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Student candidate for county Board of Education receives hate-based death threats

By Kathleen Stubbs
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ROCKVILLE — “slit ur wrists mohammed's whore” the email read.

WARNING:

This story contains graphic language

Sixteen-year-old Nimah Nayel, an international Baccalaureate student at Richard Montgomery High School, said she was shocked and upset.

Nayel, a finalist for Student Member of the MCPS Board of Education, received offensive remarks on her race and the fact that she is Muslim May 9 two weeks after the election ended.

“im glad u didnt win fuck you i hope u get lynched u fucking nigger,” Nayel read in one message. The author



COURTESY PHOTO

Nimah Nayel

gave a name of “FUCK YOU” and an email address -fuckyou@gmail.com.

“if you had win i wld have shot up mcps so u shld be grateful lmaooo,” she read in another. “cringey ass bitch.

why tf do u even breth”

“CHOKO ON YOUR HIJAB YOU TERRORIST BITCH. GTFO OF MY COUNTRY,” one sender wrote, listing their name as Make America Great and their email address as maga@gmail.com alluding to President Donald Trump’s slogan “Make America Great Again.”

Rockville Mayor Bridget Newton – where Richard Montgomery High School is located - said she was unaware of the incident until informed by The Sentinel, but also said she was shocked. “This type of behavior is never acceptable,” she said, adding that after she contacted police she was expecting a report on the incident. “I think it's absolutely horrible and doesn't reflect the community that we live in,” Newton said. “I would like to think that anyone who is doing this -- and of course they're cowards because

they are hiding behind social media -- anyone who is doing this is not from Rockville or Montgomery County because we are so much better than that.”

Rockville City Police say they are investigating who sent the messages. “This [investigation] falls under the category of a bias-based incident,” a Rockville police spokesman said Wednesday.. “We have not at this time confirmed that a crime has occurred, we are at this time investigating the effect of it”

Nayel said she wants to believe the senders intended the messages to be humorous.

Montgomery County Public Schools Board of Education member Pat O’Neill said that when MCPS identifies students as being connected

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Democrats assail Governor Hogan in Sentinel debate

By Neal Earley
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ROCKVILLE — According to State Senator Richard Madaleno, Governor Larry Hogan’s popularity boils down to one thing; “He’s running on my record,” Madaleno said in a Democratic candidate debate sponsored by The Sentinel Newspapers Monday night.

Former NAACP CEO Ben Jealous, Madaleno (D-18), former U.S. State Department official Alec Ross and former Policy Director for First Lady Michelle Obama Krishanti Vignarajah all participated in the debate. Prince George’s County Executive Rushern Baker and Baltimore businessman Jim Shea sent their running mates, prosecutor Elizabeth Embry and Baltimore City Council member Brandon Scott, respectively.

The debate like most Democratic primary forums began and ended with attempts at knocking Gov. Larry Hogan’s (R) record on jobs, schools and lack of opposition to President Donald J. Trump.

“This thing you read about that ‘Maryland is open for business’ that is total and complete bullshit,” Ross said.

Ross, a former Baltimore City School teacher, chastised Hogan’s record on Maryland economic growth



PHOTO BY GEORGE SMITH

From left to right, Elizabeth Embry, Krishanti Vignarajah, Ben Jealous, Richard Madaleno, Alec Ross and Brandon Scott at the Sentinel Newspapers sponsored Democratic candidate debate Monday.

saying it is a misnomer that the businessman turned governor, has a strong record on the economy.

Ross has tried to position himself as a problem-solving Democrat, not tied to the party’s orthodoxy. At the de-

bate Ross was critical of the state’s record on taxes and regulations, saying Maryland is not a welcoming place for start-ups.

Jealous, who has the endorsement of former Democratic presiden-

tial candidate Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.), has positioned himself as one of the more progressive candidates in the race, promising to bring a single-payer

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REFLECTIONS

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Dispatcher group blasts 911 allegations

Each week the Sentinel visits a memorable story from its archives.

Leaders of a police dispatchers organization have attacked the accuracy of The Sentinel's recent stories describing purposely ignored 911 emergency calls, although the county's police chief has since indicated that the same articles sparked an internal investigation.

In a memo to top elected officials, John C. Crabill, president of the Police's Technicians Association that represents police dispatchers, said the allegations of misconduct among a small group of the civilian dispatchers "are not supported by facts."

The "adverse opinions expressed by one or two disgruntled employees" are not "indicative of

the opinions of the majority of the technicians," Crabill said in a July 16 memo to county executive Sydney Kramer, a copy of which was obtained by The Sentinel.

"Truly, it is a shame that one or two frustrated employees, who may disagree with some management decisions, feel that the proper response is to air dirty laundry on the front page of a newspaper," Crabill said in his memo to Kramer, which he also sent to the County Council members and police officials.

"It is a further shame that any newspaper would print unsubstantiated allegations," he wrote.

In an interview Tuesday, Crabill said he had never heard of the "Brat Pack," the small group of dispatchers identified by name by five fellow dispatchers who accused the

group of misconduct on the job.

Crabill, a 12-year veteran of the Emergency Operations Center, said The Sentinel's stories describing the allegations, "cast a very negative light on the whole group, even if they talked about only five or six (dispatchers)."

"The public wouldn't know the difference" between that handful of call-takers and the other 70 dispatchers, or police technicians, he said.

But Police Chief Bernard D. Crooke Jr., in a July 20 memo replying to an inquiry about the The Sentinel's stories from County Council President Rose Crenca, said: "... since the more recent Sentinel articles suggest at least five employees have indicated some of the allegations printed in the newspaper did

occur, Capt. Robert L. Hill is conducting an investigation."

Crooke added that the investigation by Hill, head of police communications, would "include interviewing all employees on the evening shift and any other employees who might have information."

In a related development, the State's Attorney's Office has decided not to prosecute one of two police dispatchers arrested on burglary and conspiracy charges, an incident that focused attention on the alleged unprofessional behavior of several workers/ A spokesperson for State's Attorney Andrew L. Sonner said charges against Michael Paul Ellis, 37, of Germantown, were dropped July 17 "due to insufficient evidence against him."

NEWS

Rockville passes budget with no tax increase

By Neal Earley
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The Rockville Mayor and City Council adopted their 2019 fiscal year budget, keeping property tax rates the same for yet another year.

Rockville's \$136.2-million budget is a 4.5-percent increase from last year's budget, which will help supplement the 4.5-percent wage increase City employees are set to see under the new budget. The increases allow the City to add several new positions in City government, including two additional police officers, one GIS/Asset Management support specialist, one urban forestry maintenance worker, and one information systems security engineer.

City employees will see a 3.5-percent step increase and a 1 percent cost-of-living wage adjustment for the FY 19 year, as a way for the City to help compensate staff who have had to take a greater share of workload as the City has let more and more employees retire without hiring replacements in or-

der to save costs.

City manager Robert DiSpirito has argued that the 1-percent cost-of-living adjustment and 3.5-percent step increases he proposed for city employees were to compensate for the increased workload they have had to shoulder over the years, due to population increases of 30 to 40 percent, even as the number of City employees has remained relatively constant, leaving employees to do more work than they once did.

"As much of anything, this points out the fact that folks are working more than ever, a lot of folks are working harder, smarter than ever before," DiSpirito said. "We're asking a lot of them."

While property taxes will remain the same, many residents can expect to pay more to the City in the upcoming fiscal year through their water and sewer bills.

The Mayor and Council's approved budget includes raises to the water and sewer rates, which will increase 6.3 percent per year for 15,000 gallons of water usage. Stormwater customers will see a

3.4-percent increase.

"Staff is well aware of the impact of increasing the City's utility rate on our customers," DiSpirito said. "Balancing the financing of our utilities with the capital investment needed, while keeping rates as low as possible over time is challenging."

Rockville's budget also encompasses \$67.7 million for capital projects, which includes funding for the acquisition of the Chestnut Lodge Property, replacing the shelter at Israel Park, renovating the dairy barns at King Farm Farmstead Park, and repairs to the Rockville Metro Station pedestrian bridge. However, according to Council member Mark Pierzchala, the City has received \$4 million less from the state and County, meaning the City has had to turn to more bonding to fund road and bridge projects.

"That's a huge hit, year after year, and we're having to bond new bridge projects and things we shouldn't have to bond," Pierzchala said.

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NEWS

Trump cites Montgomery cases on MS-13 violence

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Days after President Trump used the word “animals” to describe people “coming into the country” in response to a question about gangs, he has refused to apologize and has cited cases in Montgomery County as evidence that some gang members are “animals.”

On Monday, the White House Press Secretary’s Office released a statement detailing violent attacks by members of the international gang

Mara Salvatrucha-13, more commonly known as MS-13.

The statement specifically mentioned two cases involving alleged members of MS-13 in Montgomery County, doubling down on the “animal” comment the president made which drew widespread criticism as many people interpreted the comment as an attack against all undocumented immigrants, not only members of MS-13.

“In Maryland, MS-13’s animals are accused of stabbing a man more than 100 times and then decapitating

him, dismembering him, and ripping his heart out of his body,” the statement reads.

The case that the White House Press Secretary’s Office referred to took place in the spring of 2017 where members of MS-13 lured a man from Annapolis to a park in Wheaton where he was stabbed more than 100 times, dismembered and decapitated according to court documents.

The White House Press Secretary’s Office also referenced another MS-13-related case in Montgomery

County where police arrested three men for beating a 15-year old girl with a baseball bat in Kensington. According to court records, police said the three men who are MS-13 members beat the 15-year-old girl, who is believed to have been working as a prostitute for the gang, for “not doing a good job.”

“The MS-13 animals used a bat and took turns beating her nearly 30 times in total,” the White House said in a statement.

In October, the County Council approved \$843,693 in additional

funding to expand the gang units at the Montgomery County State’s Attorney’s Office and Montgomery County Police Department. The money will allow the County to hire three additional state’s attorneys to prosecute gang members and additional detectives for police to investigate gang-related crimes.

According to State’s Attorney for Montgomery County John McCarthy, there have been 20 gang-related homicides over the past two years, but the numbers are hard to track.

Council gives funds for immigrant legal services

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The Montgomery County Council on Tuesday unanimously approved \$373,957 in funds for legal services for immigrants facing deportation, as the Council was set to approve its budget.

The vote was met with protest from both immigration and legal advocates, who had originally supported the measure, and by opponents who said they do not want the County to spend taxpayer dollars on legal services for immigrants.

The Capital Area Immigration Rights Coalition, the group that originally had made the request for the County funds to help defend immigrants facing deportations, withdrew its request -- citing a list exemption the Council added to the funding bill after consulting State’s Attorney for Montgomery County John McCarthy.

“Legal representation allows people to ensure that they understand and take advantage of their rights under the law,” said Council President Hans Riemer (D-at large). “When individuals have representation, they are more successful in getting an immigration judge to grant relief.”

Unlike in criminal cases, people facing charges in immigration courts do not have the right to an attorney if they cannot afford one, given that immigration falls under civil law in the United States.

While many immigration advocates said they supported some exclusions for people convicted of major felonies, such first-degree murder

and rape, McCarthy asked the Council to add more exclusions to the list. These might include domestic violence and extortion convictions.

As part of the program, the County will ask for a couple of stipulations to the funds: One is that the money goes toward legal services for County residents who are at least 200 percent below the poverty line. In addition, the funds cannot go to any person convicted of a major crime such as murder, rape, or involvement with a criminal gang.

However, after consultation with McCarthy, the Council added more criminal convictions, such as homicide by motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol and first- and second-degree assault.

“Should the Council adopt these provisions the program in essence will be gutted and rendered pointless,” said George Escobar, senior director of services at CASA, an immigration advocacy group. “This effectively enables the Trump Administration’s destructive power.”

Escobar led a protest outside Montgomery County Circuit on Monday, criticizing McCarthy -- claiming he was attempting to water down the funding for legal services to help preserve President Donald J. Trump’s policies of deporting undocumented immigrants.

“Almost every other major community that has dealt with this -- New York, California -- has also made a distinction between those who are here and otherwise law-abiding and those who actually committed crimes that are not okay,” said Council member Roger Berlin-

er (D-1) after discussing proposed exclusions McCarthy proposed last month.

While protesters gathered outside circuit court Monday, counter protesters stood next to them in support of McCarthy and against the pending Council vote to fund legal services for immigrants facing deportation.

“What I am against is using public money, my money, to defend for them against the federal government’s law enforcement,” said Cheng Tu, a Rockville resident who immigrated to the United States from China in 1994.

Tu said the fact that the County would fund legal representation for people who may have broken U.S. immigration laws offended him, especially since he paid attorneys thousands of dollars to help sort through paperwork to make sure he immigrated legally to the United States.

The County now joins other jurisdictions across the country, such as New York; California; and King County, Washington State, which have put public funding toward supporting legal services for immigrants. Since Donald Trump was first elected President in November 2016, the County Council has taken numerous opportunities to condemn him for various issues. However, while many members of local government had harsh words for Trump and his immigration policies they conceded that there was nothing the County could do to change how the federal government enforces immigration laws.

Takoma problems persist

By Nickolai Sukharev
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TAKOMA PARK — Tensions between residents and the Takoma Park City Council remain high as the project to redevelop a city-owned parking lot adjacent to the Takoma Park-Silver Spring Co-op enters its fifth year.

“Our county and the world is already affected enough by our cars and our carbon footprint, without trucks adding to it all,” said 13-year-old Ward 2 resident Elizabeth Comfort-Cohen during the City Council’s weekly meeting Wednesday. Comfort-Cohen, who goes by the Co-op on her commute to school, expressed concern the proposed Takoma Junction Redevelopment project could have on pedestrians and cyclists. “All I’m asking, council members, is that you think long and hard about the effect this project can make on the community and not just the government.”

“I think it’s time to look at recalling the mayor and recalling my councilperson,” said Byrne Kelly, a licensed planner and Ward 3 resident who proposed alternative plans of his own. “They’re not demanding what their constituents, us, want.”

In a meeting lasting into the early-morning hours on Thursday, the Takoma Park City Council conducted a work session to Takoma Junction, following nearly 90 minutes of public comments.

Situated at the intersection of Grant, Carroll, and Ethan Allen Avenues, the parcel of land in question functioned primarily as a parking lot since the 1930s before being purchased by the city government in September 1995 to “prevent private development of the property in a manner that did not accord with community values and interests,” according to a February 2012 report by the Takoma Junction Task Force.

In addition to the future viability of the Co-op, many residents raised concerns about the wider impact the proposed two-story development by Neighborhood Development Company could have on the city.

Jacqueline Moore, also a Ward 2 resident, asked the Council if former Mayor Sammie Abbot would support a project that would increase “racial inequity” and “gentrification” in the city.

“It’s time to question motives, intentions, procedures regarding the push to develop the Takoma Junction area,” Moore said, referring to Abbot’s successful push in the early 1980s to prevent a proposed freeway from being built through the city.

Dara Orenstein, a Ward 2 resident and American Studies professor at George Washington University, said the council’s racial equity impact statement is inadequate and explained that the city needed to study historical land-use patterns and economic trends prior to initiating the development.

“I research the history of capitalism in the United States and draw on my expertise when I call this debate over the junction and over the right to the city ... a textbook example of the political culture of gentrification,” she added.

During the meeting, Mayor Stewart suggested the Council’s Racial Equity statement, which appends all resolutions and states the impact any particular project will have on racial disparities, did not work as intended and should be left off future legislation.

“We are sometimes going to get it right and many times we may get it wrong or it may be very inadequate, because of the lack of data that may be out there that we can work with,” she said.

Ward 3 resident Nadine Bloch said she was disappointed in the Mayor’s suggestion on the racial equity statement adding, “because people have questioned how the racial equity assessment was done ... the response from the mayor was ‘Maybe we’ve gone too far; let’s just stop talking about it.’”

