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Leggett signs county's new minimum wage law

By Glynis Kazanjian
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The lengthy debate and amendment process leading to passage of Montgomery County's new minimum wage ordinance should be an example for other Maryland jurisdictions looking to increase their own minimum wage rates, County Executive Isiah Leggett said during a bill-signing ceremony on Monday.

"It establishes a foundation for the rest of Maryland and how we go forward," he said during the ceremony, which was hosted by CASA de Maryland, an advocacy group that supports immigrants in job training and other services.

Leggett signed the bill while

surrounded by supporters of the "Fight for \$15" movement, representatives from labor unions, and various progressive groups as well as eight of the nine council members who passed the legislation.

Leggett's spokesman, Patrick Lacefield, said that laborers and restaurant workers will benefit most from the new law because they lack collective bargaining representation.

Council member Craig Rice – the lone council absentee at the ceremony – was an early opponent of the legislation who voted for the final version of the bill. However, his earlier opposition didn't factor into his nonattendance, explaining that scheduling conflicts led to his absence from the bill signing.

Rice said he is happy with the compromises in the new legislation, which delays the increase for several years, but he worries about youth employment suffering.

"Statistics have shown unemployment rates are higher among younger people," Rice said. "Folks are less likely to hire young people especially if they have to give them more money."

Rice added that he wants to ensure that the focus isn't lost on growing opportunities for teens and connecting young people with employment.

"It's going to be a lot harder for those people to get jobs because we've increased the minimum wage," he said.

Also notably absent from the ceremony were representatives of Montgomery County's business community.

"Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce was not at the bill signing," said MCCC spokesperson Ilaya Hopkins, because they did not negotiate with the bill's key sponsor, Council member Marc Ehrlich.

"[Ehrlich] showed no interest in and frankly was quite dismissive of concerns expressed by local employers who will be directly impacted by this second increase to the local minimum wage," she said, referring to a 2014 law that began

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Rockville man charged with murder of his married girlfriend

By Glynis Kazanjian
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A local man is in jail without bail after authorities charged him with killing a married co-worker.

Prosecutors Saturday charged Elmer Marilan Campos-Martinez, 47, of Rockville with second degree murder. He apparently had an ongoing affair Dania Suyapa Mendez de Guerra, 21, of Wheaton. Campos-Martinez worked with de Guerra at the KFC restaurant on University Boulevard in Wheaton.

On Monday, a Rockville District Court judge denied bail to Campos-Martinez after learning a final removal order has been issued against him by U.S. Customs and Immigration Enforcement.

"The defendant presents a clear danger to the community and is a flight risk," Judge Margaret Schweitzer said in Rockville District Court Monday. "He has nothing to lose. It is appropriate for him to be held without bail."

The body of de Guerra was found at approximately 3:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 10 behind a retail shopping center at 2321 University Boulevard, just a block away from the restaurant and several blocks away from her residence.

According to a Montgomery

County Police report, her body was found behind a dumpster, partially obscured by trash.

"The victim appeared to have suffered trauma to her head and face, there were defensive wounds to her hands," police charging documents stated.

The Chief Medical Examiner's office ruled de Guerra's death a homicide, stating "multiple blunt force traumas and asphyxia" as the cause of death, police said.

In a statement to Montgomery County Police, Campos-Martinez confessed to being involved in a romantic relationship with de Guerra, and that on the night of Sunday, Nov. 5 – the day before she was reported missing by her husband – the two worked an evening shift together at the restaurant.

Campos-Martinez told police he waited for de Guerra to finish her shift, and at approximately 12:30 a.m., she left the KFC and the two met outside where they argued.

Campos-Martinez said de Guerra was upset with him and told him she wanted to end the relationship, resulting in an argument. He admitted to police that he struck de Guerra after the two of them stopped arguing.

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COURTESY PHOTO

Local Republicans are angry with signs posted on their front door.

Local GOP offices vandalized

By Glynis Kazanjian
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Although Montgomery County Police say they are investigating the posting of white supremacist fliers on the front door of the Montgomery County Republican Party headquarters as an act of vandalism, MCGOP Central Committee Chairman Richard Jurgena says the posting of those fliers is a hate crime against Republicans by

those who aim to smear them as racists.

"It is indeed an act to smear our party with an implication that we support the beliefs of the posters, which we definitely do not believe in or support in any way," Jurgena said. "We believe this was a hate crime."

Late Saturday evening around 10:00 p.m. security footage recorded

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REFLECTIONS

November 12, 1987

Teaching students the problem with date rape

Each week *The Sentinel* visits a memorable story from its archives.

Was University of Maryland senior Ann Henderson raped by her friend, fellow senior Peter Kalish, after leaving a student dance and going to his apartment?

Henderson said she was lonely and distraught because she had just broken up with her boyfriend, who was also Kalish's best friend.

She told him "no" when Kalish began to assault her after the two had eaten a pizza together

and then hugged during a talk about the breakup, Henderson said.

Kalish agreed, but insisted Henderson's body language said "yes." It was not rape, he said.

A jury had to decide Kalish's guilt or innocence in this typical case of "date rape." Only in the jury wasn't a real one, and neither was the trial.

About 300 students jammed the atrium at University of Maryland's Student Union last Wednesday for a mock rape trial highlighting Rape Awareness

Week.

The atrium was set up as a courtroom, with the honorable Judge Paul Weinstein of the Montgomery County Circuit Court presiding.

The prosecuting attorney was Sheila Tillerman, chief of the sexual offenses unit of the Prince George's County State's Attorney's Office, who regularly tries rape cases. The defense attorney was Greenbelt lawyer Allan Goldstein, who also is on the faculty at Georgetown University.

Two actors, Carol Thatcher

and Paul Mullin, played the parts of "Ann Henderson," the alleged rape victim, and "Peter Kalish," the accused rapist.

Sponsored by the Student Government Association, Student Legal Aid and rape counseling and support agencies, the program focused on the issue of rape by an acquaintance — what authorities call "date rape" because the victim knows the assailant.

Vernetta D. Young, a University of Maryland professor of criminology, explained how difficult it is to try such cases.

NEWS

Remembering veterans in a Rockville ceremony

By Suzanne Pollak
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American veterans "show and demonstrate there truly is good in our communities," and to look at those who serve, said Marine Corps veteran Cpl. Enrique Mazon Jr. on Saturday during a Veterans' Day ceremony at American Legion Post 86 in Rockville, and asked those gathered there to "look at the people who serve" rather than those in the news who demonstrate "divisiveness, a lack of civility and kindness."

Mazon and his three brothers — all natives of Las Vegas, Nev. — have all served or are currently serving in the military, and have been involved in a combined total of six combat deployments in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Rockville resident and married father of two praised his parents for showing their children that, "It's not about us. It's not about being entitled. It's about the love. It's about the duty and the selflessness" of being an American.

It's important to realize that many who have served in this country's military are now teachers, doctors, police officers and elected officials. They continue to serve "all with the same duty and dedication" they had while in the military, he said.

However, he said, some of these men and women who served their country now need others to step up and help them.

"We must volunteer" to help veterans who are jobless, homeless or suffer with mental health issues, Mazon said, adding that it is "beyond tragic" that 20 veterans take their own lives every day.

"We must help them," he said. Mazon served in the Marine Corps from 2005 to 2009. He took



PHOTO BY MARK POETKER

Rockville Mayor Bridget Newton celebrates Veteran's Day at the Rockville American Legion

part in Operation Iraqi Freedom and served as an administrative clerk for a unit of 1,300 Marines and sailors.

Currently, he works as an international trade specialist with the Office of Country and Regional Affairs' Western Hemisphere Division at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agriculture Service, where he deals with American agricultural exports and global food security.

The event's master of ceremonies, Rockville Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton, urged everyone to thank veterans for their sacrifice rather than for their service, lamenting that it has become almost routine to honor service members at athletic and other events, which has watered down much of its meaning.

"Our veterans sacrificed so we may have the opportunity to live

freely," she said. "Let us remember that all who have served have sacrificed."

The half-hour ceremony included a salute to the groups represented at the ceremony by displaying corresponding wreaths depicting the various services and organizations. Andy Campbell of Maryland's Youth Pipe Band played the bagpipes during the wreath-laying, which was led by Randy Phillipp, commander of the American Legion post.

Some of the groups honored included Disabled American Veterans, Pearl Harbor Survivors, Vietnam Veterans of America, United States Submarine Veterans and Daughters of the American Revolution.

The attendees represented this country's military branches and those who served from World War II to the present.

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OPINIONS & VIEWS

It is time for a Shield Law

For the reporter in the street, help is at hand. According to Congressman Jamie Raskin (MD-08) and Jim Jordan (OH-04) the help is in the form of the Free Flow of Information Act of 2017 (H.R.4382), a bipartisan federal shield law that would protect the public's right to know by safeguarding a free and independent press. The legislation would establish a federal statutory privilege that would protect journalists from being compelled to reveal confidential sources and ensure that

educate us about issues of public interest, and keep the American people informed," Raskin continued. "Thomas Jefferson said, 'Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter.' I'm with Jefferson and the rest of the Founding Fathers. We need to make good on the constitutional promise of a free press — one that is shielded from threats of jail time and criminal prosecution for performing their critical work. It's time to pass a federal shield law to protect the press, whose work is essential to protect strong democracy."

There are those who believe the "Fake Media" doesn't need this help.

There are those who believe we abuse our rights.

There are those who have no idea. Every major story starts with someone telling us something someone else doesn't want us to know. Sometimes people put their lives in danger to tell us information — as in my case.

Sometimes people put their careers and their futures on the line merely to let everyone else know something is going wrong somewhere and it needs to change.

In this day and age where our own president disparages us and calls us the "Enemy of the people," there can be no backing down from what we do and how we do it.

For every reporter or journalist who has done things the wrong way there are a 100 if not a thousand who are doing the right thing for the right reason.

President Obama jailed whistleblowers. Trump wants to end any negative stories on him by pressuring us into being his cadre of propaganda writers.

Nixon decried the "Witch Hunt" by the press that brought him down — and he was guilty of treason in the Vietnam War to boot.

President Clinton fought with us over what the "definition of is — is."

In short every president has hated the press.

Many governors despise us. There are Congressman and Senators who'd rather face an angry mob than face an angry press corps.

That's as it should be.

We are the court of last resort.

With all the press does wrong, and we often get many things wrong, we have to be guaranteed access to information or we will only get worse.

Soon will come a day when all you'll see on television is an extended foray into "TMZ" as hard news.

It should not happen.

This legislation will guarantee the pillars of Democracy for the next generation and this legislation must pass.

Editor's Notebook

by Brian J. Karem

they can do their jobs without fear of imprisonment or intimidation.

The legislation was introduced after Attorney General Jeff Sessions, in testimony before the House Judiciary Committee refused to commit to not jailing journalists for doing their jobs.

Although many states have shield laws or some sort of reporter's privilege, no such protection exists at the federal level. Dozens of journalists have served jail time, including former New York Times reporter Judith Miller, who served more than 80 days in jail for refusing to reveal a confidential source in 2005 — and me.

I went to jail four times to protect a confidential source in a case in Texas 30 years ago.

"The First Amendment provides for a free press, but that guarantee means nothing if reporters cannot protect whistleblowers and confidential sources, or if reporters have to live in fear of prosecution or jail time," said Raskin. "When the press is unable to do its job, the American people — and our ability to function as a democracy — suffer. A free press is the people's best friend and the tyrant's worst enemy."

"All of the rights protected in the First Amendment need to be defended," said Jordan. "From the religious liberty in our churches, to the free speech of students on college campuses, to the ability of reporters to protect the confidentiality of their sources, these fundamental American freedoms must be strengthened and preserved."

Raskin and Jordan's proposal for a federal shield law is identical to a previous bipartisan bill (H.R. 2102), which passed the House with overwhelming support on a 398-21 vote. The 2007 legislation was championed and cosponsored by Vice President Mike Pence when he was a Congressman representing Indiana's 6th District.

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LETTERS

About the White House

To the editor

At "The White House" press briefing on November 1, 2017, Press Secretary, Sarah Huckabee Sanders was confronted by reporter April Ryan's question about President Trump's view on the history of slavery in America. John Kelly on a previous day caused concern with his statement the Civil War happened because of a "lack of compromise."

As Sanders began leaving the briefing, correspondent, Ryan called out asking if the White House believes slavery is wrong. Sanders response was, "I think it is disgusting and absurd to suggest anyone inside this building would support slavery."

J. Snow's Letter to the Editor, "Sometimes late isn't better than ever," (Nov. 9, 2017) confronts the Sentinel editor's opinion from "His self-designated role as a Socratic gadfly ...," The "Peculiar Institution," Opinions & Views (Nov. 2017).

The gadfly person interferes with the status quo of a society or community and annoys other people especially by persistent criticism is a political gadfly. Gadflies see the state as "a great and noble steed" which has to be reminded of its proper duties. Newspaper editors follow the philosophical Socratic method of systematic doubt and questioning others to elicit a clear expression of a truth supposed to be knowable by all rational beings.

J. Snow is critical of the editor's "pas de deux" (French, literally "step of two") is a dance duet in which two dancers, typically a male and a female, perform ballet steps together. It is doubtful Sentinel's Editor In Chief directs staff journalists to dance and publish false news.

J. Snow's ranting does little to subjugate his criticism of an editor's opinion. It will only mystify readers depending on facts and accuracy.

At "The White House" press briefing on November 1, 2017 when April Ryan wanted to know if "The White House" believes slavery is wrong was the right question. The truth is from the beginning to the decline of all great civilizations slaves were bound to do the master's bidding. American colonialization begins with a history of race, servitude and slavery. One example is money from the purchase and sale of people built college campuses, maintained the buildings and grounds, cleaned the dormitories, did the laundry, shelved library books and waited on faculty and students. Early universities developed racist ideas that depended on enslavement subject to the jurisdiction of Caucasian masters.

J. Martinelli

Rockville

Minimum wage?

To the editor;

What's going on in Montgomery County? Its Council, always a big spender ever eager to extract more revenue from homeowners and businesses alike, has proudly and unanimously dictated the beginning wage that county employers must pay. The country has now stepped closer to becoming a Socialist enclave in an already tax-happy state.

I suspect no member of the Montgomery County Council has ever started a business from scratch; each thinks profit is exploitation and all would rather have its new, higher starting wage be effective immediately. This mind set combined with zero experience creating wealth, the font of all tax revenue, has emboldened County Council members to boast that it is leading the way toward a worker heaven in Maryland. Not.

What its arrogant decision will do is increase the cost of doing business in Montgomery County. To recoup this new government-imposed cost, county businesses will be compelled to raise prices by charging its customers more than they charge now. Some businesses will succeed with this tactic; some won't. Those that won't will leave for more business-friendly environs across the Potomac or, worse, will close forcing its employees to scramble for another job.

Also inexplicable is why the County Council doesn't recognize that its compassion is misplaced. More to the point: the entry level worker in Montgomery County will be better able to attain the American Dream if the Council removes impediments hobbling businesses from succeeding. The Montgomery County Council apparently is oblivious that as its employers prosper, then they can pay higher wages; pay more taxes and hire more employees.

