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Marking Jewish Exodus from Egypt

**Second annual Seder
Summit entertains
and educates.**

BY MONTIE MARTIN
THE ALMANAC

Male bonding over ribs, beer and scotch were front and center Sunday, March 18 at Beth Shalom synagogue.

Members and their friends in the greater D.C. Jewish community gathered during the second annual Seder Summit, an event that featured a twist on lessons related to Passover.

Passover, which falls on April 6 this year, marks the time of the Jewish exodus from Egypt. A reliving of the event during the Seder meal is a cornerstone of the holiday, yet creating a connection to the past requires more than simply reading from a text.

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David Glassman, Mark Jacobson and Corey Feldman sample scotch during the second annual Seder Summit.

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Outcats perform in Walt Whitman High School's "Talent Showpocalypse 2012: Run for Your Lives" on March 24. From left are: Calvin Schalch - guitar, Ryan Savage - bass, Solomon Parker - vocals, Joey Williams - drums, Stephen Rodan - piano, Lara White - vocals, and Abby Lederman - vocals.



The Whitman Drumline are Aaron Ammerman, Jake Askarinam, Aaron Gordon, Lucas Karron, Ryan Savage, Joey Williams, Jacob Zeisel, Joey Anderson, Jackson Behre, Ben James, Colin Rankin, Palchen Wangchuk and Jordan Wolff.

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THE ALMANAC

County Awards Brickyard to MSI

Farmland to be turned over for soccer fields in August.

BY KEN MOORE
THE ALMANAC

Objections?

Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett officially awarded 20-acres of farmland on Brickyard Road to Montgomery Soccer, Inc. to develop into four soccer fields. MSI will develop the fields under a sublease from the County.

This is exactly what Leggett has said he will do for more than a year. In March 2011, neighbors and civic organizations in Potomac learned that Leggett had already decided, without public input or notice, to take control of the 20-acre school property on Brickyard Road to turn it over for development into soccer fields.

The action will displace Nick Maravell, a nationally recognized expert in organic farming, who has spent the last 30 years growing organic and GMO-free soybean and corn seeds on the property.

THE NINE-YEAR LEASE of the land from the county to MSI begins on Aug. 16, 2012 and expires in April 2021, according to County documents. The County leased the land, technically a future school

The County subleased 20-acres of farmland on Brickyard Road to MSI for the development of four soccer fields and parking.

Objections to the proposed sublease must be submitted in writing by Friday, April 13, at 5 p.m.

Send comments marked "Attn: Brickyard Comments" to:

Cynthia Brenneman, Chief
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Department of General Services
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site, from the Board of Education on April 19, 2011, for use as soccer fields, parking lots and other amenities.

Last January, the county issued a Request for Qualifications and Development Proposals for the development, construction, maintenance and operation of soccer fields. But the County says it received only one "qualified response" to the RFP, according to last Friday's notice and the selection committee concluded its proposal review and negotiations with MSI for the development of fields.

"The Brickyard deal was a po

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Churchill Student Honored as Everyday Hero

Teenager honored for saving the life of a cardiac victim on the soccer field.

BY KEN MOORE
THE ALMANAC

Duncan Seguin, 16, saved his co-referee's life at a Labor Day soccer tournament in Olney last fall.

Last Wednesday, March 21, Montgomery County honored the Winston Churchill High School junior in a ceremony for "Everyday Heroes" at the Public Safety Training Academy in Rockville.

"There clearly is a choice when there is danger when one goes from the ordinary to the extraordinary," said County Executive Isiah Leggett. "It is a real pleasure for me to take part in this ceremony that recognizes the finest in human nature; the willingness to do whatever one can to save a life."

County Council President Roger Berliner told Duncan and four other "Every Day Heroes" how grateful he and the county are. "You are the people that make us proud. You didn't think about it, 'Should I get involved, should I help?' You instantly took over," Berliner said.

In such circumstances, "None of us can be sure how we would act. We do know you acted as heroes," said Councilmember Phil Andrews. "We owe you, we honor you, you honor us for what you do for our county."