In 2014, the Takoma Park City Council issued an RFP to potential developers to come up with concept plans for a multiuse building on the site that would include retail, office, and public space.

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The New Normal is neither

Today's "New Normal," isn't new and it isn't normal.

Sixteen-year-old baccalaureate

Editor's Notebook

by Brian J. Karem

student Nimah Nayel is a victim of the old racism and hate, long existent and awful in its scope.

This vile hatred, the antithesis of the American Spirit stayed dormant and seemingly was swept away into the dustbin of history where it belongs until the minions of Donald Trump took his racist and hate-filled rhetoric primetime and brought back the hatred with a vengeance.

Nayel, who ran for the student spot on the County Board of Education, got a host of nasty emails which included threats to shoot up the schools, encouraged her to "choke on your hijab" and accused her of being a whore, a terrorist and encouraged her to leave the country.

The confirmed incident has been met with somewhat muted silence. Rockville mayor Bridget Neepton said she did not even know about it until contacted by The Sentinel.

The Rockville police are investigating, but there has been little reaction until *The Sentinel* began pursuing the story – other than a tweet from MCPS saying "We are deeply sorry that you received these hateful messages."

Nayel, who initially became upset when she read the emails had to read a host of extremely nasty insults aimed at her religion and her gender. One email sender listed the name as "MAGA" as in "Make America Great Again."

The allusion to President Trump is worth noting for a couple of reasons. There is no way Trump had anything directly to do with the incident and members of his press staff have been quick to denounce any such racist activity in the past linked to his slogan "Make America Great Again."

But that's hardly the point. Trump's courting of the extreme right has led us here – to two Americas. One is inclusive and one far more divisive than most have experienced since the Vietnam War.

Those who wrap themselves in the flag while denouncing immigrants as "animals" and believe all Muslims are terrorists, or that African Americans deserve to be treated with less respect than whites are the problem – not the solution.

There is nothing normal about this. There is nothing acceptable about it.

Nayel said she tried to look at

the hate-spewing messages as if they were intended to be humorous.

She is a far better person than I, for when I read the emails I wanted to find the writer and deliver something other than laughter to him or her.

I remember well the riots of the 60s, the battle for Civil Rights and the hatred that included lynchings and different water fountains. I remember Martin Luther King Jr. saying we could reach the mountain top while Robert Kennedy preached hope only to see that hope die when assassins took King and Kennedy.

We sit today on a precipice. On one side are the hopes of a people and a world where we can all learn to live together and help one another. On the other side: Civil War.

I'm not singing Kumbaya. I'm talking about difficult struggles to accept one another for who we are, to celebrate our differences and work hard together whether we agree with or even like one another.

My first football coach told me I didn't have to like the guy next to me, but I damn sure had to work with him for the benefit of the team.

That's what we face now. We are staring right into the abyss. Do we choose to survive and thrive, or die in a divisive war of attrition, hating, baiting and shaming each other until violence overtakes us and the basest behaviors are pandered to with ruinous results?

This isn't politics. This is humanity. The comedian Bill Hicks once said, "This is where we are at right now, as a whole. No one is left out of the loop. We are experiencing a reality based on a thin veneer of lies and illusions. A world where greed is our God and wisdom is sin, where division is key and unity is fantasy, where the ego-driven cleverness of the mind is praised, rather than the intelligence of the heart."

Instead of Hicks' dream, we have a bunch of hate-spewing emails aimed at a 16-year-old Muslim student at Richard Montgomery High School. We should do better.

We are living in a world where if you aren't white-bred, Jesus loving, gun-toting Americans then you are somehow less than human – you're an animal.

My prayers go out to Nayel. My empathy goes out to her and her family. She is of the family of Man. We are all brothers and sisters.

I was taught, "Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers – that you do unto me."

That was what I learned from Jesus. From Martin Luther King I learned compassion.

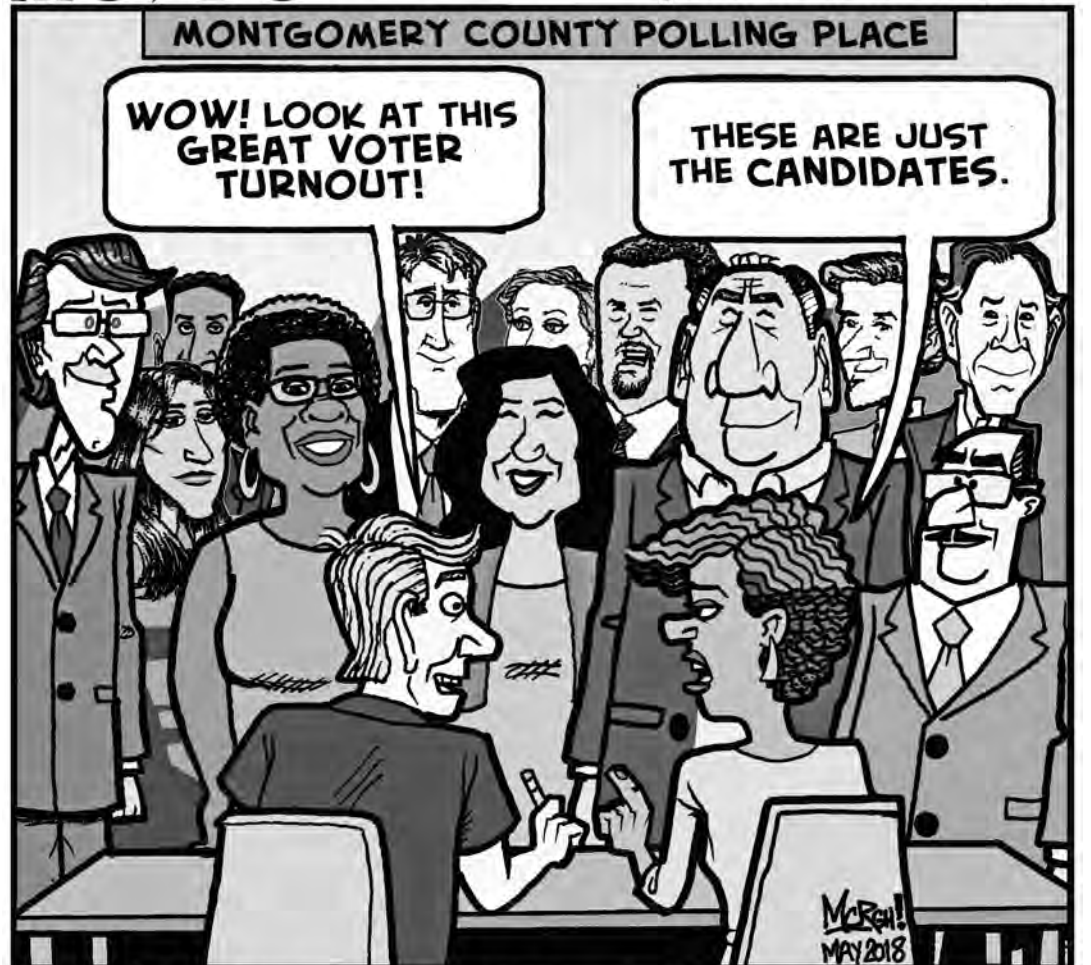
From Robert Kennedy I learned hope. From John Lennon I learned to give peace a chance.

All of those men were assassinated.

But hope springs eternal.

MC DC

by Mark Cabot Robinson



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ANOTHER CASUALTY AT THE GAZA BORDER.

LETTERS

Thanks Joan

To the editor;

A hearty "Congratulations!" to the Sentinel for the MDDC Press Association Awards. This not only represents solid reporting of local news, but of survival in a challenging media climate, as was noted recently by the editor.

The loss of local news was echoed by Michael Masting of the American Prospect, by saying that large media had become a coastal phenomenon, which, for locals, is "utterly removed from our lives."

Not so with the Sentinel. Not only does the Sentinel report about Metro, it informs about candidates (such as Roger Manno voting against Amazon subsidies), as well as reader feedback (where I was struck with disbelief, as was W. Faris, at the seeming Hunger Games Carnival atmosphere during the school walkouts.) If it is any consolation, at least they didn't, as a Virginia student, take that time to have sex with a teacher-sponsor. However, that tragedy is a story for another day.

The point is, that however much our opinions may vary, there is no question that we support our local news organizations and the benefits they provide for our community.

Long may they live and thrive!

J. Snow
Damascus

And another Thank you goes to . . .

To the editor;

Brian J. Karem's "Nobody's Fault But Mine or Ours" shows the author's narcissistic defensiveness.

Re immigration: Like anything else, it ought to be wisely and reliably regulated. Believing so has nothing to do with lacking empathy for oppressed people around the world.

Re the importance to political wisdom of "education": What Leftists think of as educatedness is 90 percent garbage. See Lyle Rossiter's *The Liberal Mind*.

Karem lets journalists off the hook too easily. Reporters routinely spin – positively or negatively – when they are supposed to be telling the public the relevant facts "without fear or favor." See any typical press ethics code, under "Accuracy" and "Context." And the frequency of logical fallacies! Ridiculous!

Be "just human" on your own time. Be a professional – in both senses – when you're on duty.

S. Kass
Silver Spring

editor's note; The editor in me begs to correct the many mistakes in your letter, including spelling and grammar. However, the narcissist in me as I'm just human won out and I'll merely thank you for reading and encourage you to continue.

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Passing of a ground breaking attorney



Dovey Johnson Roundtree, a early civil rights attorney who was the first African American lawyer admitted to the District of Columbia Women's Bar Association, has passed away at the age of 104. Her life and work as an attorney, though not as well known as other legal pioneers in the beginning of the civil rights movement, is well worth revisiting and celebrating.

Ms. Roundtree was born into poverty in Charlotte North Carolina and raised in her grandmother's home. With the encouragement of well-known black educator Mary McLeod Bethune, she graduated from Spelman College in Atlanta and later worked in Ms. Bethune's office at the National Council of Negro Women in Washington. Ms. Roundtree was among a select few African American women who became officers in the Women's

Army Auxiliary Corp during World War II, where she faced down racial discrimination in the Army. After the War, she was one of five women in her class at Howard University Law School, and became a member of the District of Columbia bar in 1951.

With her partner Julius Winfield Robinson, Ms. Roundtree handled landmark litigation brought on behalf of Sarah Louse Keys before the Interstate Commerce Commission challenging busing discrimination. They convinced the ICC in 1955 to issue a ruling banning segregation in interstate busing, though it would not enforce its rule until pressured by the Kennedy administration 6 years later. She would go on to represent many poor clients in criminal cases, and was as my friend Katie McCabe described her, "a one-woman Legal Aid Society before anyone used that term."

Ms. Roundtree was perhaps best known as a criminal defense attorney for her defense of Raymond Crump, Jr. in a sensational murder case involving the death of Washington socialite Mary Pinchot Meyer whose body was found along the C&O Canal. The prosecution called some 27 witnesses to

try to establish a circumstantial case against Mr. Crump. Ms. Roundtree masterfully discredited testimony trying to identify the killer, who was described as 5'8" and 180 pounds, as her client. In her closing argument she identified her one exhibit as her 5'3" 130 pound client, telling the jurors they held the life of this "little man" in their hands. Mr. Crump was acquitted.

Ms. Roundtree went on to practice law into her 80s, in later years concentrating on family law, and serving as a mentor to many African American and female lawyers. I highly recommend her memoir, co-written with Katie McCabe and aptly titled "Justice Older Than the Law." As Katie described her, "As a woman, and as a woman of color in an age when black lawyers had to leave the courthouse to use the bathrooms, she dared to practice before the bar of justice and was unflinching." You can read more about Ms. Roundtree in the excellent obituary in the New York Times.

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It could be a long, hot and very cool summer



Did you know that the first commercial application of air conditioning was in 1902? And yet, residential central A/C didn't come into its own until the 1960's. According to the US Department of Energy, air conditioning use skyrocketed in the 1970's. Since then, A/C units have become more efficient, such that new air conditioners use fifty percent less energy than units from the 1990's. Additionally, new technologies are making A/C units increasingly environmentally friendly. New developments in air conditioning include non-vapor compression technology, which will be fifty percent more efficient and doesn't use Hydrofluorocarbons (energy.gov).

Summer is around the corner. But I would venture to say that many of you already have your air conditioning running. We take for granted that our home's air conditioning runs without fail. But proactive care of your A/C unit will keep it running efficiently while you stay cool through the hottest summer days. Here are some air conditioning maintenance tips from the US Department of Energy (en-

ergy.gov):

Regular maintenance of your home's air conditioning system will ensure air flow. Regularly changing air filters can keep your system clean and keep the air flowing. A clean filter can reduce energy consumption by five to fifteen percent. Filter change requirements can vary from home to home, due to home conditions.

Over time, the A/C unit's coils can become dirty, which will reduce its efficiency. Dirt on the coils can reduce airflow and prevent it from absorbing heat.

The outside condenser coils will likely become dirty from being exposed to the elements. It's recommended that the area around the outdoor unit be clear of debris, leaves, and have about two feet of clearance for ideal airflow. Make sure that the air conditioner condenser drains are not blocked. A clogged drain can create excess humidity, which can create conditions for mold growth in basements and utility closets.

Window A/C units require maintenance too. You should inspect the seal between the unit and the window to ensure there are no air leaks.

Window A/C units should be covered during the winter to prevent dirt and debris from penetrating the unit.

Some maintenance requires a qualified HVAC technician. If you hire a HVAC tech to clean and service your air conditioning, make sure they have a current HVAC license. Hiring a professional does-

n't have to be expensive, as many HVAC companies run maintenance specials this time of year. Besides checking the refrigerant in the system, the tech will run a number of diagnostics as well as clean the system if needed. They will also make necessary repairs, such as sealing leaks.

If you're on a modest income and cannot afford to service or upgrade your air conditioning, you may qualify for Montgomery County's Homeowner Energy Efficiency Program. The program is in partnership with Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland, Inc to assess applicants' eligibility and identify their needs. According to a Tuesday county press release, "homeowners benefitting from the program will receive free energy-efficiency upgrades to their home which may include attic insulation, upgraded furnace and air conditioning units, water heater replacement, LED light bulbs, a solar-powered attic fan, a programmable thermostat and new appliances."

The program is open to all Montgomery County homeowners. Eligibility requirements include; owning and occupying the Montgomery County home for which they are requesting services; they must be a PEPCO customer; and meet income criteria. For more information see the program website (habitatmm.org/montgomery-county-energy-efficiency-program).

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NEWS ANALYSIS

A threat to the federal government is a threat to all

Paul's View

by

Paul K. Schwartz

I recently had the opportunity to listen to Steve Lenkart address a room full of federal service retirees and his message to them should be of the greatest concern for us all.

Steve has spent the last thirty years in and around the federal government with a specific focus on workforce policy. Among his many roles (not rolls, Mr. President), Steve served as the Executive Director of the Merit Systems Protection Board, to name just one. Steve is also running for president of NARFE.

NARFE stands for National Active and Retired Federal Employees and is an organization that has been at the forefront in the fight to protect the earned benefits of federal employees both active and retired since its inception way back in 1921.

Steve's presentation was extremely informative and disturbing as well, as it shed light on the threat faced by federal employees from the current administration and Congress.

What should also be noted is that any threat to federal government employees impacts the effectiveness and efficiency of the running of our government and that impacts every American.

The current administration has not made any attempt to hide its disdain for the federal government. They've determined that the best way to dismantle the current government is to place in charge of various federal departments and agencies individuals

who have a history of opposing them: Scott Pruitt at the Environmental Protection Agency, Mick Mulvaney at the Consumer Financial Protection Board, Rick Perry at the Department of Energy, and Betsy DeVos at the Department of Education are all examples that come immediately to mind.