As it is now, businesses in Montgomery County are told by law and regulation what to do, how to do it and, now, to pay its entry level employees twice what the Federal government demands. Like in all Socialist societies, government over-reach stunts the risk-taking, wealth-creating and job-making enterprises.

Montgomery County will be no exception.

Shame thus.

J. Roberts

Maryland Landlord

Statements made by accused abusers in court



In 1991 Maryland enacted a statute providing that evidence of "battered spouse syndrome" may be admissible to prove the defendant's motive or state of mind at the time of the alleged crime. Battered spouse syndrome may form the basis for self-defense. Whether statements made by the alleged abuser should be admitted in evidence was explored by Maryland's Court of Special Appeals in an opinion that was delivered last week in a case called Tania Wallace-Bey v. State of Maryland.

The Court's opinion indicates that Wallace-Bey called 911, and reported that her boyfriend had raped her and she shot him. The police found his body on the floor where he had been dead several hours, and she told the paramedics she tried to kill herself by ingesting sleeping pills and alcohol. They po-

lice found evidence that the defendant had been planning to kill herself the day before the shooting. She was convicted of first degree murder in her first trial, but was granted a new trial because original defense counsel did not raise battered spouse syndrome as part of the defense.

The statute defines "battered spouse syndrome" as a "psychological condition of a victim of repeated physical and psychological abuse," which may affect the mental state of the abused person. At the second trial, the defendant testified to the history of her relationship with the decedent, that he had raped her on various occasions and abused her including the day of the shooting. However, the trial judge sustained every objection when the defendant, and her expert psychologist who testified, attempted to testify to words the deceased boyfriend said such as commands to her during a rape. The expert testified that the defendant did suffer from the syndrome and that but for the abuse the events of the shooting would not have happened, but the prosecutor's expert denied she had the syndrome. The jury again convicted her of first degree murder.

The appellate court reversed the conviction, holding that the trial judge improperly sustained objections to statements of the boyfriend as hearsay. The court found that these statements were not offered for the truth of the matters asserted, but that statements such as commands to the defendant were not even hearsay statements. The court noted that the words of the alleged abuser were important to evaluate the defendant's perception that he was going to rape her again before she shot him. Testimony about words spoken by the abuser could be particularly probative to the jury deciding whether battered spouse syndrome had been established, and it was up to the jury whether to believe the defendant.

The Court noted that not allowing the defense expert to testify to the words of the abuser prevented a much fuller picture of the expert's opinion, and a new trial was again ordered.

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Marijuana makes your house value "High"



Did you know that the licensing of medical marijuana dispensaries in Maryland has begun? There are only a handful of licensed dispensaries at this time, including one in Montgomery County. Besides dispensaries, Maryland's budding medical marijuana industry includes growers and processors. Even though the industry is just taking off, there is growing support for legalizing marijuana for recreational use. This is evidenced by recent bills presented in the Maryland General Assembly that focused on establishing a tax for cannabis sales. Besides increasing tax revenue for states where marijuana is decriminalized, there also seems to be a phenomenon of increased home values!

Colorado and Washington state have realized a significant housing boom since decriminalizing marijuana. Washington DC's housing market has been buzzing along quite nicely as well. While the market in surrounding suburbs has slowed, GCAAR's October stats (gcarr.com) reveal that Washington DC's home sales have surged about ten percent year-to-date and average home sale prices grew about four

percent. Recent empirical studies have validated the housing-marijuana relationship.

One recent paper that provides such evidence was presented at the 2017 Annual Meeting of the Allied Social Sciences Associations held by the American Economic Association. Cheng, Mayer and Mayer (The Effect of Legalizing Retail Marijuana on Housing Values: Evidence from Colorado; working paper, 2016) measured the "benefits and costs" of legalizing marijuana expressed in home prices. They concede that although marijuana legalization is controversial, there are some benefits. They determined that there is a causal effect such that Colorado's retail marijuana law implementation was instrumental in its recent housing boom. They concluded that implementing a retail marijuana law will give home prices a bump of about six percent. They also found that the increase in housing demand did not affect housing supply.

But decriminalizing marijuana is not all peaches and cream. Not to be a buzzkill, marijuana can also negatively impact real estate too. Amy Hoak's reporting lists a number of issues where legalizing marijuana has adverse effects to housing (5 ways marijuana legalization affects real estate; MarketWatch.com; November 25, 2014).

A major issue Hoak points out concerns federal law. Regardless of any state or local retail marijuana law, the Feds still consider marijuana verboten. Properties (commercial or residential) that are associat-

ed with marijuana related activities and can be subjected to civil asset forfeiture. Another issue is financing properties related to the marijuana industry. Federally chartered banks conform to federal law and won't lend on these properties.

Hoak also points out issues with properties where marijuana is processed, sold or used (commercial or residential). There has been a significant increase in property explosions in states where marijuana has been decriminalized. The explosions are likely due to processing marijuana into hash oil, a process that involves butane. Mold is an issue where marijuana is grown, because of the large amounts of water used in the process. Much like cigarette smoke, marijuana odors can permeate walls and be very difficult to remove. Even if a lease forbids it, residential landlords can have problems when tenants grow, process, and smoke marijuana in the home.

Regardless of the increased home value phenomenon associated with retail marijuana laws, some homes can be difficult to sell. Homes that have been "tainted" with odors or mold can languish on the market, even if they are in prime locations. Finally, Hoak pointed out that people are not keen living next to properties involved in the marijuana industry.

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NEWS

County considers Circus ban

By Neal Earley
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While the venerable Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Baily Circus lowered the curtain its last show earlier this year following years of protests by animal rights groups, a proposed County bill could prevent any remaining traditional circus from operating in Montgomery County.

On Nov. 9, the Montgomery County Council Public Safety Committee recommended adoption of Bill 23-17, which would prohibit circuses and other traveling shows from using many species of animals as performers in Montgomery County.

Leventhal said the bill is meant to prohibit traveling circus animals and exempts animals that are used as livestock or for agricultural purposes.

The bill, which was proposed by Councilman Craig Rice (D-2) and George Leventhal (D-at large), and is meant to target traveling circuses such as Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus, which recently closed for good in May.

“What we’re doing here today is that we’re saying that it is not necessary for humans to enjoy animals put in unnatural situations that are uncomfortable and unfair to the animals for our entertainment,” said Leventhal said. “We don’t need that; we can be entertained in many, many other ways including at the circus.”

The Public Safety Committee also agreed to draft an amendment providing an exemption for kangaroos from the list of “wild animals” which the bill would prohibit in performance shows. The draft amendment, which will go before the full council, was proposed to exempt Germantown-based Roo2u – a ranch that raises young kangaroos and wallabies – because the ranch’s mission is primarily educational.

Council members spent much of the committee meeting debating the kangaroo amendment.

“If this is the will of the body, I’m okay with this, but this is the slippery slope you involve,” Council member Marc Elrich said.

“I’m not sure I understand the intention of prohibiting kangaroos per se,” Floreen said.

G-Burg officials sworn in

By Peter Rouleau
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GAITHERSBURG – The winners of last Tuesday’s municipal election were sworn into office Monday night as Gaithersburg’s Mayor Jud Ashman and City Council members Michael Sesma and Laurie-Anne Sayles took their oaths of office during a special session held in the council chambers.

After a representative of the Montgomery County Board of Election Supervisors presented the officially-certified results from last week’s election, Ashman, the winner of last week’s mayoral election, took the oath administered by Montgomery County Circuit Court Clerk Barbara Micklejohn.

“I’m honored and humbled by the trust that the voters have placed in me by electing me mayor of the greatest city in the world,” said Ashman, who ran unopposed for his first full term after being appointed to the position and subsequently winning a

contested special election to finish his predecessor’s term.

“My top priority will be the revitalization of the east side of the city – Olde Towne, Lakeforest, and the 355 corridor,” Ashman added. “Of course, we have a number of challenges facing us, and we don’t always get to decide in what order we have to address them, but that is my primary concern.”

Having been sworn in himself, Ashman’s first task of his new term was to administer the oath of office to Sesma – who voters returned to the council for a fourth term – and to Sayles, a newcomer to the Council who defeated incumbent Yvette D. Monroe last week.

“I’m honored that the people chose me and didn’t give up on me, even though my last race was unsuccessful,” said Sayles, who previously sought a council seat in 2015 before winning one this year with 2,004 votes, the most of any of this year’s candidates. “I’m proud to be part of the city’s decision-making

process and can’t wait to get started.”

Sesma thanked his wife and family for “Sharing me with the city for 12 years and now another four,” and congratulated Sayles, the first African-American to be elected to the Council.

“I was the first minority candidate elected to the Council and only one of two elected before now,” Sesma said. “Gaithersburg has been recognized as the most diverse city in the country, and it’s wonderful that we now have a council that reflects that diversity.”

Council member Monroe delivered farewell remarks before stepping down from the dais and officially ending her tenure.

“I am most grateful to my colleagues on the Council, who expressed their faith in me by this appointment,” Monroe said. “I could not have asked for better mentors. I appreciate your wisdom, your patience, and the time you’ve taken to guide me on important issues.”

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COVER STORY

Leggett signs new minimum wage into law while Elrich declines to take credit for it

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increasing the minimum wage to its current level of \$11.50.

While Elrich – a candidate for county executive in 2018, is largely credited for the bill's passage – he declined to take credit for the new legislation while speaking during the packed ceremony, and instead thanked "the coalition," a group of stakeholders who worked with the Council to reach passage.

"This doesn't happen without

you," Elrich said while sitting with Leggett and representatives from Jews United for Justice, SEIU BJ32, Maryland Working Families, UFCW Local 1994 and UFCW Local 400, Progressive Maryland, Metro Washington Council AFL-CIO and CASA. "I'm so proud to be standing here with you, so proud to have negotiated with you and for you to have the confidence to stick with the process and see it to the end and to have not bent when you didn't need to bend. It was important to stay strong."

County Council President

Roger Berliner, who is also running for county executive, said it was a good day for the working people of Montgomery County.

"Congratulations to you," Berliner said. "Amidst all the dysfunction and toxicity that we witness in our national politics, we can take pride in how people of good faith can come together and show how local government can work for the betterment of workers' day-to-day life."

Berliner added that the minimum wage increase will put "real dollars" in the pockets of hard-

working men and women.

"Today's wage of \$11.50 will rise to \$15.00 in 2021 for most workers, 2023 for more than 80 percent of workers and 2024 for everyone," he said. "In real dollar terms, it means \$560 more a month for a single mom and \$1,120 a month for two hard-working parents trying to take care of their little ones."

The assembled crowd could not have been happier, as they chanted in Spanish, "Yes we can."

The new law – which was passed after numerous amend-

ments, a veto from Leggett and a flawed impact study – will require businesses with 51 or more employees to pay a minimum \$15 wage by July 1, 2021, businesses with 11 to 51 employees by July 1, 2023 and businesses with 10 employees or less by July 1, 2024. Non-profit organizations that have a 501(c)(3) designation have until July 1, 2023, unless they are considered a small employer.

Critics of the wage increase say it was hard to adjust to the first set of increases, and another increase will be even harder.

Small businesses see new minimum wage law as a "business killer" for them

By Suzanne Pollak
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While local union members and activists cheered and waved their "Fight for \$15" signs on Monday as Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett signed legislation Monday to boost the minimum wage to \$15 an hour, some small business owners fear that their livelihoods and those of the people they employ will be hurt by the mandated increases.

"It will force me out of business," said Richard Gorinson, owner of J&S Shoes in Wheaton.

Gorinson said "[B]y the time it goes into effect, I'll go out of business."

Under the new law – which was signed by Leggett after a previous version of the bill was vetoed – Montgomery County's minimum wage will rise slowly from its current \$11.50 an hour to \$15 an hour eventually. Employees with 51 or more

workers will have to pay the new wage by 2021, but non-profits and smaller businesses have until 2024 to do so.

"If sales are flat, where does the money come" to pay the higher wages? Gorinson wondered, noting that with only three full-time and four part-time employees, it will be difficult to reduce hours.

"Montgomery County is just so un-business-friendly," he complained. "It's mind-boggling."

Gorinson has owned the Stride Rite shoe store since 1990 and has struggled through high rents, rising health care costs and increasing Internet sales, all factors which have eaten into his profits.

He currently offers bonuses and commissions to his workers, but if he has to pay someone who has little or no experience \$15 an hour, he's not sure he can continue that.

Under the new law, "I have to pay someone with no experience \$15

an hour just to clock in. If they could clock in and get \$15, why would they help customers," he wondered aloud.

This is why bigger stories are using self-checkout, he said, adding, "It means those jobs have disappeared."

The higher wages are "coming out of my pocket," he said, noting that it's already not uncommon for him to take less money home for himself when sales are down.

"I don't get it. It's simple math," he said. "I can't continue to do this and make a living."

Rather than raise the minimum wage, Gorinson would have preferred that the County help people get a better education that would lead to better-paying jobs.

Joe Richardson, CEO of Bar T, which offers afterschool programming and summer camp, is also upset with the higher minimum wage.

"This is Montgomery County once again making business difficult

in Montgomery County," said Richardson, who employs 250 people. "I will have to raise my prices."

Richardson was surprised the vote was unanimous, but said he understood why the Council voted the way it did.

"I think the Council members are well-intentioned. They had a lot of people saying they couldn't make a living here. I understand the pressure there," he said.

Richardson also speculated that the imposition of term limits may have contributed to the bill's passage by allowing a consequence-free vote for newly term-limited Council members. But those members won't be in charge when businesses start closing, he said.

Bill Hart, general manager of Strosnider's Hardware, said raising prices is not a choice for him at soon-to-be four Montgomery County locations, because competition with on-

line retailers has taken away much of his pricing flexibility.

Hart, who used to start new employees at minimum wage and let them work their way up to \$15 per hour, noted that with the new law he will eventually have to pay his greenest employees what he now pays his most skilled ones.

"They will want more, understandably," Hart said, suggesting that he may have to cut hours and employee bonuses in order to be able to pay the increased wages for all.

Hart said another effect of the increase will be that employers will screen their hires more carefully.

"It's going to make us hire smarter and not put up with mediocre employees," he said, noting that he wished the Council had left wages to the business owners, while allowing workers to go wherever they can make the best living.

"We should let the free market determine the rate of pay."

GOP offices in Moco are vandalized

"GOP," From page one

two individuals approaching the front door of the GOP office on Crabbs Branch Way with what appeared to be a jar containing a liquid mixture and white paper posters.

A photo provided by Jurgena shows four posters bearing the logo of the Patriots' Front – a white supremacist group – as well as the address of the Bloodandsoil.com website attached to the office's entrance. The website accessible at the Bloodandsoil.com address features a manifesto that appears to be consistent with white supremacist views.

Jurgena said he wasn't sure what the cost to repair any damage might be, but speculated that the recently-repainted door might need to be replaced.

Jurgena's claim that the incident was a hate crime is reflective of a trend amongst some conservatives who are sympathetic to the so-called "alt-right" – a vocal group of sup-

porters of President Donald Trump whose rhetoric often aligns with white supremacists, white nationalists, and neo-Nazis – to suggest that the rise in actual hate crimes committed since Trump's election (documented by statistics) due to hoaxes perpetuated by Trump's enemies who seek to brand him and his movement as racists.

