and beyond debate.

As for the detractors of the book, specifically White House Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders, similar to the across-the-board dismissal of "Fire and Fury" and later "Fear," Ms. Huckabee Sanders claimed "Unhinged" was full of lies and errors and was the work of a disgruntled employee. No doubt Omarosa is disgruntled and her book is motivated by both financial gain and vindictiveness. What was missing from Ms. Huckabee Sanders' trashing of "Unhinged," as it was with her trashing of "Fire and Fury" before it and now "Fear," was identifying specific lies and errors. She identified none.

If there is one truth of which you can be assured after reading Omarosa's "Unhinged," it is the same truth that can be derived from reading "Fire and Fury" by Michael Wolff, "Everything Trump Touches Dies" by Republican strategist Rick Wilson which I just completed reading, "It's Even Worse than You Think" by David Cay Johnston which I read a while ago, "Fear" by Bob Woodward which I am currently reading, or the anonymous New York Times op-ed from a senior member of the Trump administration. That truth is, quite simply, just about everything written in each of the aforementioned books, if not absolutely and technically exactly true, is, without any doubt, absolutely believable. After covering this White House from day one I can absolutely attest to that as should anyone else who has paid the slightest bit of attention over the last year-and-a-half.

Moreover, since the observations captured in each of the books mentioned are consistent with each other, is there anyone who can realistically believe that these authors "colluded"/conspired with each other when writing their books? Besides, I'll take Bob Woodward's credibility or even the credibility of any of the other authors over the credibility of Donald Trump and his White House staff any day of the week.

I can't wait for the movie to come out. That will really set off this White House if Trump hasn't already gone off the deep end by then.

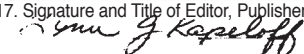


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COVER STORY

Culture of Privilege dominated 1980s high school

“Culture of Privilege,” From page one

got angry. At first I didn't know what they were talking about.”

She found out soon enough. “I'm not saying every boy was like that,” she explains. “But I ran into more than one who did something inappropriate.” It was usually verbal, but sometimes physical and Elizabeth said she kept herself away from “those boys” when she could and often had a girl friend with her, “because it was always safer than being alone,” she explained.

“We weren't a wild bunch, but if we had a whiff of parents going away for the weekend, we had a ‘parent's going away’ party. We didn't always know the house though we knew the neighborhood and we'd have to go from house to house looking for a familiar car.”

For Elizabeth the allure was the social atmosphere of being with friends and talking without supervision and without judgment from adults. “We put on music. There was Michael Jackson, Madonna, The

Talking Heads. We'd dance. And I didn't even like beer, but it was free and we'd drink and dance.”

Elizabeth said she infrequently saw Brett Kavanaugh during this time – often at house parties. “He was cute. He was always nice,” she said. One night she ran across an apparently inebriated Brett Kavanaugh and things went differently then. Previously, he had always been nice to her. “But not that night. He was drunk. He was obnoxious and crude. I had a friend with me and we left. His football buddies were laughing at us. Maybe they were laughing at him, but I didn't take it that way and they didn't do anything to keep him from being a jerk.”

From that point on Elizabeth said she steered clear of Kavanaugh and didn't see any more sexually explicit behavior because, “I didn't want to be around those guys.” She was not present at the party described by Ford – or doesn't believe she was. She also said she never saw Kavanaugh assault anyone.

But, from her experience, she said she has no problem believing

Dr. Ford's allegations and said Ford should be heard without politics being involved. “I don't think that's possible today. I'm afraid for my daughter. How do we make this less politicized? People are criticizing her for coming forward, but she moved to California. He wasn't in her life. Now he's everywhere and could be part of the Supreme Court. It was just high school, but that kind of trauma lasts and no one should be judged for coming forward as she did. It took great courage. Maybe he genuinely doesn't remember what happened because he blacked out. He deserves to be heard too. He shouldn't be convicted without being heard either.”

Elizabeth says she knows all too well about the resulting trauma inflicted by a sexually aggressive boy. It happened to her the following year with a boy from a Catholic high school. “They're all the same. Privileged, spoiled, powerful and unaccountable. They can get away with anything.”

Traveling in the backseat of a car to a keg party at a farm off of Darnestown road “That today is a

subdivision in a cow pasture,” a young boy became very aggressive with her. “I had known him since we were kids,” she explained. “He grabbed me. I was scared. I was in the backseat of the car and he kept telling me ‘No’ means ‘Yes,’ every time I told him to stop.”

She never made it to the party. When the car slowed for a stop light in Rockville, she said she opened the passenger door and jumped out. “I walked all the way home to Bethesda,” she said. “How stupid was I?”

She didn't tell her parents. She didn't tell her friends. She didn't tell anyone for years until she saw the boy's grown sister at a local Giant Super Market. “I put it behind me and then it all came back. I told my husband and I cried – this was 20 years later. It stays with you.”

After Dr. Ford came forward Elizabeth decided against filing a complaint, but said she spoke with The Sentinel because she wants “real issues” to be discussed.

“It's about privilege and how we take it for granted and use it,” she said.

“We looked down on the public school kids. We looked down on pot smokers. That wasn't socially acceptable in my crowd. We grew up in a culture of privilege. We all came from great, comfortable homes and almost everyone I hung around with was white. The right pedigree meant we got away with it. The cops chased us from one place to another – but they didn't arrest us. They knew our parents – the judges and lawyers and high paid professionals in the county. It was a small club in a large county and we were at the top of the pyramid. Brett Kavanaugh was part of that crowd. I was. All of my friends were. But the question I ask myself today is, in light of everything that goes on do we want someone sitting in judgment of everyone else who has never had to face the consequences everyone else faces?”

She said she will remain anonymous because she doesn't want her “life torn apart. And I think the issue isn't about me. It's about the conditions that allow the privileged attitude toward women to continue to this day.”

Legislators ask for Kavanaugh investigation

“Maryland Legislators,” From page one

were to file a complaint.

“As we know, it takes many victims years to come forward publicly about crimes that may have occurred. In Montgomery County, we have been pushing for sex assault cases to be taken seriously and given reasonable investigation, even when they may not lead to criminal charges or [will] be ultimately marked ‘unfounded,’ the delegates wrote.

While Democrats on the Senate Judiciary Committee have called for an FBI investigation into the allegations, President Donald J. Trump said he would not order the FBI to investigate the claims. State Senator Cheryl Kagan asked Gov. Larry Hogan to order the Maryland State Police to conduct an investigation.

Greg Shipley, a spokesperson for the Maryland State Police, said, if a sexual assault complaint is made, it would be the responsibility of the Montgomery County Police Department to investigate it, not the state

police.

A day after the letter, attorney Michael Avenatti released a sworn statement from his client Julie Swetnick, who attended Gaithersburg High School, and said she became aware of efforts by Kavanaugh and his friend Mark Judge to “spike” the “punch” at parties with grain alcohol or drugs in order to have girls lose their inhibitions and their ability to say “no” to sex.

Swetnick also wrote that at parties that Kavanaugh and Judge attended, boys would line up outside a room and take turns raping a girl. Swetnick said that Kavanaugh and Judge lined up outside of a room to have their “turn” with a girl who was incapacitated.

In addition, Swetnick said she was a victim of a “gang” or “train” rape and that both Kavanaugh and Judge were present for it.

The delegates who signed the letter are: Kumar Barve, Al Carr, Bonnie Cullison, Ariana Kelly, Marc Korman, David Moon, Pam Queen, Kirill Reznik, Shane Robinson, Ana Sol Gutierrez, Jeff Waldstreicher.

Candidates square off in Sentinel debate

by 2020. Elrich said he is skeptical of the County's decision toward development, arguing the developers need to pay more for schools and infrastructure.

Elrich, who has objected to calls that he is anti-business – which in part prompted a run from the Democrat-turned-independent Floreen – said he supports business, just not unnecessary government incentives to commercial developers.

“Look, I view business as, they are the employers that make the County tick,” Elrich said. “The fact that I don't believe in giveaways to certain developers is different than how I feel about that.”

Floreen began her opening statements addressing the difficult political environment, saying the County needs a stable leader who can guide it through political turmoil in Washington, D.C., as well as can work with whoever is in the Governor's Mansion next year.

Floreen said the County is done with a tax increase after the County Council unanimously approved an 8.7-percent property tax increase. Floreen has tried to position herself as a business-friendly moderate who will streamline the County's procurement process and provide more outreach to local businesses who feel as if their concerns are ignored by local leaders.

“This is a diverse, it's a complex community. I'm committed to addressing all of our needs without having to raise taxes,” Floreen said.

Among the biggest issues for the candidates was traffic. Both Floreen and Elrich, who have served on the Council, have endorsed adding

reversible lanes on I-270 rather than what Gov. Larry Hogan (R) has proposed, which would be adding toll lanes to I-270 and I-495.

But the agreement between the two candidates quickly faded, when Ficker showed up midway through. Ficker, who was around 20 minutes late to the debate, explained his tardiness by saying he was in court, representing a client who was on trial.

Ficker began with a refrain he has used since he began his campaign, saying that two referendum campaigns he successfully led – one on term limits for County Council members and another requiring a unanimous vote to raise property taxes – are proof that the voters want change.

“The vote for term limits was a vote for change; it was not a vote to promote the people who had been term-limited,” Ficker said. “And I'm the only one up here that represents change.”

Ficker, who has previously run as an independent candidate for County Executive and now has the Republican nomination, has used the 8.7-percent property tax increase the Council unanimously passed in 2016 as a cause celebre to promote his term-limit referendum and his candidacy for County Executive.

Ficker was the only candidate to stand during his answers, even going against the request of the moderator to sit. He bashed Elrich and Floreen, noting that they both came from a small geographic area of the County, which he claims has too much sway over County politics.

Floreen responded by dismiss-

ing Ficker's candidacy, saying the former member of the House of Delegates and NBA heckler was not a serious candidate – citing his recent electoral history and poor performances of GOP candidates in previous Montgomery County elections.

“There is a very low, proportion of folks in Montgomery County who are registered Republicans, and they've had a track record of choosing not to support the gentleman on the left [Ficker].”

In addition to promoting no more tax increases, Robin Ficker promised during the debate that if he is elected County Executive, there will be no more police shootings of unarmed people in Montgomery County.

“And we're not going to, during my term in office, we are not going to shoot any people in Montgomery County that are unarmed. I can guarantee you that,” Ficker said.

Ficker's comment drew a gasp from the crowd and a response from moderator Brian Karem, who asked Ficker how he could guarantee that police would not shoot any unarmed people during his term as County Executive.

Ficker responded that he will replace Montgomery County Police Chief Tom Manger with Jae Hwang, the Republican candidate for Montgomery County Sheriff, and that he will “talk to the police.”

Elrich was not so dismissive of Ficker, saying that while Democrats outnumber Republicans in Montgomery County, independent voters will be key to deciding the election, and they could be swayed to support Ficker.

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Born on August 30, 1923, in Kassel, Germany, he was the son of Sarah (Werter) and Chaim "Joachim" Horn.

Sam had an amazing life. After escaping from Nazi-controlled Germany at the age of 15, he and his family settled in New York City. At 18 he enlisted in the U.S. Army, to help fight against the Nazi's. At the end of the war, he worked briefly for the U.S. State Department, translating at the Nuremberg trials.

Upon his return to the States, he attended Columbia University and then Columbia Law School in NYC, through the assistance of the G.I. Bill.

It was during his years at Columbia that he met his wife, Corina. After brief stints in KY and OH, they settled in Satellite Beach, FL, with their 6-month old daughter Betsy, and their cat Archie. There he worked for the U.S. Air Force. In late 1969 the family, which now included son Tom, moved to Wheaton, MD, outside Washington, D.C.

For the rest of his illustrious career he continued to work for several different branches of the U.S. Government, including the U.S.P.S., the U.S. Army, and the Judge Advocate General corps. Sam always said that Uncle Sam had been very good to him and he wanted to pay the U.S. back.

Sam had always been very athletic and played soccer from an early age, all the way into his late 40's. He

also coached Tom's soccer team for several years. In his 50's he turned to tennis, which became a life-long love and obsession. He loved competing, and played in tournaments up and down the East Coast, including in the Super Senior tournaments. He finally hung up his tennis racket in his very late 80's, when he felt he wasn't as competitive as he would like to be. At that time he turned to playing contract bridge with equal measures of enthusiasm.

Sam also had a deep and life-long love and appreciation for music, mostly classical, but also some early Rock-N-Roll, including the Beatles.

In the last four years of his life Sam was lovingly cared for by a wonderful team of caregivers who enabled him to live out his life in the comforts of his own home. Of special note is Damion, who was with Sam from day one and who is a most loving and caring man. He and Sam formed a special bond.