The other surefire way to dismantle federal agencies is to underfund them so that they are doomed to ineffectiveness and inefficiency. The federal budget is a poster child for just this attack on the federal government and those of us who have served, are continuing to serve, and who would hope to serve in the future.

In Steve Lenkart's own words: "Active and retired federal and postal employees will face many challenges to the financial security and health care benefits that we enjoy today. Within the last year alone, budget discussions between the White House and Congress proposed cutting at least \$149 billion from federal retirement over the next 10 years. This massive cut proposes to eliminate the FERS (Federal Employees Retirement System) annuity supplement, employ 'high five' instead of 'high three' salary years for retirement calculations, and increase contributions by one percent for each of the next six years. Earned benefits for current retirees take an enormous hit because the proposed budget would eliminate cost-of-living adjustments (COLA) for FERS retirees and significantly reduce COLA for CSRS (Civil Service Retirement System) retirees. It is estimated that under this scenario, federal pensions may lose between 33 percent to 60 percent of value in 20 years, meaning each \$100 in pension dollars today would only be worth \$67 to \$40."

The Republican Study Commission in conjunction with the

White House is even more disconcerting as its attack on pay and benefits hovers around \$300 billion over the next 10 years and includes targeting COLAs, pay, step increases, health benefits, G fund, reducing sick and annual leave and just about everything else there is to look at.

Combine this with the rollback of civil service protections such as due process and whistleblower protections, the almost daily attacks of career federal employees by both the president and Congress, and we have quite a looming disaster to deal with.

What a way to build an effective federal government workforce, a workforce that effectively serves all Americans and one not dedicated to the profit motive! I think not!

So, how do we combat this looming threat to our federal government as a whole and the so many individuals who have served, are serving and will serve in the future? Well, according to Steve Lenkart we must mobilize. We must use our numbers and raise our voices.

That is where NARFE comes into play under the leadership of individuals such as Steve Lenkart. Empowering all members to spread the word beyond just membership and beyond just Maryland, outreach to local businesses and other organizations to join the effort, providing training to ensure the messages are spread in the most effective manner are just a few actions easily accomplished.

I decided to write this column and use my platform at the Sentinel to reach the many "feds" living and working right here in Montgomery County. I hope they use whatever platform they may have to continue spreading the message are far and as wide as possible.



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Lakewood Country Club Fireworks Display

**Sunday, May 27, 2018
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Lakewood Country Club, located at 13901 Glen Mill Road in Rockville, MD will be having a fireworks display at dusk on Sunday, May 27th as part of its Memorial Day Weekend Celebration.

The site of the fireworks will be on the 10th fairway of the Club's golf course.

The celebration is open only to members and their guests, but should be easily viewable around the neighborhood.

NEWS

New MCPS program to help teens struggling with drugs

@kathleenstubb3

Montgomery County Public Schools recently formed a new partnership to enable students struggling with addiction to both recover and graduate from high school.

Thanks to a grant from Governor Larry Hogan intended to target the opioid epidemic, MCPS can start enrolling students in the new program sooner than previously planned, said MCPS Student Health and Wellness Coordinator Elizabeth Rathbone.

MCPS will partner with Family Services, Inc., a local organization in Gaithersburg, which offers substance abuse recovery programs.

"MCPS is now coming alongside [Family Services, Inc.]," said spokesperson Gboyinde Onijala. "They've been providing recovery support."

MCPS used to provide both recovery services and academics under one roof, specifically for students with substance abuse problems. For more than 30 years, MCPS students could attend a separate campus for recovery from addictions and sub-

stance abuse while simultaneously receiving education to graduate. The school, called Phoenix High School, closed due to low enrollment in 2013.

Now, MCPS is taking steps to reach more students. Even students or former students in the county who might not be in communication with the school system could gain access to the program. MCPS administrators turned to County departments such as Recreation and Health and Human Services, as well as recovery service providers, to refer possible participants to the upcoming program.

"Basically, anyone who works with youth, we're letting know [about] this," Rathbone said.

MCPS will transport students by school bus to the Family Services, Inc., facility, where students from all over the county would enroll in the Family Services, Inc. recovery program.

Rathbone said while MCPS prefers students to attend classes at County high schools; some students struggling with addictions do not stay in school because that's where

they acquired illegal substances. Therefore, another option will be available. MCPS will supply MCPS-certified teachers to teach the students at Family Services, Inc., so students not attending their own high schools have the opportunity to learn from a combination of teachers and online courses at Family Services.

MCPS will use pre-existing course material created for Interim Instructional Services for students who don't attend school— separate from the recovery program — and which aligns with curricula used by students who do attend classes in public high schools. Some of these courses are online.

Rathbone stressed that students will be learning the class lessons from teachers, not just taking online courses.

"If we were just providing [academic] support, we wouldn't need teachers," Rathbone said.

Learning from MCPS-certified teachers using the MCPS curriculum will enable students to graduate and receive a high school diploma like their non-recovery classmates.

Takoma Park passes new fiscal year budget

By Nickolai Sukharev
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TAKOMA PARK — The Takoma Park City Council passed its FY2018-2019 budget Wednesday evening with a unanimous vote.

"I think the process worked well this year ... the proposal from the city manager seemed to reflect the priorities that we defined earlier and ... not increasing

taxes was important to many people," said Ward 4 Council member Terry Seamens.

The city expects to spend \$38,870,197, while having revenues of \$32,194,294 with a property tax rate of \$0.5291 per \$100.

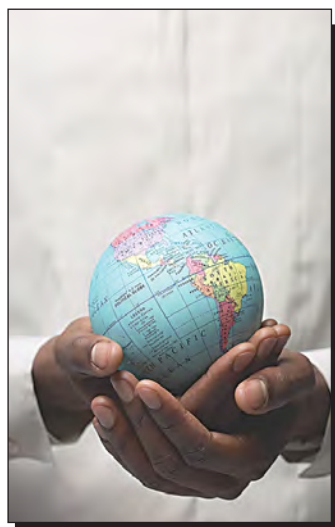
The property tax rate, which was lower than the initial \$0.5348 proposed by City Manager Suzanne Ludlow, is still higher than the city's constant yield rate, according to Finance Director Susan

Cheung.

"We balanced the desire from our residents for improved services and continued growth in the city, while at the same time by not raising taxes that would drive people out of town," Seamens added.

The final budget, which will be released in full to the public in July, eliminates a full-time police officer position and full-time economic development position.

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COVER STORY

Student who ran for school board receives threats

“GTFO,” From page one

to a hate crime, the students receive discipline and are referred to the police.

“I had been made aware that she received some anti-Muslim comments,” O’Neill said, later adding, “Hate speech is never acceptable, and it is very very sad. She [Nayel] is an incredible young woman, and I am sure her parents are very upset.”

O’Neill said that Nayel’s experience came to the Board of Education’s attention because of Nayel’s finalist status in the SMOB election.

Police weren’t the only ones to see the messages, however. Nayel also posted screen captures of the messages to her Twitter account on May 15, and wrote, “While running for SMOB, I had a wonderful, enriching, and positive experience. I’m speaking out, however, because I recently received vile, disgusting, and hateful messages- attached below. I was disappointed and upset by the messages, but heartened and empowered by the support.”

Since then, hundreds of people have liked and shared the tweet in support.

“I just think that recently, it’s be-

come easier for people to feel emboldened enough to say negative things about people based on their race, religion, etc. etc., and that’s not only the fault of the change in politics. That’s also the fault of, you know, we’re not pushing back on it enough, and we’re allowing these kinds of things to be normalized,” said Nayel.

MCPS spokesperson Melissa Rivera said the superintendent wasn’t available for comment Wednesday and that the MCPS tweet serves as MCPS’ statement.

“We are deeply sorry that you received these hateful messages,” the

MCPS Twitter account posted on May 16. “This behavior is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Any MCPS student found to have engaged in this behavior will be disciplined in accordance with the student code of conduct and referred to law enforcement.”

“We as a society can do better, and it starts with our youth, and spreading kindness, tolerance and acceptance,” said Richard Montgomery Principal Damon Monteleone Wednesday, later adding, “Nimah herself conveys all of that.”

Nayel said she is comfortable sharing her experience publicly.

“I’m always willing to open dialogue about it,” she said.

She said she wants the public to know students making Islamophobic comments is a problem in MCPS.

“One person starting a conversation about it, I think is important,” said Nayel.

“Unfortunately I think it’s another example of the times that we live in, and individuals seem to feel comfortable making those kind of threats to someone that they don’t even know,” said Montgomery county Public Schools Board of Education President Michael Durso Wednesday.

Democrats put best ideas forward as they run for governor’s office

“Democrats,” From page one

Medicare-for-all-style healthcare system to the state if elected governor.

“We can stretch our health dollars further if we switch to single-payer,” Jealous said

Jealous proposed paying for a state single-payer healthcare system by increasing taxes on the wealthiest one-percent residents and by cutting funds from the state’s criminal justice budget by reducing the prison population through expanding the Justice Reinvestment Act.

Madaleno, who was first elected to the General Assembly in 2002, disagreed with Jealous on healthcare saying the current system, the Affordable Care Act or more commonly re-

ferred to as “Obamacare” which subsidized insurance plans through a state exchange is working for Maryland.

At the debate Madaleno, positioned himself as a longtime progressive who lead the charge on major policy changes in Annapolis including the repeal of the death penalty and the passage of marriage equality. In response to a question about Hogan’s popularity, among the highest in the nation for governors, Madaleno said Hogan is popular in Maryland because the Democratic-controlled General Assembly pushed Hogan toward the center.

“Over and over we have forced Larry Hogan to run – to govern – like a Democrat. He’s popular because this is a Democratic state,” Madaleno said.

For most of the night, each of the

candidates resisted the urge to rebut one another, but often adding onto the previous candidates’ statements. While each candidate promised to deliver on infrastructure spending with candidates like Scott and Ross specifically mentioning funding for Baltimore’s proposed Red Line and funding for the MARC train, Vignarajah said if elected governor, she would focus on investing in green energy.

“Infrastructure to me also includes the fact that we need to invest in offshore wind as well as clean energy, solar energy,” Vignarajah said.

Vignarajah has labeled herself as “Donald Trump’s worst nightmare,” and has referenced that she is the only woman running for governor in the race. Vignarajah said Hogan has been silent on the issues facing Maryland, most notably the Trump Administration’s policies on immigration, the en-

vironment and healthcare.

Filling in for Baker, Embry touted her running mate’s experience of growing Prince George’s County’s economy after years of stagnation and government corruption.

Embry, who led the Attorney General’s Criminal Division, said she watched Baker transform Prince George’s County from afar, mentioning that she was impressed that Baker had made such progress into turning the County into one of the economic and environmental leaders of the state after his predecessor Jack B. Johnson, pleaded guilty to extortion and evidence and witness tampering.

“He transformed Prince George’s County through his leadership,” Embry said of Baker.

In place of Shea, Scott said Democrats were responsible for Hogan’s election by becoming out-

touch with voters. Scott said Maryland’s education has fallen behind under Hogan’s leadership and calling it a “civil rights violation” that state has not fully funded its education system.

Scott also hit Hogan on transportation infrastructure saying Hogan “walked away” from building the Red Line subway transit rail in Baltimore, instead opting for funding for adding lanes on highways like I-270 and I-495

“We know that they [the Hogan Administration] don’t invest in 21st Century technology as far as public transportation and we have to do that,” Scott said.

Sentinel Newspapers Executive Editor Brian J. Karem, and Montgomery County Sentinel columnist Paul K. Schwartz moderated the debate at the Montgomery County Executive Office Building.

Rockville City hires a new police chief and planning director

By Neal Earley
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Rockville City Manager Robert DiSpirito made two key hires this week, announcing the City has hired a new police chief and planning director.

DiSpirito announced that the City has hired Victor Brito to be its new police chief, replacing Bob Rappaport who served as acting police chief since the City’s previous police chief, Terry Treschuk, retired in April of 2016.

Bruto, who has worked in law enforcement for 27 years, most recently served as Hagerstown’s police chief prior to accepting the same title in Rockville. Brito will begin duty as Rockville’s next police chief on June 18.

“I’m proud and honored to be part of the Rockville City Police De-

partment and its commitment to community policing,” said Brito in a statement. “I love what I do and I am humbled and terribly excited to lead the fine men and women of Rockville’s police force.”

Bruto’s selection as police chief ends a roughly two-year nationwide search which was one of the first tasks that DiSpirito assumed when he was hired as City Manager in November 2016.

“I am eager to introduce Victor Brito as the City of Rockville’s police chief,” DiSpirito said in a statement. “His law enforcement experience, leadership skills and ability to relate to citizens and employees alike make him a strong choice to guide our police department forward in its commitment to community policing.”

In addition to hiring a new police chief, DiSpirito also announced Wednesday that the City hired Ricky

Barker to be the City’s new director of Department of Community Planning and Development Services.

Barker most recently worked as planning and zoning director for Loudoun County, and will begin work for the City on June 25. Barker has worked in planning for 20 years, serving planning director in Henrico and Stafford counties in Virginia and Cary, North Carolina.

“I look forward to serving and engaging the community with a talented city staff who can implement the vision and goals of the Mayor and Council,” Barker said in a statement. “Rockville is one of the best places to live in the country and the best place to live in Maryland, and I hope to contribute to the city’s continuing success.”

Barker will be replacing Chief of Zoning Jim Wasilak, who has served as acting planning director.

County approves additional funds

By Neal Earley
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The Montgomery County Council unanimously approved an additional \$14.8 million to the budget on its reconciliation list as the Council is set to give final approval to the budget Thursday.

The \$14.8 million is a part of the Council reconciliation list, spending that was not originally included in the County Executive’s proposed budget and that the Council’s various committees voted to add through their weeks of meetings.

“There’s fewer cuts available; I think that’s the tough reality,” said Council President Hans Riemer (D-at large). “There’s just not as much room to save funding because it’s already a very, very tight budget.”

The \$14.8 million the Council voted to approve is less than the \$21.6 million the Council committees originally proposed. While the Council shaved about \$7 million off its original proposed list of additions to the budget, County Executive Ike

Leggett said he is concerned the Council went above his recommendations.

“I am concerned, however, that the Council has increased ongoing expenditures by \$14 million over and above my recommended budget,” Leggett said in a statement.

The reconciliation list includes about \$6.7 million for Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service, mostly to restore fire stations in Hyattsville, Germantown, and Hillandale. The reconciliation list also includes an additional \$1.6 million for the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, an additional \$3.7 million to the general fund, and \$911,000 to Montgomery County Public Schools, mostly to expand half-day classes to full day at eight elementary schools.

The additions to the budget come after the County’s current budget suffered a \$120 million shortfall due to misprojections in the County’s income tax revenue.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Application for a Temporary Noise Waiver

The Department of Environmental Protection is currently reviewing two applications for Temporary Noise Waivers as allowed under the Montgomery County Noise Control Ordinance, Chapter 31B, Section 11(a).

A Temporary Noise Waiver is being requested by Clark Construction Group, LLC, 7500 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, Maryland, for the purpose of constructing a pedestrian tunnel across Maryland Route 355 between Wood Road and South Street, Bethesda. The work will include utility relocation, excavation, and road construction. The work started December 2016 and is scheduled to be completed in May 2020. This is the sixth request for a Temporary Noise Waiver.

A second Temporary Noise Waiver is being requested by Washington Gas, 6801 Industrial Road, Springfield, Virginia, for the purpose of replacing natural gas line valves at the intersections of Mt. Pisgah Road and Madre Street, and Adelphi Road and Mt. Pisgah Road, Silver Spring. Federal safety regulations require continuous construction to complete the work. The scheduled work hours will be over two three-day periods from June 12, 2018 to July 11, 2018.