Proponents of this theory often cite an incident earlier this year when a mentally-disturbed former journalist called bomb threats into a number of Jewish Community Centers across several states in an attempt to harass a former girlfriend. While the calls made by that particular person were hoaxes, there has been a documented rise in threats against synagogues and other Jewish community gathering places since Trump's presidential campaign began in 2015.

But despite Jurgena's assertion that he and his fellow Republicans are victims of a hate crime, Montgomery County Police Spokesperson

Sgt. Rebecca Innocenti said the act does not meet the necessary state or federal criteria to be considered one.

"If this is a political affiliation, a political party just by itself it is not a protected class," Innocenti said. "The law is clear on what a hate crime is."

Maryland's hate crime statute – which was passed in 2005 and signed into law by then-Governor Robert Ehrlich (R) – only covers crimes committed because of a person's race or color, natural origin, religious beliefs, gender, disability status, or because a person was homeless.

Only six US jurisdictions – California, Iowa, Louisiana, South Carolina, West Virginia and the District of Columbia – consider a person part of a protected class because of political affiliation.

Innocenti said police will still investigate the crime as an incident of vandalism, and encouraged anyone with information to call Montgomery County Police.

Local man charged with murder

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"Campos-Martinez told investigators he punched the victim three times and pushed her to the ground where she hit her head," police said. "Campos-Martinez stated that the victim appeared unresponsive. He took her purse and cell phone and fled the area in a taxi. He discarded her property in a dumpster."

Campos-Martinez appeared in court on Monday via closed-circuit television link from the Montgomery County Correctional Facility. He listened in Spanish as a court-

room interpreter translated the judge's orders that he not be released from jail.

Campos-Martinez will next appear in court for a preliminary hearing on Dec. 1, when prosecutors will have to convince a judge that they have enough evidence against him to justify a trial. The hearing will take place in room 513 of the Montgomery County District Court on East Jefferson Street in Rockville at 10:00 am.

A spokesman from the Montgomery County State's Attorney said it is possible other charges will be filed against Campos-Martinez.



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NEWS ANALYSIS

Facebookin' on the Hill

I have covered several Congressional hearings on Capitol Hill for the Montgomery County Sentinel. That is what I do. However the Senate Intelligence Committee hearing on social media influence in the 2016 U.S. election held on November 1st was like no other. The usual Congressional

and the caption reading "Heritage, not hate. The South will rise again..." Then there was the ad showing a sign posted at the southern border of the United States with the words "No Invaders Allowed" written on it. And, there is the phony ad entitled "Being Patriotic" in which a photo of Hillary Clinton is crossed out and the caption reads "Hillary Clinton is the co-author of Obama's anti-police and anti-Constitutional propaganda". Remember, regardless of your politics, these ads were prepared by Russia via its Internet Research Agency and designed to influence you. I can go on with more examples, even an example of an anti-trump ad, but the point is that these ads had one goal in mind and that was to disrupt our election and plant the seeds of division in our democratic society.

According to data Facebook provided, 120 Russian-backed pages resulted in more than 80,000 unpaid posts which reached an estimated 126 million Americans. Again, this was just from one Russian agency, the Internet Research Agency. Certainly the likelihood is that this wasn't the lone culprit.

According to the Senate committee's vice chairman, Senator Mark Warner, "Russia's playbook is simple, but formidable and works like this: First, Russian disinformation agents set up thousands of fake accounts, groups and pages across a wide array of platforms. Then, these fake accounts populate content on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube, Reddit, LinkedIn, and others. Next, each of these fake accounts spend months developing networks of real people to follow and like their content, boosted by tools like paid ads and automated bots. Most of their real-life followers have no idea they are caught up in this web. Lastly, these networks are later used to push an array of disinformation, including stolen emails, state-led propaganda (like RT and Sputnik), fake news, and divisive content. The goal is to get this content into the news feeds of as many potential receptive Americans as possible and to covertly and subtly push them in the direction the Kremlin wants them to go."

As someone who grew up during the height of the cold war, how disheartening that our arch enemy finally found a road to victory. Social media companies must be compelled to realize that they are news outlets of massive proportions and must take on the responsibility to ensure transparency to the greatest extent and, in so doing, ensure readers understand the origin of the posts they read. These "bi-partisan" hearings, it is hoped, will expedite the institution of these controls by these companies.

Paul's view

by

Paul K. Schwartz

hearings I have attended are like the hearing during which former CIA Director John Brennan testified before the House Intelligence Committee looking into the Russian influence in our 2016 presidential election. During that hearing it was difficult to tell if the Republican members and the Democrat members were there for the same purpose. While the Democrat questions dealt with Russian interaction with the Trump campaign, the Republican questions dealt primarily with Hillary Clinton's emails.

No such variation in questioning during the social media hearing on November 1st. During this hearing, to my surprise, both Republicans and Democrats were for the most part on the same page. Quite simply their questions focused on the extent of the Russian use of social media to attempt to influence the outcome of the election, what is being done to prevent any recurrence of that improper use of social media AND why was nothing done earlier!

Testifying for Facebook was General Counsel Colin Stretch, for Google was Senior Vice President and General Counsel, Kent Walker, and for Twitter was Acting General Counsel Sean Edgett. Independent Senator Angus King of Vermont asked why the Mark Zuckerberg's, the CEO's of these social media giants weren't at this hearing to answer these questions.

One issue that initially seemed to cause Republicans and Democrats to be at odds was the issue of releasing the false Russian ads for public view as a means of helping voters better discern phony ads from legitimate ads. By days end this dispute was apparently worked out as phony ads were made available for public review. These phony Russian ads targeted a wide range of voters. There were ads such as the one with an image of Jesus arm-wrestling Satan with a caption indicating that Satan was backing Hillary Clinton. There was an add with the words "South United" in the center of the Confederate flag

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NEWS

Rice claims a variety of projects are affecting capital budget

By Kathleen Stubbs
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GAITHERSBURG – County residents say they are concerned about capital budget projects, such as the aging Poolesville High School never being refreshed and the security of temporary classrooms near elementary schools.

On Monday, County Council Education Committee chairperson Craig Rice (District 2) told residents that the Purple Line – the light-rail service to connect Montgomery and Prince George's counties – as well as the Council's new spending affordability guidelines and County debt are chipping away at the money County will permit to be spent on school building costs and capital projects for schools in the FY 2019-2024 Capital Improvements Plan.

Officials in the County Finance Department advised the Council it has several concerns.

"We've been carrying a lot of debt for a long time," Rice said, adding the County needs to go on a diet on how much it borrows.

He said the amount of debt service – interest paid on money the County already owes – increases with each passing year, and that the additional \$40 million borrowed to

fund construction of the Purple Line (which was requested by Governor Larry Hogan in 2015) is adding to that burden.

"That meant we were then taking that out that could have gone toward – could have gone to a fire station, could have gone to a library, it could have gone to roads, could have gone to tree stump removal, could have gone to pay debt service – all of these kinds of things," said Rice of the \$40 million. "That money... was allocated to the Purple Line project, to complete that project, and so that was a 'change in the deal' that wasn't there before."

"Our CIP is \$1.8 billion, so I mean (the \$40 million Purple Line budget request) is not 'huge,' but it's still big enough to make an impact. It could still be additional capacity in schools... could be a small road project... you know... it still could be an impact, so that's money that is lost now," Rice said.

The limited County budget will become even more limited regarding the number of projects it can fund, he said, now that the Council has agreed to the Finance Department's request to reduce the number of bonds the County can sell. The new bond limits will reduce County debt to keep its bond rating at triple-A, Rice ex-

plained.

Oct. 23, Montgomery County Public Schools Superintendent Jack Smith suggested in his proposed six-year capital improvements plan recommended increasing the MCPS FY 2019-2024 Capital Improvements Plan from the approved \$1.74 billion to \$1.8 billion.

The County plan is to lower the number of bonds it sells annually the next several years. Smith said in his proposed budget and plan that the County's spending affordability guidelines, which the Council passed Oct. 3, will harm MCPS capital project possibilities.

The General Obligation bonds fund "a significant portion of the county's CIP," Smith said. "The adopted SAG reduces GO bonds over the six-year period by \$180 million. That reduction will have a significant impact on the level of GO bonds available to MCPS."

County residents representing Germantown, Poolesville, Gaithersburg and Montgomery Village took turns asking him questions, many of which concerned whether he could leverage adding projects to address select concerns to the six-year Capital Improvements Plan. Specific topics included returning the Poolesville High School revitaliza-

tion and expansion project to the CIP, and adding funding for safety and security improvements to elementary schools and temporary classrooms.

Rice confirmed some construction projects and projects requiring funding from the capital budget might be added to the CIP, but said other projects will have to wait.

Germantown resident Margaret Schoap asked when Poolesville would be upgraded to comply with standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Resident Jerome Kloblukowski, the self-identified Poolesville commissioner, said he believes County government and the Montgomery County Public Schools Board of Education unfairly prioritized the newer schools that it built near developing areas were over older ones like Poolesville High School, and explained that he wants Poolesville to receive the same treatment other County high schools have received regarding capital projects.

"The bottom line is that's a school you can't just (put a) band-aid easily," Kloblukowski said.

He said Wheaton, Damascus, Magruder and Wootton are in similar situations because MCPS' Super-

intendent removed them from the MCPS CIP.

"Capacity is a lousy excuse for not taking care of business," Kloblukowski said, at which point many of the 35 audience members broke into applause.

Rice said Poolesville High School, which MCPS Superintendent Smith temporarily shelved from construction (according to his proposed six-year capital improvements plan for MCPS) will not likely earn an expensive capital construction project soon due to how the school board and county select capital projects to fund. The issue is MCPS long-range planning department did not project overcrowding issues (more than 120 percent of the number of students it can hold) for the school in the next six years.

Rice said Poolesville High School – already one of the older buildings in the county – is at a disadvantage because MCPS does not project significant enrollment increases there.

"Normally a lot of our schools that are aged – are also aged and have a capacity issue," Rice said.

Kloblukowski said the superintendent seemed to be unfairly favoring overcrowded schools to schools that are old.

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Push is on to change Maryland's gang laws

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Maryland legislators need to update the state's racketeering and gang statutes in order to better address a recent rise in gang activity and give prosecutors the tools to crack down on gang members, Montgomery County State's Attorney John McCarthy said.

"That's something where we need to get some assistance from our legislators in Annapolis to give us better legal tools to attack the gangs," McCarthy said.

MCSAO spokesperson Ramon Korionoff explained that County officials are currently studying the state's current gang statutes to determine what changes they might suggest to legislators, and said one issue that might come up is to reduce the complexity of the current law when it comes to proving gang charges.

"[W]e want to try to simplify proof – it will make it much more likely that prosecutors around the state will start using it," Korionoff said.

To convict a gang defendant under current law – which Korionoff said has only been tested at trial a single time in Montgomery County – the state must prove that a gang is a criminal organization, that the defendant belongs to that gang, and offer sufficient evidence that the defendant committed two distinct crimes

for the purpose of advancing the cause of the gang.

Korionoff explained that the Montgomery County State's Attorneys' Office is working with the Maryland State's Attorneys' Association to come up with a proposal for strengthening the state's anti-racketeering laws, but would not go into specifics. Representatives from the MSAA did not respond to requests to comment for this article.

However, changing Maryland's gang statutes will not be an easy task.

Del. Pam Queen (D-14), who serves on the House of Delegates Criminal Justice Subcommittee, said she is not aware of any specific proposal to change Maryland's gang or racketeering laws, but she would be open to supporting a bill along the lines of the legislation currently in effect in New York, which is modeled after the federal government's Racketeer Influence and Corrupt Organization Act – known as RICO.

"I think there are some best practices we've seen have come out of New York and how they have dealt with some of their gang violence," Queen said.

Judiciary Committee Vice-Chair Del. Kathleen Dumais (D-15) told the Sentinel that she, too, is unaware of any specific legislative proposals, but would also support adoption of a law modeled after the federal RICO statute.

Dumais, who helped spearhead

the 2016 Justice Reinvestment Act to increase penalties for those convicted of violating Maryland's anti-gang laws, added that defining what a criminal gang is, and who does and does not belong to one can be tricky.

Meanwhile, McCarthy said gang-related violent crime remains on the rise in Montgomery County.

There have been 20 gang-related homicides over the past two years, he said, but the numbers are hard to track often because sometimes it is hard for prosecutors or police officers to prove if a person charged with a crime is a member of a gang.

In October, the County Council approved \$843,693 in additional funding to allow the Montgomery County Police Department to hire additional detectives to investigate gang-related offenses, and for the Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office to hire three additional State's Attorneys to prosecute those offenders.

And while Maryland still lacks a RICO statute of its own, federal grand juries have indicted several locally-based gang members under the federal RICO Act. But even though President Trump signed an executive order directing the Justice Department to tackle the problem of transnational criminal gangs like as MS-13. The General Assembly's 2018 Legislative Session begins Jan. 10..

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

A snow day turns special when the snowman comes to life

By Barbara Trainin Blank
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You can't escape the wildly popular Christmas song when you enter stores during the holiday season.

"Frosty the Snow Man," written by Steve "Jack" Rollins and Steve Nelson, and first recorded by Gene Autry, has taken on a life of its own. The story of the magical snowman has been sung by various artists since its inception, including Nat King Cole, Bing Crosby and Jimmy Durante, and been adapted in other mediums, including animated television specials and children's books.

Now "Frosty the Snow Man" is commanding the stage at Adventure Theatre. Dallas Tolentino plays Frosty in a white suit and vest, with LED lights.

In all the permutations, the basic story is the same: a group of children build a snowman that comes to life because of a magic hat and wreaks havoc.

The show's director Jason Schlafstein, who calls the production a play with music rather than a musical, says that at the same time, Frosty shows the children how to make the most of an unexpected snow day – or any day.

"He melts at the end of the day," Schlafstein said.

When the director approached Tolentino about considering the title role, the actor was happy to accept.

"I know his style from Flying V, the theater Jason runs," Tolentino said. "He has an innovative and creative take on things, so I knew 'Frosty' would be a reinvention."

He also figured it would be a challenge.

"I knew there'd be a lot of movement," he said. "There'd be singing and dancing and physicality. It would definitely be a workout."

One thing Frosty doesn't do is speak. "He makes some sounds, but basically, the challenge is to communicate with just the body," Tolentino added.

As inspiration, Tolentino drew from sources like silent film star Buster Keaton, the mischievous character of Puck in "A Midsummer Night's Dream," and Bill Watterson's comic strip "Calvin and Hobbes."

Schlafstein agrees that the part of Frosty, at least in the Adventure Theatre version, requires "incredible skills," including roller blading, step-dancing, and gymnastics.

"What other play would ask you to do all that?" he asked.

In spite of the zaniness, "Frosty the Snow Man," like any other play for children, has to be "honest, not pandering," Schlafstein said.

The director is grateful for the opportunities Adventure Theatre have given him – which have included lighting, carpentry, assistant-directing, and directing.