Sam is survived by his wife of 63 years, Corina, and their two children, Betsy and Tom. He also leaves behind his beloved daughter-in-law Patty, wife to Tom and mother of his three wonderful granddaughters, Sarah, Gracie, and Charlotte, and nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews.

Family and friends are invited to visit 1:00-3:00 PM Saturday, September 22, 2018 at Donohue Funeral Home, 1627 West Chester Pike, West Chester, PA, 610-431-9000 followed by his Funeral service 3:00 PM. Interment 2:00 PM Monday at Washington Crossing National Cemetery in Newtown, PA.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the USTA Foundation at USTAFoundation.com.

Online condolences at www.donohuefuneralhome.com.

NEWS

Football provides path to success for local police officer

By Suzanne Pollak
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When he was a teenager, Andre Smith's future looked bleak. Poor grades and no family support left him rudderless.

But rather than succumb, he fought his way uphill, performing well enough at Seneca Valley High School to earn a Virginia Tech football scholarship, play in the National Football League and now don the uniform of a Montgomery County Police officer.

Bob Plante, Clarksburg High School's head football coach who was Smith's coach at Seneca 10 years ago, credits the discipline and teamwork of football for the success the 30-year-old currently enjoys.

"Andre lost his mom his senior year. His father wasn't in his life," Plante said.

Back then, Smith enjoyed football; school, not so much.

When his coaches made it clear that good grades meant playing time, Smith rose to the challenge, Plante said.

He learned skills "you can't learn in a textbook. There's a lot of good in football," said Plante, who is concerned about the decline in football participation due to negative media reports, injury concerns and preference by some youngsters for soccer.

Football can change people's lives for the better. "It's that powerful," Plante said.

Smith readily agreed. He played backyard football, only joining organized football at the high-school level.

His father had long since stepped out of Smith's life. Then, while he was a high school junior, his mother learned she had leukemia.

During her sickness, when she was in and out of the hospital, Smith found himself alone quite a bit. Then, the Wednesday before football season started, she passed away.

"I was so much of a knucklehead, I didn't take school seriously. I got terrible grades," he said.

Because of his grades, Smith remained on the junior varsity team even though his athletic abilities were good enough for varsity.

His coaches sat him down and told the young man that he was good enough to get a full ride to college and, regardless of whether he made it to the NFL, he at least would have a college degree. But he would have to change his ways.

Coach Plante taught him to perform at 110 percent, no matter the task, Smith said.

He "blew off steam or anger" on the field, and even showed up at school the morning after his mother died, because, he explained, "It was instilled in me; you do what you need to do."



PHOTO BY SUZANNE POLLAK.

Andre Smith.

He moved in with his good friend, whose family earlier had moved to Frederick County, and began commuting in the car he inherited from his mom, a 40-minute trip to Seneca Valley.

He also attended summer, night and Saturday classes, eventually raising his GPA from 1.97 to 3.56 and enabling him to attend Virginia Tech at no cost. His high school coaches, one of whom who drove Smith down to visit the campus, convinced the VT football staff to accept him right after graduation so he would have a place to live.

He graduated five years later with degrees in psychology and sociology.

He went undrafted but soon became a tight end for the Chicago Bears, where he spent one year before heading to the Indianapolis Colts. Released from the Colts, Smith spent time out of football, before joining the Dallas Cowboys, where he caught passes from then-quarterback Tony Romo.

After a while, the Cowboys placed Smith on waivers. The Cleveland Browns picked him up that same day.

Smith recalled easing into the physicality at the college level but struggling somewhat with everything he had to learn.

"There is so much more you need to know," he said. As a tight end, he learned blocking from the line and which routes to run.

A torn muscle in his calf followed by a back injury convinced Smith to hang up his cleats. His professional football career lasted nearly four years.

While he missed the game,

Smith didn't miss the traveling and nights spent in different cities. He had become a father figure to his sister's son and wanted to be around for him. He treasures the time he now has time for bow hunting and fishing, which he said, "are like medicine for me."

Looking for a career in which he could help others, Smith entered the police academy, spending an "intense" 30 weeks learning police work.

Now, Smith, whose heavily-tattooed arms tell the story of his life, patrols the streets of Germantown as a Montgomery County Police officer. His district station operates "literally walking distance from where I grew up."

He enjoys his year-old career. "I like to take bad guys off the street. I like chasing guys down," he said. "It's more fun than I ever could have imagined, except for the paperwork," Smith said.

He already has been cited for his good work. Along with two fellow officers, Smith helped subdue a man who was walking through a Michaels Arts and Crafts store while waving a knife. No one was injured.

"That was an intense situation," he said.

Being an African-American police officer can be challenging in today's environment, but Smith said he treats every person he encounters in the way he wants to be treated. He wishes more people understood all the things an officer must consider in a split second.

Looking back, Smith appreciates Coach Plante even more. "He's taught me more about life than he ever has about football."

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NEWS

Kagan considers White House

By Suzanne Pollak
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Professional athletes aren't the only ones contemplating the merits of a visit to 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C.

Maryland State Sen. Cheryl Kagan (Dist. 17) spent the past few days mulling whether to accept an invitation to the White House.

She recently received an email inviting state and local officials to the White House during the first week of October.

"I don't know if there was a dozen or hundreds" of other politicians receiving the same email, she said. She knows directly of just one other person invited.

The email itself was short, she said. "Frankly, there was a real lack of details."

Kagan, no fan of President Donald Trump, wasn't sure she wanted to attend.

She turned to Facebook, asking her followers what they thought.

Her post read: "I'm curious as to your opinion. The White House has invited me (among lots of other legislators, I assume) to a meeting there. Would you suggest that I boycott because of my opinions about Trump policies? Or do you think I should attend because of the opportunity to engage on important issues facing our state?"

One-hundred and sixty-six

people commented.

The results were "mixed," Kagan said.

"There was a consensus that I should, which I was inclined to do," she said in a recent telephone interview.

Some of her followers who want her to attend wrote: "I'd go so they can't operate in a vacuum;" "Keep your friends close and your enemies closer;" and "Go and Give them Hell!"

A few others who advocated for Kagan to attend warned her not to get trapped into a photo shoot with President Trump that might seem like she was a supporter.

Those opposing her appearance wrote: "Boycott. This is not a normal White House and not worthy of respect" and "Stay away."

As of now, Kagan intends to attend.

"I have decided it seems wise to go. I have a great disdain for this President and his dangerous policies, but we are talking about the President of the United States and the very powerful executive branch," explained the senator, who represents the Rockville and Gaithersburg area.

She doesn't expect Trump to be there but does think members of his staff and policy wonks will be.

If she has the chance, Kagan intends to speak with a member of Trump's staff about bringing more federal dollars to Maryland.



FILE PHOTO

Cheryl Kagan

"I would seek to lobby about funding for 911 upgrades and our Metro system," she said.

Updating the emergency 911 system "is very expensive. Federal funds will be a great help," she explained.

As for public transportation, Kagan noted that "about one-third of Metro riders are federal employees."

Therefore, she said, the federal government needs to allocate funds. Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia "have all stepped up," she said.

A lack of additional Metro money from the federal government "seems irresponsible," Kagan said.

Montgomery County, Maryland
Department of Environmental Protection

PUBLIC NOTICE

Application for a Temporary Noise Waiver

The Department of Environmental Protection is currently evaluating an application for a Temporary Noise Waiver as allowed under the Montgomery County Noise Control Ordinance, Chapter 31B, Section 11(a).

A Temporary Noise Waiver is being requested by Washington Gas, 6801 Industrial Road, Springfield, Virginia, for the purpose of performing nighttime road construction consisting of road surface milling, patching and resurfacing. The nighttime road construction will occur along the 8000 block of Snouffer School Rd, Gaithersburg. The work is being performed at night to alleviate traffic congestion, and impacts to businesses and pedestrians. The work is scheduled to be completed October 2018. The nighttime work hours will be from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

The application and related documents are available for public inspection and may be viewed on the Department's website by visiting the Noise Waivers & Suppression Plans page at: <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DEP/contact/noise-documents.html#wavers>. The Department will receive comments on the applications for a minimum of ten (10) days after publication of this notice.

Comments, questions, or requests to examine documents may be directed to Gretchen Ekstrom, DEP/DEPC, 255 Rockville Pike, Suite 120, Rockville, MD, 20850. Telephone 240-777-7750, Fax 240-777-7715 or email gretchen.ekstrom@montgomerycountymd.gov.

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Community and FCC weigh in on ZTA

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ROCKVILLE — As the County Council weighed yet another bill to facilitate the deployment of small-cell antennas, the Federal Communications Commission took a step that could render the months of debate moot.

On Wednesday, the FCC decided to remove some regulatory authority from local communities over the deployment of small-cell antennas. The small-cell antennas, which telecommunications companies said are needed to implement 4G and 5G broadband service, has become a contentious issues for localities nationwide.

While some residents in Montgomery County opposed the deployment of the small-cell antennas, which would be placed on telephone poles, representatives from the telecommunications industry said they are needed to meet a growing demand for service.

On Tuesday night, the County Council held a public hearing for Zoning Text Amendment 18-02, which would change the County's zoning laws to facilitate the deployment of small-cell antennas.

ment of small-cell antennas.

While the County Council debated the issue for more than a year with residents, most of the members of the County Council, as well as County Executive Ike Leggett, claim that the County needs to pass its own regulations, facilitating the deployment of the small-cell antennas; otherwise, the FCC will preempt local control.

On Wednesday, the FCC did just that, issuing a declaratory ruling restricting the fees and the time frame a local jurisdiction like Montgomery County can delay a deployment of a small-cell tower.

On Tuesday County Council President Hans Riemer (D-at large) and County Executive Ike Leggett issued a joint statement, anticipating the non-favorable ruling from the FCC.

"We want Montgomery County to have the most-advanced wireless networks. However, the orders that the FCC is poised to vote on tomorrow are an assault on local governments' property rights and cut our residents out of the process," Riemer and Leggett wrote in a joint letter to the FCC.

Before the hearing, Riemer

mentioned that the Council will have little control over the deployment and cautioned those who were about to testify that the Council could not weigh into one of the main issues for opposition — the potential negative health effects from the radiation the small-cell antennas emit.

Riemer, who is a lead sponsor of the ZTA, also mentioned that there are service gaps in the County that could cause a potential issue for 911 calls, as real-time video chatting technology becomes a part of an emergency operator's playbook for dealing with emergency calls.

"We have pretty good coverage in this County for the most part, but not everywhere. And there are certainly neighborhoods just beyond the reach of the macro-tower," Riemer said.

While most testified against the ZTA, Tuesday night, some residents voiced their support for small-cell towers.

Matthew Herrmann, a resident of Potomac, said he wanted to testify in favor of the bill, saying that he thinks there needs to be an expedited process for the deployment of small-cell antennas.

"Right now I get two bars in my house, I can barely sit in my house and do a conference call," Hermann said. "If I'm doing the conference call, I better not be the leader on it because half the time it's dropped. And I live in Potomac, in a very densely populated area."

Tuesday night, the third floor hearing room at the County Council Office Building was packed with residents who were against the ZTA. Some brought signs; some cheered others who testified against the bill.

Those against the ZTA presented numerous complaints, saying the small-cell antennas lower the property values of homes, the ZTA would eliminate public input, and the small-cell antennas emit harmful radiation.

Some residents said they are skeptical that the County can properly regulate small-cell antennas when it has yet to take action on illegally-placed utility poles.

Council member Marc Elrich (D-at large) echoed those sentiments Tuesday night at the hearing.

"I'm not comfortable with going forward with this part, if we can't get the regulatory environ-

ment right," Elrich said.

Elrich noted that Riemer's warning that the FCC will take action is likely moot, given that local jurisdictions across America are debating the issue, and the FCC's decision is not likely to hinge on what the Montgomery County Council decides.

Tim Willard, who is a Green Party candidate for Montgomery County Council at-large, said one of his main concerns is the negative effects of the small-cell antennas. Montgomery County Green Party Chair Nancy Wallace said politicians and regulators have ignored overwhelming scientific data that show the radiation emitted from small-cell antennas is carcinogenic.

Willard admitted that it is unlikely residents will be able to prevent the small-cell antennas, but said the Council can improve the ZTA, perhaps by increasing the distance the antennas have to be from homes, from 30 feet to 60 feet.

"I think it's going to be very difficult to stop any cell towers coming in," Willard said. "But we can do a much-better ZTA that protects people's health by having bigger setbacks."

NEWS

Modern Mustang can still deliver old-school experience

Auto Drive
by
Brady Holt

Once upon a time, car enthusiasts widely embraced the idea that “there’s no replacement for displacement” — meaning that if you want to go fast, big engines reign supreme.