Fire Chief Richard Bowers served as the master of ceremonies last Wednesday and said that the fire service and community is strengthened by actions of people like Duncan Seguin.

Bowers described the actions that Duncan took, and played the 911 tape that offered a glimpse how Duncan and two parents on the sideline acted together, instantly, to save the referee's life even though the three had never met.

"This is a cardiac save," Bowers said.

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Duncan Seguin, 16, receives the "everyday hero" award from Chief Richard Bowers and Councilmember Phil Andrews.

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Brickyard Awarded To MSI

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litical fix from the beginning," said Keith Williams, president of Civic Association of River Falls and a member of the Brickyard Coalition. "We will continue our legal and public efforts to provide an open and transparent process for the best use of the Brickyard property."

MSI will pay an annual fee of \$1,500 to lease the property and will be responsible for the design, construction, operation and maintenance of the soccer fields.

The cost to develop the land into soccer fields is at least \$1.6 million, according to county documents.

The plan includes two phases, starting with two full-size soccer fields and more than 100 parking spaces, with two more smaller soccer fields to be built in phase two.

The public must send any objections to the proposed sublease by Friday, April 13 at 5 p.m.

"Standard operating procedure is that we don't comment during this period," said Patrick Lacefield, director of the Montgomery County Office of Public Information.

The public has been objecting for more than a year about being kept in the dark about plans for the property and about the lack of public process on alternatives for the land. Local farm and organic food advocates have decried the loss of an irreplaceable resource for growing heirloom seed. Others cited the loss of an opportunity to use the operating organic farm for education for school children.

MEANWHILE, The Brickyard Coalition filed a Maryland Public Information lawsuit in Montgomery County Circuit Court last Wednesday, March 21, 2012. The Coalition seeks under the Freedom of Information Act to compel Leggett and David Dise, director of the Department of General Services, to provide all public records relating to the Brickyard site.

And in other action Tuesday, March 27 after the Almanac presstime, the County Council continued a public hearing on emergency legislation introduced March 13 that would allow the Council to approve any sale or lease of County property before it becomes final.

"The purpose of this requirement is to avoid a situation where [a County] Executive gains approval to dispose of a property and



This drawing represents plans for the 20-acre Brickyard site, including four soccer fields, two full-size and two smaller, 125-150 parking spaces and a possible playground.

then modifies the term in a way that ... might not be in the County's best interest," according to Michael Faden, the Council's senior legislative attorney.

Also in March, the Brickyard Coalition — with more than 400 individual and civic organization members— filed legal notice with the Montgomery State Treasurer of a possible \$40 million monetary claim against the Montgomery County Board of Education for leasing the Brickyard Road property to the county. The notice is required if citizens want to sue and seek monetary damages from the school board or any officials.

These actions were filed near the one-year anniversary of the Board of Education's vote on March 8, 2011 to lease the 20-acre property to Montgomery County.

TUESDAY'S EXPEDITED BILL would modify the procedures for disposition of county property and would require the Council to approve disposition of certain properties.

"Specifically, Bill 11-12 would modify County Code by: tightening up the current property disposition process (which includes an opportunity for Council comments but not approval) so as to preclude the broad exemptions found in current County regulations."

Currently, Council legal staff and the County Attorney disagree over

the Council's ability to approve terms of land disposition, according to council documents.

According to the County Attorney, the expedited bill violates the County Charter by "authorizing the County Council to unilaterally veto a disposition of property."

"Although we conclude that Bill 11-12 violates the separation of powers mandated by the County Charter, we do not mean to imply that the Council is without the authority to exert control over how the Executive effects a disposition of County-owned property," according to the County Attorney.

The bill, sponsored by six of the nine members of County Council, including Council President Roger Berliner, who represents Potomac, along with George Leventhal, Marc Elrich, Phil Andrews, Hans Riemer and Nancy Navarro, would take effect on the very day it becomes law. Leventhal, Riemer and Elrich are three of the four at-large members of Council, and so also represent Potomac.

"The Council declares that this legislation is necessary for the immediate protection of the public interest," according to the bill.