"Michael Bobbitt, Adventure Theatre's artistic director, took me under his wing," Schlafstein said. "I also learned from him that with kids, something has to happen every five pages of a script. That's not only because children have a shorter attention span than adults, but also because they don't have a sense of social obligation; they'll let you know what's not working for them. We



COURTESY PHOTO

Frosty the Snow Man takes on a life of its own at Adventure Theater.

have to earn their attention."

A professional theater, Adventure Theatre opened in 1951, making it the longest-running children's theater in Montgomery County. It encompasses productions for children and those by children, summer camps, educational programs for schools, and a theater academy – from young children through pre-professional students, up to pre-professionals, who are "unashamedly on the way to be Broadway stars," said Bobbitt.

Adventure Theatre also encour-

ages new works – it has produced 40 new plays. Some of them achieved publication later, and others have gone on to extended runs or national tours.

"Children deserve to see great theater from an early age," said Bobbitt. "If we can get them into the building and get them to love a memorable production or artists, it makes a visceral impression. At the very least they'll become audience members, if not performers."

When it came time to hold auditions, Schlafstein didn't hold "tradi-

tional' ones. He asked the actors to sing a song or tell a story about their favorite winter moments – for the coolest, sweetest associations they had with snow days.

The auditions fit the show, said Tolentino. "Frosty the Snow Man" captures the winter spirit, regardless of age and time."

"Frosty, the Snow Man" runs through Dec. 31 at Adventure Theatre MTC on 7300 MacArthur Boulevard in Glen Echo. For information, visit: www.adventuretheatre-mtc.org.

Renowned pianist Andre Watts to perform with Baltimore Symphony Orchestra

By Barbara Trainin Blank
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The beginning of pianist Andre Watts's career was like a sunburst, introduced as a teenager onto the national stage to play with Leonard Bernstein and the New York Philharmonic.

Now, with a music career that has spanned more than 50 years, Watts is returning to an orchestra with whom he has played many times – the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra at the Music Center at Strathmore as well as Meyerhoff Hall in Baltimore on the weekend of Nov. 17 through Nov. 19.

"Mr. Watts has had a long and very popular association with the BSO, having first performed with the orchestra in 1973," said Miryam Yardumian, interim artistic administrator. "He has appeared with the BSO a dozen times since."

Watts was only 16 when legendary composer-conductor Leonard Bernstein invited him to make his debut with the New York Philharmonic on Jan. 12, 1963,

playing Piano Concerto No. 1 in E-flat major by 19th-century Hungarian composer Franz Liszt during one of the orchestra's televised Young People's Concerts.

Two weeks later, Bernstein again called on the teenager, asking him to substitute at the last minute for the ailing pianist Glenn Gould, in a repeat performance of Liszt's E-flat Concerto.

"The first thing that entered my mind was, 'I'll have to ask my mother,'" Watts laughed. "Leonard Bernstein was incredibly kind and supportive, but [at the time] I simply wanted to 'do well' for my mother and my teacher, Genia Robinor."

Once onstage, however, Watts realized he also wanted to show Bernstein and the New York Philharmonic that he was "worthy of their kindness," and that he was capable of producing an outstanding performance once again.

In the 50 years since, Watts has continued to produce them consistently – in multiple venues, on recordings, and on television specials, becoming a luminary of the

performing-arts scene.

His recent and upcoming appearances include the Philadelphia Orchestra, the New York and Los Angeles Philharmonics, and the Houston Symphony, among others.

In celebration of Liszt's 200th birthday in 2011, he played recitals featuring the composer's music throughout the United States but has also performed in Japan, Hong Kong, Germany, and Spain.

Watts has appeared on numerous TV programs broadcast on venues such as CBS, PBS, BBC, and Arts and Entertainment Network. His discography includes works by Beethoven, Gershwin, Chopin, Liszt, and Tchaikovsky; he is part of the Great Pianists of the 20th Century series, a 200-CD box set released by Philips Records in 1999.

In 2011, Watts received the National Medal of Arts, bestowed by President Barack Obama in a ceremony at the White House.

This weekend with the BSO, Watts will be playing Piano Concerto No. 2 in C Minor by Russian

composer Sergei Rachmaninoff, in a program that also includes English composer Edward Elgar's "Falstaff" and the BSO premiere of Christopher Theofanidis's "Dream-time Ancestors."

"The Second Concerto of Rachmaninoff is very popular because – aside from the Hollywood 'usage' of the greatest 'tunes' in the piece – it is readily listenable, with beautiful melodies," Watts said. "It has exciting virtuoso passages for the soloist and a great interplay between soloist and orchestra."

The reference to Hollywood comes from the fact that several movies have used excerpts of the concerto in their scores, including "Grand Hotel." In "The Seven Year Itch," the protagonist says he "goes all to pieces" hearing it.

With every passing year that he plays the Rachmaninoff, Watts said he recognizes "this great work as gigantic chamber music."

But another composer engages him even more – and that's Austrian composer Franz Schubert.

"He would be my 'desert is-

land' composer – and has been since my teenage years," he said. "Schubert himself, in one of his journals, wrote about his creativity in music: 'Every time I wanted to sing of Sorrow it turned to Joy, and every time I wanted to sing of Joy it turned to Sorrow.' That poignancy is at the heart of my passion for his music."

At the helm of the Nov. 18 concert is Robert Spano, appearing for the fourth time as guest conductor of the Baltimore Symphony.

"Mr. Spano loves working with Andre Watts and felt the concerto should be on the second half of the program," said Yardumian. "He felt the other two works fit nicely with the concerto, as they complement but also offer contrast to it."

The concert takes place at 8 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 18, at the Music Center at Strathmore, on 5301 Tuckerman Lane in North Bethesda and 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19 at Meyerhoff Hall on 1212 Cathedral Street in Baltimore.

For tickets, call 410-783-8000 or visit BSOmusic.org.

NEWS

Two SUVs avoid typical family-friendly focus

While sport utility vehicles were once designed to focus on off-road capabilities, Most of today's market-leading SUVs and crossovers are built as family cars that tend to prioritize the more everyday qualities of interior volume, gas mileage and value for the money.

Such vehicles often look and feel as dull as that description sounds. While the Honda Pilot, for instance, is often a terrific family car, such smooth, quiet, spacious minivan-like family-haulers offers little verve or personality to attract someone without plans to shuttle a carload of kids.

*Auto Drive
By
Brady Holt*

But a few larger SUVs – the midsize Jeep Grand Cherokee and the full-size Chevrolet Tahoe – manage an appeal that transcends the norms of their market segments.

Neither stands out as a family car. While both are decently spacious, to be sure, they're far from the market leaders in that regard.

But the Tahoe and Grand Cherokee make up for those deficiencies by boasting uncommon levels of heavy-duty capability with the looks to match.

The Grand Cherokee is an off-road star, yet with everyday polish and glamour that's missing from a Toyota 4Runner. The Tahoe, meanwhile, offers a big, boxy imposing body along with hardcore durability – making it a go-to for such no-nonsense customers as the U.S. Secret Service and the Maryland State Police.

While Jeep and Chevrolet aren't direct competitors in the traditional sense, they're filling the same fundamental role: Both provide a luxury experience without overtly doing so – offering a different vibe and more space than a BMW or Lexus crossover, yet still available with decadent features and comfortable seating.

To be clear, not every Grand Cherokee is necessarily a luxury car. Its base price of \$31,690 isn't far off an ordinary midsize crossover like the Ford Edge (\$30,215) or Nissan Murano (\$30,745). But the Grand Cherokee's prices soar more quickly – the tested Limited wore a sticker price of \$48,230 and luxury models can surpass \$60,000. That's not even counting its high-performance versions, which can beat the average sports car on a racetrack but exceed \$80,000.

The Grand Cherokee also doesn't look like a luxury car, but its classy design restraint also helps justify its high price point. The Jeep

SUV forgoes excessive ornamentation – no sharp creases crisscrossing the body, no giant chrome grille, no dramatically sloping windowline or roofline, no faux-aggressive tacked-on design elements. Yet despite dating back to the 2011 model year without a full redesign, the Grand Cherokee looks fresh and modern – at least from the front end, where slim headlights blaze confidently astride Jeep's traditional eight-slatted grille. The rounded rear end is more generic.

The Grand Cherokee doesn't deliver the super-smooth ride or agile handling of the best crossovers. But it's acceptable in both respects, especially considering its unstoppable off-road reputation. The standard 3.6-liter V6 engine is smooth and acceptably powerful, and returns a respectable 21 miles per gallon in mixed driving; a choice of V8 engines deliver additional acceleration.

The interior is comfortable and decently finished, if not wildly opulent. However, with just 68 cubic feet of cargo space – less than the average compact crossover – the Grand Cherokee isn't a master of functionality. A roomier, seven-passenger version of the Grand Cherokee is sold as the Dodge Durango, but many Jeep buyers would hate to give up the emotional connection from the storied SUV brand.

The Tahoe, meanwhile, has steadily morphed from a mainstream vehicle into a luxury one over the years. Its current base price of \$49,005 matches other full-size SUVs, but the competition at that price point – such as the Ford Expedition and Nissan Armada – offers superior space for cargo and third-row passengers.

That difference leaves the Tahoe (and its GMC Yukon twin) to best serve buyers who seek the style, image and high-seating position of a massive SUV without needing the best family car. There's skimpy cargo room in the Tahoe behind the third-row seat, and the seat itself is low and lacking in legroom. However, five adults can sit comfortably, and light steering makes this SUV easy to drive. Fuel economy is also better than one might expect from a full-size SUV with a standard V8 engine: up to 19 mpg in mixed driving.

The tested Tahoe came with big 20-inch wheels and the ride quality wasn't luxury-smooth. Nor is the Tahoe's cabin especially fancy, even at the tested price of over \$65,000; that's saved for the Cadillac Escalade variant. But extra-comfortable seats, up-to-date infotainment and user-friendly controls are welcome. And even if the boxy Tahoe shape doesn't actually deliver the interior space efficiency of a car-based crossover, it at least looks utilitarian – the hulking body and V8 rumble would never be confused with a minivan.

Keeping in mind that both of these SUVs are more about heart than head, both the Tahoe and Grand Cherokee can be highly appealing

options for buyers who are taken with their intangible qualities. Both also beat car-based models for towing capacity and off-road capability.

Otherwise, a sensible five-passenger crossover like the Ford Edge or Subaru Outback might be a better fit for the Grand Cherokee customer, and a

Tahoe buyer might be better served by a seven-passenger Honda Pilot, Volkswagen Atlas or Chevrolet's own Traverse.



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At top, The 2017 Chevrolet Tahoe is a full-size SUV with plenty of brawn but less interior space than one might expect. And directly above, The 2017 Jeep Grand Cherokee is a midsize SUV that blends off-road capability and on-road luxury.

CALENDAR

What's happening this week in Montgomery County

BLACKROCK CENTER FOR THE ARTS

• UPRIGHT CITIZENS BRIGADE TOURING COMPANY COMEDY | FRIDAY, NOV 17, 2017 | 8:00 PM | \$17-29

• SAMMY MILLER AND THE CONGREGATION JAZZ | SATURDAY, NOV 18, 2017 | 8:00 PM | \$21-35

STRATHMORE

• SONNAMBULA THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2017, 7:30 PM: THE MANSION

• A NIGHT WITH JANIS JOPLIN SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2017, 8:00 PM | THE MUSIC CENTER

THE FILLMORE

• CURRENSY & DAVE EAST WITH LIL BIB-BY, ETHAN SPALDING & THE TRAPROCK BAND, BILLIONELL SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2017, 8:00 PM

• JHENÉ AIKO WITH WILLOW SMITH, ST. BEAUTY, KITTY CASH TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 8:00 PM

• HOODIE ALLEN WITH LUKE CHRISTOPHER, MYLES PARRISH WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 8:00 PM

WOLF TRAP

• CALIFORNIA GUITAR TRIO THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2017, 8:00 PM | THE BARNS

• THE QUEBE SISTERS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 8:00 PM | THE BARNS

• AN EVENING WITH DAVID CROSBY & FRIENDS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28 & WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29 AT 8:00 PM | THE BARNS

NOV 16

WORKSHOP: REDUCING STRESS THROUGH MEDITATION AROUND THE HOLIDAY SEASON

Nov. 16. 6:30 – 7:45 P.M. Meditation can bring about a sense of calm and balance that benefits both your emotional and physical well-being, especially during the stressful holiday season. Meditation will positively impact your overall health and reduce stress. It is easy to learn and can have many lasting and beneficial effects. After you meditate the benefits don't end when your session ends. Join David Newcomb, long time meditator, for this lively and engaging workshop. Free. No registration required.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS MEETING

Nov. 16. 7:15 – 8:30 P.M. Overeaters Anonymous meeting at the Rockville Church of Christ, 1450 Montgomery Ave., Rockville (in Parish House). For further information, <http://www.oa-dcmetro.org/> or Linda S at 301-641-9508.

LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

Nov. 16. 6:30 – 8:00 P.M. For adults who have experienced the death of one or both parents. A six-week group that meets each Thursday from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Mother Seton Catholic Church, 19951 Father Hurley Blvd., Germantown. Led by Montgomery Hospice professional counselors. Registration required: 301-921-4400.

LOIEDERMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL PLAY

Nov. 16, 17, & 18. 7:00 P.M. How does art speak

to you? That's the question asked both literally and figuratively in the colorful and imaginative play "To Art and Beyond." This unique and clever production will be presented by the students at A. Mario Loiederman Middle School, Montgomery County Public Schools' only performing arts middle school. Tickets will be available at the door and are \$8 for students/seniors and \$10 for adults. Address: 12701 Goodhill Rd, Silver Spring, MD 20906.

NOV 18

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR & CHILDREN'S SECRET SHOP

Nov. 18. 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. Santa's workshop is alive and bustling in historic Washington Grove, Maryland. Talented Methodist church members and friends have been working to create unique, professional quality wreaths, centerpieces, one of a kind gifts, ornaments and decorations. There are no vendors because our group has hand crafted a collection of items you won't find anywhere else. Kids are invited, with the help of our "elves" to purchase gifts at the Children's Secret Shop. They'll find an adorable selection of gifts priced from 25 cents to \$3.00, all gift wrapped while you wait. Also select tasty home baked goods from our Bake Sale. Washington Grove Christmas Bazaar and Santa's Secret Shop at Washington Grove United Methodist Church, 303 Chestnut Road, Washington Grove, MD 20880. Call Mary Lou for info 301-840-1834

ROCKVILLE LIBRARY BOOK SALE

Nov. 18. 10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. The Rockville Friends of the Library (FOL) will hold a large book sale in the Rockville Memorial Library on Saturday, November 18 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to buy for yourself or for holiday gifts. Most books are \$1 or less, but there are some special (coffee table) books that cost a bit more. We have fiction, non-fiction, children's, young adult, biographies, history, philosophy, cookbooks, media (including CD's and DVD's), how-to books, and more.