But more than ever, automakers are following other paths. Today, turbochargers help squeeze absurd horsepower out of little four-cylinder engines. Some high-end sports cars from carmakers such as BMW, Acura and Porsche are even using electric motors to boost their performance.

Even the iconic Ford Mustang has followed that trend. Ford recently discontinued the Mustang’s standard V6 engine in favor of a turbocharged “EcoBoost” four-cylinder. Even with 310 horsepower — more than the fastest 1964 Mustang — purists still grumble that this engine doesn’t have the character of a Mustang. It hums rather than bellows, going about its business with quiet efficiency rather than boisterous exuberance.

If you’re still that kind of car enthusiast — or if you don’t care what technology makes you go fast — Ford also sells another Mustang engine: a 5.0-liter V8 with a whopping 460 horsepower. That’s the engine in the tested Mustang GT.

You just have to press the engine-start button to know in an instant which Mustang you’re driving. So will anyone nearby. The GT starts up with a rumbling roar that only increases if you touch the accelerator. You sound like a lawbreaker, even if you’re the slowest car off the line when the light turns green.

Modern Mustangs have also made great strides for their handling, with more poise and precision than the model had been known for. The tested convertible model gives up a bit of ground compared to the Mustang coupe, though, because a removable fabric roof reduces structural rigidity compared to a fixed metal one.

However, you practically need a race track to exploit the Mustang GT’s capabilities. This is a machine that sits dormant in routine driving. The sonorous engine always makes itself known, but you won’t try to accelerate from zero to 60 in 4.3 seconds on Rockville Pike. (At the very least, you certainly shouldn’t.)

Nor is the Mustang GT one of the sports cars that offer zippy fun at normal speeds. This car was engineered to excel at high limits, but it won’t necessarily make you smile on a normal winding road. And, in congested traffic or tight conditions, dri-

ving a wide, low car can become more of a chore than a joy. The steering is adjustable, but even “comfort” mode is on the heavy side, as you hunt a crowded parking lot for an open spot.

Additionally, the tested 10-speed automatic transmission can also stumble if you’re driving gently, as if confused by such a light application of the throttle. A six-speed manual is also available.

Now, for some drivers, the Mustang GT is more about old-school cruising than actual hardcore performance, especially if you choose the convertible. It’s a car that makes itself seen and heard, and the 5.0-liter V8 truly can deliver frighteningly speedy acceleration. This car’s bite does equal its bark, and folks who know Mustangs will never question that — even if you are driving it gently. And if you want everyone to see who’s in this rumbling retro machine, the power-retractable top drops down in just seven to 10 seconds.

Classic character continues to infuse the Mustang, too. A modern wide, low shape is festooned with enough retro-styling cues that you’d almost swear this car came straight out of the 1960s. The vertical, winged dashboard also hearkens to the Mustang’s origins, though Ford’s thoroughly modern Sync 3 infotainment touchscreen now sits front and center.

If you like the Mustang’s character but don’t need maximum acceleration or resonance from your engine, the four-cylinder version starts at \$27,115 for the coupe or \$32,615 for the convertible. The V8-powered GT is priced from \$36,350 and \$45,850, respectively. That’s a lot of money for character, but for some folks it will be worth it.

For similar performance but sharper handling and more contemporary interior decor, consider the Chevrolet Camaro, at least if you don’t mind its constricted outward visibility. For a roomier interior but less sprightly handling and lack of a convertible option, the Dodge Challenger is a compelling alternative. Overall, all three offer their own retro take on the classic American muscle car.

If that’s not to your taste, the Mustang (and Camaro) might still have the right balance of power, handling and value to score a test drive from any driving enthusiast. Even the most-modern Mustang still has some old-school flavor. It comes with the territory.

And more than 50 years of strong sales suggest that if you like that flavor, you’re not alone.

Visit tinyurl.com/sentinel-mustang to see more photos of the tested 2018 Ford Mustang GT convertible.

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The 2019 Ford Mustang

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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Just one person plays all the roles in Puppet Co.'s "Hansel and Gretel"

By Barbara Trainin Blank
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Engelbert Humperdinck – the 19th-century German opera composer, not the contemporary English pop singer – was probably glad he listened to his sister.

Adelheid Wette requested that her brother compose music for a libretto she had written for her children for Christmas based on the Grimm Brothers' version of "Hansel and Gretel." After several revisions, Humperdinck turned the musical sketches and songs he had written into full-fledged opera – probably his most famous work.

Specifically, said Christopher Piper, co-founder and artistic director of The Puppet Co. Playhouse, Wette intended to use her brother's music for a puppet show.

That makes it a "natural" for the Playhouse to present its own show of the beloved fairy tale. Not to mention that as a child and young man growing up in Hawaii, Piper used to perform "Hansel and Gretel" along with his brothers in his parents' puppeteering company.

"When I was a toddler, I played a mushroom," he laughed.

Now Piper is doing much more – he's playing all the roles in The Puppet Co.'s 40-minute production – young, older, male, female – performing all the voices live.

"We don't use canned speech, so I get to do Gretel," Piper said. "It is unique for a man to do all the parts, but it's all in a puppeteer's bag of tricks."

He uses marionettes for the show, as well as his parents' script.

It may not seem wise to tinker with such a well-known and much-loved fairy tale, but, as Piper pointed out, its very popularity – and the fact that it passed down orally – has guaranteed changes have crept in over time. That goes for The Puppet Co. production as well.

While in the Grimm Brothers' version the evil stepmother convinces her husband to send the children away because of lack of food, "she has been transformed in our production to a kinder and gentler version," said Piper. "The witch is still the witch, but she's funny more than scary, to appeal to the younger set."

As per the Humperdinck opera, in fact, both mother and father are "very sympathetic."

Early on, The Puppet Co., started out with two productions, "Pinocchio" and "Peter the Wolf," but the company wanted to expand its repertoire and added "Hansel and Gretel," said Allan Stevens, the company's managing director.

Stevens expects no complaints about the changes the company is making in the show, nor about the fact that the witch still gets thrown in the oven instead of the children. He does, however, recall one funny incident when The Puppet Co. received a complaint about not making a change.

Stevens was working box office after a production of "Alice in Wonderland."

"Twenty minutes later, a man came over and said he wanted his money back," he recalled. "He was complaining he had never heard a version of the story where the Red Queen says: 'Off with her head.'"

Stevens tried to reassure the man that it was "just bluster, not a real threat" – and that the expression appears in every version of "Alice."

As director of "Hansel and Gretel" and other shows, Stevens oversees possible mishaps – such as marionette strings breaking or



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The witch, Gretel and Hansel, all portrayed by puppeteer Christopher Piper, at Puppet Co. Playhouse.

getting tangled; or special effects going awry – "the tree grabbing the kids too hard," for example.

He makes sure the staging is clean – "not in the way."

As emissaries for puppetry, too, Stevens points out the art form "invented non-traditional casting."

"That goes for looks, age, and

gender," he said. "All a puppeteer has to do is be able to communicate a role."

"Hansel and Gretel" runs Oct. 4-Nov. 16, at the Puppet Co. Playhouse, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo Park. For more information, call 301-634-5380 or visit the website at www.thepuppetco.org.

Local students work with Highwood Theatre to present "Glass Menagerie"

By Barbara Trainin Blank
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When "The Glass Menagerie," a memory play with strong autobiographical elements, premiered in 1944, it brought immediate fame to playwright Tennessee Williams. It remains possibly his most widely produced work, although "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" and "A Streetcar Named Desire" are also popular.

Talia Silber wasn't familiar with "A Glass Menagerie," until The Highwood Theatre cast her in its upcoming production of the play for eighth to 12th graders.

It was casting by invitation – rather than the usual auditions – and Silber, a 10th grader at Albert Einstein, was "thrilled" the theater chose her to be the mother, Amanda Wingfield – one of those roles actresses long to play.

It also brought a new twist to her theater resume.

Up to now she's mostly done song-and-dance roles, playing Dainty June in "Gypsy" and one of the showgirls in "Cabaret" at Highwood.

"This show is a really exciting opportunity," Silber said. "I really got to work on my acting skills" – in a role that gives her many more lines than she ever had before.

It also gave her an opportunity to get to know a character who has elicited several responses.

"When I first saw the script, I

thought Amanda was the worst," Silber said. "But as I dove in, I began to love her."

The Wingfield matriarch is a faded Southern belle, abandoned by her husband and reduced to raising two children alone in dire financial circumstances. Wanting the best for her children – a daughter, Laura, who is both physically and emotionally fragile, and a son, Tom, the family's sole support and desperate to escape – she can be overbearing.

"But Amanda has a soft and sweet side," said Silber. "She really cares about the people she loves, but is bad at showing it."

After a few rehearsals, Silber found herself connecting with the character even more.

Because she didn't get the "lavish life she expected," the 10th grader added, "she began to build up walls. She doesn't know how to be genuine."

Genuineness factors into the theme of Highwood's 16th season, which is "Betrayal: The Truth Revealed," said artistic director Matthew Nicola.

"The Glass Menagerie" opens with the admission by Tom, the narrator and protagonist, that what the audience sees may not be accurate but rather based on his memories.

"This is a play we've wanted to do for a long time," said Nicola. "We also wanted to challenge our talented students."

The conception of Jade



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Alex Heywood, Talia Silber, and Raviv Levone rehearse "The Glass Menagerie" at Highwood Theatre.

Brooks-Bartlett, Highwood's production manager who is directing the play, is one she believes will challenge the many people in the audience familiar with "The Glass Menagerie."

Without making any changes in the text, Brooks-Bartlett added a new character, albeit a silent one, whom Tom tells his life story to and gives Tom's life an endpoint.

The director believes the production is "far more grounded in reality than most others," by using "inventive staging that reminds the

audience that the actual story might not be what they're seeing.

"This gives more relatability to every character," said Nicola.

A team of fourth through 12th graders from Highwood's Technical Theatre program created the intimate design.

One of the challenges of portraying the complex Amanda simply aging – not just through a few wrinkles and gray in her hair, cosmetically placed, or a "womanly bun and outfits that are an older woman's," Silber said. "The rest is up to me."

"The fun part is every time Amanda does something that makes everyone else cringe," she said.

Still, Silber insists, that her character "gets a bad rap from most people. 'She's misunderstood.'"

"The Glass Menagerie" will have a limited engagement at Highwood's home, 914 Silver Spring Ave., downtown Silver Spring, Friday-Sunday, Sept. 28-30, and Sunday, Oct. 5-7. For more information, call 301-587-0697 or visit the theater's website at www.thehighwoodtheatre.org.

NEWS

Gaithersburg debates short-term rental properties

By Peter Rouleau
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GAITHERSBURG — At a work session at City Hall Monday night, city staff sought guidance from Mayor Jud Ashman, the Gaithersburg City Council, and the city's Planning Commission as to how to respond to the growing popularity of short-term rental businesses. In recent years, companies such as Airbnb, which allow homeowners to advertise living space for rent to tourists, students, and other visitors for varying lengths of time without formally signing a lease, have sprung up throughout the country.

"We really don't know how many guests we have here in the city," said Kevin Roman, Neighborhood Services Division Chief. "But according to a recent article in the Frederick News-Post, Airbnb entertained 3,000 guests in Gaithersburg in 2017."

Roman said that the city had received only about a half-dozen

quality-of-life complaints pertaining to short-term rentals.

Long Range Planning Manager Rob Robinson noted that the city did not have a comprehensive policy for regulating short-term rentals.

"Our zoning ordinance in a number of zones limits the renting of rooms to no more than two individuals, so this falls under that," Robinson said. "We have other zones that don't have that, so it's prohibited; so, really, in the city of Gaithersburg, it's not specifically allowed, it's not regulated, and it's not allowed in other zones, but it's really murky and gray."

Roman noted that Montgomery County had recently enacted legislation allowing and regulating short-term rentals. Under the County policy, residents who host short-term rentals must be the property owner and use the property as their primary residence and must annually pay a licensing fee of \$150. A license will not be granted if prohibited by a homeowners' association.

"In the event the owner is off-site, the property can be rented for no more than 120 days," Roman said. "I really don't know how they're going to enforce that. That seems like a real problem as far as the regulatory angle goes."

Ashman asked if companies such as Airbnb could be counted upon to inform prospective participants of city regulations and to share data with the city.

"They do not share information willingly," Roman said. "Some larger cities have negotiated with Airbnb to get that information."

"This came up at the National League of Cities three years ago," said Council member Michael A. Sesma. "We had representatives from Airbnb speaking at the meeting, and I specifically asked this question about sharing information, and they didn't seem particularly receptive. I wasn't the only person from a municipality asking that question. They aren't very forthcoming in terms of cooperating with municipalities, and if you're

not going to get it from Airbnb, you're not going to get it from anyone else."