THE BRICKYARD COALITION formed in response to the surprise notice in March 2011 that the Board of Education would terminate the lease of organic farmer Nick Maravell in order to lease the

Brickyard site to the county for private soccer fields. The public learned of the action just days before the vote.

But the County Executive had already decided to turn the land over to a private soccer organization and county officials had been discussing the proposal with Montgomery Soccer Inc. and school officials for at least two years without any public notice or engagement.

The Brickyard Coalition is an umbrella organization of civic groups and residents and includes the West Montgomery County Citizens Association, the Civic Association of River Falls, and the Brickyard Road Citizens' Association.

The Brickyard Coalition filed requests for documents, including email correspondence between county and school officials, under the Freedom of Information Act, and learned that the County Executive had been planning for years to deliver the 20 acres of public land to a private corporation for development into soccer fields.

"If this is permitted to happen, it will set a terrible precedent and no community within Montgomery County will be safe from such schemes, secret planning and private developments on public land," said Curt Uhre of the Brickyard Coalition.

SCHOOLS

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William Lewis, a senior from Potomac, has recently been named to the honor roll for the winter term at The Loomis Chaffee School.

Solana Lazarte of Potomac, a student at Winston Churchill High School, has been nominated to represent Maryland as a National Youth Correspondent to the 2012 Washington Journalism and Media Conference at George Mason University. Lazarte has been awarded the opportunity to join a select group of 250 students from across the country to participate in an intensive week-long study of journalism and media. Lazarte was chosen based on academic accomplishments and a demonstrated interest and excellence in journalism and media studies.

Three Potomac residents have recently been named to the dean's list at Boston University for the Fall semester. Students recognized for this honor include: **Rahel A. Fainchtein, Zoe M. Kabelac, and Deanna M. Myer.**

The following student from Colgate University is a recipient of the Dean's Award for academic excellence during the 2011 fall term at Colgate University.

♦ **Juliane Viktoria Wiese of Potomac** is studying philosophy. Wiese is the daughter of Dr. Arthur M. Wiese and Mrs. Christiane Wiese and a graduate of The Academy of the Holy Cross.

Grace Han has been named to the fall 2011 Dean's List at University of the

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Literary Award Winner

Washington Episcopal School first-grader Ore Adedeji, age 6, was named a winner of the 2012 Bethesda Literary Festival's Youth Writing Contest. She was one of 10 award recipients selected from more than 700 entries. The topic of her essay, "If I were a grown-up for a day," discussed her proposal to lower taxes. "I hope to become President of the USA or be a famous singer when I grow up," said Ore. This summer Ore will attend a gifted and talented writing program at Montgomery College. She, her family and her teacher, will attend the Essay Reading & Awards Reception on April 22 at the Doubletree Bethesda Hotel.

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Parents thought something wasn't altogether right when the game started last Sept. 3, 2011, said Lindsey Young, a parent of one of the U-15 players. She and others noticed that the head referee kept to the center half circle while officiating the Olney Boys and Girls Club Labor Day Tourna-

ment game at William H. Farquhar Middle School.

When the referee ventured into one half of the field, he collapsed, said Young, a physical education teacher with Loudoun County Public Schools and a nurse.

"I tried to get breaths in first, but I couldn't," said Young.

Chris Trainer, another parent, tried breathing life back into the

referee, while Duncan Seguin, who was co-officiating the game as a linesman, began chest compressions on the referee's heart. Young offered coaching to both as they worked as a team to save the referee's life.

"As soon as the referee collapsed, Duncan immediately went into action," said Fire Chief Bowers. "Duncan never hesitated or

stopped pumping his chest."

Young gave the report to the EMTs when they arrived. "He's not breathing," she said.

"I really felt he was not going to make it. Every time we would take a breath, he would become blue or purple. It was definitely emotional," she said.

The referee was defibrillated twice in the medic unit on the way to the hospital, before immediate heart surgery.

Assistant Fire Chief Scott Graham read a letter the referee wrote to Duncan after his recovery.

"You impacted my life as much as anyone has before," he wrote. "I was a few minutes from death."

Days later the referee said his cardiologist told him that his blood vessels were almost entirely blocked and that he had a 15 percent chance of living without Duncan's and the parents' actions. His doctor told him if he had survived without the CPR, he would likely have had massive brain injuries.