The applications 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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NEWS

Candidates push issues in Aspen Hill

By Peter Rouleau
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ASPEN HILL — Nine of the 11 candidates seeking either reelection or their first election to one of the three seats in the Maryland House of Delegates from District 19 came to a public forum at the Aspen Hill Library Monday night.

The Aspen Hill Library Advisory Committee, the Aspen Hill chapter of Friends of the Library, the Aspen Hill Civic Association, and the Strathmore Bel Pre Civic Association sponsored the forum. Elliot Chabot, chair of the Library Advisory Committee, served as moderator of the event.

A question from an audience member as to whether the candidates would support the current Democratic House leadership brought differing responses from the incumbent and challenging candidates.

"As it stands, the leadership is not engaged in my campaign and not supporting me," said Marlin Jenkins, a labor attorney. "I believe Maryland needs to stop talking blue and start acting blue. With our Democratic majority, we should be the example for the rest of the nation."

"For years, I have had the opportunity of working with Michael Busch as the House leader and the committee chair," said incumbent Delegate Bonnie Cullison. "For the most part, I can tell you that they're open, they're strategic, they're looking for policy that is in the best interests of Marylanders. I don't always agree with them, but it falls to those of us who are in the House to make our issues and interests known to them."

"I believe it's time for change," said Brian Crider, a systems analyst. "We need change, and we need it now. Marylanders are not getting the services they need. Our roads are a mess, our healthcare is unaffordable, and this is under the current leadership that's been there for 40 years."

"I think that (Senate President) Mike Miller's got to go," said Vaughn Stewart, former policy director for Congressman Jamie

Raskin's campaign. "The reality is that he has been an impediment to progress in the Senate for decades. If you believe in universal healthcare, you should know that he has been killing that bill in committee for years. If you believe in 100-percent clean renewable energy, you should know that Mike Miller won't even let that go to the floor. You can go down through gun bills, domestic violence bills that he has blocked. He is an impediment to progress. Even though we as delegates won't have a vote to remove him, I'm going to use my platform to say loud and clear that he's got to go."

"I, too, have had the opportunity to work with members of the leadership in the House and the Senate," said Delegate Marice Morales. "I can tell you that as you navigate through the legislature and you're trying to be effective, it's not just about throwing rocks at the wall. You have to be able to be effective for your constituents. I think that we do need change, but the reality is that in the legislature, you have to be respected, you have to be flexible, and when it comes to performing for constituents, District 19 has been incredibly effective, and I think that speaks to our ability to work together and speak up when needed."

An audience member asked the candidates what they felt was the most important environmental issue facing the state and what they would do to address it.

"The most important environmental issue that we face is simply elected officials not taking climate change seriously," said Jade Wiles, a former healthcare operations manager and volunteer firefighter. "We need more smart cars, more fuel-efficient cars. Green jobs are actually great-paying jobs."

"Montgomery County passed a resolution that there is a climate emergency," Crider said. "We need action, and we need action now. The first thing we need to do is clean up our clean-energy portfolio. We need to get rid of our incentive barriers, we need to get rid of our coal-burning plants, and we need to get to 100-percent renew-

able energy; that's wind, solar, hydroelectric, geothermal, and tidal."

"I'm very proud to be the only candidate up here endorsed by the Montgomery County Green Democrats and the Sierra Club," Stewart said. "This issue is very personal to me. I beat cancer last year for the second time in my life. I had salivary gland cancer when I was 18 and lymphoma last year. I can't prove it, but I'm very certain that the reason is that Monsanto used my hometown in Alabama as a dumping ground for PCBs (Polychlorinated biphenyls) for decades. We have to be absolute stalwarts of the environment. We have to move to 10-percent renewable energy by 2035 at the very latest."

"I am very proud of Maryland's environmental track record," Morales said. "While the White House continues to try to roll back EPA protections, we set money aside to protect our Chesapeake Bay. We also banned fracking in the state and for me that's personal, because my parents are from Peru and for years, you had gas companies going into South America and taking over indigenous lands where folks now have health problems."

"I guess when you think about a Republican, you don't think about someone who cares about the environment," said Dave Pasti, an attorney and sports agent and the only Republican candidate who attended the forum. "But I do care about the environment, and I agree with my colleagues on the importance of renewable energy. One thing that hasn't been talked about as much is sewage runoff. Every time I flush the toilet, I'm wondering where the water is going. In Frederick, we have a sewage plant that's overflowing after flooding, and so to me, that's the most important environmental issue. I would hold municipalities accountable for making sure their treatment plants are able to handle the sewage."

The organizers will next host a debate between incumbent Council member Sidney A. Katz (D-3) and his Democratic primary opponent, Ben Shnider, at the Aspen Hill Library on Thursday, June 7, at 7:30 p.m.

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NEWS

The Safe Passage Center helps families stay together

By Abby Cruz
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In 2007, Gail Pumphrey and her three children David, 12, Meagan, 10, and Brandon, 6, were shot and killed by their father on Thanksgiving Day during an unsupervised court-ordered visitation exchange at Unity Neighborhood Park in Montgomery County.

Janet Blackburn, 62, sister of Gail Pumphrey and aunt of the Brockdorff children, believes if a place like the Safe Passage Center had existed back then, that tragedy could have been averted.

The Safe Passage Center hired staff members last October and fully opened its doors to Montgomery County residents at its Rockville location in December, becoming the first such center in the area. Since 2007, at least 35 children have been killed statewide in intimate partner-related violence, according to data collected from Court Watch Montgomery from 2004 to 2016.

Court Watch advocated for the need of a Safe Passage Center, and the Montgomery County Council approved the funding. Now there is a

center that provides a place on common ground for families who need to meet for shared custody or child visitation and avoid any altercations.

Currently, the center has completed a total of 129 intakes, 64 children served, and 364 total visitations/exchanges since the beginning of 2018 until now. These numbers form the basis for a monthly report, which includes the number of visits, number of exchanges, number of parents served, and number of children served. The report is submitted to the Montgomery County DHHS on a monthly basis for review and monitoring.

"To me, the center could have saved their lives; this really touches the problem for me," Blackburn said during a phone interview. "My sister did not have access to one [Safe Passage Center]. You know if she did, she would have certainly used it; there would be no doubt in my mind."

"Children should have a relationship with both of their parents, and this is a place where they [parents] can have that consistent time with their children," said Karen Mull, program manager of the Safe

Passage Center.

The SPC offers supervised visitation and monitored exchanges for families with a Montgomery County Court order. The services are free for County residents as long as they have a referral from the court, which could be for any situation, such as domestic violence, family conflict, or extended parental absences.

"As a center, while we may be serving victims of domestic violence, we really try to serve the families holistically. We really try to be a support to both the parents," said Mull.

The SFP is a member of the Supervised Visitation Network (SVN), a network whose code of ethics and standard are safety-driven, as is the center. The center's safety features include onsite security, walk-through metal detectors, security cameras, separate entrances and waiting rooms, and separate parking lots for each of the parents.

The SFP has two separate entrances located on either side of the building. The green entrance is for the custodial parents and children. The brown entrance is for the visiting parents, who must arrive 15 min-

utes before the exchange. The green waiting room and brown waiting rooms are primarily for the center's monitored exchanges and visitations.

"Security is a big concern, security and safety, but when you walk into these rooms, you will feel the warmth. It is like a house setting almost, like you are in your home," said Wendy Enderson, director of development.

For supervised visits, the center offers three playrooms, each with a different theme (squirrel, fox, and owl), to cater to the different age groups of the children who are part of the program. Each room has a selection of stuffed animals devoted to its theme, along with toys, books, microwaves, chairs, televisions, and a changing table in case it is needed.

Supervised visitations have a visitation monitor, as well a staff person who sits to observe visits and takes notes to provide for the court.

"We are really working closely with the parents, the children, and the family as a whole to provide this type of environment that they can still see their kids, be with their kids, and play with their kids," said En-

derson. "The idea is, you don't want to separate the families but we do want to provide that safety and security. We want to try to give the kids as much of a family support system as we can."

Currently, the center serves 46 families, including 64 children. Families at the center vary in the number of children they have, ranging from one child to as many as three involved in the center. Families can use the Safe Passage Center for the duration of their court order. There are staff members at the SPF who can speak and translate for families that speak Spanish, French, Haitian Creole, and Mandarin.

"She would have taken advantage of the exchange because the center does both; it's the safe-exchange portion that would have made a difference in her life," Blackburn said of her sister Gail. "I definitely feel like we need more centers. We need more centers like that all over the state of Maryland."

The Safe Passage Center, Montgomery County's Supervised Visitation & Monitored Exchange Program, is located at 1010 Grandin Avenue, Rockville, MD.

Gaithersburg book festival draws large crowds despite rain showers

By Peter Rouleau
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GAITHERSBURG — Thousands of people braved Saturday's drizzle to attend the ninth annual Gaithersburg Book Festival.

Mayor Jud Ashman, then a member of the City Council, founded the festival in 2010. Held every May on the grounds of Gaithersburg City Hall, the festival invites several fiction and non-fiction authors to read from their works and meet their readers.

Additionally, the festival sponsors several writing workshops in partnership with the Writer's Center in Bethesda, and provides independent authors and used book vendors an opportunity to sell their works.

Among the most prominent authors who spoke at this year's festival was novelist Alice McDermott, who won the National Book Award in 1998.

Susan Coll, a local author of several books set in and around the Washington, D.C., suburbs, introduced McDermott and credited her

with helping to launch the festival.

"It was a warm Wednesday night in May of 2009," Coll said. "A group of people crowded into the meeting room in the Arts Barn for the first meeting of the Gaithersburg Book Festival Committee. Jud Ashman had been to the National Book Festival and came to us with the question: 'Why Not Gaithersburg?'"

In approaching authors to appear at the festival, Ashman's first stop was Alice McDermott. When he asked her to appear "at our first-ever festival, right away she said yes, and she agreed to take this leap with us in 2010. Because she said yes, we were able to get 54 other authors to appear. Because she said yes, you're all sitting here today."

McDermott read from her most recent novel, "The Ninth Hour," which was published last fall.

"'The Ninth Hour,' in summary, is a book about nuns," McDermott said. "I'm as surprised as anyone else that I would be as silly as to try to write a book about nuns. Most of the book takes place in the early

part of the century in Brooklyn, New York, or at least my version of Brooklyn, New York. What's most important to me is that the book is concerned with a time and a place that is past. It is told from a 21st-century perspective, but it is told as if it is happening in real time."

John Bicknell read from his book "Lincoln's Pathfinder: John C. Fremont and the Violent Election of 1856." The book is an account of Fremont's ultimately unsuccessful campaign as the first Presidential nominee of the Republican Party, which had been founded to resist the encroachment of slavery into the Northern states. Although Fremont's campaign was unsuccessful, losing to James Buchanan, it established the Republican Party as a viable political force, paving the way for Abraham Lincoln to win the Presidential election four years later.

"We're a blue county here in Montgomery County, and we're a blue state here in Maryland," Council member Robert Wu said in his introduction. "But the Republican

Party was founded, for all intents and purposes, down the road in Silver Spring."

U.S. Senator Francis Preston Blair, who founded Silver Spring in the early 1840s, played an important role in organizing the Republican Party.

"It was Blair's idea that John C. Fremont would be the Republican candidate," Bicknell said. "I'm always amused when I hear people say that Americans are more divided than they've ever been. The election of 1856, to say nothing of what happened four years later, shows that isn't true."

During the Civil War, Fremont was a General in the Union Army and frequently clashed with Lincoln over tactics.

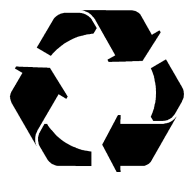
John Gallagher of Fairfax, a self-published author of comics and graphic novels, made his first appearance at the festival this year.

"It seems to have a really great history," Gallagher said. "Most people I've talked to have been here multiple years as attendees and exhibitors. I really like their kids' sec-

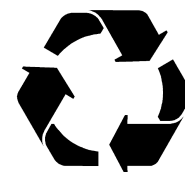
tion, and even though I wasn't placed in the kids' section, there's still been a really good flow of people. Comics are how I learned how to read, and I think more parents and educators are coming to realize that they are an exciting way to teach children."

Mayor Ashman estimated that roughly 14,000 people attended this year's festival, down from 22,000 last year. He and the other organizers attributed rain to the drop in attendance.

"The big highlight for me was the great turnout in spite of the ugly weather," Ashman said. "A lot of people work really hard all year to produce the Gaithersburg Book Festival, and when Mother Nature doesn't cooperate, it's a potentially scary thing. When crowds of people still show up, though, it's amazingly gratifying. In terms of programming, our authors were spectacular, as always. I was thrilled to see our workshops filled up all day, and what a treat it was to welcome the Mayor of Bonningheim, Germany. It was all wonderful."



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NEWS

WWII veteran recalls days of “continual combat”

By Suzanne Pollak
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As Elias “Hy” Eliasof recalled his 300 days of almost-continual combat in Germany during World War II, he pointed to each location on a map he had created and attached to his refrigerator.

Almost 70 years after he served as an intelligence and reconnaissance platoon sergeant with the 28th Infantry Regiment of the 8th Infantry Division, Eliasof clearly remembered those days of “almost continuous combat,” on some days advancing only a few yards, he said in the living room of his apartment in Fox Hill Retirement Home in Bethesda.

During the war, Eliasof, now 97, patrolled, took prisoners, and maintained observation posts, earning two Bronze Stars for his efforts.

He particularly recalled some of his fiercest fighting in the Huertgen Forest in Germany. While advancing, he came upon a barn filled with German soldiers, who outnumbered the Americans he was with, Eliasof said.

Until seeing the barn, “we were making good progress,” about 10 to 15 miles in a day, he said. Suddenly, the Germans started firing, and Eliasof realized, “I had to keep them inside.”

He grabbed a white handkerchief, stuffed it into his rifle, and called for someone who could speak English. A German soldier came out, and Elaisof “told him behind me are 200 to 300 soldiers” and in the other direction, the Russians were advancing. He painted a very bleak picture of what could happen to the Germans, he said.

With the war almost over, Elaisof convinced the Germans their best option was to surrender to him, rather than be killed or taken prisoner by the Russians.

A short time later, 40 Germans walked out of the barn with their hands up, and surrendered to him, he said.

Elaisof, who grew up in New York City, also recalled entering a German labor camp as the war drew to a close. He had heard of these camps, but until that moment, had thought they were work camps only.

Reality set in when he saw the skeletal bodies of Russian and Polish soldiers that had been thrown into a huge hole for burial.

“They were starved to death,” or died of disease, he said, before declaring with emphasis that he never mistreated any soldier he took prisoner, even offering them cigarettes and water.

Eliasof is one of five brothers and two sisters. All five brothers served their country, he said proudly. Four were in the infantry, and one was a navigation bomber.

After the war, Eliasof married, had two daughters, and worked in the garment industry, starting out by purchasing five sewing machines and setting up in a store in the Bronx. Within a dozen years, he had 125 employees, he said of the business he had established – Elias Brothers – which made children’s sportswear.

“We lived the American dream,” Eliasof said.

He moved to Closter, New Jersey, where he served as mayor, conducting more than 100 weddings and helping bring a few nonprofits to the town, including one for battered women.

Soon after his wife, Marion, passed away in 2006, Eliasof moved into the newly opened Fox Hill, to be close to his daughter, who lives in Potomac. His other daughter had died when she was 34 years old, from breast cancer.

Though three years less than a century old, Elaisof is full of energy, is a good walker, and keeps himself busy. He sometimes plays golf with his son-in-law, he said, proclaiming, “I can still play 18 holes.”



PHOTO BY GEORGE SMITH

Elias Elaisof

His eyesight is not good, but he still reads with a magnifying glass, and enjoys biographies in particular.