"I think it's in our best interests to better define and regulate this," Ashman said. "I don't want to see us specifically ban short-term rentals. I think it would be a losing battle to try and outlaw it."

Representatives from homeowners' associations voiced concerns about potential impacts of short-term rentals on their residents' quality of life.

"Every night I see 100 percent of street parking occupied in 90 percent of our neighborhood," said Matt Howell, a member of the Hidden Creek Homeowners Association board of directors. "I saw in the staff guidance that the county regulations require at least one off-site parking space, but we had a short-term rental recently where the property was used by a contractor as a meeting site. He would have four or five cars show up in the morning and stay all day while they went to the job site. We've

also had issues with trash and recycling, as short-term tenants don't know when collection days are and so will leave their garbage outside all day."

Howell also responded to Roman's earlier statement that the city had received only about a half-dozen quality-of-life complaints related to short-term rentals.

"I think that's underreported," Howell said. "I probably could have made 15 last year."

"I'm told that our documents do not permit short-term rentals; nevertheless, we recently found out that we have four of them going on," said Maria Cervantes, president of the Orchard Place Homeowners Association. "We would advocate a stronger presence by the city. We've had trash issues, noise issues. We've had complaints," about the transient people suddenly showing up. We have a parking problem to start with, and there are some areas of the community where that has just blown up because these rental areas are nearby.

County families scrap the cars for a bus on "Car Free Day"

By Kathleen Stubbs
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BOYDS — Some people found leisure and enjoyment in what they did without their car Saturday.

County residents who otherwise would not ride the bus took advantage of a free ride, provided by the County for international Car-Free Day, on Saturday.

On Saturday, Montgomery County Department of Transportation provided free buses for people to travel between four locations, in honor of the occasion. Bus drivers who drove the special buses estimated that 75 to 100 passengers took free bus trips on Saturday.

Montgomery County buses traveled between Shady Grove Metro Station, Germantown Transit Center, the Clarksburg Outlets, and Black Hill Regional Park, starting at 10 a.m. The County does not have established bus routes to either Black Hill Regional Park or the Clarksburg Outlets.

Gary Erenrich, Special Assistant to the Director at Montgomery County Department of Transportation, said Monday he was pleased with the turnout of Car-Free Day.

"It was an overwhelming success...because there were families and individuals who rode, let's just say, the Ride On Extra/Ride On for the first time," Erenrich said. "And that was part of our goal. Our goal was to have people experience riding the bus and seeing it's clean, it's efficient, it's nice, it's comfort-

able, and hopefully they'll ride more frequently."

One local resident who took advantage of the free bus rides Saturday, David Yount, age 63 from North Potomac, said he had not ridden on a bus for public transportation for 30 years. His wife, Naomi Yount, 45, said the last time she rode the bus for public transportation was when she was a teenager.

The Younts had planned to take their 5-year-old daughter Ashley, a kindergartener at Jonas Lane Elementary School, to Black Hill Regional Park to spend time with her friend Naomi Beka, also 5, and Naomi's 6-year-old brother Nathan Beka, who attend Wilson Wims Elementary School in kindergarten and first grade respectively.

Naomi Yount said she read about Car-Free Day on Facebook on Friday and decided to try it because her daughter had never been on a public bus before.

The Younts parked their car at the Clarksburg Outlets to board the bus to the park.

Naomi Yount said another reason her family opted to take the bus was that it would put less pollution into the environment than if they had driven themselves.

"Since it's going to be driving here whether we're on it or not, we figured we'd might as well be on it," said Naomi Yount on a Ride On bus traveling from the park to the Clarksburg Outlets.

Naomi Yount said her daughter and Naomi became friends during preschool, but as they now at-

tend kindergarten at different schools, the Younts and Naomi and Nathan's mother, Tsigereda Ayano, wanted the girls to remain friends despite the separation.

When Ashley told Nathan and Naomi about the bus with "TV screens," the two children said they wanted to ride on the bus, too, Naomi Yount said.

Joshua Mitchell, 42, of Gaithersburg, said he found out about Car-Free Day on Friday as well, when he was visiting the Ride On website. It has been a few months since the last time he rode a bus. He usually travels by car.

Mitchell, who drives for Uber, said he planned to go to the outlets to sit and watch people who were there. He said riding a comfortable bus without the stress of driving was a relief to him, and he chose to "people-watch," because it had been awhile since he "did something for [him]self" that he enjoyed.

Mitchell said he enjoys people-watching "because people are interesting."

"I guess I never think of it conceptually," said Mitchell. "I just do it. I enjoy it."

Some other passengers had planned to ride the bus regardless of whether it was Car-Free Day or not. They took advantage of not having to pay \$2 for a bus trip in either Rockville or Germantown.

Rockville resident Emmanuel Suum, 35, said he takes the Ride On bus to work during the week. He was not working that day and was

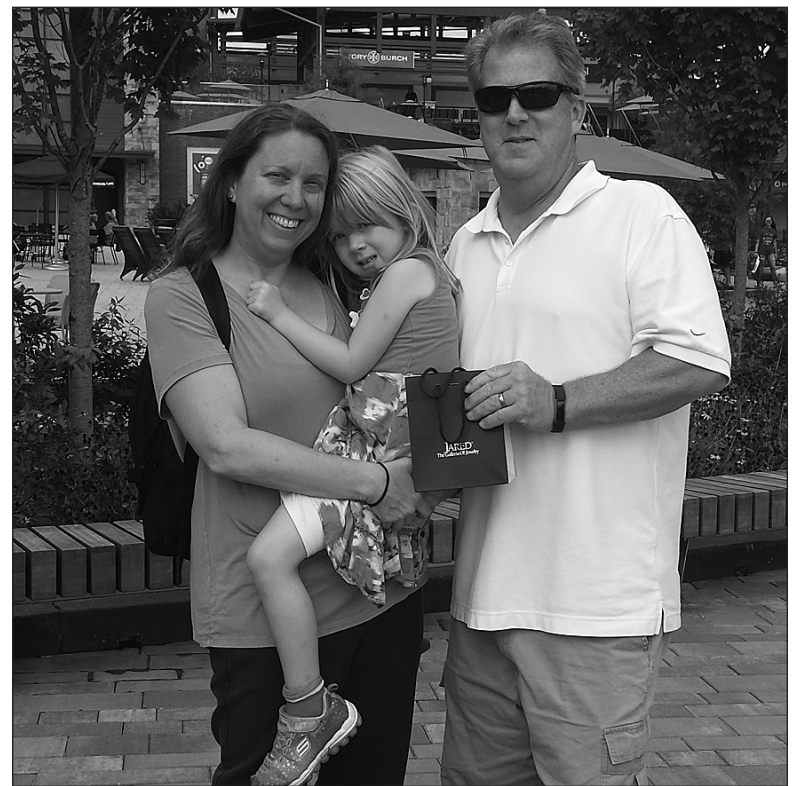


photo by Kathleen Stubbs

Naomi and David Yount and their daughter Ashley, 5, of North Potomac visit the Clarksburg Outlets on Car-Free Day Saturday

about to take his second bus for his trip home after visiting a friend when he learned about the free bus, so he rode that instead.

On the bus picking up riders from Shady Grove station at 11 a.m., nine riders boarded the bus, and eight exited at the first stop, Germantown Transit Center.

David Yount said Car-Free Day made a get-together with a friend into an adventure. He said he

would like to see the County transportation department plan more car-free outings to different locations in the County.

"Everybody loves an adventure, right?" David Yount said. "If you had an adventure once a month... save fuel and incorporate it with parks and famous landmarks... [it would] encourage people to get out and breathe the fresh air."

CALENDAR

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STRATHMORE

• **THE GIPSY KINGS THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2018, 8:00 PM** | THE MUSIC CENTER

• **AMP COMEDY: BENGT WASHBURN & ROBERT BARIL THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2018, 8:00 PM** | AMP

• **BILL MURRAY, JAN VOGLER & FRIENDS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2018, 8:00 PM** | THE MUSIC CENTER

• **NATIONAL PHILHARMONIC: ON THE WATERFRONT FILM WITH LIVE ORCHESTRA SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2018, 8:00 PM** | THE MUSIC CENTER

• **THE AUSTRALIAN PINK FLOYD SHOW SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2018, 8:00 PM** | THE MUSIC CENTER

THE FILLMORE

• **SOCIAL DISTORTION WITH JUSTIN TOWNES EARLE AND VALLEY QUEEN SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2018, 7:30 PM**

• **THE VAMPS WITH HRVY & NEW HOPE CLUB SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2018, 7:30 PM**

WOLF TRAP

• **JOHN LLOYD YOUNG THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8 AT 8:00 PM** | THE BARN

• **NICOLE ATKINS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14 AT 8:00 PM** | THE BARN

• **MAGGIE ROSE FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16 AT 8:00 PM** | THE BARN

• **ART GARFUNKEL NOVEMBER 18, 19 AND 20, 2018, 8:00 PM** | THE BARN

SEP 27

YAPPY HOUR & POP-UP DOG PARK

Sep. 27. 6:00 – 8:00 P.M. In partnership with Montgomery Parks, our pop-up dog park will consist of a small dog area and a large dog enclosure area for well-socialized dogs. The event will also feature live music along with food, beer and wine from Ruth's Chris Steak House and World of Beer. Weekly concert is at Elm Street Park (4600 Elm Street).

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS MEETING

Sep. 27. 7:15 – 8:30 P.M. Overeaters Anonymous meeting at the Rockville Church of Christ, 1450 Montgomery Ave., Rockville (in Parish House). For further information, <http://www.oa-dcmetro.org/> or Linda S at 301-641-9508.

SEP 28

ROOF TOP YOGA AND HAPPY HOUR

SEP. 28. 5:45 P.M. Enjoy the night on our beautiful rooftop patio for a 60-minute Flow State Yoga Class. Stay for happy hour with spirited beverages and light bites around the fire pit. Yoga mats will be provided. Where: TRUEBODY 7400 Wisconsin Avenue Bethesda, MD 20814. Every Friday through October 12, 2018.

SEP 28 & SEP 29

RIO SUMMER CONCERTS

Sep. 28 and Sep. 29. 6:00 – 9:00 P.M. Live music every Friday and Saturday night on RIO Patio near the paddle boats and Union Jack's! Address:

RIO Washingtonian Center, 209 Boardwalk Place, Gaithersburg, MD 20878. Through October 6.

SEP 29

ART ALL NIGHT

Sep. 29. The District's only free all-night arts festival, Art All Night, returns with a new lineup of visual and performing arts exhibits, workshops and performances. The Department of Small and Local Business Development (DSLBD) and D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities (DCAH) are sponsoring the festival presented by the Main Streets Programs in Congress Heights, Deanwood Heights, Dupont Circle, H Street, Minnesota Avenue, North Capitol, Shaw and Tenleytown, highlighting the most innovative and creative artistic forces in the city for the annual around-the-clock experience. From 7 p.m. on September 29 until 3 a.m. on September 30, artists and arts enthusiasts can bounce around the city experiencing painting, photography, sculpture, crafts, fashion, music, dance, theater, silent discos, film and poetry in a variety of unique indoor and outdoor spaces located throughout Washington.

FREE BEER TASTING

Sep. 29. 5:00 – 7:00 P.M. Stop in and sample some favorite local beers. Saturdays through December 29, 2018. Where: Dawson's Market, 225 N Washington St, Rockville, MD 20850.

FOOD ADDICTS ANONYMOUS

Sep. 29. 9:30 – 10:30 A.M. Food Addicts Anonymous meets every Saturday at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 100 Welsh Park Drive, Building #4, Rockville, MD 20850. We welcome new members. For questions, please visit www.foodaddictsanonymous.org or call Valerie @ 240-543-3090.

SEP 30

2018 MARINES HELPING HEROES 5K CHALLENGE

Sep. 30. 7:30 P.M. Presented by Live! Casino-Hotel, the Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049 of the Marine Corps League will conduct its 3rd Annual Marines Helping Heroes 5K Challenge on September 30 at 7:00 AM at Arundel Mills. Proceeds from the event will benefit the detachment's local military and veteran charitable causes. For additional information about the Anne Arundel County Detachment please visit their website at <http://mclaaacct1049.org/>. For additional information about Marines Helping Heroes, and to register for the Challenge, please visit <https://MarinesHelpingHeroes.org>

BRINGING WORDS TO LIFE" ART EXHIBIT AT THE VCA ALEXANDRIA ANIMAL HOSPITAL

Sep. 30 – Jan. 27. Whether written, spoken, or sung, words evoke emotion and meaning that stay with us long after they are finished. "Bringing Words to Life" pairs a line from an artist's favorite song, poem, book, or speech with the artist's visual interpretation of that quote. This Del Ray Artisans Gallery Without Walls exhibit runs September 30, 2018 – January 27, 2019 at the VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital, 2660 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. Details: www.DelRayArtisans.org/exhibits/gww

OCT 01

EVENING GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Oct. 01. 6:30 – 8:30 P.M. For anyone grieving the death of a loved one, a six-week group led by Montgomery Hospice professional counselors. Mondays. Montgomery Hospice, 1355 Piccard Drive,



COURTESY PHOTO

Musical icon/singer Art Garfunkel will perform three shows at The Barns at Wolf Trap in November. Garfunkel is scheduled to appear on November 18, 19 and 20.

ve, Rockville. Registration required: 301-921-4400.