Their quick action saved his life and his quality of life.

"I'm overwhelmed about what you did," he wrote.

YOUNG DIDN'T THINK about Duncan's age when he started the compressions, she said.

"He was willing, he had to do it," she said. "That shows a lot about their type of human being he is. Now, knowing his age, definitely, it's an awesome thing for him to do."

"If my son who is 15 did that, I'd be so proud. You don't see many people that age willing to do something like that," she said.

That day is still on the minds of



Duncan Seguin

many of the players, parents and "heroes" involved. One of the players wrote a paper about the experience, said Young, while all the parents continue to e-mail each other.

Duncan's parents, meanwhile, were just proud.

"He's one of the joys of our lives. When he had to make the right decision, he did," said his father, Matthew.

With humility, said his mother Ellen.

"When his father and I picked him up, we asked how it went. He said, 'Oh, it was OK ...' Then, literally, 'Oh, I think I saved somebody's life today.'"

Duncan said his father, who served as a combat medic, taught him first aid and that everyone should learn such skills. "You never know when you'll need it," he said.

Duncan, who hopes to study chemical engineering, saw the referee after he had healed. "It was quite emotional," he said, "it was a big stress relief to know he was OK."

Younger sister Danielle showed how proud she was of her brother during the ceremony. "It's hard to live up to someone who does all this kind of stuff. It is kind of a hobby for him."



Duncan Seguin with his family, mother Ellen, father Matthew and sister Danielle.

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by
Michael Matese

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Israeli Wines for Passover

BY MIKE POTASHNIK
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INTERNATIONAL WINE REVIEW

Over the past six months, the International Wine Review has tasted more than 200 Israeli wines in preparation of our Report #32 "The New Wines of Israel," to be published later this year. We're im-

pressed with the high quality of Israeli premium wines and encourage our readers to try them. What better time to do that than Passover?

Although wine was produced in the land of Israel in Ancient times, Israel's modern wine industry dates back to the mid-19th century with the visit of Baron Edmond de Rothschild, owner of Bordeaux's Château Lafite Rothschild. It was Baron Rothschild

who first introduced Bordeaux varieties into Israel and helped launch Carmel, the country's first and largest winery.

In the 20th century, Israel's wine industry received another boost, this time from Cornelius Gough of UC Davis who visited the Golan Heights. His advice led to the planting of grapes in the Golan Heights and to the establishment in 1993 of the Golan Heights Winery, producers of Yarden.

Today there are more than 220 wineries in operation throughout Israel from the Golan Heights to the Negev. A small group of 10 commercial wineries, including Carmel and the Golan Heights Winery, produce 75 percent of the country's wine and are widely distributed in the United States.

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11:15 a.m. Elementary-age children are invited to participate in a handchime choir at River Road Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Bethesda. Directed by master bell ringer Brent Keith, the group will meet Sundays at 11:15 a.m. at RRUUC in Room 25. (Teens interested in assisting are encouraged to inquire.) Participants will learn to play the chimes, perform as part of an ensemble, and participate in musical group activities. Contact Ann Richards at 301-229-0400, arichards@rruuc.org. The Unitarian Universalist Congregation is located at 6301 River Road, Bethesda. Visit www.rruuc.org.

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Beginner's Yoga Classes at Village Yoga. Village Yoga is adding a new Beginner's Yoga Class on Mondays, 8-9 p.m. Continues our Thursday, 7:30-8:45 p.m. Beginner's Gentle Flow class as well. For all new local students - \$10 for the entire first week. Must be used on your first visit to the studio. Special for all yogis this month - 4-pack of classes for \$48. Village Yoga, 10154 River Road, Potomac. 301-299-1948. www.villageyogayogi.com.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 28

Fashion Show. 6 to 8 p.m. View the Gerard Darel Spring/Summer collection at Bloomingdale's. Enjoy a fabulous fashion presentation, refreshments, and raffle for a chance to win a designer handbag. 10 percent of Gerard Darel sales go to Montgomery County Partners for Animal Well-Being (mcpaw) www.mcpaw.org. To be held at Bloomingdale's, 2nd Floor, 6300 Western Ave., Chevy Chase. Reservations at mcpawrsvp@gmail.com.