The FOL is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and all proceeds will help the Rockville Memorial Library. The library is located at 21 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, in the Town Square. For more information, call 240-777-0020 or go to www.folmc.org/chapters/rockville

NOV 19

ST. ANNE'S COMMUNITY CONCERT SERIES

Nov. 19. 4:30 P.M. Classical Guitarist Tom Rohde has performed throughout the U.S., Brazil and Taiwan as a soloist and chamber musician. His concert will feature guitar music from Brazil, Spain and Paraguay, with selections influenced by traditional and popular musical styles. A reception will follow the concert with refreshments and a chance to greet Mr. Rohde. Where: St. Anne's Episcopal Church, 25100 Ridge Roads, Damascus, MD 20872.

NOV 20

SILVER SPRING GARDEN CLUB TALK

Nov. 20. 8:00 P.M. The Silver Spring Garden Club meeting features "The Allure of Naturalism" Talk. Doors open at 7:30 pm. Gardeners around the world are enthusiastically embracing naturalistic planting. Taking its cue from the way plants grow in the wild, this planting style focuses on arrangements of perennials and grasses to achieve an artful spontaneity. In this talk, Carolyn Mullet will lead you to an understanding of what naturalism is and then suggest simple steps you can take to introduce this style to your garden. The talk will be illustrated with photos taken on Carolyn's garden tours to Europe.



PHOTO BY STEWART COHEN

The Quebe Sisters bring the music of Texas to The Barns at Wolf Trap of Friday, November 17 at 8:00 pm.

Where: Brookside Gardens, Visitors Center/Education Building, 1800 Glenallan Avenue, Wheaton, Maryland. The event is FREE and open to all.

NOV 21

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Nov. 21. 7:30 P.M. The Greater Olney Interfaith Ministerium announces the 8th annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at Sandy Spring Friends School Dramatic Arts Center. This year's theme is "Thank a Farmer". The Thanksgiving Service will have representatives from Jewish, Christian, and Muslim traditions with scripture readings, prayers, and music from these faith traditions. In addition there will be a speaker from our local farmers, as well. Donations of non-perishable food and cash will be accepted for OLNEY HELP. Where: Sandy Spring Friends School, 16923 Norwood Rd. Sandy Spring MD 20860.

NOV 22

SQUARE DANCE LESSONS AND DANCING

Nov. 22. 7:30 P.M. Square dance lessons and dancing at North Chevy Chase Christian Church, 8814 Kensington Parkway (in Parish House). Wednesdays: 7:30 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. \$7 per person, also Oct. 11, 18, and 25. Contact phone number: 301-598-2574. <http://www.genymanders.info/>

UPCOMING

ANNUAL TOMMY IVEY MAGIC SHOW

Nov. 23. 7:00 – 8:30 P.M. Prepare to be amazed! The Columbia Conjurors, the local chapter of the Society of American Magicians, will hold their annual Tommy Ivey Magic Show in the main hall at Christ Episcopal Church (6800 Oakland Mills Road, Columbia, MD). The family-friendly show is expected to last an hour and a half, and is suitable for children of all ages, as well as adults with an interest in being baffled and mystified. Admission is free, but the Conjurors will be holding a food drive during the show in cooperation with the Community Action Council of Howard County. Attendees are therefore encouraged to bring unopened cans of food to donate in advance of Thanksgiving.

BETHESDA'S WINTER WONDERLAND

Dec. 2. 1:00 – 4:00 P.M. The Bethesda Urban Partnership invites you to kick off the holiday season at Bethesda's Winter Wonderland on Saturday, December 2, 2017. The celebration features holiday performances, a live ice sculpting presentation and a visit from Santa Claus in Veterans Park, located at the corner of Norfolk and Woodmont Avenues. Blocks of ice will be transformed into wintery works of art before your eyes during the live ice sculpting presentation followed by choral performances from local school groups. Additionally, Santa Claus will make a visit to the park and holiday treats and crafts will be provided to children. Bethesda's Winter Wonderland is a free event. 97.1 WASH-FM is a proud sponsor of the 2017 Bethesda's Winter Wonderland. For more information on Winter Wonderland and events in downtown Bethesda, please contact the Bethesda Urban Partnership at 301/215-6660 or visit www.bethesda.org.

WASHINGTON CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC PIANO TRIO CONCERT

Dec. 2. 8:00 P.M. Members of the Pressenda Chamber Players – performing repertoire for violin, cello, and piano – will be featured as part of the Washington Conservatory Concert Series at 8 PM on Saturday, December 2 at Westmoreland Congregational UCC Church, 1 Westmoreland Circle, Bethesda (the border of DC and MD). This concert is free, with donations welcome at the door.

HOLIDAY CONCERT

Dec. 2. 2:00 P.M. The Rockville Friends of the Library (FOL) is sponsoring a concert by the Children's Chorus of Washington. They will invite audience participation in singing holiday favorites. The concert will be held at 2 p.m. in the first-floor meeting room of the Rockville Memorial Library, 21 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD. It is free and open to all ages. The Friends of the Library is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and all proceeds help the Rockville Memorial Library. If you have any questions call 240-777-0020 or e-mail RockvilleFOL@gmail.com

WALTZ DANCE

Dec. 3. 2:45 - 3:30 pm: Waltz Workshop | 3:30 to 6 pm: Dance. Join us for a Waltz Dance in the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park featuring the ensemble Rhapsody. This versatile band will provide a lively mix of folk waltzes with a few other couple dances, including Hambo, Schottische, Swing, Tango, and Polka. The 45-minute dance lesson begins at 2:45 pm with a half-hour introductory Waltz workshop and a more advanced move presented the last 15 minutes. Social dancing follows until 6 pm. Admission is \$10. No partner required. For more information, call Joan Koury at 202-238-0230 or Glen Echo Park at 301-634-2222, go to www.WaltzTimeDances.org or e-mail info@WaltzTimeDances.org. The Glen Echo National Park is located at 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo, MD 20812.

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HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Dec. 3. 2:00 – 4:00 P.M. To celebrate the holiday season in taste and style, Fox Hill is hosting the upcoming "Holiday Open House." Featuring cuisine and spirits from around the world prepared by the retirement community's expert culinary staff, the event will offer food stations throughout Fox Hill. Complete tours of the community's elegant living environment will be provided, including model condominiums, world-class amenities and services, a wide range of dining venues and the Performing Arts Center. Seating is limited and reservations are required. Please RSVP a 301-918-5712 or visit: www.foxhillresidences.com/openhouse. Complimentary valet parking is available. Fox Hill is located at 8300 Burdette Rd. in Bethesda, MD 20817.

THEPIANO GUYS CHRISTMAS TOGETHER

Dec. 13 – 16. ThePianoGuys, one of the most popular classical/pop crossover acts of the last decade, come to Washington, D.C.'s National Theatre this December for a special holiday residency of their new live show CHRISTMAS TOGETHER. Featuring a special holiday spin on their one-of-a-kind arrangements and comedic charm, THEPIANO GUYS CHRISTMAS TOGETHER is on-stage Wednesday, December 13 thru Saturday, December 16, 2017 for five performances only. Tickets may be purchased online at TheNationalDC.com, in person at the National Theatre Box Office (Monday thru Friday from Noon to 6:00 PM), or by calling 800-514-3849. Best seats are available for Wednesday, December 13 and Thursday, December 14. The National Theatre is located at 1321 Pennsylvania Ave. NW in downtown Washington, D.C.

WALTZ DANCE

Dec. 17. 2:45 - 3:30 pm: Waltz Workshop | 3:30 to 6 pm: Dance. Join us for a Waltz Dance in the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park featuring the ensemble Notorious Folk. This versatile band will provide a lively mix of folk waltzes with a few other couple dances, including Hambo, Schottische, Swing, Tango, and Polka. The 45-minute dance lesson begins at 2:45 pm with a half-hour introductory Waltz workshop and a more advanced move presented the last 15 minutes. Social dancing follows until 6 pm. Admission is \$10. No partner required. For more information, call Joan Koury at 202-238-0230 or Glen Echo Park at 301-634-2222, go to www.WaltzTimeDances.org or e-mail info@WaltzTimeDances.org. The Glen Echo National Park is located at 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo, MD 20812.

ONGOING

ROCKVILLE FARMERS MARKET OPENS

Through Nov. 18. The Rockville Farmers Market gives shoppers their pick of farm-fresh produce and more from regional grower/producers. This year's market will include vendors offering fruits

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and vegetables, plants and flowers, herbs, baked goods, local beer and wine, knife sharpening, meat and coffee. The market will be open 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays, through Nov. 18 in the jury parking lot at E. Jefferson (MD 28) and Monroe streets in Rockville Town Center.

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 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.

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



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Legendary blues-rock singer and songwriter Janis Joplin takes the stage at The Music Center at Strathmore in Bethesda on Sunday, November 19 at 8:00 pm.

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 (301-424-8702 or jgerber@cesrockville.org) for more information.

FOX HILL WEEKLY OPEN HOUSE

Wednesdays, 2:00 – 4:00 P.M. The public is in-

vited 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.

CHILDREN'S STORYTIME

Wednesdays and Saturdays. 10:00 A.M. Listen to employees read children's books at Barnes & Noble Booksellers at 4801 Bethesda Ave., Bethesda. Free.

THANG TA

Wednesdays, 6:00 – 7:00 P.M. Learn the ancient art of the sword and spear at the Sutradhar Institute of Dance and Related Arts. Address: 1525 Forest Glen Road, Silver Spring. \$25. Visit www.dancesidra.com for more information.

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.oa-dcmetro.org/ or Linda S at 301-641-9508.

ZUMBA GOLD DROP IN CLASS

Oct. 12. 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.

ADDICTS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

Every Saturday, 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 Jewell Elizabeth @ 301-762-6360.

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.

OPEN LIFE DRAWING AT DEL RAY ARTISANS

Jan – Dec. LIFE DRAWING: Looking for a chance to hone your figure drawing skills? Del Ray Artisans offers a range of open life drawing sessions for just this purpose. Just drop-in for the session and bring your supplies to draw or paint our live models. Fee ranges from \$8-\$12. All skill levels are welcome. Del Ray Artisans is located at 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria VA. See our calendar for dates and times: calendar:TheDelRayArtisans.org

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.

WEEKLY BLUES DANCE

Thursdays, 8:15 – 11:30 P.M. Capital Blues pre-

sents rotating DJs and instructors in the Back Room Annex at Glen Echo Park, with beginner workshop 8:15 – 9:00 P.M., no partner necessary. \$8 for all. Visit capitalblues.org for more information.

TEEN WRITER'S CLUB

Thursdays 7:00 – 8:00 P.M. Join us at the Marilyn J. Praisner Library, at 14910 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville, MD 20866, to meet other teens who share your interest in writing. Learn to improve your writing and try new approaches. Ages 12 and up are welcome. For additional library events and information call 240-773-9460.

LATE NIGHT COMEDY

Fridays (open mic) and Saturdays (established comedians). Late night comedy at Benny's Bar & Grill, 7747 Tuckerman Lane, Potomac. Benny's is open 8:00 A.M. – 1:00 A.M. Fridays and Saturdays. Visit www.BennysBarGrill.com for more information.

WEEKLY SWING DANCE

Saturdays, 8:00 P.M. to Midnight. The DC Lindy Exchange presents a swing dance with live music in the Spanish Ballroom, at Glen Echo Park. Address: 7300 MacArthur Blvd, Glen Echo. Beginner swing dance lesson at 8:00 P.M., followed by dancing. Admission \$16 - \$18, age 17 and under \$12. Visit www.glenechopark.org for more information.

ART EXPLORERS OPEN STUDIO

Saturdays, 10:00 – 12:00 P.M. Join us on Saturday mornings, 10am to 12:30pm in the Candy Corner Studio for drop in art activities for parents and children. Activities change weekly and there is no pre-registration; \$10 per child. This weekly event is presented by Playgroup in the Park (PGiP) and Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture. Location: The Candy Corner Visit www.glenechopark.org or call 301-634-2222

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.

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.

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.

BACKGAMMON TOURNAMENT

Tuesdays. 6:30 – 10:30 P.M. Local backgammon tournament on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month starting March 11. More information at MeetUp.com-DC Metro Backgammon Club. Ruby Tuesday Westfield Wheaton Mall 11160 Veirs Mill Rd, Wheaton-Glenmont, MD 20902 11gmail66@gmail.com

CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH

Sundays 11:00 – 3:00 P.M. \$33 \$12 for unlimited champagne cocktails Executive Chef Todd Weiss has cooked up a seasonal brunch menu complete

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with a brunch time standard – Champagne! Guests are welcome every Sunday to indulge on Black's favorites like Smoked Salmon, Chesapeake Bay Blue Fish Rillette, Herb Crusted Pineland Farms Prime Rib or breakfast treats like House Made Brioche French Toast, Quiche and a selection of Chef Wiss' homemade jams. Visit http://www.blacksbarand-kitchen.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 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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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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.

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

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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.

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TAKOMA MOVES! COMMUNITY DANCE CLASS AT DANCE EXCHANGE

Thursdays, 6:30 – 8:00 P.M. \$10 per class. First Thursday of each month from 6:30 - 7 p.m., free! This open-level, community modern class brings together movers of all ages and abilities to move and make at Dance Exchange. Led by teachers from the DC region, Takoma Park Moves creates a space to explore improvisation, technique, and choreography in an intergenerational class. This drop-in class will kick off on the first Thursday of each month with a free, 30 minute get to know you class. New to dance? Join us. Returning to dance? Join us. Just want to dance with your family and neighbors? Join us. Presented by Dance Exchange, 7117 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, MD. For more information, please visit: <http://danceexchange.org/> or call: 301-270-6700.

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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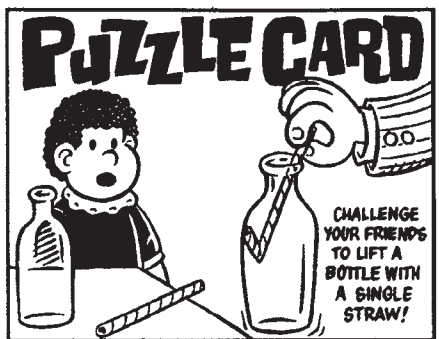
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Some Fun



MAKE A "HOOK" in the soda straw by bending it at one end. When you push it into the bottle, it will wedge itself in place, and you will be able to lift the bottle easily.

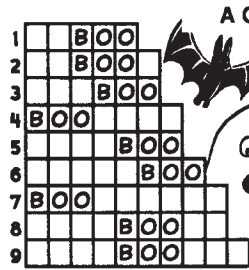
THE DOMINO EFFECT! Dump a box of dominoes on the table and tell your friends to lay them out, as they would in a game, while your back is turned. Then, without looking, tell them what two numbers are at each end of the line. What's the secret?

Answers: Secretly pocket one of the dominoes before dumping them on the table. The two numbers on this piece are the same as those on the ends of the line of dominoes.

THE "I" PYRAMID! As you move down the word pyramid shown here, each word contains the same letters as the word above it, plus a new letter. We give you all the I's. Here are some hints from the top down.

- 1. Symbol for iodine (given).
- 2. Main player in a game of tag.
- 3. Equal number of votes.
- 4. To prepare for publication.
- 5. Exhausted, fatigued.
- 6. How a wedding cake is built.
- 7. Joined metal sheets.
- 8. Turned upside down.

Answers: 1. I, it, tie, edit, tired, tiered, riveted, inverted.