PANEL ON THE STATE OF THE U.S. SENATE

Oct. 01. 7:00 P.M. Montgomery College Rockville Campus hosts former Congresswoman Connie Morella and a distinguished panel of speakers examining current challenges in the U.S. Senate. Guest speakers include former Senator Bill Brock, who also served as Republican National Committee Chair, U.S. Trade Representative, and Secretary of Labor in the Reagan era; Ira Shapiro, who served as General Counsel, Ambassador, and chief trade negotiator with Japan and Canada in the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative during the Clinton administration; Dr. Katherine Scott, Assistant Historian of the U. S. Senate; and Dr. Lee Annis, Professor of History at Montgomery College Rockville. The panel discussion convenes in the Theater Arts Arena on the Rockville Campus. Speakers' books will be available for purchase, with proceeds to benefit Connie Morella's Montgomery College Scholarship Fund.

OCT 02

AFTERNOON GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Oct. 02. 1:30 – 3:00 P.M. For anyone grieving the death of a loved one, a six-week group led by Montgomery Hospice professional counselors. Tuesdays, Trinity Lutheran, 11200 Old Georgetown Rd. North Bethesda. Registration required: 301-921-4400.

OCT 03

SQUARE DANCE LESSONS AND DANCING

Oct. 3. 7:30 – 9:45 P.M. Square dance lessons and dancing at North Chevy Chase Christian Church, 8814 Kensington Parkway (in Parish House). Wednesdays: 7:30 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. \$7 per person, also October 10, 17, 24, and 31. Contact phone number: 301-598-2574. <http://www.gerry-manders.info/>

SEWING CIRCLE FOR CHARITY

Oct. 03. 10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. Do you like to sew, knit, or crochet? Work on community projects with a congenial group? Volunteers are invited to help make afghans and quilts as gifts for hospitalized children (yarn and fabric provided). Monthly meetings are on the grounds of the Montgomery County Agricultural History Farm Park, in the University of Maryland Extension Office, 18410 Muncaster Road, Derwood, MD 20855. This project is sponsored by the Montgomery County Association for Family & Community Education. Donations of yarn and washed fabric appreciated. For more information and directions, please contact Jean at 301-641-4878 or jcpurich@cs.com

UPCOMING

QUILT SHOW & ARTISAN BOUTIQUE

Oct. 05. 9:00 – 6:00 P.M. and Oct. 6. 9:00 – 4:00 P.M. NeedleChasers of Chevy Chase returns to the Kensington Town Office (Armory) for its 21st quilt show, with the theme "Just Around the Block." Join us to admire the amazing display of beautiful quilts or buy a handmade item at the Artisan Boutique. Check out the fabric, books and notions for sale at the Calico Elephant or sit in on a quilting demonstration. Bid on an item in the Silent Auction, take a chance (\$2 each, 3 for \$5) on our stunning "Just Around the Block" opportunity quilt (queen-size) or check out the Community Service display. We're sure you will enjoy the show and it's just around the block! Admission is \$7; children under 12 are free.

SYMMETRY PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT AT DEL RAY ARTISANS

Oct. 05 – 28. Del Ray Artisans and Union 206 Studio present "Symmetry – Balance in an Asymmetrical World" showcasing artists' visions of symmetry. The camera, used as a tool, reveals the artist's vision and produces a personal – typically evocative or atmospheric, yet balanced – statement. The photography exhibit runs October 5-28, 2018 with the Opening Reception on Friday, October 5, 7-9pm. View the exhibition at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria. Details: www.DelRayArtisans.org/event/symmetry

TASTE IN POTOMAC

Oct. 06. 6:30 – 11:30 P.M. Taste in Potomac brings leaders in our community, advocates for children, and friends who care together. Guests enjoy an evening of fabulous auctions and delicious food from Potomac area restaurants. Nearly 30 restaurants donate their fare for the enjoyment of our guests and to help Adoptions Together raise awareness and funding to find homes for children in foster care. The event's after-party, Toast in Potomac, welcomes the next generation of community partners to enjoy an evening of dancing, mingling, and treats from Potomac area restaurants. Top-shelf bourbon tastings, the A List beauty bar, and much more... Admission is included with tickets to Taste in Potomac or can be purchased separately. Limited tickets available. Register online at www.adoptionsaltogether.org/events/tasteinpotomac/

SCIENCE IN CURRENT EVENTS: DNA AND THE EVOLUTION OF SPECIES

Oct. 06. 2:00 – 3:00 P.M. NIST Scientist, Dr. Boualem Hammouda will discuss DNA and the Evolution of Species. Please join us for an informative and stimulating discussion. For more information, call the library at 240-777-0200. Place: Quince Orchard Library / 15831 Quince Orchard Road / Gaithersburg

TASTE OF BETHESDA

Oct. 06. 11:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. Taste of Bethesda returns on Saturday, October 6, 2018 and will bring nearly 50 restaurants and five stages of entertainment to Bethesda's Woodmont Triangle. Produced by the Bethesda Urban Partnership, downtown Bethesda's famous food and music festival celebrates 29 years of diverse and delectable cuisine offered by Bethesda's local restaurant community. Taste of Bethesda is located on Norfolk, St. Elmo, Cordell, Del Ray and Auburn Avenues in the heart of Bethesda's Woodmont Triangle. Five stages showcase musical and cultural performances, and a children's area featuring art and craft activities, balloons and face painting will provide additional entertainment for young visitors.

CO-OP FESTIVAL

Oct. 06 & Oct. 07. 11:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M. All ages (free family-friendly event). Co-ops come together to entertain, educate and provide fun for all ages. Learn how to grow rice with Riceland Foods; take a virtual farm tour with Organic Valley; sample Cabot Creamery cheese; experience solar demos with America's Electric Cooperatives; learn about your financial health with America's Credit Unions and enjoy music from WASH Radio and WMZQ-FM. The families can also kick off the weekend by participating in The Co-op 5K on Saturday, October 6 at Hains Point! This fun event will feature prizes for the whole family, from REI Co-op Backpacks, to Co-op Swag baskets! While the festival is free, there is a fee to participate in the 5K. www.coopfestival.coop <http://www.cdf.coop/5k/>

WALTZ DANCE

Oct. 07. 2:45 – 3:30 P.M. Waltz Workshop and 3:30 to 6:00 P.M. Dance. Join us for a Waltz Dance in the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park on Sunday, October 7, 2018 featuring the ensemble Sugar Beat playing a lively mix of folk waltzes with a few other couple dances, including Hambo, Schottische, Swing, Tango, and Polka. For more information, 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. The Glen Echo National Park is located at 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo, MD 20812.

SANDY SPRING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

Oct. 07. 1:00 – 4:00 P.M. The Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Department will hold its annual open house at 17921 Brooke Road, in Sandy Spring. Kids will have fun opportunities to meet firefighters, see equipment used in fire and rescue work, meet Sparky the Fire Dog, learn "Stop, Drop, and Roll," and play firefighter dress up. Parents can learn about fire safety, emergency preparedness, bike helmet safety, and car seat safety and learn about hosting your child's birthday party at the fire department. For additional information on the Open House please email openhouse@ssvfd.com or visit www.ssvfd.org. Visit the SSVFD's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/SandySpringVolunteers, and their Twitter page at @SandySpringVolunteers.

ST. ANNE'S COMMUNITY CONCERT SERIES

Oct. 07. 4:30 P.M. John Bullard is a genuine classical banjoist, a unique musician who has gained

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international attention for transcribing classical repertoire for the five-string banjo. John will perform on three different banjos, featuring his classical interpretations along with familiar Southern banjo music. Come to hear the banjo played as you have never before heard it in performance. Where: St. Anne's Episcopal Church, 25100 Ridge Road, Damascus, MD 20872. Price: Free will offering. Other: A reception with refreshments will follow the concert.

TALK: THE PAST AND FUTURE OF THE CIDER BARREL

Oct. 13, 3:30 – 4:30 P.M. In this program Historian Susan Soderberg will present the history of the Cider Barrel and entrepreneur Laura Richman will put forth her plans for the future of this historic landmark and icon of Germantown. This will be in the Germantown Library, Room A, 19840 Century Blvd., Germantown, MD. There will also be an exhibit on the history of the Cider Barrel in the display case on the ground floor of the Library during the month of October.

21ST ANNUAL BETHESDA ROW ARTS FESTIVAL

Oct. 13 – 14, Saturday, 11:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M. and Sunday, 10:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. For two days, the streets of downtown Bethesda are transformed into an outdoor gallery of arts and crafts. Over 190 selected artists will showcase their museum quality works of all different types, including: ceramics, drawings, fabrics, glass, graphics, jewelry, metal-



COURTESY PHOTO

White Ford Bronco takes center stage at the Howard Theatre in the District on Friday September 28 at 10:00 pm. The D.C. cover band gets its name from the infamous car O.J. Simpson rode in during his car chase with Los Angeles police.

work, paintings, pastels, photography, printmaking, sculpture, wood, and 2D and 3D mixed media. The event is held rain or shine. Bethesda Row is located on Woodmont and Bethesda Avenues, Elm Street and Bethesda Lane, east of Arlington Road, and is within walking distance from the Bethesda Metro station. Free parking garages are also located around the site. Admission is free.

THE ELEPHANT SHOP

Oct. 13, 10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. The Elephant Shop at the Friends House Retirement Community in Sandy Spring (17340 Quaker Lane) will be open on Saturday, October 13th, from 10:00-1:00 pm. Great deals on Fall Clothes, household items, and collectibles. All sales benefit seniors in the Sandy

Spring/Ashton area. For more information contact Jean at friendscommunity2017@gmail.com.

WALTZ DANCE

Oct. 14, 2:45 – 3:30 P.M. Waltz Workshop and 3:30 to 6:00 P.M. Dance. Join us for a Waltz Dance in the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park on Sunday, October 14, 2018 and will feature the ensemble Some Assembly. This versatile band will provide a lively mix of folk waltzes with a few other couple dances, including Hambro, Schottische, Swing, Tango, and Polka. No partner required. Admission is \$13. For more information, 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. The Glen Echo National Park is located at 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo, MD 20812.

FILM ABOUT FEMALE VETERANS

Oct. 14, 2:00 – 3:30 P.M. Rockville Memorial Library, First Floor Meeting Room: Second of three films in a series sponsored by Friends of the Library, Rockville Memorial Chapter: Service: When Women Come Marching Home, an award-winning film of women's traumas, joys, and achievements when coming home from the military. Following the film, there will be a discussion with veterans. This series of films and discussions with the filmmaker, NAACP officials, and veterans, is free and open to the public.

MEDITATION FOR HEALTH AND WELL BEING

Oct. 18, 6:30 – 7:30 P.M. Many people all over the world are turning to meditation to help them lead a more peaceful and healthy life-style. Scientific studies have proven that the practice of meditation reduces stress and anxiety, as well as decreases the risk of disease. Many doctors recommend meditation to their patients, and those who practice meditation attest to its healing power in their lives. Please join David Newcomb, long-time meditator, for this engaging and informative workshop and learn to incorporate a simple yet powerful technique into your life. Where: Twinbrook Library. For more information, go to: <https://bit.ly/2xLemex> or call 240-777-0252.

CONCERT: THE THIRTEEN PRESENTS "I WRITE YOUR NAME"

Oct. 20 & 21, 7:30 P.M. The all-star professional choir, The Thirteen, will perform a reflective and poignant concert titled "I write your name" at the Church of the Epiphany, 1317 G Street NW, Washington, D.C. and the Sunday concert at Bradley Hills Church, 6601 Bradley Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20817. This Sunday concert is only available to season subscribers. Tickets are available at www.TheThirteenChoir.org. Venue is accessible by car, and public transportation, with ample free parking available.

WALTZ DANCE

Oct. 21, 2:45 – 3:30 P.M. Waltz Workshop and 3:30 to 6:00 P.M. Dance. Join us for a Waltz Dance in the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park featuring the ensemble Rhapsody. This versatile band will provide a lively mix of folk waltzes with a few other couple dances, including Hambro, Schottische, Swing, Tango, and Polka. Admission is \$13. No partner required. For more information, 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. The Glen Echo National Park is located at 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo, MD 20812.