When asked to what he attributes his longevity and good health, Eliasof replied, “Dumb luck.”

“I stay very active,” Eliasof said, referring to his participation in committees and attending lectures and concerts. He also enjoys spending

time with his two grandsons and three great-grandsons. “I am a very, very happy person and grateful. I am a very grateful person.”

Despite the intense combat he encountered, Eliasof believes young people should enlist. “Everybody should serve in the army. This is the greatest country the world has ever known.”

Vietnam Veterans attend unveiling of memorial in Rockville

By Suzanne Pollak
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ROCKVILLE — Several hundred people, many of whom wavered between saluting and wiping tears from their eyes, watched solemnly as Montgomery County’s Vietnam Veterans Memorial wall was unveiled Monday afternoon.

The wall, located on Memorial Plaza in Rockville, features the names of the 130 County residents who were killed or reported missing in action during the Vietnam War.

During the afternoon ceremony, each of the 130 names was read aloud, followed by one single strike on a bell.

Just like at the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, D.C., relatives and friends will be able to see their loved ones’ names and make rubbings for mementos. Also like at the national memorial, several relatives placed bouquets of roses near their loved ones’ names.

“Every time I come over here, I’ll see and remember others who I served with who didn’t come back,” said Stan Seidel, who fought in Vietnam in 1968. He was one of many veterans attending the ceremony, who wore their hats, uniforms, and honors with pride.

“For a long time, I didn’t tell

others I had served there,” he said.

Other veterans spoke about the disrespect they encountered when first returning to America. The memorial is long overdue, many said.

Plans for the memorial began 10 years ago, said County Executive Ike Leggett, who was an infantry captain in Vietnam in 1969. He was determined to see the wall come to fruition before he left office. Leggett beat his self-imposed deadline by several months, as he is not running for reelection.

“This is a powerful, emotional day for me. We are here to properly recognize the service of the 130” County residents, he said.

“There are far too many veterans around this great nation who are sleeping on grates, who don’t have jobs, who are struggling,” Leggett said.

They came home “to a skeptical nation, to taunts,” he said. “They were disrespected.”

He urged everyone to “separate the warrior from the war,” and always show respect for those who serve.

While the ceremony was dedicated to those who paid the ultimate sacrifice for their country, Leggett also honored family members who lost loved ones during the war, and, in particular, children

who grew up never having gotten to know their fathers.

Navy Commander Everett Alvarez spent eight years and four months as a prisoner of war, after his plane was shot down in August 1964. Looking out at the crowd, he acknowledged that “Nothing that is said here can atone for the grief you experienced many years ago.” However, he added, the memorial “recognizes your sacrifice.”

Vietnam veterans came to the aid of their brethren after the war and were “prominent in leading the way” to develop techniques to help those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder, said the Rockville resident.

While nothing can bring back those who died, “the presence of this memorial will ensure that they will not be forgotten,” said Major General Arthur Holmes (Ret.).

More than 11,000 County residents served their country during the years 1955 to 1972.

Some 2.7 million Americans served in Vietnam “and today, 850,000 are still among us,” said Sgt. Major Daniel Bullis, who treated wounded and drug-addicted soldiers during his service from October 1970 to October 1971.

“No one who returns from war returns without injury. No one is the same,” he said.

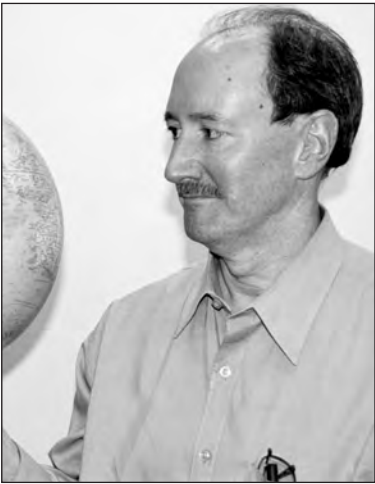


PHOTO BY SUZANNE POLLAK

A Vietnam Veteran examines the new memorial in Rockville.

TRAVEL

The search for the Buddha temple caves of the Silk King



Travel Tales By Llewellyn Toulmin

Three years ago I told you the story of my search for the remains of Jim Thompson, the “Silk King of Thailand,” in the high jungle of northern Malaysia, where he disappeared in 1967. Now I will tell you about searching for Jim’s 1000-year-old Buddha temple caves on a mountain in north central Thailand. Like any good tale, it starts with the magic words:

Once upon a time, one thousand seven hundred years ago, a city arose in north central Thailand. It was a Buddhist city, part of the Mon kingdom of Dvaravati, the oldest known kingdom in south-east Asia. The city was named Si Thep – the “City of the Gods” -- and it was a mile across, with a tall wall and deep moat to protect it. (You can still visit its ruins.) During the rainy season, Buddhist monks from the city would escape its floods by traveling ten miles northwest to a small, steep mountain, where they had found a sheltering cave almost at the top. It was not a large cave, only about seventy-five by sixty feet, but it was more than enough for the simple monks. In the cave they meditated and studied the words of Buddha.

After five hundred years of meditation and prayer, the monks began carving large, beautiful statues of Lord Buddha out of the walls of their cave. They wanted to create a temple for their religion. The most beautiful statue was of the Bodhisattva Maitreya Buddha -- an image of a future, reincarnated Buddha who was prophesied to come to Earth in about three thousand years. This Buddha, whose name means “Loving-Kindness,” would teach enlightenment and restore pure Buddhism to the whole world. Then everyone would live a holy life, happily ever after.

Rumors spread that the monks also had a secondary refuge cave, much harder to find, with Buddha images, somewhere nearby. The

main cave was called Tham Tha Morat, which means “Cave of Forgiveness.” The name and location of the second cave was a secret.

Time passed. Two hundred years later, cave Tha Morat was inhabited by two legendary Buddhist hermits, named Fire-Eye and Ox-Eye. Fire-Eye had a pupil, a prince, the son of the king of Si Thep. Fire-Eye told the prince that nearby were two wells, one with deadly water and one with life-giving water. The prince did not believe this tale.

So Fire-Eye said he would prove the story by bathing in the well of death. But the prince had to promise to pour water from the well of life over the hermit, to bring him back from the dead. The prince promised to do this. But when the hermit was dead, the faithless pupil ran back to the city without reviving Fire-Eye.

Luckily Ox-Eye was passing the well of death, saw bubbles in the well, and realized what had happened. Ox-Eye pulled his friend out, poured the water of life over him, and Fire-Eye was saved.

The monk Fire-Eye swore revenge on the prince, the king and the city. Using his magic powers, he created a giant black bull which roared around the city for seven days, then rushed in. The bull’s body burst and poison flowed out, killing all the people. And so Si Thep was wiped out, never to rise again.

The city slumbered for almost a thousand years. A few people settled in the ruins. The heavy rains and floods reduced its laterite walls and buildings, until only a few tall ruined temples and some walls remained.

In 1937, the first outsider arrived. It took him five days in an ox-cart, over rough trails, to go the last 54 miles. He had a strange name, Quaritch Wales, but he was a great archaeologist, author and scientist. He was so excited by what he found that he spent years documenting the ruins of Si Thep for future generations.

From the local villagers Quaritch Wales heard the legend of Fire-Eye and Ox-Eye, and he wrote it down in one of his books. He thought the story might be a metaphor for a terrible cholera epidemic. He mentioned the cave where the monks lived, but he did not discover Tha Morat cave.

In the late 1950s the famous Jim Thompson heard the stories of a ruined city in Petchabun province in north central Thailand. Jim had been a Lt. Colonel in World War II in the US military spy agency, the OSS, and later he was an asset for the CIA. He created, virtually from scratch, the burgeoning Thai silk industry. His very successful firm made some of the most beautiful silks in the world, so he was called the “Silk King of Thailand.” He was also an

art expert and amateur archaeologist. He was collecting art to fill his fabulous Thai house/museum, built from six antique houses he brought in from around the country. Hearing of the ruined city, on Saturday, April 12, 1958 Jim and a friend took a jeep and headed north, in search of Si Thep and adventure.

Next month I will tell you what Jim found up-country, and the fate of the Tha Morat cave and its beautiful Buddhas.

Lew Toulmin grew up in Thailand and Haiti. His substantial report on the disappearance of Jim Thompson is available on his website, www.themosttraveled.com.



COURTESY PHOTOS, EXCEPT LOWER PHOTO BY LEW TOULMIN

At left, a Buddha head from Tha Morat Cave. Above right, Jim Thompson during WWII. Directly above the ruins of a tower.

CALENDAR

What's happening this week in Montgomery County

BLACKROCK CENTER FOR THE ARTS

• 2018 CRYSTAL GALA FRIDAY, JUN 1, 2018, 6:00 PM

• THE B CONCERT SERIES: NANNY ASSIS FRIDAY, JUN 8, 2018, 8:00 PM

STRATHMORE

• CHILDREN'S ART TALK & TOUR SATURDAY, MAY 26, 2018, 10:15AM | THE MANSION

• CITYDANCE CHILDREN & YOUTH CONCERT SUNDAY, MAY 27, 2018, 11:00 AM AND 3:30PM | THE MUSIC CENTER

• BSO: GERSHWIN'S PIANO CONCERTO THURSDAY, MAY 31, 2018, 8:00 PM | THE MUSIC CENTER

THE FILLMORE

• FLATBUSH ZOMBIES: SEE YOU IN HELL TOUR WITH KIRK KNIGHT, NYCK CAUTION THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2018, 8:00PM

• NIPSEY HUSSLE VICTORY LAP TOUR TUESDAY, JUN 5, 2018, 8:30 PM

• JAKE PAUL - TEAM 10 TOUR THURSDAY, JUN 7, 2018, 8:00 PM

WOLF TRAP

• THE WASHINGTON BALLET GISELLE - WOLF TRAP ORCHESTRA FRIDAY, MAY 25, 2018, 8:00 PM | FILENE CENTER

• JAKE OWEN WITH CHRIS JANSON AND JORDAN DAVIS SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 2018, 7:00 PM | FILENE CENTER

MAY 28

NATIONAL MEN'S CHORUS

May 27, 5:00 P.M. National Men's Chorus will conclude its 19th season with "Memorial Day 2018" at Saint Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike in McLean, Virginia. The concert will be conducted by Founder and Artistic Director, Thomas Beveridge, and will feature many of the Washington area's finest instrumentalists: organist Paul Skevington, pianist Thomas Pandolfi, and members of the Washington Symphonic Brass and Percussion, directed by Phil Snedecor.

MAY 28

ROKVILLE MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY AND PARADE

May 28, 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. The Rockville Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade will take place on Monday, May 28 in Rockville Town Square. Events include a musical tribute to America by the Rockville Concert Band and Chorus.

MAY 31

IPAD CLINIC OR DOWNLOADING E-BOOKS/E-AUDIOBOOKS ON OTHER MOBILE DEVICES

May 31, 2018 - Jun. 21, 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. Four 45-minute sessions available each Thursday. Customized one-on-one help using your iPad to learn basic features. Or learn how to download e-books and e-audiobooks on your mobile device like the Kindle, Nook or Android. For iPad users, please bring your Apple ID and Password. For Kindle users, please have your Amazon logon and pass-

word. Please call 240-777-0200 to sign up for your 45-minute session. Place: Quince Orchard Library / 15831 Quince Orchard Road / Gaithersburg. Free.

UPCOMING

WANDERLUST ART EXHIBIT AT DEL RAY ARTISANS

Jun. 1 - 24. "Wanderlust" is an art exhibit about adventure, travel and new experiences that celebrates the diversity and beauty found in every corner of this world, both near and far. The exhibit runs June 1-24, 2018 at Del Ray Artisans. Opening Reception: Friday, June 1, 7-9pm. Plus join us for the Resin Workshop (June 10) and "How to Make Art While Traveling" Workshop (June 16). Exhibit details and workshop registration can be found at www.DelRayArtisans.org/event/wanderlust. The Wanderlust exhibit and workshops are at Del Ray Artisans gallery in the Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22301.

37TH ANNUAL SUMMER MARKET & COMMUNITY YARD SALE

Jun. 2, 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. The Strathmore/Bel Pre-Civic Association will be hosting its 37th annual summer market & community yard sale at the Strathmore/Bel Pre Pool - 13920 Bethpage Lane, Aspen Hill, MD 20906. Rain date is Saturday, June 9. For more info, call (301) 460-0497.

ONE JOURNEY FESTIVAL

Jun. 2, 11:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. The One Journey Festival is a day-long celebration of the courage, culture, and contributions of displaced peoples around the globe. The free and family-friendly festival will build connections among cultures as we celebrate refugee talents and stories through the shared languages of humanity: food, music, art and dance. Highlights: Food Talk with Celebrity Chef Jose Andres and a refugee chef * actor/model Ger Duany * Pihcintu Multicultural Children's Chorus * refugee music and dance groups * Kid's Corner * multicultural marketplace & food trucks. Shared Studios' immersive video experience engages attendees with refugees in camps in the Middle East and Latin America. Where: On the grounds of the Washington National Cathedral.

A CHILDREN'S STREET FESTIVAL CELEBRATING THE ARTS!

Jun. 2, 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. Join us to celebrate children, art, and all things fun at the 24th annual Imagination Bethesda. The festival takes place on Woodmont Avenue and Elm Street in downtown Bethesda. Activity tents line the streets, face painters bring butterflies and pirates to life, a stage of live entertainment will have the whole street dancing, and more! Enjoy this FREE family fun day!

FOOD ADDICTS ANONYMOUS

Jun. 2, 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.

SQUARE DANCE LESSONS AND DANCING

Jun. 6. 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 June 13, 20, and 27.

Contact phone number: 301-598-2574. <http://www.gerrymanders.info/>

COUNTY COUNCIL (DISTRICT 3) CANDIDATES FORUM

Jun. 7, 7:30 P.M. A County Council (District 3) Candidates Forum will held at the Aspen Hill Li-



PHOTO BY MARCO BORGGREVE

Pianist Kirill Gerstein accompanies the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra in Stravinsky's Firebird, Gershwin's Piano Concerto, and Schumann's Symphony No. 2 at The Music Center at Strathmore on Thursday, May 31

brary, 4407 Aspen Hill Road, Aspen Hill, MD. All filed candidates have been invited - regardless of political party. Most of the forum will be devoted to questions from the audience. The forum is sponsored by the Friends of the Aspen Hill Library, Aspen Hill Civic Association, Aspen Hill Library Advisory Committee, and the Strathmore-Bel Pre-Civic Association. For more information, call (301) 871-1113 or aspenhill@folmc.org.

SHERWOOD 47TH ANNUAL ALUMNI LUNCHEON

Jun. 7. Informal Reception at 11:00 A.M. Luncheon served at 12:30 P.M. Leisure World Main Club House Ballroom, 3700 Rossmoor Blvd, Aspen Hill, MD 20906. Cost: \$21.00/person. Reservations due by May 28TH, 2018. Contact Art Fenington 301-695-4442 or 240-481-4555 or Pat Cissel Bean at 434-465-0421, or email sherwoodalumnimd@gmail.com.

FIT4FUNCTION WORKSHOP!

Jun. 7, 1:00 P.M. Get tips, exercises, and motivation at the Fit4Function Workshop! From Go4Life, the exercise and physical activity campaign from the National Institute on Aging at NIH. Fit4Function is for adults 50+ who do NOT currently exercise on a regular basis or only exercise infrequently. Casual attire, sneakers are fine but not necessary. Registration required. Age Group(s): Seniors Where: Twinbrook Library. Registration Ends: 6/7/2018 at 12:30 PM.

MOZART VISITS QUINCE ORCHARD LIBRARY!