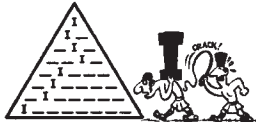


A GHOSTLY QUIZ!

Don't let these words scare you. The grid to the left has room for nine words, and they all contain the word "boo." We also give you plenty of hints to help you fill in the missing letters.

- 1. A forbidden subject.
- 2. A boorish person (sl.).
- 3. Very long grass.
- 4. A small, bound pamphlet.
- 5. A recurring problem that's hard to fix.
- 6. A young child's game.
- 7. Rural, backwoods country.
- 8. A Western jail.
- 9. Another name for a pirate.

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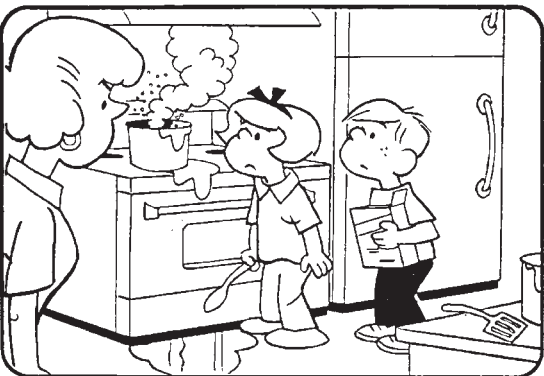


Answers: 1. Taboo, 2. Baboon, 3. Bamboo, 4. Booklet, 5. Bugaboo, 6. Peepaboo, 7. Boondocks, 8. Calaboose, 9. Freebooter.

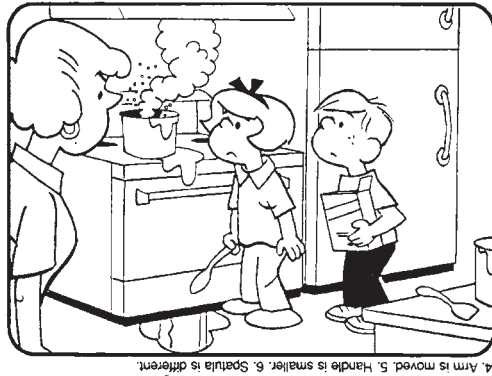
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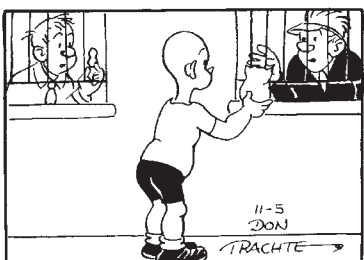
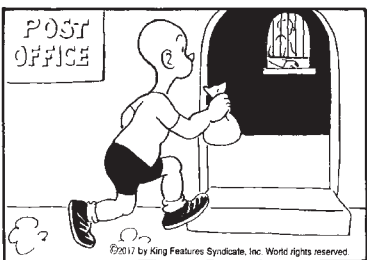
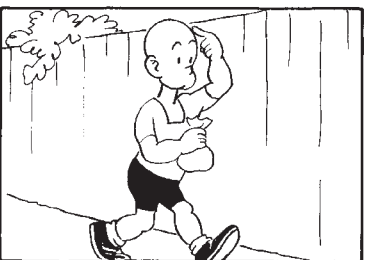
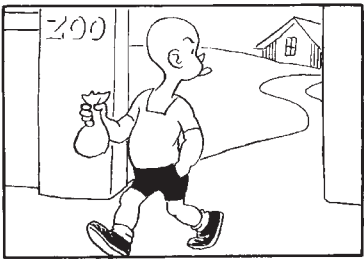
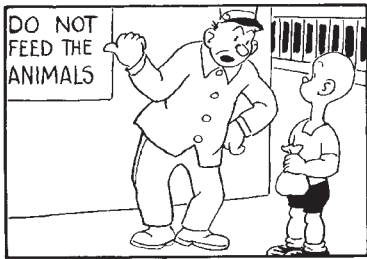
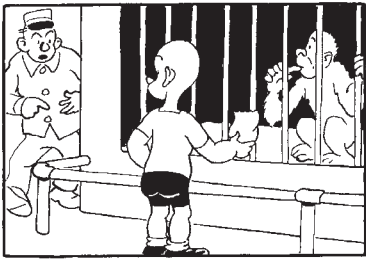
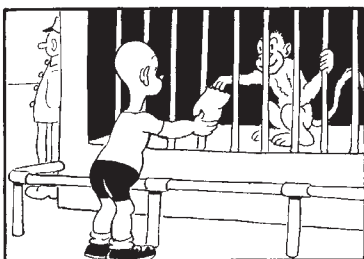
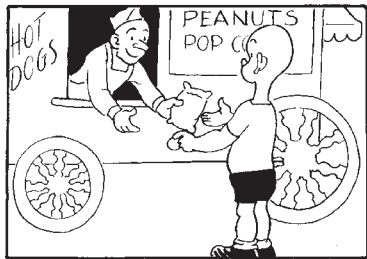
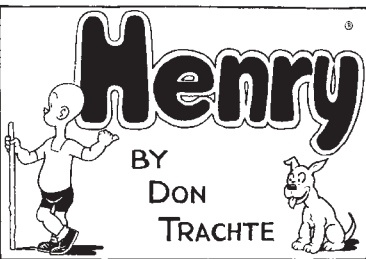
Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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Differences: 1. Hair is different. 2. Oven window is missing. 3. Puddle is smaller. 4. Arm is moved. 5. Handle is smaller. 6. Spatula is different. 7. Boondocks. 8. Calaboose. 9. Freebooter.



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Read the clues to fill in the puzzle. It is about the Pilgrims, their Thanksgiving and the Thanksgiving we enjoy today.

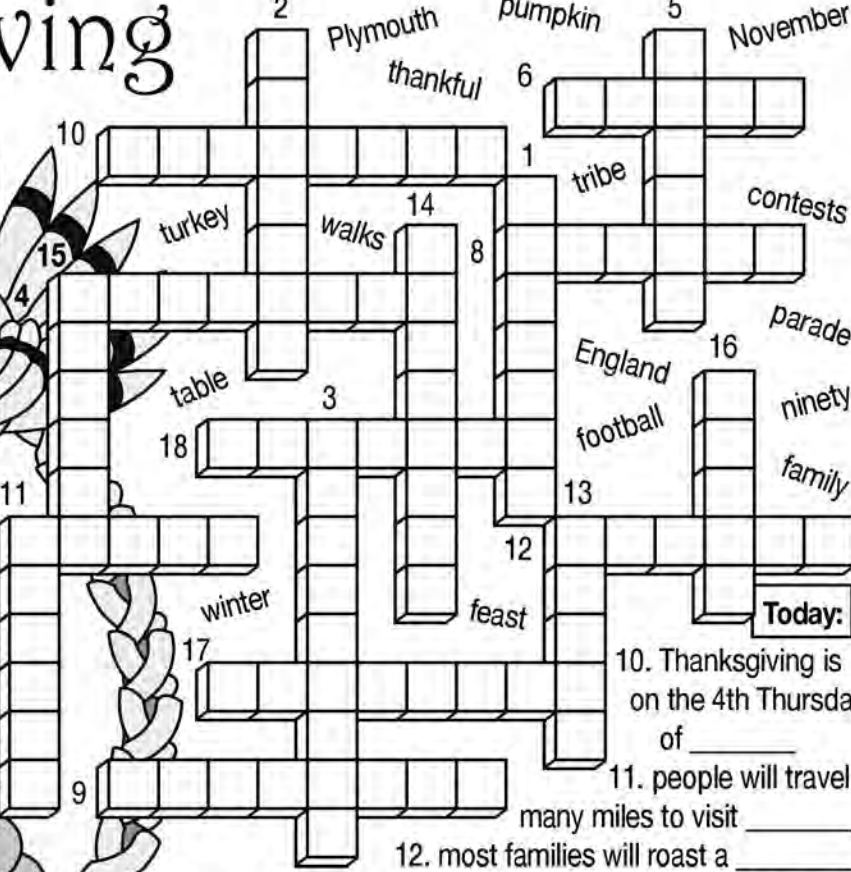
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- wanted religious _____
- sailed on this ship to America
- landed here in Massachusetts
- lost almost one half of their people during the first, cold, hard _____
- were shown ways to grow food by Squanto, a member of the Patuxet _____, who could speak English
- in the fall of 1621, shared a harvest _____ ...
- with _____ members of the Pokanoket tribe
- had races and _____

freedom Mayflower

A whole cornucopia filled with fruits and nuts to gobble up. Yum!





2 Plymouth thankful 6 pumpkin 5 November

10 turkey walks 14 tribe contests

table 3 England 16 parade

18 football 13 family

12 feast

17 winter

9

Today:

10. Thanksgiving is on the 4th Thursday of _____

11. people will travel many miles to visit _____

12. most families will roast a _____

13. they gather around the dinner _____ and enjoy a feast

14. it's a day to think about all of the good things in our lives and to be _____

15. turn on the T.V and watch the huge balloons, bands and floats in the famous Thanksgiving _____

16. go for long _____ with the family

17. head outside after dinner and play touch _____

18. have _____ pie for dessert

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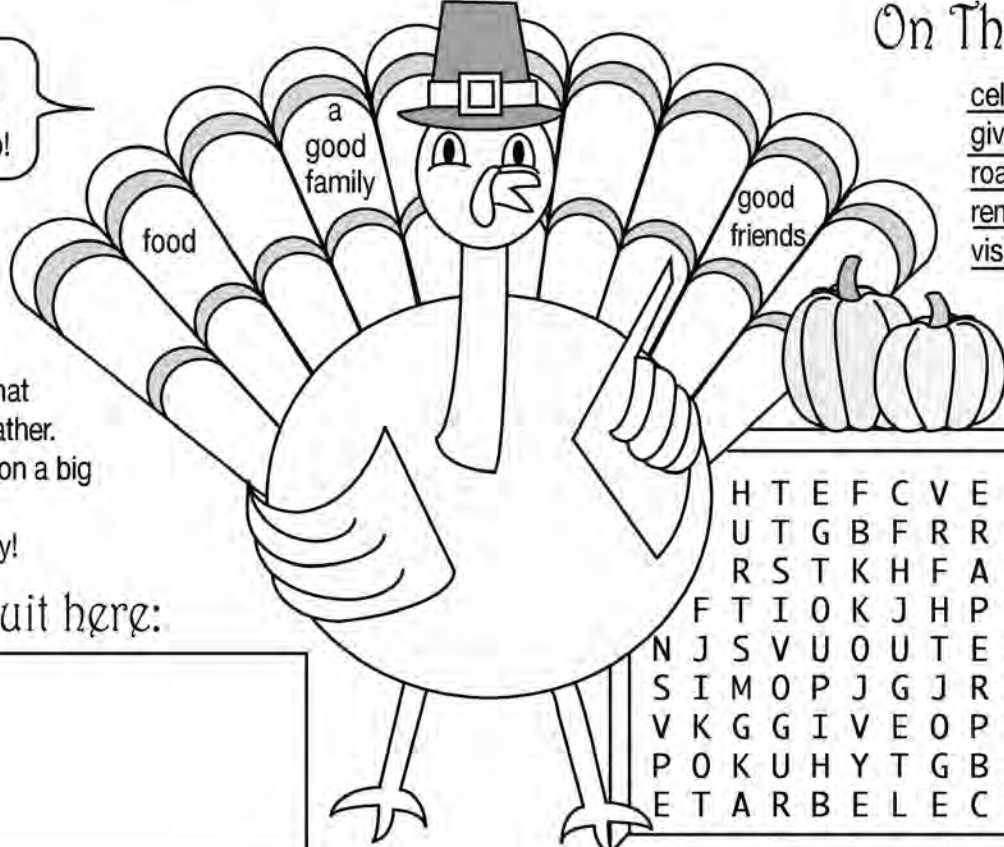
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| <u>roast</u> turkey | <u>decorate</u> tables |
| <u>remember</u> friends | <u>march</u> in parades |
| <u>visit</u> neighbors | <u>eat</u> pumpkin pie |

VERBS are **"ACTION"** words. Find and circle all the action words that are underlined above.



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Jaguars claw their way past stubborn R.M. 10-7

By Carlos Alfaro
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GERMANTOWN — The Northwest Jaguars used a last-minute tiebreaking field goal to end one of the closest games of the 2017 season, and in doing so eliminated the Richard Montgomery Rockets from playoff action with a 10-7 win on Friday.

The majority of the game's action resembled a team playing against a mirror image, as both sides excelled on the defensive side of the ball while struggling with tepid offenses that repeatedly failed to score despite coming close.

The pace of the game began so slowly that it wasn't until the last drive of the first quarter that Northwest managed to change the scoreboard from zero, after senior quarterback Chris Craddock completed a pass to senior wide receiver Alphonso Foray, at which point the latter dashed through the right side of the Jaguars' defenses for a touchdown.

Northwest junior kicker Steve Delgado then made the extra point to boost Northwest to a 7-0 lead heading into the second quarter.

But Richard Montgomery responded shortly after, when senior wide receiver Daryn Alexander caught a pass from senior quarterback Spencer Silverstein and carried it into the end zone to put six points on the board for the Rockets, after which senior kicker

Enid Diaz tied the game at 7-7 with the extra point.

The remainder of the second quarter was scoreless, as neither team's offense could penetrate the other's defense, leaving the score at 7 apiece as halftime began.

The back half of the game was equally frustrating for both teams, as their solid defenses equally compensated for their opponent's lackluster performances on the offensive side of the ball.

However, at the two-minute warning — with a tied score threatening to send the game into overtime — Northwest's final drive saw some of the closest action of the game as the Jaguars raced against the clock. The Jaguars had less than two minutes to either trudge 33 yards into the end zone for a coup de grace touchdown, or get close enough to score a field goal and hold down a slim three-point lead.

With seven seconds left, Northwest put their fate in Delgado's hands.

The junior easily made the nine-yard field goal attempt, giving his team the win and leaving Richard Montgomery with only a few seconds for a last symbolic drive downfield.

Northwest junior linebacker Greg Bullard told the Sentinel that the both teams played a physical game, but that his team wanted the win more even if the scoreboard barely showed it.

"We've got to sharpen up and get better for next week," he said.



PHOTO BY MARK POETKER

Norval Black of Northwest gets past Michael Braswell of Richard Montgomery.

Rockets coach Josh Klotz noted that his team had an equal shot until the final minutes of the game. "We were obviously in the game until the final seconds...and our guys feed off of that," he said.

Jaguars head coach Mike Neubeiser said that both teams were evenly matched, but his team did just enough to get the win.

"We got the field goal in the

end," he said. "Thank God."

The Jaguars will go on to face a Quince Orchard Cougars team that has only lost once this season, and annihilated the Einstein Titans on Friday 62-0.

Cougars destroy Einstein 62-0 to face rematch with Northwest

By Brandy L. Simms
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GAITHERSBURG — The Quince Orchard defense rose to the occasion last week against Einstein.

The Cougars registered a 62-0 victory over the Titans to advance to the 4A West Region championship game Friday against Northwest.

"It's a big deal," said Quince Orchard senior defensive back Aaron Derwin. "We're looking forward to going on to play Northwest again and we're looking forward to break that streak of losing

here in the playoffs."