SUPERFINE! DC

Oct. 31 – Nov. 4. Over 300 visual artists from DC and beyond will present new contemporary artwork throughout 70 curated booths, and with price

points beginning at \$100 and 75% off works available below \$5,000. You will discover the perfect piece for your home, whether its your first piece in your collection or it is joining other beloved pieces. From panel discussions with local art luminaries, to art movie nights and the Masquerade Vernissage, Superfine! DC has Washingtonians covered as your own local and global art fair. Where: Dock 5 @ Union Market, 1309 5th St NE, Washington, DC 20002. For more information visit <https://superfine.world/visit-dc>

ONGOING

EAT, DRINK, AND BE MERRY ART EXHIBIT AT DEL RAY ARTISANS

Through Sep. 30. "Eat, Drink, and Be Merry" juror, Lisa York, presents "Bowls and Plates with Nice Curves" (September 8, 10am-4pm) at The Clay Queen Pottery. This demonstration workshop explores how the curves and form of a plate or bowl functions in the home, the use of geometric shapes as part of surface decorations, and a variety of thrown and alteration techniques; plus provides insight into the jurying process. \$65 Del Ray Artisans members, \$75 non-members. DelRayArtisans.org/event/bowls-and-plates.

ATOMIC DOG AND CONSEQUENTIAL CAT ART EXHIBIT AT VCA ALEXANDRIA ANIMAL HOSPITAL

Through Sep. 30. Del Ray Artisans and VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital present a Gallery Without Walls Exhibit, "Atomic Dog and Consequential Cat", inspired by our furry friends. This show features a selection of artwork by Del Ray Artisans members. The show can be viewed during regular business hours at the VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital (2660 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314) now through September 30. Details: www.DelRayArtisans.org/event/dog-and-cat/

NEW COUNTY PROGRAM SEEKS SKILLED VOLUNTEERS 50+

The Montgomery County Volunteer Center's new 50+ Volunteer Network connects skilled volunteers with nonprofit and government agencies that need assistance. This unique program is perfect for those who are age 50+ and want to make a significant contribution of time and talent to the community, while still retaining flexibility. Through personal consultations, trained advisors help find volunteer opportunities that match particular areas of interests, skills, and availability. Options may include ongoing program management and support, short-term consulting projects using professional skills, and direct services to clients. For more information, email 50plus@montgomerycountymd.gov or visit www.montgomeryserves.org.

VIDEO PRODUCTION CLASSES FOR HS STUDENTS (FREE)-GANDHI BRIGADE

Mondays, 3:30 P.M. High school students will learn fundamentals of video production and work together to create short films about topics of their choosing...and earn SSL hours! This program starts January 24th and classes are held from 3:30 to 5:30 pm. Must be a high school student. Registration is required at bit.ly/mocovideoclass. For more information, please call the Gandhi Brigade at 301-592-1900. Visit www.gandhibrigade.org for more information. Where: Marilyn J. Praisner Library, 14910 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUPS

Hope Connections offers weekly groups for people with all types of cancer, caregivers, people with advanced cancer and a bereavement group. Support groups are held at both of Hope Connections for Cancer Support's two locations: Beaumont House at FASEB, 9650 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD and 8401 Corporate Drive, Suite 100, Lan-

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COURTESY PHOTO

The Gipsy Kings, featuring Nicolas Reyes & Tonino Baliardo, bring a blend of traditional flamenco styles with Western pop and Latin rhythms to the Strathmore on Thursday, September 27 at 8:00 pm. Opening the show is Park City, Utah-based band PARK88.

dover, MD. Orientation sessions are held every Monday at 11 a.m. at the Beaumont House in Rockville, and every Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Landover. Additional orientation sessions are held on the 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. in Bethesda. Orientations are Free - RSVP required at 301-634-7500

GUIDED TOUR OF WOODLAWN MANOR HOUSE AND GROUNDS

Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, 11:00 – 11:30 A.M. or 2:00 – 2:30 P.M. Take a guided tour of Woodlawn Manor, a 19th-century Federal-style manor house, and learn about Dr. William Palmer, his family and other residents. Tour will include interior and exterior spaces, including some that are not ADA-accessible. www.woodlawnmanor.org or call 301-563-7519. \$3 fee

WOODLAWN MUSEUM

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Soul singer performs songs by Bacharach and David at Strathmore's AMP

By Barbara Trainin Blank
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Julia Nixon has enjoyed a long and enviable career.

The rhythm and blues/soul singer understudied, then took over the lead role of Effie – first performed by Jennifer Holiday – in the original Broadway production of “Dreamgirls.”

“It was a great roller coaster ride,” said Nixon, a D.C. resident with roots in the South. “That started it all.”

After relocating to the area a few decades ago, she performed in the touring company of “Smokey Joe’s Cafe,” and received the 2007 Helen Hayes Award for Outstanding Lead Actress in Tony Kushner and Jeanine Tesori’s musical “Caroline, or Change.”

Exciting as the performance and honor were, Nixon admitted she took comedy courses “to lighten up” after the “so-heavy and serious show.”

The singer won’t have to worry about the tone when she appears Oct. 5 at AMP at Strathmore as part of a tour, performing the songs of Burt Bacharach and Hal David. The Dave Ylvisaker Dozen will accompany her.

Over a period of several

decades, Bacharach and David wrote such hits as “Magic Moments,” “Walk on By,” “Anyone Who Had a Heart,” “Alfie,” “I Say a Little Prayer,” “The Look of Love,” “What the World Needs Now,” and “Raindrops Keep Fallin’ on My Head.”

Bacharach discovered Dionne Warwick, who went on to record several of the team’s songs.

They also wrote “Promises, Promises,” a 1968 Broadway musical with a book by Neil Simon. Based on Billy Wilder’s comedy-drama film “The Apartment,” the show starred Jerry Orbach, and aside from the title song, introduced “I’ll Never Fall in Love Again.”

Publicity from Strathmore declared that “the songs of Burt Bacharach and Hal David left an indelible mark on pop history – with their dramatic chords, jazz voicings, and endless pop strut.”

Nixon gained local fame performing in the ensemble group Julia and Company, the resident group of the popular D.C. nightclub Mr. Henry’s, where she still has a monthly Saturday showcase.

Her other credits include performance at Radio City Music Hall, the White House, the Lincoln Center and the Kennedy Center, as well as international radio, television, and

personal appearances. She forged performance associations with Stevie Wonder, Aretha Franklin, Kenny G., and Richard Pryor.

After releasing several hit records in Europe, the contralto has a new track, “Survive (LIVIN’),” which she said reflects someone who has undergone life’s struggles.

Nixon is divorced, but has a son also in show business. She also lost her voice before one performance of “Dreamgirls,” after her father suffered a heart attack, and had to undergo special treatment.

“The whole Motown-soul [thing] really resonates with me,” said Nixon, “but vocalizing classical music kept me singing, and gives my voice longevity.”

Many factors contributed to Nixon’s success – her voice, family heritage – both her parents sang – and training at the North Carolina School of the Arts.

There was one other.

“It’s a story that’s hard to believe, but is really true,” Nixon said. “I was working as domestic for two white women down South – women active in the civil rights movement. I saw they had records of Leontyne Price, the opera singer, and Dionne Warwick. I had never been in a white home with albums of black people.”

She began to “mimic” the



COURTESY PHOTO

Julia Nixon in concert.

sounds of both in the bathroom, which had the best acoustics. One of her employers rushed over and said: “You need voice lessons.”

“She made arrangements right then and there,” said Nixon.

The singer remembers fondly that her two employers came up to New York to see her in “Dreamgirls.”

Now Nixon is looking ahead to

the AMP concert. “I’m a Bachaholic,” she said. “When I sing their songs, the audience is also singing, their heads swaying. I love that.”

The concert takes place on Oct. 5 at 8 p.m., at AMP at Strathmore, 11810 Grand Park Ave., 4th floor, North Bethesda. For more information, call 301-581-5100 or visit their website at www.ampbystrathmore.com.

Halloween destinations open for season and ready to scare County residents

By Peter Rouleau
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Area Halloween attractions are launching their annual bids to creatively scare Montgomery County residents.

“This year, the theme of our haunt is Transylvania, so there will be vampires and monsters on the trails, and we have a lot of new activities for our waiting area,” said Julie Clendenin, communications director for Calleva. “I really appreciate the professionalism of our people, and I enjoy seeing how all the various creative and technical elements come

together to make the haunt happen. I also really believe in the educational mission of Calleva, and the forest is a wonderful way to support that.”

Markoff’s Haunted Forest opened in 1993, when brothers Matt, Nick, and Alex Markoff conceived of using a haunt to raise money for their goal of starting an outdoor educational camp. Originally a mobile haunt, Markoff’s Haunted Forest now consists of two large trails, a haunted hayride to a Western-themed town, and several games and other attractions on the grounds of the Markoff family farm in Dickerson.

Calleva, Inc, the nonprofit organization founded by the Markoffs, hosts outdoor educational summer camps and other activities.

Clendenin said, “I am amazed by the creative genius behind the Forest. Our team is full of visionary people who think way out of the box in terms of creative ideas. These people work alongside an equally impressive group of technical professionals who are able to implement the vision with excellence. It’s incredible to be behind the scenes and see this event take shape year after year.”

Markoff’s Haunted Forest runs

weekends in October and on Halloween night. Tickets and additional information are available at www.markoffshauntedforest.com.

Field of Screams Maryland, a haunt operated by Steelhead Productions that raises money for the Olney Boys and Girls Club, opened to the public on September 22. Located at 4501 Olney-Laytonsville Road, Field of Screams features two haunted trails, a hayride, and a new slaughterhouse attraction this year.

“We’ve really upped the gore factor on the trails,” said Mike Lado, creative director of Field of Screams Maryland. “We have a lot of new at-

tractions built on site. Trail One is the classic haunted trail with clowns and other ghouls. Trail Two is camp-themed, with lodges and skinner houses. We’ve also started to put more focus into the compound areas, so we have a lot more going on while folks are waiting in line.

“I have the greatest bosses in the world,” Lado continued. “They believe in my vision and give me free reign to design it. It’s really cool to see the community come in and have a great time with what we’ve produced for them.”

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Bullis hands Q.O. its first loss

By Eva Paspalis
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POTOMAC — Fans flocked in droves to Kline Alumni Stadium on Friday to witness a battle between two undefeated varsity football teams, the 2-0 Bullis Bulldogs and the visiting 3-0 Quince Orchard Cougars. The private school versus public school matchup delivered in intensity, and, in the end, Bullis handed the Cougars their first loss of the season, 22-14.

Friday's game wasn't a high-scoring affair like it was last season, when the Bulldogs eked out a narrow one-point victory in a game that saw both teams score more than 40 points.

Instead, Bullis thoroughly controlled the time of possession with long offensive drives and the defense-forced three-and-outs and made sure the Quince Orchard offense stayed off the field.

However, the Bullis running game was the star of the show. Sophomore quarterback Jackson Greenleaf either ran the ball himself or handed off to senior running back Eric "Baby D." McKan, who shredded the Cougars' defense with over 200 yards on the ground, two touchdowns and a two-point conversion.

McKan said his nickname comes from his father, whose nickname is "Dump" after a television show that he likes. McKan was origi-

nally referred to as "Baby Dump" before his name was shortened to the moniker that fans in the stands shout at him every time he crosses the goal line.

Even though his team is still undefeated, McKan's list of goals to accomplish in the 2018 season doesn't stop there.

"I know this is my last year playing high school football, so I have to leave it all out on the field," he said. "I want to get a championship with my team, I want to get IAC player of the year, I want to get IAC Most Valuable Player, and try to finish with at least 1500 yards this year."

The senior is well on his way to his yardage goal, and the Cougars had a hard time finding an answer for McKan, especially since Quince Orchard registered only three possessions in the first half. Two of the possessions ended with swift three-and-outs.

When the Cougars' offense took the field to start the second half, however, junior running back Marquez Cooper emerged determined to put a touchdown on the scoreboard for Quince Orchard. Cooper clawed for yardage as he rumbled through the Bullis defense, often pulling a group of Bulldogs down the field with him.

Cooper's prime opportunity came when Bullis attempted an unsuccessful fake punt on fourth down

that gave the Cougars the ball back with great field position. The junior dove through the pile at the goal line for a two-yard touchdown.

Quince Orchard now trailed only by eight points, and the intensity of the on-field play spilled out onto the sidelines. Players from both teams engaged in a brawl, which resulted in a pair of unsportsmanlike-conduct penalties and several Cougars being ejected from the game.