Jun. 10, 2:00 - 3:00 P.M. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was 12-years-old when he wrote a charming chamber opera called Bastien and Bastienne. Bastienne, a shepherdess and her adde-brained shepherd, Bastien and the village flim-flam man collide and collude in all things romantic to send-up every operatic and social convention and give everyone a good laugh at life and love opera-style! Artists from The American Center for Puccini Studies will present this insouciant little opera. Program sponsored by the Friends of the Library, Quince Orchard Chapter. Call the library at 240-777-0200 for more informa-

tion. Place: Quince Orchard Library / 15831 Quince Orchard Road / Gaithersburg.

CONCERT: ZEMER CHAI

Jun. 10, 4:00 P.M. Zemer Chai, The Jewish Chorale of the Nation's Capital presents Sing It Forward! Masterpieces of the Past and Classics Soon to Be at Congregation Beth El of Montgomery County, 8215 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, Maryland. The concert will celebrate master composers of the past and recognize gifted new composers. The concert will feature Cantors Asa Fradkin and Natasha Hirschhorn and include the Washington premiere of Cantor Hirschhorn's moving composition, "Ilu Finu." Tickets are available at www.ZemerChai.org or 301-963-3462. Preferred seating is \$40; general admission is \$20, \$25 at the door.

MEDITATION FOR DAILY LIVING

Jun. 14, 6:30 P.M. - 7:45 P.M. David Newcomb, long-time meditator and national speaker will explore the power of meditation to help us transform our lives. There will even be a short meditation sitting. Join David for this very information program. Free, no registration. All are welcome. Where: Twinbrook Library.

10TH ANNUAL HOME RUNS FOR HORTON'S KIDS

Jun. 23, 5:00 - 9:00 P.M. Horton's Kids, a nonprofit that empowers children living in one of Washington, D.C.'s most under-resourced neighborhoods to graduate from high school ready for success, is hosting its 10th Annual Home Runs for Horton's Kids at Nationals Park, 1500 S Capitol St. SE

Washington, D.C. 20003. The annual event provides a variety of family-fun activities, including a chance to bat from home plate and play catch in the outfield at Nationals Park, races with Nationals' mascot President Teddy, a fast-pitch competition in the bullpen, kids' activities, carnival games, and stadium fare buffet with open bar. Individual tickets are on sale for \$250 and admission is FREE for children under 14. For more information on purchasing tickets and sponsorship opportunities, visit www.HortonsKids.org/HomeRuns/.

May 24, 2018 - May 30, 2018

CONCERT: KRISTIN CHENOWETH

Jun. 27, 8:00 - 11:00 P.M. This Tony and Emmy Award-winning actress and singer delights audiences in every show and role, from film and television to voiceover and stage. Where: Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda, MD 20852.

ONE MONTGOMERY GREEN GALA

Jun. 28. The Maryland Green Registry will present its Leadership Awards during the One Montgomery Green annual Gala, Thursday, June 28th at the Brookside Gardens Visitors Center in Wheaton, MD. The Awards are presented to five businesses or organizations that have shown a strong commitment to sustainable practices, measurable results, and continual improvement.

ONGOING

ATOMIC DOG ART EXHIBIT AT DEL RAY ARTISANS

Through May 27. Del Ray Artisans and The Dog Store present "Atomic Dog" an exhibit inspired by man's best friend. This fun and heart-warming show features photography, painting, sculpture, and inventive mixed media of all kinds. Come and enjoy artistic expressions of our love for man's and woman's best friend - our canine companions. Reception: Friday, May 4 from 7-9pm. View the exhibit at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria. Details: www.DelRayArtisans.org/exhibits.

REINVENTION ART EXHIBIT AT VCA ALEXANDRIA ANIMAL HOSPITAL

Through Jun. 10. Del Ray Artisans presents "Reinvention", a Gallery Without Walls exhibit, with artists reinventing old artwork or themselves in 2-dimensional pieces to celebrate the new renovations at the VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital, 2660 Duke Street, Alexandria, 22314. Details: www.DelRayArtisans.org/exhibits

ON THE HOMEFRONT: GAITHERSBURG IN WORLD WAR 1

Through Jun. 19. On the Homefront: Gaithersburg in World War 1 is on display in the Gaithersburg Community Museum, 9 S Summit Ave, Gaithersburg, MD 20877. The museum is open Tuesday to Saturday from 10:00-3:00.

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

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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.

BETHESDA FARMERS MARKET

Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. 7:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. The Farm Women's Market is a unique, intimate, quirky and festive shopping experience in Downtown Bethesda. The Market features great food, drink and music with artisans, crafts and boutique businesses from around the Mid-Atlantic region. Local vineyards and breweries provide tastings and food trucks offer a quick meal. We are a ten-minute walk south on Wisconsin Ave from the Bethesda Metro Station at the intersection of Bethesda Ave. and Wisconsin Ave. Open Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays 7:00am-4:00pm. Our historic Market Building (circa 1932) is open year-round (Jan – Dec).

volunteers. For more information or to register, please call: 301-949-7398 to register. The Widowed Persons Service is a non-profit volunteer organization sponsored by AARP, the Montgomery County Mental Health Association, and other community organizations.

FOX HILL WEEKLY OPEN HOUSE

Wednesdays, 2:00 – 4:00 P.M. The public is invited every Wednesday for refreshments and tours at Fox Hill Retirement Community in Bethesda. A free to the public open house will be held on a weekly basis. Visitors are welcome to see the one, two and three-bedroom model condominiums with a wide range of floorplans offered in a maintenance-free, cosmopolitan environment. Reservations for the Open House events can be made at foxhillresidences.com/rsvp or at 301-968-1850; walk-ins are welcome as well. Fox Hill is located at 8300 Burdette Road, Bethesda, MD; 20817. For more information, call Julie Sabag at 301-968-1850 or visit www.foxhillresidences.com.

8702 or jgerber@cesrockville.org for more information.

VISARTS COCKTAILS AND CANVAS CLASS

Canvas Class in the VisArts Painting and Drawing Studio. 155 Gibbs Street, Rockville. Price \$40. Visit www.visartsatrockville.org/cocktails-and-canvas for more information.

SENIOR FIT

Mondays & Wednesdays, 9:15 A.M. & 2:15 P.M. This 45-minute, multi-component exercise program is for people age 55+. Ongoing classes are offered at 23 locations in partnership with Kaiser Permanente. Call 301-754-8800 to request a physician's consent form to register and for a class schedule. Where: Holy Cross Hospital Senior Source, 8580 Second Avenue, Silver Spring. For more information call 301-754-8800. Cost: Free.

CHESS CLUB

Tuesdays, 6:30 P.M. Join us every Tuesday year around to practice and improve your game. All levels are invited. Ages 6 and up.

AFTERNOON GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Tuesdays 1:30 – 3:00 P.M. For anyone grieving the death of a love one. Registration required at (301) 921-4400. North Bethesda United Methodist Church, 10100 Old Georgetown Rd., Bethesda, MD 20814.

SALSA NIGHT

Tuesdays 7:30 – 12:30 P.M. Come to the Barking Dog every Tuesday night for their sizzling Salsa Night. Take lessons with salsa instructor Michelle Reyes from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. for only \$10. Learn to shake those hips, and then show off your new skills to the music of a live salsa band during the open dance after class. Visit salsawild.com or call (301) 654-0022 for more information. 4723 Elm St., Bethesda, MD 20814.

LOSS OF A CHILD SUPPORT GROUP

Wednesdays, 6:30 – 8:00 P.M. For parents grieving the death of a child of any age. Registration required at (301) 921-4400. Montgomery Hospice, 1355 Piccard Dr., Suite 100, Rockville, MD 20850.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME (AGES 3-5)

Wednesdays, 10:30 A.M. Join us for stories, songs, rhymes, stretches and flannel board stories. Where: Marilyn J. Praisner Library, 14910 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring.

CORPORATE BARTENDING FOR CHARITY

Wednesdays 4:00 – 7:00 P.M. Send your CEO or VP to Tommy Joe's to bartend for charity! Can't bartend? No problem, the on-staff bartenders are there to help for a good cause (no experience necessary). Represent your company during happy hour, and a portion of the proceeds will go to the charity of your choice. Maybe you can even pull off some flair behind the bar and make Tom Cruise proud. Visit tommyjoes.com or call (301) 654-3801 for more information. 4714 Montgomery Ln., Bethesda, MD 20814.

EVENING GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Thursdays 6:30 – 8:00 P.M. For anyone grieving the death of a loved one. Registration required at (301) 921-4400. Hughes United Methodist Church, 10700 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20918.

PARENT LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

Thursdays 6:30 – 8:00 P.M. For adults who have experienced the death of one or both parents. Registration required at (301) 921-4400. Mt. Calvary Baptist church, 608 North Horner's Lane, Rockville, chrisMD 20850.



COURTESY PHOTO

Tony and Emmy Award-winning actress and singer Kristin Chenoweth takes center stage at Strathmore on Wednesday, June 27. Chenoweth will perform from her latest release of American Songbook classics, The Art of Elegance.

THE WIDOWED PERSONS SERVICE OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Weekly support groups for newly widowed persons at three locations: at Margaret Schweinhaut Center 1000 Forest Glen Rd. Silver Spring on Mondays, at Holiday park Senior Center, 3950 Ferrara Drive, Wheaton, on Thursdays and at Jane Lawton (Leland) Center, 4301 Willow Lane, Chevy Chase on Thursdays. These support groups are open, free of charge, to all widowed persons who have suffered a loss within the past two years. Those preferring an evening group are encouraged to call the WPS office. The groups are facilitated by trained

ONE-ON-ONE FRIDAY FUN

Fridays, 9:00 – 10:00 A.M. Christ Episcopal School welcomes you and your 1-year-old to our One-on-One Friday Fun. Our monthly playgroups are the perfect way for your child to have a first school experience in a warm, toddler friendly setting while you meet other parents. Children will explore, learn and socialize in a calm, nurturing classroom community with our Preschool faculty. Activities include playtime, snack time and an art project. All sessions take place on Fridays in the Preschool House from 9:00-10:00am. There is NO COST, but space is limited. Contact Janet Gerber (301-424-



COURTESY PHOTO

Nipsey Hussle brings his Victory Lap Tour to the Fillmore Silver Spring on Tuesday, June 5.

THURSDAY MORNING BOOK DISCUSSION

Thursdays, 10:30 P.M. Join us every fourth Thursday of the month as we discuss notable books. This month's book is *The Snow Child* by Eowyn Ivey. Where: Marilyn J. Praisner Library, 14910 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS MEETING

Thursdays, 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.oacmetro.org/> or Linda S at 301-641-9508.

ZUMBA GOLD DROP IN CLASS

Thursdays, 12:00 – 1:00 P.M. Have fun every Thursday and get a great workout at the same time. Where: Long Branch Senior Center, 8700 Piney Branch Road, Silver Spring, MD 20901.

COUNTRY THURSDAYS

Thursdays, 9:00 P.M. Union Jack's traditionally British pub in Bethesda heads to the South for their all new Country Night every Thursday. Live country/rock bands, free cowboy hats for the cowgirls, bandanas for the cowboys, drink specials, including \$2 PBR cans, \$2 Budweiser bottles, \$4 Jack Daniels drinks, food specials including 50 cent hot wings. Best of all, there's no cover to get in! And be sure to get there early for Union Jack's famous Beat. 4915 Saint Elmo Ave., Bethesda, MD 20814.

DANCE: YOUTH EXCHANGE

Thursdays, 4:15 – 5:15 P.M. For ages 8-12, Youth Exchange introduces youth to collaborative dance making and performance. In a supportive, inclusive, and youth-centered environment, students can explore their creative potential through dance training and choreography. Youth Exchange is led by Dance Exchange artist and Programs Director Sam Homing. Presented by Dance Exchange, 7117 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, MD. For more information, please visit: <http://danceexchange.org/> or call: 301-270-6700. Through May 24, 2018

DANCE: TEEN EXCHANGE

Thursdays, 5:30 – 7:30 P.M. Teen Exchange offers opportunities for youth ages 13-18 to deepen

their dance training and develop their choreographic potential through studio practice, performance, and creative organizational leadership. Teens will collaborate closely with each other, and with Dance Exchange associate artist Elizabeth Johnson and will help organize and facilitate public events and performances. Presented by Dance Exchange, 7117 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, MD. For more information, please visit: <http://danceexchange.org/> or call: 301-270-6700. Through May 24, 2018

HEY MR. DJ

Fridays 9:00 – 2:00 A.M. It's time to dance! Grab your friends and come to The Barking Dog for a good time on the dance floor. Every Friday and Saturday night the Dog brings in a DJ to play the Top 40 and your favorite songs. Make sure you check out their great drink specials before you show us what you got! The Barking Dog, Elm Street Bethesda, MD 20814. Free admission.

LIVE MUSIC FRIDAYS

Fridays 9:30- 12:30 P.M. Rock Bottom Restaurant & Brewery features different music styles by various live bands that perform both original and cover songs. So come relax and enjoy live music and Rock Bottom's award-winning handcrafted beer. Visit <http://www.rockbottom.com> or call (301) 652-1311 for more information. 7900 Norfolk Ave., Bethesda, MD 20814.

SUNDAY NIGHT WINE SPECIALS

Join Us For A Selection of Wines, Chosen From Our Unique List & Cellar. A great opportunity to try that wine you've had your eye on, or one that you would not normally sample. Priced Half Off. Visit <http://www.blacksbarandkitchen.com> or call (301) 652-5525. Black's Bar and Kitchen, 7750 Woodmont Ave., Bethesda, MD 20814.

LAUGH RIOT AT THE HYATT

Saturdays 8:00 – 10:00 P.M. Check out a live standup comedy show by local standup comics every weekend at the Positano Italian Restaurant, Bethesda. There's a \$25 cash prize joke contest for

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non-comedian audience members after the show. Check it out every Saturday night! Comedians can sign up to perform by emailing curtshackelford@verizon.net. Cost: \$10 at the door. Visit <http://www.StandUpComedyToGo.com> or ePositano.com for more information. Address: Positano Italian restaurant located at 4948 Fairmont Ave. Bethesda, MD 20814

SPAGNVOLA CHOCOLATE FACTORY TOUR

Saturdays and Sundays: 2:00 – 6:00 P.M. Meet the owners, learn about the origin of chocolate, and see how it is grown and processed. Experience how chocolate is made from the actual cacao seed to the final chocolate during this "sweet" educational tour, from chocolate bars to truffles to bonbons. Each tour also includes a FREE chocolate tasting! 360 Main Street Suite 101 Gaithersburg, Maryland 20878. Visit <http://www.spagnvola.com> or call (240) 654-6972.

FOOD ADDICTS ANONYMOUS

Saturdays, 9:30 – 10:30 A.M. Food Addicts Anonymous meets 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.

WORLD SERIES OF POKER

Every Tuesday and Sunday night Flanagan's hosts Poker in the rear from 8-10 p.m. it's Bethesda's own version of The World Series of poker. Call (301) 951-0115 for more. Flanagan's Harp and Fiddle, 4844 Cordell Ave., Bethesda, MD 20814.

NEED A SITTER? IT'S LEGO TIME AT VISARTS!

Saturdays, 12:00 – 5:00 P.M. Go on a date, get some shopping done, or just relax for a few hours while your kids get to play with more than 15 pounds of LEGO bricks! Children can play on our LEGO race track, build a car, a tall tower, a city or free build. They can even take part in a LEGO craft project! Our top-notch staff are LEGO enthusiasts and ready to entertain your kids while you get some "me" time. Register at birthdays@visartscenter.org. At VisArts in Rockville.

GAITHERSBURG ROTARY CLUB WEEKLY MEETING

Every Tuesday, 12:15 – 1:15 P.M. Hilton Hotel, 620 Perry Parkway, Gaithersburg. For more information, please visit www.gaithersburgrotary.org.