The Cougars have captured 13 consecutive first-round playoff victories but haven't beaten Northwest in the postseason since 2012.

Quince Orchard (10-1) also won this year's regular season battle between the two programs, 38-29.

Against Einstein, Quince Orchard raced out to a 55-0 halftime advantage, highlighted by Doc Bonner's 87-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Brendan McGonagle.

Only a junior, McGonagle has emerged as one of the county's most dynamic wide receivers.

McGonagle, who has scored nine touchdowns this season, finished with three receptions for 113 yards against Einstein (7-4).

Marquez Cooper, a sophomore who is among the leading rushers in the county, finished with 54 yards on seven carries and scored a pair of touchdowns to help spur the offense.

"Marquez Cooper was running his tail off tonight," said Bonner. "He's a hard runner."

Tre Wade, a junior running back who finished with three carries for 14 yards, also scored a touchdown against the Titans.

Bonner gave credit to his of-

fensive linemen including Mike Fierstein, Logan Moyer, Alec Burdette, Jack Williamson, Mark Echiverria and Ramsey Richey.

"The offense doesn't work without them," he said. "I really appreciate them. Those are my guys."

Quince Orchard scored on their opening possession of the second half when junior fullback Daniel Mayoni ran into the end zone from nine yards out to give the Cougars a 62-0 lead with 6:02 remaining in the third quarter.

The Cougars' defense was spectacular after intermission, harassing Einstein quarterback Daryl

Wills throughout the second half.

Toddreis Baltimore, a sophomore defensive back, intercepted Wills with 7:15 remaining in the fourth quarter to halt an Einstein drive.

Tyler Terry, Steven Williams, Devonte Paige, Desmond Johnson, Aaron Greene, Ronnell Dennis, Nahiem Howell, John Hodges, Seckret Murphy and Derwin led the Cougars' stout defensive effort.

"They're a great group of guys," said Bonner. "Hungry for the ball, ready to fly to the ball at all times. I'm proud of them though."

SPORTS

Gonzaga surprises Good Counsel 24-17

By Matt Cohen
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OLNEY — The Gonzaga Eagles held off a late charge from the Good Counsel Falcons on Friday for a 24-17 win which advanced them to the Washington Catholic Athletic Conference football championship.

Friday's result was the opposite of the game from two weeks ago, when Good Counsel defeated Gonzaga 20-7 with a standout performance from their defense, which almost shut out the Eagles' offense, which was led by their star quarterback, freshman Caleb Williams.

While Gonzaga struggled to score the last time these two teams met, the first half of this week's matchup opened with a long scoring drive when the Eagles — who moved sharply downfield despite the absence of starting RB Jason Labbe II — scored the first points of the game with a 29-yard field goal after Williams got within scoring range by repeatedly connecting with wide receiver John Marshall, who caught a pass for a 31-yard gain two plays after dropping a deep pass that would have given Gonzaga a six-point lead had it been completed.

Taking their first turn with the ball, Good Counsel's squad leaned on running back Latrele Palmer on their first possession, running the ball to him on every play but two on a seven-minute drive. Palmer fought through many tackles, and broke off a couple of chunk runs to move his team down the field before reaching the end zone to give his team a 7-3 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Gonzaga's next possession led to a fourth-and-two situation near midfield, at which point the Eagles decided to go for it rather than punt. This turned out to be the right decision, as RB Loic Sangwa picked up the two yards Gonzaga needed for the first down after a handoff from Williams, before adding 23 more yards to reach the Falcons' 10-yard line. A few plays later from the six-yard line, Williams called his own number by running the ball the middle for a six-yard touchdown to re-



PHOTO BY MATT COHEN

Gonzaga celebrates the victory over Good Counsel.

take the lead 10-7.

But Good Counsel had nearly nine minutes left before halftime to respond, and they would use nearly every second of it. Led by a 41-yard run by Palmer, the Falcons would make it to Gonzaga's one-yard line before the Eagles' defense stopped a quarterback sneak by Good Counsel's Kam Snell.

However, despite a Gonzaga penalty which gave the Falcons another shot (which was moved back to the six-yard line after a false start) Snell was unable to connect with wide receiver Jonathan Donnelly, and at halftime the bird-on-bird matchup was still led by the Eagles 10-7.

Good Counsel came out throwing to start the second half, highlighted by a 44-yard Snell pass which brought the Falcons to the Gonzaga eight-yard line. But when Good Counsel tried running the ball into the end zone, Gonzaga was well-pre-

pared and held them to a field goal, leaving the game tied at 10 apiece.

But the Eagles responded immediately when Williams took advantage of poor coverage from the Falcons defense by completing a pass down the middle of the field to wide receiver Maguire DiLenge, who then scored after a catch-and-run total of 65 yards to give Gonzaga a 17-10 lead.

Neither team scored on either of their next respective possessions, both of which led to the only punts of the game.

But Gonzaga would begin to pull away in the fourth quarter after an interception by Dean Ingram led to an Eagles touchdown which gave them a 24-10 lead.

Good Counsel responded with a late touchdown, and with under a minute to play the Falcons got one last chance to score. But in the end there wasn't enough time left to make much difference, and the clock

ran down to give Gonzaga the 24-17 win.

When these teams last met two weeks ago, multiple turnovers by Gonzaga allowed Good Counsel's run of 27 unanswered points. But this time around it was the Eagles that had fewer turnovers, a reversal that turned out to be a key factor in this week's result.

While the cold game conditions may have lead some teams to rely more heavily on their running game (as it can be harder to grip or throw the football with cold fingers), Saturday's weather did not influence the Gonzaga game plan. With starting running back Jason Labbe II missing from their lineup, the Eagles relied heavily Caleb Williams throwing ability, and their young quarterback did not disappoint.

As a freshman quarterback, Williams had a number of big games under his belt before taking the field for his first playoff snap. Despite the

bitter cold of the night, the freshman was poised, and made a number of exceptional throws to contribute to his team's winning effort.

"I just prepared like every other week," Williams said when asked how he prepared this week's rematch. "Just coming in with the mindset of getting better."

Gonzaga head coach Randy Trivers was pleased with his team's result.

"It feels good, it feels very, very good," he said of advancing to next week's title game. "I'm happy for our players, they've worked very hard. I'm happy for our coaching staff...They deserve it."

The Eagles' win advances them to Saturday's WCAC championship, where they will face top seed St. John's on the University of Maryland's Capital One Field at Maryland Stadium.

Good Counsel's season ends with an 8-3 record.

Paint Branch running back Justin Page scores four to carry Panthers to a win

By Eva Paspalis
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BURTONSVILLE — Paint Branch running back Justin Page held his helmet aloft as his teammates hoisted him onto their shoulders for a post-game photo op.

The Panthers had just run amok over the visiting Perry Hall Gators by registering over 400 yards rushing in the 4A North Regional Semi-Final game Friday en route to a 44-21 victory.

Page scored four of Paint Branch's six touchdowns and finished with 183 yards rushing.

"I just stay low in the hole and run hard every play," said Page of his dominant performance. "[This win] feels great and exciting but in a sense it's expected because of all the work we've put in. We expect nothing less than a championship."

The Panthers relied on a tried-and-true recipe to run down the clock and tire out the Perry Hall defense. Page and fellow running back Sam Doku split carries, pounding the rock over and over. Doku ran for 184 yards and one touchdown.

Paint Branch head coach Mike Nesmith said that the weather played a factor in his decision to primarily

run the ball. The temperature was 32 degrees at kickoff and had dipped to 30 degrees by the time the game was over.

"We knew it was going to be cold and more challenging to throw the ball," he said. "But we also saw on film that the way that [Perry Hall] played defensively, we could have some good opportunities in the running game if we stayed with it. We decided to take what they were giving us and just keep running the ball."

The potency of the running game and a blocked extra point in the first half led to five two-point con-

version attempts; four of them were successful.

At first, however, it appeared as though the Panthers were off to a slow start when a holding penalty negated what would have been a 19-yard touchdown by receiver De'Andre Reigle.

The Gators then answered receiver Ishmael Agbodzah's 68-yard punt return with a long return of their own to tie the score at 14 at the end of the first quarter.

While Paint Branch took its time and ate precious minutes off the clock, the Gators rushed to the line of scrimmage with no huddle and fired

off play after play.

However, Perry Hall failed to capitalize on several game-changing plays. A penalty erased a long run by running back Jarrett Gasque. The Gators recovered a fumble on a kick return with great field position but the Panthers intercepted quarterback Tyler Holley on the very next play. The next time the Perry Hall offense took the field, Paint Branch defensive lineman Alfonse Raule Adiaama sacked Holley to bring up fourth-and-long.

Even after several missteps, the Gators managed to pull within nine points in the third quarter.

SPORTS

Prep dominates Bullis to earn share of IAC title

By Matt Cohen
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BETHESDA — With a share of the Interstate Athletic Conference title on the line, Jalen Hampton led his Georgetown Prep Little Hoyas to a 35-12 win over the Bullis Bulldogs on Saturday.

“It started when I meet with the seniors back in June. Basically I said, ‘We go as you go.’ The credit really goes to the senior class. They were able to create an atmosphere where everyone really truly loved each other. They cared for each other. They went through the hardships and learned from it. We said after the Gonzaga game, ‘Make this the best thing that happens to you all year. The same thing occurred after the Landon game. They were able to bounce back.’”

Bouncing back has been a theme for Georgetown Prep this season. The

Little Hoyas closed the year in fitting fashion, bouncing back from two tough losses earlier in the year to win a share of the IAC title after defeating Bullis in this de facto IAC championship game.

This matchup featured a Bulldogs offense that entered the game second in the IAC in points scored against a Little Hoyas defense that entered the game having allowed the fewest points in the conference this season.

In this strength versus strength contest, it was the Georgetown Prep defense that won out. The potent Bullis offense wouldn’t even score a point until just over midway into the fourth quarter.

While the Georgetown Prep defense shut down Bullis, its offense led by star sophomore running back Jalen Hampton rolled over a Bullis defense that had also been among the

IAC’s best. It took the Little Hoyas a little while to get going, but once Hampton broke through with a touchdown in the second quarter, everything started to click.

After halftime, Hampton added two more scores in the third quarter, putting his team up 21-0. In the fourth, starting quarterback John Ridgway, who returned after missing last week’s game with an injury, rushed in for another score, and Hampton added his fourth score of the day later in the quarter.

The Georgetown Prep defense left the Bullis offense completely out of sync for the vast majority of the game, but the Bulldogs finally broke through in the fourth quarter on a QB keeper for Tucker Strachan, and later a rushing score from Eric McKan. Bullis’ extra point was blocked on Strachan’s score, and the two-point conversion attempt on McKan’s

score failed.

As the clock hit zero making the end of the game, Georgetown Prep had taken down Bullis 35-12.

With the win, Georgetown Prep improved its conference record to 4-1, and gave them a share of the conference title with the Landon Bears. Bullis spent most of the year in the driver’s seat for the title after having beat Landon, but an upset loss to Episcopal created the high stakes for this game against Georgetown Prep. The loss dropped Bullis to 3-2 in the conference and out of the title.

Georgetown Prep, on the other hand, seemed on the outside looking in at the title for most of the season, but played into a chance to win the championship, and got the job done when the stakes were highest.

“I’m just so happy for the young men,” said Georgetown Prep head coach Dan Paro on winning the con-

ference title. “These kids faced a lot of challenges this year. I’m really proud of, you know, every time you look at them they’ve got a spirit and, you know what, that spirit is special.”

As it has been for the vast majority of the season, Jalen Hampton excelled for the Little Hoyas, finishing the game with 128 yards rushing and four touchdowns. Hampton finished the year with 1,301 rushing yards with 16 rushing touchdowns. Hampton emerged as a star in his sophomore campaign. With him in the backfield for two more years, Georgetown Prep will have one of the area’s fiercest rushing attacks for years to come.

Georgetown Prep finished the year with an 8-2 overall record. Bulls also finished the year with an 8-2 overall record, but the conference record held them back from a share of the IAC title.

B-CC advances to state finals

By Nickolai Sukharev
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UPPER MARLBORO — The Bethesda-Chevy Chase Barons boys soccer team advanced to the Maryland state championship game on Saturday by defeating Sherwood Warriors 1-0 in a semifinal match held at Dr. Henry A. Wise, Jr. High School.

Following a scoreless first half, the Barons scored once in the second half and held on to secure their narrow victory.

“My boys played with a lot of heart today, discipline but everything else heart and love of each other,” said B-CC coach Gui Melendez. “That’s why we won, that simple.”

The first half began with the Warriors seeking an early lead, as senior forward Loic Ngnatho found space for a shot just outside the B-CC box, but came up short when his effort sailed over the top of the goal.

Sherwood quickly got a second chance to score when senior forward Ronald Little dribbled through the entire B-CC squad, but his shot also missed, going wide of the post.

There was hope for the Warriors at one point in the game after Little scored, with an assist by senior forward Jordan Kola. But those hopes were dashed when Little’s goal was disallowed after one of his teammates was found to be offside.

“[Little’s goal] was a bit of wake up call, and we weren’t really locked in for every second of this game which is what we needed to be,” said B-CC senior captain Eli Sturm. “It was a bit shaky at times but we were solid and ... we do really love each other.”

Sensing the pressure, the Barons responded when sophomore midfielder Carl Lauridsen received a

cross from the right flank, but his shot also flew over the bar, leaving the score 0-0 at the game’s halfway mark.

The Barons opened the second half much more aggressively, putting the Warriors under pressure.

B-CC junior forward Nathan Messer put the Warriors under pressure by taking advantage of open space on the right flank, but his shot went wide of the goalpost.

But the 0-0 tie was to be broken 10 minutes later, when Sturm curled a free corner kick directly into the net past Warriors’ goalkeeper Matt Levy.

Having fallen behind, Warriors’ looked for an equalizer as the clock inexorably ticked towards the end of the game.

Little got another scoring chance, but was blocked by Barons’ senior goalkeeper Bennett Schwartz, who was quickly

called into action again when sophomore forward Brian Nolasco followed up with his own effort.

With a minute remaining, the Warriors earned a penalty kick after a foul in the Barons’ box. But despite aiming for the corner of B-CC’s goal, Nolasco’s shot hit the post and the Barons quickly cleared the ball from their zone to run out the clock.

Although he would not make a player available for comment to the Sentinel, Sherwood coach Matthew Parsons was pleased with his team’s effort.

“They left it all on the field, couldn’t ask for anything more, it was a hard-fought game and the chips just didn’t fall our way,” he said.

The Barons will close out their season against the Falcons of Severna Park when the two teams will meet for the state championship at Loyola University.

Walter Johnson girls set record with fifth - straight state cross-country championship while other county teams fare well in state

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A Montgomery County cross country team broke a state record and three county athletes finished their high school careers as state champions in the 5-kilometer run Saturday.

The Walter Johnson High School girls cross country team overcame the injuries of two top runners to win a state record fifth consecutive state championship.

WJ head coach Tom Martin warned the healthy portion of his squad they would have to run faster to win the race. His team rose to the occasion, as the Lady Wildcats’ scored 83 points to claim the state 4A crown.