Back on the field, McKan put on a clinic as he drove steadily down the field, and Bullis methodically ate up the game clock before the senior capped off another long drive with a one-yard score.

Not to be outdone, Cooper earned his second touchdown a few minutes later as he sped into the paint untouched from three yards out.

"I have to be a captain out here. I just can't let my team be down. We always have to be positive," he said.

Cooper explained that his drive to succeed comes from his late uncle Dominique, whose tough love when Cooper was younger made the junior strive to be better.

"I was in a flag football game and we lost. And I'm crying [while] still playing and he's telling me to stop crying and stop acting soft. It sounds harsh, but that's just how my family is and I appreciate them," said Cooper.



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Eric McKan takes the handoff from Jackson Greenleaf for Bullis.

Lady Wildcats deal crushing blow to Sherwood 2-0

By Harry Lichtman
@hslichtman

BETHESDA — Monday night was a rainy night for Montgomery County, and several sporting events had to be canceled as a result. However, there was still varsity girls soccer to be played in Bethesda, as the Walter Johnson Lady Wildcats (4-2-1) hosted the Sherwood Lady Warriors (3-1), with WJ coming out on top, the final score 2-0.

For a majority of the 40-minute first half, the Wildcats controlled the ball and created more scoring opportunities, as they were able to pressure Sherwood on defense and take back possession of the ball well.

Another major factor of this game was the weather. In the end, the rain and wind worked in the Wildcats' favor.

The first goal for WJ happened at the 16-minute mark of the first half when junior forward Olivia

McBerry's shot deflected off a Warrior defender and slowly slipped past sophomore goalkeeper Morgan Anaya, who despite allowing two goals, made four saves at the net.

The Wildcats almost scored on other opportunities though, as they totaled nine shots in the half. The home team shot the ball seven times with no results until the eighth shot which was McBerry's goal.

WJ made six more shot attempts in the second half, with one of them resulting in a goal by freshman defender Charlotte Thomas, assisted by junior defender Geneva Smith.

McBerry's lone goal came on four shot attempts, and Walter Johnson head coach Josh Kinnetz was impressed.

"Olivia's somebody that has such a high potential," Kinnetz said. "She is really somebody that is really coming into her own this year, and owning that potential. I'm really ex-

cited seeing her going forward."

Kinnetz also offered praise for Thomas, a freshman who scored her first varsity goal Monday night.

Despite not getting enough opportunities in the first half, Sherwood did create some in the second half, even though they were unable to score at all.

"Walter Johnson was very organized, and passed the ball and moved the ball really well and gave us a hard time," said Warriors head coach John Young. "I think our girls gave a good effort, and I was proud of our effort, but we obviously didn't get anything in the back of the net."

Young also attributed tonight's loss to the ugly weather conditions. "I think the wind was definitely something that hurt us in the first half," he said. "Playing against the wind and the rain certainly didn't help us."

Monday night's match was the



PHOTO BY MIKE CLARK

Morgan Anaya had a busy night as Sherwood's goal keeper.

first loss for the Warriors this season, which is ironic because WJ coach Kinnetz is also a teacher at Sherwood.

"A lot of those girls are my students," Kinnetz said. "But of course, it felt good in the sense that the standpoint of being a WJ coach, and

us putting together a complete game up to this point in the season. We've done a really good job on the defensive side of the ball, but we haven't quite figured out the offensive side, and tonight we really did that. I thought we were really dynamic on the offensive side of the ball."

SPORTS

Richard Montgomery Stuns Sherwood 21-20!

By Harry Lichtman
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ROCKVILLE — So far, the 2018 Montgomery County High School football season has been full of blowouts. However, there were some exceptions, like Friday night's matchup between the visiting Sherwood Warriors (2-2) and the home team Richard Montgomery Rockets (2-2).

Sherwood came into the contest with blowout wins over Magruder and Einstein, and figured its away game in Rockville would also be easy. Not so fast; the Rockets came to play as they upset the Warriors 21-20.

RM got off to a rocky start, though, as senior quarterback Michael Braswell's pass was intercepted by Sherwood senior wide receiver/defensive back Mitchell West, who returned the pick 22 yards for a touchdown to give the visitors a 7-0 lead early in the first.

"That pick was kind of heart-breaking," said Braswell. "But Coach always told me that you're always going to make mistakes, but you've got to bounce back."

However, the Rockets' defense stepped up as well when Warriors junior running back Dylan Grant coughed up the ball, which was picked up by senior defensive back Ellis Deng, who returned it 35 yards

all the way to the end zone to tie the game up at 7-7.

Just before the defense-filled quarter ended, Sherwood's offense got a spark when West took the handoff and raced 74 yards past defenders for the go-ahead touchdown and the 14-7 lead.

Late in the half, a 75-yard Rockets drive, which included an impressive catch by senior wide receiver Todd Thoman near the sideline, resulted in Braswell's scoring on a four-yard keeper to tie the game up at 14-14.

In the fourth quarter, Sherwood was already inside the red zone, and Grant was able score from six yards out to give his team a 20-14 lead. However, the extra-point attempt went wide right, keeping the score at 20, which would prove costly.

Richard Montgomery caught some lucky breaks on their ensuing possession, which lasted almost nine minutes. On fourth down near midfield, Braswell tried scrambling for the first down when he appeared to have been tackled short. However, the chain gang showed that he picked up the first down after all.

Then, the game seemed to have been over on an incomplete pass on another fourth down play, but a pass interference penalty on the Warriors kept the Rockets alive.

The drive resulted in Braswell's hooking up Thoman in

the corner of the end zone for the game-tying touchdown and the successful extra point, to give RM the 21-20 lead with over two minutes left in the game.

"Having that kicker miss that field goal was a great opportunity, and we took advantage of it and scored," Braswell said.

Sherwood was able to drive into Rockets' territory on their next possession, but while scrambling for the first down on the fourth and 12, junior quarterback Michael Murphy was tackled short of the first down, sealing the upset for Richard Montgomery.

"I'm just really proud of our kids," said RM Rockets head coach Josh Klotz. "I told them I was really proud of them at halftime, their effort in the first half, even prouder in the third quarter, and obviously the way that they came together and finished that game."

Sherwood head coach Tom Crowell said a major factor in the loss was the absence of senior running back Andrew Comeau, due to an ankle injury.

"We just made more mistakes than they did," Crowell said. "The breaks just didn't go our way tonight."

Next week, the Rockets will host the Walter Johnson Wildcats on Sept. 28, at 7 p.m., while the Warriors will visit the Wheaton Knights on Sept. 29, at 2 p.m.



PHOTO BY DAVID WOLFE

Richard Montgomery's Michael Braswell tries to avoid a Sherwood tackle.

Wolverines snap losing streak against Seneca Valley

By Carlos Alfaro
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GAITHERSBURG — It finally happened: the Watkins Mill Wolverines toppled the Seneca Valley Screamin' Eagles for the first time in the program's history.

And in resounding fashion, to boot: the final score was 32-12, eerily similar to the JV game between the schools earlier in the day (which ended 32-13, with a Wolverines win).

It was a messy game, which showed a Screamin' Eagles team that was disorganized and undisciplined enough to lengthen the game considerably off of penalties.

Screamin' Eagles head coach Fred Kim did not mince words: "We got to do a better job with our penalties. That was awful, the number of penalties that we had, it's embarrassing and it's disgraceful that we would be penalized that many times."

Watkins Mill hit first with a one-yard carry by senior quarterback Lucas Elenga for a second-quarter touchdown. The extra point by senior kicker Brady Allen was good and put the Wolverines ahead by seven points.

Ironically, Watkins Mill had Seneca Valley covered in aerial superiority, as Elenga connected with

David-Vincent Okoli in the end zone for a 44-yard touchdown. Another Allen kick was good and put the Wolverines up by 14.

Penalties aside, a stiff Wolverines defense kept the Screamin' Eagles at bay as the visitors struggled to make use of their running game.

Another short carry by Elenga was converted to his second and last touchdown of the night on the last Wolverines drive of the second quarter to head into halftime leading 20-0.

Watkins Mill drew first blood in the third quarter as well, as Elenga connected to junior wide receiver, Demetrius Rush, for a touchdown, the Wolverines leading by 26 at this point.

Senior running back Prince Rush sprinted to the end zone to finally post a touchdown for Seneca Valley. At this point, a Screamin' Eagles comeback was still realistic, albeit a longshot with their inconsistent play during the game. A botched kick left the visitors with only six points to Watkins Mill's 26, heading into the fourth quarter.

Elenga once again connected with Rush for the Wolverines' final touchdown. Rush evaded a lone Screamin' Eagles player looking to block him and trotted to the end zone. Allen's subsequent kick was no



PHOTO BY MIKE CLARK

Watkins Mill Wolverine's defense swarms and smothers Seneca Valley's Prince Rush.

good.

On their last drive, Seneca Valley left with a parting shot, as senior tight end John Lindsay carried it to

the end zone for the last score.

"Ecstatic," said Wolverines head coach Michael Brown on how he felt about the game. "I'm feeling

great man. My coaching staff did such a great job of getting prepared, the boys executed pretty well, I couldn't be happier."

SPORTS

Gaithersburg soccer comes back to down Quince Orchard 2-1

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GAITHERSBURG — The Gaithersburg Trojans defeated the visiting Quince Orchard Cougars 2-1 after a comeback in the second half at the John Harvill Stadium in boys varsity soccer Thursday evening.

"They all came together, especially in the second half to play as a unit and that's the philosophy we've been working on the last couple years," said Gaithersburg coach Eric Cava. "The first half we clearly didn't do as much as we needed to ... but as a unit, they never gave up."

After a goalless first half in which both teams maintained equal possession, the Quince Orchard



PHOTO BY GEORGE SMITH

Q.O.'s Brian Lovo

Cougars took the lead 10 minutes after halftime. The Gaithersburg Trojans responded with two goals in

three minutes to secure a narrow victory.

"We really struggled at the beginning ... we were out of it but in the second half we woke up ... and that's what we got, we got a win," said Gaithersburg senior midfielder Gerry Melendez.

During the first minutes of the match, the Cougars created opportunities, forcing senior Trojans goalkeeper Jonathan Lovo into action.

Junior Cougars midfielder Jason Sanchez exploited open spaces on the right flank while sophomore forward Larry Agye and senior midfielder Aiden Kirk created early opportunities but their efforts sailed over the goal.

While the Trojans defense held on, the home team pressed forward

with attacks of their own. Melendez and his teammate, sophomore Brayan Bonilla created opportunities but failed to capitalize.

In the second half, the Cougars pressed early looking for a breakthrough. Receiving a pass from Sanchez from the right flank, Cougars senior forward Gabriel Psallidas shot directly into Gaithersburg goalkeeper Jonathan Lovo.

The Cougars' efforts paid off when Psallidas picked up a long pass to score from close range, 10 minutes into the second half.

Falling behind, the Trojans went on the offensive in search of an equalizer. Junior midfielder Oscar Burrientos volleyed a long-range effort forcing a one-handed save from Cougars' goalkeeper Brian Lovo.

Unmarked on a corner kick, Burrientos scored a header with 16 minutes remaining, following disorganization in the Cougars box.

Three minutes later, senior midfielder Alex Retzos scored from close range after a successive corner kick.

"We played well, we just gave two corner kicks that we shouldn't have given up," said Quince Orchard coach Kevin Gnatiko.

Cougars junior forward Larry Agye explained his team had some ongoing issues on the field this season.

"I thought we played well, especially in the first half ... second half we fell off and we need to learn how to defend set pieces. It's killing us this season."

Moss helps lead Magruder to volleyball victory over Northwood

By Brandy L. Simms
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ROCKVILLE — Magruder Colonels junior middle hitter Kaliyah Moss had a dominant performance Monday in her team's three-sets-to-none victory over the visiting Northwood Gladiators.

Moss, who earned first team All-County honors last season, was phenomenal against the Gladiators. The Division I prospect led Magruder to a 25-10, 25-10, 25-10 win over Northwood.

"She's very versatile," said Northwood head coach Phuong Tat. "They can move her outside. She can hit in the middle. She looks like a volleyball player and that's why she's able to do so many things."

Magruder dominated the first set by jumping out to a 17-7 advantage behind Moss's outstanding performance. The Colonels played well in the second stanza before cruising

to victory. Magruder rallied from a 1-0 deficit in the third set en route to a commanding victory over the Gladiators who were seeking their first win.

Magruder head coach Scott Zanni has built the program into a powerhouse with 11 Montgomery County titles; the Colonels have also amassed three region titles and made two state finals appearances.

What's more, the Magruder volleyball program has captured 12 Magruder High School Invitational Championships and won eight MCPS Sportsmanship Awards over the years.