THE COMEDY AND MAGIC SOCIETY

Fridays, 8:00 P.M. Astounding magic and slight of hand with interactive theatre and hilarious fun. Ages 10 and up. 311 Kent Square Rd, Gaithersburg, MD 20878. For more information: 301-258-6394. Price: \$12 to \$15

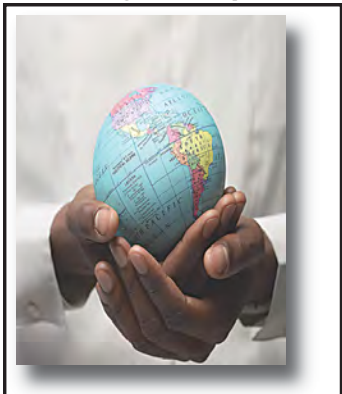
DROP-IN YOGA IN BETHESDA

Fridays, 6:00 – 7:00 P.M. Community classes are mixed level, one-hour asana classes taught by a rotating selection of Unity Woods teachers. Just drop in – no registration required! Unity Woods Yoga Center, 4853 Cordell Ave. Bethesda. Ages 18+. Cost: \$8. Cash Only. For more information, call 301-656-8992.

TEEN SK8 AT WHEATON ICE

Most Friday evenings 8:00 – 10:00 P.M. The Wheaton Ice Arena is the place to be on Friday nights! Play along with our theme to get the 'Cheap-skate' rate of \$6.50 for admission and skates. Wheaton Regional Park, 11717 Orebaugh Ave in Wheaton, MD. For more information, call: 301-905-3000 or visit: montgomeryparks.org.

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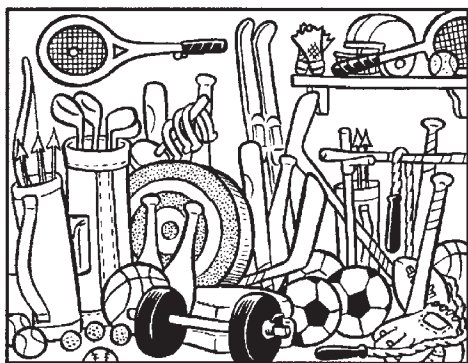
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Some Fun



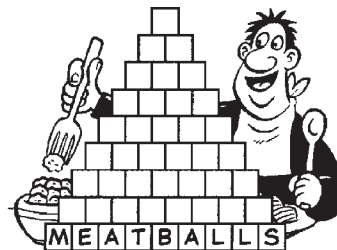
THE COACH IS GIVING the sports locker a spring cleaning. Try counting up every single item in the locker and see if you come up with our total.

Answer: We found 41 items.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

THE PYRAMID OF WORD POWER

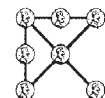


Starting with the given word **MEATBALLS** at the bottom of our word pyramid, try dropping one letter at a time as you work your way up, so the remaining letters at each level spell out a new word. The following helpful hints are in ascending order, beginning with **MEATBALLS**.

1. Italian treats.
2. To scold sharply.
3. Mexican treats.
4. Found in the ground.
5. Yesterday's bread.
6. Dark bluish-green.
7. To consume.
8. In or near.
9. Your score if you get this far.

A TRICKY CHALLENGE!

Place seven coins on the table and challenge your friends to arrange them in four rows, each row containing three coins. One solution is shown to the right.



LET'S HAVE A "TEA" PARTY! In this puzzle all of the words get progressively longer, and they all start with **TEA**. The following hints should help:

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|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. TEA (in place). | 2. A hard wood. |
| 3. To enlighten. | 4. A tough problem. |
| 5. Fortune-tellers hang out here. | 6. A freight hauler. |

1. **TEA** _____
2. **TEA** _ _ _
3. **TEA** _ _ _ _
4. **TEA** _ _ _ _ _
5. **TEA** _ _ _ _ _
6. **TEA** _ _ _ _ _

Answers: 1. Tea, 2. Teak, 3. Teach, 4. Teaser, 5. Tearoom, 6. Teamster.

Illustrated by David Coulson

Answers: (from the bottom up): Meatballs, lambaste, tarmates, metals, stale, teal, eat, at, A.

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

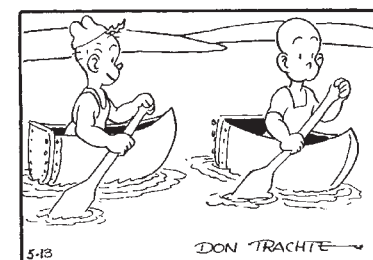
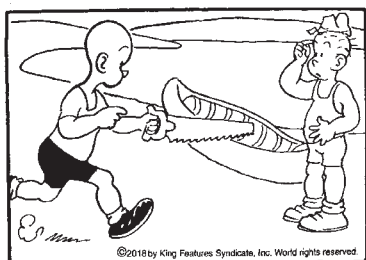
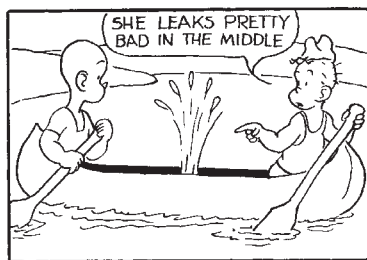
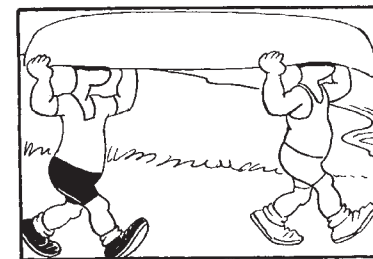
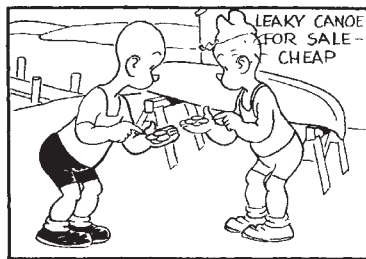
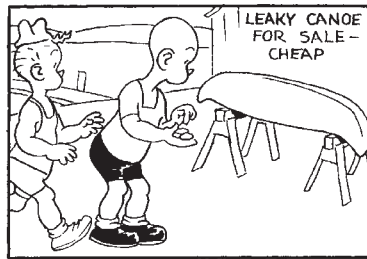
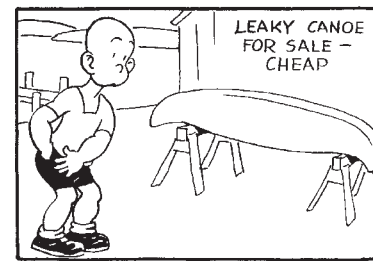
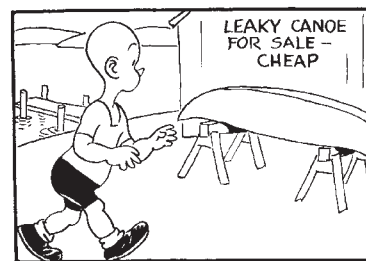
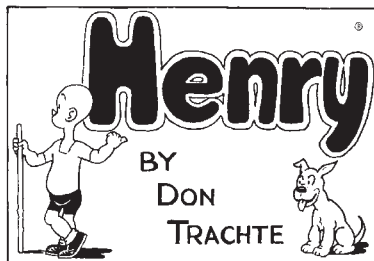
Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Find at least six differences in details between panels



Differences: 1. Doghouse is missing, 2. Post is missing, 3. Shirt design is different, 4. Shirtail is different, 5. Arm is moved, 6. Kite tail is shorter.



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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Sleeping Beauty is a Rom Com for the Puppet Company

By Barbara Trainin Blank
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The Puppet Co Playhouse's telling of "Sleeping Beauty" is, according to Allan Stevens, by and large traditional.

Except for the frog.

"We think the storyline has been enhanced by the inclusion of some elements of 'The Frog Prince,'" said Stevens, the puppet theater's founding director.

While interpretations of "Sleeping Beauty" often emphasize its dark side, such as the princess pricking her finger on a spinning wheel, Stevens believes it's really a "romantic comedy, imbued with sweetness and good humor."

The script the Puppet Co. is using, by Duane Bowers, dates back to 1979.

"Some friends went over the script," Stevens said. "We've broadened the perspective and added some details."

Central to the plot are the 13 fairies, particularly No. 13.

"She isn't a particularly nice person," Stevens said. "When one of the courtiers says to her, 'Don't croak at me,' she turns him into a frog till the end of time, later softened to 116 years."

The princess, named Briar Rose, has a relatively small part, appearing only in the last few scenes.

But Paige O'Malley, the puppeteer who portrays her, is determined to make the character memorable, despite limited stage time.

"I try to play up her moxie and, most importantly, her curiosity, which is really her driving force," she said. She is innocent but precocious. As the prince aptly quips, 'I

better go save her before she saves herself!"

O'Malley is making her debut at the Puppet Co., but has more than a dozen years of experience as a puppeteer -- starting as artistic director of Puppetonia in New York City.

"It's an honor to be a part of The Puppet Co.'s unique brand of storytelling and rich history of puppetry," she said.

O'Malley is also playing the Queen, Fairy No. 12, and Beautiful Maiden.

Christopher Piper, Puppet Co.'s co-founding director and artistic director, takes the male parts, except for the Storyteller/Frog.

That dual role goes to Josh Rosenblum, who is performing it for the fourth time.

"This was my first show at The Puppet Co., other than 'The Nutcracker,'" he said. "It's only been performed five or six times here, so I really feel like The Storyteller/Frog is my character. It's also the only hand and rod puppet I get to do with the company and since that's my favorite style, I love that aspect as well."

Rosenblum is also drawn to the "very funny" story and writing.

The writing also helps him to distinguish between the Storyteller and the Frog.

"The key to finding the difference is the spell that changes the storyteller," Rosenblum said.

"His dialogue is written ever so slightly more formal and more uptight, whereas the Frog has a casual, no-cares kind of syntax. The Storyteller is a rod puppet, which also helps keep the puppet stiffer in performance. On the other hand, the Frog is a hand and rod puppet, which means he's mostly a very fancy sock



Paige O'Malley is Briar Rose, and Christopher Piper is the prince in Puppet Co.'s 'Sleeping Beauty.'

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puppet. He's flexible, and floppy, and fun."

Rosenblum considers "Sleeping Beauty" the funniest show in the Puppet Co. repertory. "There's something so tongue-in-cheek about the romance as well. The original versions of this story are almost anything but romantic. So, making sure

there's that element without being too "gross" for the kids is well balanced."

Developing the muscle memory to keep the puppets buoyant, with subtle movements, while rolling on stools behind the set is a "welcome" challenge," said O'Malley. The most enjoyable part of puppeteering is

what she calls "communing with the crowd -- making families smile and forget their cares for a magical interlude."

"Sleeping Beauty" continues through June 24, at Puppet Co., located at 7300 MacArthur Boulevard, in Glen Echo. For information, visit: www.thepuppetco.org.

Artist and children's book author chosen to participate in outdoor arts festival

By Barbara Trainin Blank
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For a time, despite her devotion to it and training at the prestigious Sorbonne University in Paris, Raya Salman "couldn't afford to live on art."

Still, Salman, who was born in Lebanon and later relocated to England with her three children before landing in Montgomery County in 1991 and remarrying, wasn't ready to give up on a professional art career.

Now that her children are 35, 32, and 28 -- she also has two grandchildren -- she is making up for lost time.

"I paint religiously two times a week," she said. "One day a week I devote to marketing and social media."

Her efforts have been recognized. Salman is one of seven Montgomery County artists select-

ed by a jury to participate in A-RTS, a free annual outdoor arts festival at Rockville Town Square, which took place earlier this month on May 5 and 6.

This is the second time in a few years she has been a juried artist in an A-RTS festival.

Salman has sold her paintings widely in the D.C. area. Then, a few years ago, she took a leap of faith, by writing and self-publishing her first book, "Joey the Leopard."

Each of the book's illustrations comes from one of her paintings.

"I got a lot of inspiration from Mediterranean colors -- blues, greens, oranges," said Salman. "My background stayed with me."

Salman, who has always loved telling stories to children, also draws inspiration from psychedelic art. The bright colors also draw in kids, she added.

Salman named her book for her son, Joe, who helped edit the text of

his mother's book.

"Joey the Leopard" reflects themes of diversity and acceptance. The leopard of the title is impatient to find his spots -- leopard cubs aren't born with them. During his search, he meets many animals who seem happy without spots, such as the turtle. They become his friends, and teach him that patience yields rewards.

"I hope the message comes across in a subtle and direct way," Salman said. Aside from lessons learned, the artist also hopes to "bring joy" to young children like her grandchildren just through telling the story.

Salman sold many copies of "Joey" at the festival.

The 6th annual A-RTS festival showcased the work of 150 "nationally recognized artist from around the United States in a spectacular outdoor gallery," said Robin Markowitz, festival director. "The

jury selected the artists based on creativity, innovation, and exquisite execution of their original work."

The festival, which Markowitz called one of the region's premiere events, encompassed a wide variety of media. These included ceramics, drawings, fiber, glass, graphics, jewelry, metalwork, paintings, photography, printmaking, sculpture, wood, and mixed media.

The festival featured art "of interest and appeal to everyone -- from the budding collector to the art aficionado," Markowitz added.

Despite a rigorous schedule centered on her art, Salman pursues other activities just as religiously. All the members of her family have black belts in karate -- as does she -- and, at age 64, she is still training.

Salman and her husband often spend weekends biking, walking, swimming, and hiking.

The artist also has a growing

passion for authorship.

"I don't have it all on the storyboard yet, but I'm thinking of calling the next book "Nounou, the Butterfly."

Nounou is the name of her elder daughter. The hero of the book is a butterfly in search of her identity, as butterflies do flit.

"She keeps searching for home," Salman said. "Finally, she meets another butterfly and realizes he is her home."

One of her favorite authors is Eric Carle, who wrote "The Very Hungry Caterpillar," among other colorful children's books.

Salman expresses gratitude to Robin Markowitz, A-RTS director.

"She advised me what to put in the show and supports me a lot," the artist said. Raya Salman's bio is at: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/raya-salman-heibein-3060545>. For more information about A-RTS, visit: <http://a-rts.org>.

NEWS

Hyundai sedan offers sensible transportation

*Auto Drive
By
Brady Holt*

A good compact car can easily fit many lifestyles.

It's affordable to buy and operate. Yet, it has enough refinement, technology, and style that you don't have to feel like you've settled for the most basic way to get around.

To be clear, not every compact car fits this description. Some pursue a niche segment, perhaps adding performance or luxury at a higher price. Others simply trail their competitors.

But the Hyundai Elantra sedan checks every box in the above definition of a good compact car. While it's unlikely to evoke strong desire, it offers fuss-free, wholly unobjectionable transportation at attainable prices, particularly if you can take advantage of its frequent incentives.

The Elantra is already well-equipped at its base price of \$17,835, and even for a sticker price of less than \$20,000, you can add such upgrades as hands-free Bluetooth connectivity; a touchscreen infotainment system with a backup camera and Android Auto and Apple CarPlay smartphone integration; dressy alloy wheels; and even a radar-based blind-spot monitoring system.

Hyundai also offers extra-long warranty coverage: five years or 60,000 miles bumper-to-bumper, and 10 years or 100,000 miles for the engine and transmission. That's welcome protection against unforeseen repair expenses for the foreseeable future.

Unlike compact cars that try to look sporty and aggressive, such as the Honda Civic, the Elantra presents cleanly handsome styling. Slim headlights and taillights bookend a modern, aerodynamic silhouette, and the rectangular chrome grille evokes an Audi without seeming like a garish luxury pretender.