Walter Johnson senior Janet Scott said she and her teammates each put in extra effort during their races to get the win.

“It’s been a lot of challenges, but it’s been a lot of us coming together and working really hard,” she said.

Martin said a team missing its two top runners would not be expected to win.

“I’m just proud of how they overcame a lot of adversity that other teams would not have been able to overcome, and it just showed the strength of these girls,” Martin said.

Bethesda-Chevy Chase senior Adam Nakasaka (15:51 minutes) and Walter Johnson senior Abbey Green (18:17), both 2016 4A state runners-up, won their respective races. Both had also won the 4A West regional qualifier at Watkins Mill High School a week ago.

Nakasaka said he was “excited and relieved” considering his first-

place victory. While Nakasaka had qualified and competed in a several state championship events last year – both in cross country as well as indoor and outdoor track, he placed second more than once.

Nakasaka began competing in cross country his sophomore year, and became one of the top finishers in both cross country and track and field.

“Last year I was kind of – in every state meet race that I ran... cross country, indoor, two-mile... I got second in pretty much all of it,” Nakasaka said. “So, obviously, pretty much today was a relief to have broken that curse and to finally gotten that first state title under my belt.”

Meanwhile, Green said she was thrilled to win the state championship race.

“It definitely means a lot,” said Green. “It’s something that I’ve wanted for a long time. It’s definitely something I’ve wanted to be able to check off my list before I graduated.”

For schools that competed as teams in the 4A boys race, Walt Whitman placed third overall with 160 points, and first in the county. Bethesda Chevy-Chase placed fourth with 163 points.

In the 4A girls race, Severna Park (second place, 98 points) beat the Thomas S. Wootton Lady Patriots, who placed third overall with 116 points after being runners-up to Walter Johnson in 2016.

Poolesville High School senior Ryan Lockett, 2016 3A state champion, became the 2017 2A state champion with a time of 16:13.07, making

him one of few Montgomery County runners to earn two cross country state titles.

The Maryland Public Secondary School Athletic Association’s decision to move three county teams—Damascus, Poolesville and Seneca Valley—down to the 2A division due to drops in those schools’ enrollment didn’t prevent county athletes from cracking the top three.

“I got to race against completely different competition, so it was great to be able to do the same thing I did last year, in 2A,” said Lockett.

Calvert High School junior Justin Diehl finished approximately 3.5 seconds after Lockett in second, clocking a 16:16.55 time.

In the girls 2A race, Damascus High senior Heather Delaplaine finished in 19:42 for runner-up, just 1.35 seconds behind Hereford High School junior Emily Konkus, who won with a time of 19:40.44.

Lockett said his strategy on Saturday was similar to the one he used the year before. He said the key – last year and this year – was making sure he had enough energy to outrun his racing companion in time for the finish.

“The race went just as I planned, and Justin Diehl, who got second, he had a really strong race, but just when it came down to the last half-mile, I had a stronger half-mile.”

That’s not to say Lockett wasn’t hurting, however.

“The course is one of the hardest in the country, so, it doesn’t matter how fast you’re running, you’re going to be in pain going up those hills,” Lockett said. “So, yes, I was tired.”

SPORTS

Go Big! - or get outta here!

This past week the US Women's National Soccer Team played two friendlies against the

The Corner Kick

By

David Wolfe

Canadian National Women's Soccer Team. The first match played before a sold-out crowd in Vancouver, Canada ended with the score 1-1. Team USA scored first but was unable to hold the lead. Team Canada had Team USA's offense shut down that night.

The second match, played in San Diego, Calif. this past Sunday, ended with Team USA winning the

contest 3-1 in what has come to be expected from them, aggressive physical play. Team USA played with strategic thought, something that seemed to be missing from last week's game. Megan Rapinoe said the team played Sunday with "heart," knowing they had to show how strong they are in a home country match.

By the last 20 minutes of the second half of the game, shortly after Canada substituted out Christine Sinclair, the Canadians lost any control they had of the match. Now lacking their on-field leader, the match turned against the Canadians in a huge way.

It started to look like that carnival midway game where the contestant throws darts at under-inflated balloons, trying to pop them to score. The person throwing the dart only has to hit the balloon squarely to make it pop. For the team USA, they had a pocket full of dart throw-

ers on the field and every one of them had loaded up for the final 20 minutes. Team USA dominated the Canadian defense who struggled against the onslaught.

Carli Lloyd who was substituted in at the 75th minute threw her dart off an assist by Alex Morgan and put the ball into the net the 80th minute for the third and final goal of the match. Lloyd's goal was her 98th international goal. The win over Canada closed out the USA Women's season for 2017.

When the US plays soccer with Canada, it is a match of the best talent both countries can muster. But, when you look closer, it becomes a match of the stars from the National Women's Soccer League. Each team listed a roster of 22 players for these friendlies. For the 44 total players, 32 of them were NWSL players in 2017. More than 70 percent of the players on the rosters play against one another in the ul-

tra-competitive NWSL season. They go from trading bruises with one another as foes in the NWSL to being a group of combatants rearranged for National Team play.

For example, three players from the local Washington Spirit were on the Canadian National Team roster: Stephanie Labbe - goalkeeper, Shelina Zadorsky - defense, and Lindsay Agnew - forward. The US Womens team boasted 21 of 22 players from the NWSL.

One player on the USA roster not playing in the NWSL is Andi Sullivan who plays for Bethesda FC. The Chicago Red Stars had five players on the national team roster. North Carolina Courage had four, Portland Thorns had four, Orlando Pride had three, the Houston Dash had two, FC Kansas City had one, and rounding out the field was the Seattle Reign and Sky Blue FC with one each. The Washington Spirit

had no players on the US Women's team roster.

When the USA and Canada field national teams for women's soccer, it is a who's who of professional women's soccer stars. There is a reason the USA hold the number one ranking in the world for women's soccer according to FIFA rankings. They are tough, fierce, and play against one another nearly year-round.

The current model of the national team selecting from college and NWSL all-stars has put Team USA in the global lead. The draws against Canada last week shows that other teams are catching up and the USA will have a tougher go of it in the next World Cup.

The men's national team for soccer failed to qualify for the next World Cup.

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Stefon Diggs enjoys a very special homecoming in D.C.

LANDOVER – Minnesota Vikings wide receiver Stefon Diggs made a triumphant return to Maryland on Sunday.

The Sporting View

by

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Diggs, a former Good Counsel and University of Maryland standout, said he had about 17 friends and family members in attendance at FedEx Field for his homecoming game against the Washington Red-

skins.

"It felt good," Diggs said following Minnesota's 38-30 victory over the Redskins. "I love being around a lot of love. It's kind of like a home game for me. Especially when I come home, they show me a lot of love. It feels good."

The former All-Sentinel player didn't disappoint his supporters, finishing with five receptions for 78 yards including a three-yard score from quarterback Case Keenum that put the Vikings ahead, 14-10, early in the second quarter.

After the touchdown, Diggs jumped onto the goalpost and hugged it for several seconds, prompting a penalty from the officials.

"I did see Diggs jump on the goal post and we had a little discus-

sion," said Vikings head coach Mike Zimmer.

Keenum enjoyed a field day against the Redskins, completing 21-of-29 passes for 304 yards and a career-high four touchdowns including the toss to Diggs.

"The touchdown, Case threw a great ball," explained Diggs. "Afterwards I was thinking of a way to kind of salute the service. I saw the bag, I jumped on it. It was poorly executed but, you know, hopefully I got the message across."

Diggs, a former standout with the Montgomery Village Sports Association, hauled in a 51-yard pass from Keenum in the first quarter that helped set up Latavius Murray's one-yard touchdown run with 2:39 remaining and tied the score at seven apiece.

Diggs has emerged as one of the league's most dynamic young talents. He tied the Vikings record for fewest games to reach 100 receptions, achieving the feat in 20 games. Diggs set a Vikings record for most receptions in consecutive games with 26 last season.

He finished with 13 receptions for 164 yards in last year's game against the Redskins and also registered 13 receptions in an overtime loss to the Detroit Lions last year.

During three NFL seasons, Diggs has registered six 100-yard receiving games. He's also chasing Randy Moss for several franchise records including fewest games to reach 200 receptions and most receptions in their first three seasons in the league. He's already surpassed Pro Football Hall of Famer Cris Carter on the

mentioned list.

"Stefon is a heck of a talent, man," Redskins cornerback Josh Norman told me last year. "He's a heck of a talent in this league."

During last year's homecoming, Diggs suffered a 26-20 loss to the Redskins but was grateful to get the win this time around.

"It was big," said Diggs. "I want to play for my family. I love seeing my family but I love playing for my teammates even more. We grind together, we do everything together so to get a win with them is important. Last year we went out sad. I shed some tears. It really meant a lot. This year round we got a dub."

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Staff picks		Brandy Simms Sports Editor		Eva Paspalis Sports Writer		Wyatt Karem Sports Intern		Jacqui South Photos
	Last week Season	7-3 127-37	Last week Season	8-2 128-36	Last week Season	8-2 140-24	Last week Season	7-3 129-35
	This week:	Quince Orchard Paint Branch Damascus	This week:	Quince Orchard Paint Branch Walkersville	This week:	Quince Orchard Howard Damascus	This week:	Quince Orchard Paint Branch Damascus
	Northwest @ Q.O. Howard @ Paint Branch Walkersville @ Damascus							

SPORTS

Cold and Hot run the cyclists in this Boyd classic

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BOYDS — On a very cold, very early Saturday morning, Artemis Racing of Silver Spring along with Phase Cycling hosted a cyclocross event at the Maryland SoccerPlex.

Prior to race day there were over 350 registered participants in a variety of age groups and skill levels. The first race launched at 8:30 a.m. and the last race of the day launched at 3:01 p.m. Racers were competing for ranking on the Sportif Cross Cup series and for medals, other prizes, and cash.

According to Cheryl Osbourne, one of the original founders of Artemis, “men had these things but women were not included. Women who started racing usually lasted only a year because they had no support like the men.”

Osbourne, along with three other women first organized Artemis Racing in 1999 for the purpose of supporting women with coaching, mentoring and finding sponsorship in the racing circuits of competitive cycle racing. The group became so successful they had to form another group to maintain their own size at what they were comfortable managing. While men participate in the modern version of Artemis, they are still focused on providing women a place for active participation over a longer period of time.

Artemis Racing participates in road, mountain, track, and cyclocross events. They have an international team based in Puerto Rico. The success of the club has seen winning performances at all levels of cycle racing from local to international

events.

The clubs sponsored the SoccerPlex event because all clubs are required to host such an event at least once every two years to maintain their membership in the Mid-Atlantic Bicycle Racing Association, a non-profit organization that oversees individual clubs and ensures compliance with USA Cycling regulations.

The fact that this was Artemis’ first year hosting such an event was nerve-wracking, Osbourne said the day before the event. But by noon on Saturday her nervousness had given way to satisfaction when it became clear that all was going well. Assisting her in registration and overall organization was fellow Artemis Racing director Adrienne McCray. Both agreed that it had gone very well so far and people were having fun. McCray pointed out that most of the racers are pretty laid-back people so these events tend to go well.

Cyclocross races – a cycling version of off-road motorcycle races – are held on uneven paths that may include variety of surfaces from dirt to sand to gravel, all wet or dry. Riders do not just bolt straight down a hill as quickly as they can in these races. Instead, they follow a series of switchbacks that will test their control and ability to stay upright.

Race courses often look like a can of silly string was aimed at a map. It is not a sport for the meek – think cross country running, but on a bicycle.

The Sentinel followed two groups in one from beginning to end. That was the 10 a.m. start for women, groups Elite Women Cat 1/2/3, and CAT 3/4 women. Maximum race time for all groups to com-



PHOTO BY DAVID WOLFE

Left to right, Erin Conner, Jamie Morton, Jenna Latour Nichols and Amanda Beirne enjoy their victories Saturday.

plete the event was 45 minutes.

The winners of the Cat 3/4 Women were:

1st Jamie Morton	39:50.9
VeloWorks-Spokes Etc	
2nd Erin Conner	40:45.9
Sticky Fingers	
3rd Jenna Latour Nichols	41:17.0
Unattached	

The winners of the Elite Women Cat 1/2/3 were:

1st Alexandra Campbellforte	36:43.6
Vanderkitten/Vanderkitten CX (VKCX)	
2nd Erin Bougie	38:29.8
National Capital Velo Club/UnitedHealthcare/NCVC/U	
3rd Katherine Sarkisov	

isov Rock Creek Velo 39:33.8

Katherine Sarisov – the third-place finisher – is a 14-year-old from North Potomac who has become a rising star in this sport, having already competed at the highest levels of this sport as she looks to jump into international races, and hopefully in the future, the Olympics.

High School Football Scoreboard	
<u>Last week's scores:</u>	
4A West Regional Semifinals	
#4 Einstein 0	#2 Linganore 27
#1 Quince Orchard 62	
4A North Regionals Semifinals	
#3 Richard Montgomery 7	#4 Liberty 0
#2 Northwest 10	#1 Damascus 35
3A West Regional Semifinals	
#4 Perry Hall 21	
#1 Paint Branch 44	
#3 Sherwood 18	
#2 Howard 20	
2A West Regional Semifinals	
IAC	
Bullis 12	
Georgetown Prep 35	
WCAC Semifinals	
#3 Gonzaga 24	
#2 Good Counsel 17	
CAFC	
#4 Watkins Mill 18	
#1 Westminster 58	

Playoff Picture	
4A West Playoffs	
Regional Final: #2 Northwest (9-2) @ #1 Quince Orchard (10-1) 11/17 7 p.m.	
Montgomery County teams eliminated	
-#3 Richard Montgomery (7-4)	
-#4 Einstein (7-4)	
4A North Playoffs	
Regional Final: #2 Howard (11-0) @ #1 Paint Branch (10-1) 11/17 7 p.m.	
Montgomery County teams eliminated	
-#3 Sherwood (8-3)	
3A West Playoffs	
Montgomery County teams eliminated	
-#3 Blake (7-4)	
-#4 Watkins Mill (5-6)	
2A West Playoffs	
Regional Final: #2 Walkersville (11-0) @ #1 Damascus (11-0) 11/17 7 p.m.	
Montgomery County teams eliminated	
-none	
IAC	
Landon 9-1 (4-1)	
Georgetown Prep 8-2 (4-1)	
Bullis 8-2 (3-2)	
WCAC Playoffs	
Championship: #3 Gonzaga (8-3, 4-2) vs. #1 St. John's (8-2, 6-0) 11/18 2 p.m. at the University of Maryland	
Montgomery County Teams eliminated	
- #2 Good Counsel (8-3, 4-2)	
CAFC	
Avalon 4-9	

Montgomery County High School Football FINAL	
Top Ten	
1. Damascus	11-0
2. Georgetown Prep	8-2
3. Landon	9-1
4. Good Counsel	8-3
5. Quince Orchard	10-1
6. Paint Branch	10-1
7. Northwest	9-2
8. Bullis	8-2
9. Sherwood	9-2
10. R.M.	7-4
The season was another exciting one in high school football for Montgomery County.	
The powerhouses all came shining through, and the resurgent Richard Montgomery Rockets proved they are solid performers.	