"They're a solid team," said Tat. "This program's always solid and what's really different about this team is they can really utilize their middles. It's something that this county is missing a lot and they're one of the rare teams that can really utilize their middle really well."

Northwest, Richard Mont-



PHOTO BY GEORGE SMITH

Samantha Sager serves for Magruder.

gomery and Churchill are among the top volleyball programs in Montgomery County and along with Ma-

gruder should also contend for a state championship this year.

The Colonels also boast talented junior outside hitter Maya Scott who missed Monday's match due to injury. However, she's expected to return to the lineup next week.

"We missed her a lot," said Moss, one of four team captains on the squad. "I don't want anybody on the team to be injured or sitting down and she sat down. She's one of our most important players so it was pretty upsetting."

Moss and Scott are both elite student-athletes who have been named to the American Coaches Volleyball Association Phenom list of the top underclassmen volleyball players in the United States.

"She does everything," Zanni said about Scott. "She hits, passes, plays defense."

Magruder remained unbeaten at 12-0 and has a tough road ahead; the Colonels are scheduled to compete

against County rivals such as Blair, Sherwood, Gaithersburg and Damascus along with the likes of non-county opponents such as North Hagerstown and Georgetown Visitation.

"We've got tough matches coming up," said Zanni. "We've got to play Blair and Sherwood. We have a great match against North Hagerstown up there. They're a state power. That will be a real good match. We've got Gaithersburg and Damascus left on the schedule so we've got some real good matches coming up."

Besides Moss and Scott, the Colonels also boast talented senior leaders in Kira Ng, Nichole Bright, Lindsay Nyunja and Samantha Sager.

The ultimate goal is to end up playing for a state championship at Ritchie Coliseum.

"We're going to be playing a lot of hard teams along the way," said Moss, "but I think we have a chance."

Northwest boys soccer rallies to conquer Clarksburg 2-0

By Brandy L. Simms
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CLARKSBURG — Northwest Jaguars soccer star Chase Hayes and his teammates celebrated Thursday's 2-0 road victory over the Clarksburg Coyotes with high fives and handshakes.

"This is our house, man," Hayes said following the win.

"We worked hard," added Hayes. "It was a great effort from the whole team and shoutout to our coach Kert Mease as well. He prepared us very well for this game and just a great effort from the whole entire team."

Hayes, a senior defender, helped guide the Jaguars to their third win in five games.

"He's really matured," said Northwest head coach Kert Mease. "He's an emotional leader. He works hard and obviously he's very

vocal and passionate but he's versatile and can play all over the field but his effort has been great and I think guys feed off of that and that's what we need out of a leader."

The Jaguars rebounded from a loss to Gaithersburg that was described as "horrible" by Mease.

"This," added Mease, "was a complete performance and they have some high quality players."

Northwest scored both goals on penalty kicks in the first half and Clarksburg had no answer for their Germantown rivals.

Armaan Kureshi scored on a goal at the 27 minute mark to put the Jaguars up 1-0 and sophomore Samuel Zapata later added a goal at the 12 minute mark to cushion the Northwest lead.

The win marked Northwest's third shutout victory this season; the Jaguars have defeated Sherwood, Blair and Clarksburg by a combined

9-0 score and have suffered losses to B-CC and Gaithersburg.

The Jaguars have received contributions from various players this season including Anthony Jimenez, Thomas Markey and Karthik Nambiar who have all played a key role in the team's success. Eight different players have combined to score Northwest's eleven goals this year.

Meanwhile, Northwest junior Ryan Oxenford was phenomenal in goal for the Jaguars and finished with ten saves.

"He's a beast," said Hayes. "That's my boy."

Oxenford kept the Clarksburg strikers at bay and knocked away shot after shot.

"He's a great guy," Hayes said about Oxenford. "I love him. He's one of my closest friends and he's always working hard trying to play his best and I just love him so much.

He's doing very well."

Mease praised Oxenford's performance this year and said he's been a stabilizing force within the program.

"We just need the consistency and he's become a leader," said Mease. "He's really solidified the position and we need it."

Northwest is seeking to contend for a state championship this year and the Jaguars should make some waves throughout Montgomery County and beyond.

"Our season is just getting started," someone blurted out during the team's postgame meeting. "This is just the beginning."

Whitman, Walter Johnson, Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Churchill and Wootton are among the perennial heavyweight contenders in the county this year and Northwest could also make some moves around the region.



PHOTO BY MIKE CLARK

Foster Taylor gives a header for Clarksburg

"We're a work in progress," said Mease, "but I was really pleased with what we did."

SPORTS

The Pack is laid low and the ‘Hawgs riding high with BIG D

WEEKLY PICKS

By Montgomery Marty

Nothing gets this Damascus livin’, cigar chompin’ Catholic Boy happier than watching the ‘Hawgs rise to the occasion.

After years of broken promises, could this be the year?

This week the ‘Skins looked like a Super Bowl contender as they defeated their toughest opponent yet, the Green Bay Packers with Aaron Rodgers at the helm.

The ‘Hawgs ain’t had a good time recently against the Pack, but they took it to them from the very first set of downs, scored quick, put the overrated Packers on their heels where they belong (they really should fire their head coach) and then the BEST Defense in the league took over.

It was a thing of a beauty. A joy to behold. It made the big High and Mighty remember the glory days of old. Adrian Peterson ran all over them like a guy named Riggins of old - hopefully no one will puke in anybody’s lap in the future.



But hey, anything is possible. Speaking of possible, Marty daggone near went perfect last week with a 13-2 record. He looks forward to this week with aplomb.

Good Counsel 35
Northwest 24

Another crossover week with a public and private school coming to battle. Mighty Marty loves this and can’t wait for the day when there is a unified state title. But until then it’s all about the Falcons. Northwest will fight, but won’t have enough fight to win.

Blair 28
Einstein 10

Blair. Blair. Blair. Marsha. Marsha. Marsha. Marsha. It’s always about Marsha - and Blair.

Churchill 35
B-CC 17

We will fight them in the air. We will fight them on the ground. We will fight them on the beaches. Beaches? Different Churchill. Same results - V for victory.

Sherwood 21
Wheaton 19

What the heck happened to Sherwood last week? Seriously. Did someone roll back the clock? Did the offense forget to show up. R.M. spanked them like red-headed step children. Now they face a vastly improved Wheaton. It’s Sidney or the

bush for Charlie Brown and Sherwood this week.

Landon 45
Bishop McNamara 24

Landon looks frightening on the field. The offense has only failed to score 40 or more points once this season and then the “Big O” still put up 33 in that game against the Boys of Pig Latin.

G. Prep 28
Riverdale Baptist 17

Marty knows a pretender when he sees it. The Great pretender is Riverdale Baptist. Dan Paro’s Prep boys will be more than they can handle this week.

Bullis 35
St. Mary’s Ryken 17

Bullis is a tank with wings. Pat Cilento knows exactly how to tune it and St. Mary’s is going to be grease for the treads.

R.M. 35
Walter Johnson 31

These two teams just keep on keep on getting better. Marty loves to see the underdog win, but this week has to go with R.M.

Clarksburg 35
Gaithersburg 13

Marty is such a Gaithersburg fan it hurts him to see them fall on bad times. But the field is fallow and the

howling Coyotoes will make quick work of them this week.

Damascus 50
Poolesville 10

The country boys have fun up Poolesville way. Rumor has it they love to bushwhack the competition. But this here is the Swarmin’ Hornets coming to play ball. Won’t be close. The Damascus win streak will continue.

Quince Orchard 48
Kennedy 17

Q.O. didn’t fare to well against Bullis last week, but did manage to hold Bullis to 22 points. This week the anemic offense will rebound and snuff out Kennedy.

Wootton 35
Whitman 7

Wootton is not nearly as bad as everyone thinks. Whitman? They still think it’s lacrosse season. But this ain’t football with sticks.

Blake 28
Seneca Valley 7

Fred Kim’s Seneca Valley team is on the skids. In a word they are : underwhelming. Blake will take advantage of that.

Watkins Mill 35
Rockville 10

Watkins Mill is another sneaky team that has a lot of talent but does-

n’t get the headlines they well deserve.

Meanwhile Rockville is Rockville.

Paint Branch 38
Springbrook 7

Midseason. Paint Branch. The end is coming soon. They’re building up for the season ending choker. But this week they have little ole’ Springbrook and they won’t choke on that small morsel.

Magruder 8
Northwood 7

The two hurtinest teams in the DMV. There are times when Marty wonders if they’ll quit sponsoring football at these two schools. Instead he’s going for a jimmicone and avoiding this disaster like he avoids the Beltway during rush hour.

DeMatha 45
Avalon 3

All those D1 recruits at Avalon will see what a real team does this week. It won’t be pretty, but until Avalon brings back Crazy-legs Tad Shields as their coach, they can’t expect anything better.

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Staff picks

Last week totals:
Montgomery Marty:13-2
Season: 53-14

Unknown editor
Last week: 14-1
Season: 58-9

This week:

Clarksburg @ Gaithersburg
Damascus @ Poolesville
Einstein @ Blair
Kennedy @ Quince Orchard
Northwood @ Magruder
Paint Branch @ Springbrook
Rockville @ Watkins Mill
Seneca Valley @ Blake
Wootton @ Whitman
Churchill @ B-CC
WJ @ Richard Montgomery
Good Counsel @ Northwest
Avalon @ DeMatha
Bullis @ St. Mary’s Ryken
G. Prep @ Riverdale Baptist
Landon @ Bishop McNamara
Sherwood @ Wheaton



Brandy
Simms
Sports
Writer

Last week
Season 14-3
43-9

This week:

Damascus
Blake
Bullis
Wootton
Clarksburg
Churchill
Northwood
Northwest
W.J.
Paint Branch
Watkins Mill
Sherwood
Einstein
Good Counsel
Landon

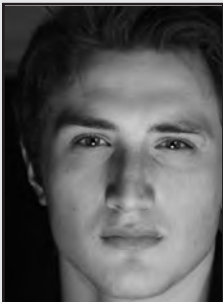


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Last week
Season 13-4
42-10

This week:

Damascus
Poolesville
Q.O.
Rockville
Clarksburg
Churchill
Northwood
Northwest
W.J.
Paint Branch
Watkins Mill
Sherwood
Wheaton
Good Counsel
Landon



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Sports
Writer

Last week
Season 14-3
43-9

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Damascus
Blake
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Wootton
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SPORTS



PHOTO BY DAVID WOLFE

Richard Montgomery's T'Kai Ayoola runs outside the linebacker and leaps over Sherwood's Eddie DumasIII on his way to a first down.

Picture of the Week . . .

High School Football Scoreboard			
Last week's scores:			
Bullis	22	Paint Branch	41
Quince Orchard	14	Blair	14
Damascus	44	Watkins Mill	32
Magruder	12	Seneca Valley	12
Blake	42	R.M. Sherwood	21
Poolesville	6		0
Wootton	28	Wheaton	22
Rockville	6	Einstein	0
Clarksburg	43	Good Counsel	55
Springbrook	10	Bishop Sullivan	0
Churchill	42	Landon	47
Whitman	7	Woodberry Forest	37
B-CC	55		
Northwood	20		
Northwest	33		
Gaithersburg	0		
Walter Johnson	42		
Kennedy	12		



High School Football Standings			
4A North		3A	
Paint Branch	4-0	Blake	3-1
Sherwood	2-2	Watkins Mill	3-1
Springbrook	0-4	Rockville	1-3
		Magruder	0-4
4A West		2A	
Churchill	4-0	Damascus	3-0
Northwest	4-0	Poolesville	2-2
Quince Orchard	3-1	Seneca Valley	1-3
Wheaton	3-1		
Clarksburg	3-1		
Blair	3-1		
Walter Johnson	3-1	IAC	
Richard Montgomery	2-2	Landon	4-0
Walt Whitman	1-3	Bullis	3-0
Einstein	1-3	Georgetown Prep	3-1
Northwood	1-3		
Gaithersburg	1-3	WCAC	
B-CC	1-3	Good Counsel	3-1
Wootton	1-3		
Kennedy	0-4	CAFC	
		Avalon	2-2

Montgomery County High School Football Top Ten	
1. Damascus	4-0
2. Landon	4-0
3. Bullis	3-0
4. Paint Branch	4-0
5. Q.O.	3-1
6. Good Counsel	3-1
7. G. Prep	3-1
8. Northwest	4-0
9. Churchill	4-0
10. Blake	3-1
Worth Watching . . . Clarksburg, Blair, Walter Johnson	
It's still soaking wet on the high school football fields, but that hasn't dampened the school spirit.	
Most of the Top Ten stays the same. Sherwood drops out and Blake hops in.	
In the background, Blair and W.J.	