Inside, the Elantra is plainer, and not all of its trim pieces fit with impeccable attention to detail. But the overall ambiance is pleasant, with an airy feel, comfortable seats, and high-quality materials. The car also boasts user-friendly ergonomics, with straightforward gauges, buttons, and knobs, along with the touchscreen infotainment system. Rivals like the Honda Civic and Mazda3 aim for a more dramatic interior design, but the Elantra is easier

to operate.

Note that the Hyundai Elantra GT hatchback, tested earlier this year, shares little more than its name with the Elantra sedan. It has a flashier, fancier interior, and an entirely different — though still not overdone — exterior design theme.

Most Elantra sedans come with a 2.0-liter four-cylinder engine with 147 horsepower and 132 lb-ft of torque, which is on the low side for the class. The car is adequately peppy, but this engine doesn't sound as smooth as that of some rivals.

The car tested for this review was the Eco model, with a turbocharged 1.4-liter engine featuring just 128 horsepower but a healthier 156 lb-ft of torque. So equipped, the Elantra is punchier, quieter, and more fuel-efficient.

Elantra sedans with the 2.0-liter engine and a six-speed automatic transmission have EPA ratings of 32 to 33 miles per gallon in mixed driving, depending on the trim level; the Eco, with a seven-speed dual-clutch automatic, reaches 35 mpg. The tested car averaged an outstanding 43 mpg during a weeklong test. However, only the hard-to-find Eco trim offers the 1.4-liter engine.

The Elantra's driving dynamics are generally pleasant but unremarkable. You won't get the sporty handling of a Mazda3 or Honda Civic, but the car is quieter and more composed than a Toyota Corolla or Nissan Sentra — perhaps the Elantra's two closest rivals as budget-focused economy cars.

The Elantra has one primary weak point: The best safety gear is offered only on the top-of-the-line Limited model with the available Ultimate Package. Its total sticker price is more than \$27,000. The same technology — radar-based cruise control with emergency automatic braking, a lane-departure alert, and automatic lane-keeping steering corrections — is standard equipment on every Corolla, and no more than a \$1,000 option on any Civic trim.

But otherwise, the Elantra is a compelling option among affordable compact cars. It's classy without being pretentious, and comfortable and well-built without being expensive.

Overall, it offers the up-to-date technology, modern appearance and confidence-inspiring quality that make a new car so appealing — and it doesn't overcharge for the benefit. If maximum luxury or sporty performance isn't your top consideration, be sure to check out the Elantra.

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Two views of the the 2018 Hyundai Elantra.

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Undefeated Churchill wants “One More”

By Eva Paspalis
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GAITHERSBURG — “We’ve got one more.”

That was the phrase that was repeated over and over in the Churchill Bulldogs varsity boys lacrosse team’s post-game huddle Saturday after the undefeated Bulldogs walloped the Howard Lions (16-2) at John H. Harvill Stadium at Gaithersburg High School in the 4A state semifinals, 14-4.

“We’ve got one more.”

One more game. One more shot at avenging last year’s loss and beating Severna Park. One more chance to go down in history as the first Montgomery County team to win a lacrosse state championship.

The “one game at a time” mentality is one that Churchill head coach Jeff Fritz has been adhering to all year. The Bulldogs know what’s at stake next Wednesday at Stevenson University. However, they’re not planning on wavering from their tried and true game plan.

“There’s no pressure. We know it’s in the back of our minds,” said Fritz. “This team has been very mature. It’s still one game at a time. Yes, we do want to be the first. We’re aware of it but that’s not pushing us in any way. We’re still just taking it one day at a time.”

That mindset led to a season where nearly every game was a

blowout. The Bulldogs scored double-digit goals in every game and held each opponent to single-digit scores.

The semifinals match against Howard was no different as Churchill jumped out to an early lead after junior Ryan Shure scored his only goal of the evening just 17 seconds in. Seniors Brady Altobello, Reed Moshyedi and Ryan Leonard all finished the game with hat tricks, while Shure added four assists.

The Churchill defense held the Lions to just one goal in the entire first half. Howard senior attacker Mark Bruner took advantage of Churchill’s illegal procedure penalty and tossed in the first of his two goals.

The Bulldogs led 8-1 at half-time and the offense didn’t let up in the second half. Junior goalie Andrew Robinson stayed busy, going to the ground for a save nearly every time the Lions tried to score.

“It just seemed like any mistake we made, they capitalized off of it and it was pretty telling in the final score,” said Howard head coach Jimmy Creighton. “The way the game started, the way the first half went, it seemed like anything we did wrong [led to] an immediate turnover or quick goal for them.”

After the game, Fritz and assistant coaches Brian Megill and Mike



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Jack Taylor of Churchill loses his helmet during the game against Howard Lions.

Winter stressed the importance of watching plenty of film before clashing with the two-time defending champion Severna Park Falcons. Last season, the Falcons won

the game on a last-second, walk-off goal after trailing the entire game.

“We have two days here to get prepared for them and give them our best shot,” said Fritz. “Hopefully we

give the same effort, just a different outcome. We will put as many hours into the day as we possibly can and we will get as prepared as we possibly can.”

B-CC takes out Quince Orchard and heads to state semifinals

By Matt Cohen
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COLUMBIA — Mother Nature couldn’t get in the way of the rolling Bethesda-Chevy Chase Barons varsity baseball team as they triumphed Saturday over the Quince Orchard Cougars.

B-CC won the top overall seed in the 4A West region, but rain cost them the opportunity to host the regional championship game against Quince Orchard on Friday. Instead, the game moved a day later, and nearly an hour away to Columbia on a turf field.

No matter when or where the game was played, head coach John Schmidt and his Barons knew they would find a way to win.

In the bottom of the eighth inning, Barons junior first baseman Nils Townsend hit a double to left



PHOTO BY MIKE CLARK

Nils Townsend eyes the ball before hitting the game winning double in the bottom of the 8th inning.

field. Austin Taylor came around third and scored. B-CC had walked off Quince Orchard, winning the game 2-1, and advancing to the state semifinals for the first time since 1989.

“I got the fastball, so I cranked it. I knew it was going to be down. I was just thinking it was my time,” Townsend said.

Both the Barons and the Cougars sent their aces to the hill in this region’s final game. B-CC started Brendan Hughes, who has emerged as a star in Montgomery County this season, while Quince Orchard started senior Garrett Beloff, who has a 1.95 season ERA.

Both pitchers were dominant, though it was the Cougars who drew first blood.

With a runner on second, Quince Orchard took advantage of a throwing error by Barons shortstop

Austin Taylor to score, and go up 1-0.

That unearned run in the second inning was the only time the Cougars would score. Hughes settled in, and for the third straight time against Quince Orchard, took total control. In 18.2 career innings pitched against QO, Hughes hasn’t allowed a single earned run.

“I can’t say enough about Brendan Hughes,” B-CC head coach John Schmidt said. “He was a little shaky in the first few innings, but he was like ‘Hey I’m here.’ He was at close to his pitch count, he was coming out next inning. So I was like, ‘Let’s not get to that last inning!’”

Beloff matched Hughes pitch for pitch, not allowing a Barons hit until the fourth inning.

In the fifth inning, the Barons broke through. Drew Packs singled

to left field, driving in John Hemmer as the tying run.

B-CC had chances to score in the later innings, but came up empty each time. After the Barons failed to drive in a runner in scoring position in the bottom of the seventh inning, the game headed to extra innings.

Hughes continued to roll into the eighth inning, giving B-CC another chance to win it in the bottom of the frame.

That’s exactly what they did as Townsend got the winning hit.

For the first time in 29 years, the B-CC Barons were headed to the state semifinals, where they will face the Howard Lions, the winner of the 4A North region.

“It feels great,” Barons center-fielder Sebastian Mieses said. “I’ve never felt anything like this before. It’s one I’m going to remember for the rest of my life.”

SPORTS

Spirit is coming together through experience

Corner Kick

by

David Wolfe

As of Saturday, the Washington Spirit has fallen to eighth place in the National Women's Soccer League, when they dropped their latest match against the Portland Thorns 1-0.

It took the Thorns until the 68th minute to score their one goal. With one keeper and two defensive players backing her up, a pass from Tobin Heath to Ellie Carpenter was placed perfectly for Carpenter nick it into the net. As the ball started rolling back out of the net, Spirit keeper Aubrey Bledsoe and two defenders could be seen lying face down on the ground right where they landed trying to stop the ball.

Throughout the match, the Spirit missed out on at least three excellent chances to score, including a penalty kick, but the strikes were just off target, either over the top of the frame or wide. The accuracy just was not there.

As the rain came down in a heavy drizzle that just would not relent, the last 15 minutes of the second half saw a flurry of activity from the Spirit, forcing the Thorns into a bunkering position to protect their one-goal lead. The Spirit turned on

the aggression and kept the pressure on the Thorns on their side of the field. The excitement of the Spirit potentially scoring a leveling goal was felt throughout the crowd right until the referee blew the final whistle in penalty time.

Those unable to attend missed out on a great pro soccer match and also missed out on the chance to see three local high school graduates show off their skills as professional athletes on the field. Representing the Portland Thorns, Good Counsel alum Midge Purce went on to graduate from Harvard, while starting keeper and Northwest alum Britt Eckerstrom went on to graduate from Penn State. Playing for the Washington Spirit, Springbrook alum Joanna Lohman graduated from Penn State with a 3.98 grade point average.

Speaking with Spirit head coach Jim Gabarra about the Spirit's current standing at eighth place, he rationalized the standings as being about losing four matches.

"Look at the four losses where the two where we dropped points; two were against North Carolina that are a really, really, stable and set team, one of the best teams in the league coming off the last two seasons," Gabarra said. "If you look at the three times we played them this year, we got throttled three-nothing in pre-season. We made a lot of mistakes as young teams do. For Carolina's first time here, we lost 4-2. We built off that and had a really good



PHOTO BY DAVID WOLFE

The Spirit's defense comes alive near the goal.

performance in Carolina when we played them for the third time this year. We made a little bit of a mistake to give up a goal and missed some really good chances. We could have gotten out of there with a point."

He makes a significant argument. Since the regular season started, when the Spirit lose, they lose to teams by a smaller goal differential than any other team lost to the same team. Using North Carolina once again as an example, the Spirit was the first team to score on the unde-

feated Courage. That says a lot about their potential. Coach Gabarra noted that his challenge now is "to get the group to come together and realize the talent they have on the team. We're confident that we are, you know, potentially one of the best teams in the league, but at the end of the day you have to actually go out there and put the performances in and put the work in and come together."

The Washington Spirit has one of the most talent-heavy teams in the league but they do not have the years

of experience playing together like the current top teams in the league. In the past, I likened the Spirit's losses to young, fast, and incredibly talented players going up against older athletes with more experience and cunning.

Coach Gabarra says other teams have more experience playing together. When the Spirit finally come together, and take more time in practice and in matches, they will rise in the league standings. There is still two-thirds of a season left for this team to rally.

Lady Blazers fall to Howard in regional

By Carlos Alfaro
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SILVER SPRING — No one could say that the Blair Blazers varsity softball team didn't give it their all Monday night, but after a thrilling victory against the Urbana Hawks earlier that day, the Blazers lost to the Howard Lions in the regional championship, 2-0.

A team that came in with only two losses to their name, playing at home (the game counted as away for Blair but took place on Blair's home field) after a resounding 8-2 win over the Urbana Hawks the same day, could not get over errors in the first inning that led to the only two runs the Howard Lions scored the entire game.

Part of it could definitely be chalked up to exhaustion: the Blazers came out of a brief hiatus due to a streak of rained-out games to play a doubleheader in humid weather. The game against the Hawks gave them the brunt of the heat.

Meanwhile, the Lions came into the game rested since their win against the Catonsville Comets on Saturday.

"This one wasn't very hard either for us, it's just because we were tired, because we know what's at stake, we just couldn't seem to find a way to get those two runs across the plate," said Blazers pitcher Courtney Wyche.

Even with the rough start and the tired players, the Blazers' will did not falter as they matched the Lions in defensive performance. Wyche's pitching matched her season-long performance while Lions pitcher Samantha Hobert kept the Blazers at bay for Howard.

"She's a freshman; she's grown up this year on the mound and she's kept us in every single game," said head coach Chuck Rice on Hobert. "I couldn't ask any more of her, she's worked very hard, her accolades are very well-deserved."

The first and only two runs came from Howard players Emily Polimeni and Paige Eakes, off of errors by catcher Maia Greene Chang. Save for those two runs, the rest of the game was like watching each team play mirror images of themselves.

A couple innings had both

teams three up, three down, speeding up what could be mistaken for a stalemate of the game.

The two-run deficit never left the minds of the Blazers, however, and Chang on third base at the top of the fifth gave hope that was dashed when the next runner was out.

Similarly, the Lions would reach third only once more after the first inning, when Mary Wagenblast stole third only to have the next runner end any hopes of extending the lead when she was called out.

When it came down to the wire and the Blazers had the top of the seventh inning to either equalize or score more than two runs, a double play and a fly out ended the game in tepid fashion.

"We just couldn't get the ball past them," said Blair head coach Louis Hoelman. "I'm proud of how we fought, we went down swinging, and that's all you can hope for in a game like this."

The Lions go on to play the Northwest Jaguars on Tuesday for a spot in the finals, while the Blazers earn some much needed rest.



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Blair's Mariko Yatsunami makes contact and gets safely to first.

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Above Julia Curran brings the ball upfield for Whitman. Up top and to the right, Walt Whitman's Kielely O'Hara controls the ball as Dulaney's Emily Persinger goes for the steal. Below, right, Hanna Freund scores against Dulaney goalie Jules Dotterweich.

Lady Vikings fall to Dulaney in 4A state semifinals

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GAITHERSBURG — The Whitman Vikings varsity girls lacrosse team fell short against the Dulaney Lions in the 4A state semifinals Saturday, losing by a score of 12-6 at John H. Harvill Stadium at Gaithersburg High School.

The loss was an unceremonious ending to a dominant season that featured the Vikings steamrolling most of their opponents. Whitman entered the game with just one loss against Sherwood in a double-overtime thriller earlier this month.

At first, it appeared as though the match would be a close one since the Lions had an answer every time the Vikings scored. Senior Maddy Kostopulos and junior Hanna Freund both registered a team-high two goals. Kostopulos was the first player to put Whitman on the board when she fired in her first goal unassisted just two minutes in.

Dulaney junior Zoe Hermann gave the Lions their first lead midway through the first half and Dulaney never looked back. The Vikings attackers drove toward the net again and again but senior goalie and McDaniel College soccer com-

mit Jules Dotterweich denied goal after goal.

The Dulaney defense continued to hassle Whitman's leading scorers Kostopulos and Gaby Svec. Even though both Svec and Kostopulos broke loose and managed to score, the Lions controlled the offensive time of possession and led by three at halftime.

A victory was still within reach for the Vikings until Dulaney midfielder Julia Strauch unleashed a string of back-to-back goals to open the second half. The senior followed up her quiet first half with a game-high four goals that Whitman could-

n't recover from. In fact, the Vikings didn't score at all until Freund slammed in her second goal with five minutes left to play.

Even though her team won't be advancing to face South River in the state championship, Whitman senior midfielder Courtney Cahill had a positive outlook about her final season in the black and Columbia blue.

"I got a lot closer with a lot of my teammates and we made it to state semis. I haven't made it since my freshman year, so that was really exciting," she said. "I'm going to miss everyone on the team, and just playing in general."

Meanwhile, the Lions must prepare to face a South River team that shut out Eleanor Roosevelt on Friday to punch its ticket to the finals next Tuesday at Stevenson University.

"I think it's going to be a really good game and I'm excited for that. I know [the players] are very excited for it," said Dulaney head coach Lauren Iacoboni. "In the beginning of the season, we weren't clicking well on defense and offense but by mid-season we got it down. Seeing [South River] now is what we're really excited about. We're not going to take a team lightly. We never have and we never will."