Red Star Red Army Chorus. 8 p.m. A company of 70 singers, dancers and musicians will transport audiences back to old Russia. Tickets are \$25 to \$65. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org. At the Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda.

Musician Nate Foley. 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12. At the Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

"Sandy Spring: Unity in the Time of Segregation." The stories of Sandy Spring residents who lived in Montgomery County during the era of segregation in the County has been recorded for future generations to see in a new documentary that will debut at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 28, at the Sandy Spring Museum, 17901 Bentley Road, Sandy Spring. RSVP at 240-777-7968.

THURSDAY/MARCH 29

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

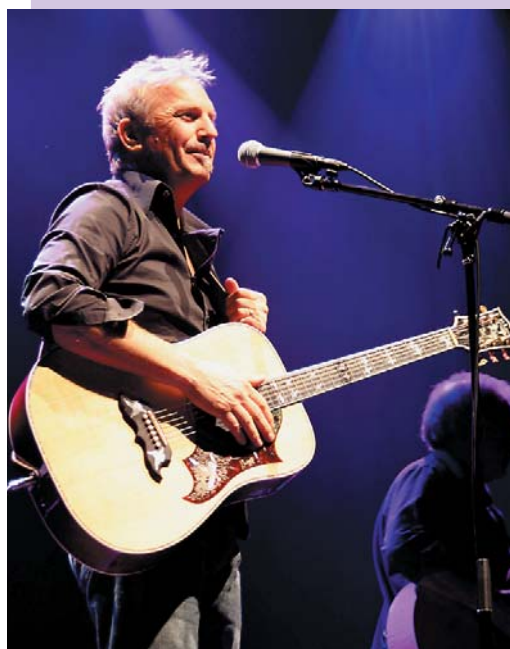
FRIDAY/MARCH 30

Elikeh. Doors at 8 p.m., concert at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$10/advance; \$12/door. Part of Friday Night Eclectic at the Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, Rockville. For further information or tickets, call (301) 581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

MARCH 30 AND MARCH 31

Thrift Sale. Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. At St. Francis Episcopal Church, 10033 River Road, Potomac. For the benefit of St. Francis' outreach program and local charities. Items include: Clothing, furnishings, jewelry and books. Also a Children's Shop and an Upscale Boutique.

Patti LaBelle. Friday, March 30 and Saturday, March 31 at 8



THURSDAY/APRIL 5

Kevin Costner and Modern West. 8 p.m. Tickets are \$35 to \$90. At the Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

Waltz Dance. 3:30 to 6 p.m. Admission is \$10. With the band, Destino da Rosa. Introductory waltz workshop from 2:45 to 3:30 p.m.; dancing from 3:30 to 6 p.m. 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. At the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo.

WEDNESDAYS, APRIL 4, 25

Mary Alouette. 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12. Gypsy jazz vocalist will perform tracks from her debut album, Midas. At the Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. Visit www.strathmore.org or call (301) 581-5100.

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Preschool Storytime. 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs and rhymes for 3-to-6 year olds and their caregivers. No registration required. At the Potomac Library.

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SATURDAY/APRIL 7

Julian Bond Presents. 6 to 8:30 p.m. "Crossing the Color Line: From Rhythm 'n Blues to Rock 'n Roll." Admission is \$25/adults; \$10/students, and includes a dessert, wine and softdrink reception from 6 to 7 p.m. The presentation begins at 7 p.m. At River Road Unitarian Universalist Congregation, RRUUC, 6301 River Road, Bethesda. Call 301-229-0400 or www.rruuc.org.

Video Games Live: Bonus Round. 2 and 8 p.m. An all-new concert combining technology with symphonic music. Tickets are \$25 to \$76. At the Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. Visit www.strathmore.org or call 301-581-5100.

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MONDAY/APRIL 9

Taxpayer Dollars Discussion. Time: 7:45-10 p.m. Wonder where your County taxpayer dollars might go and what you can do about it? Come hear the presentation on the County's proposed capital and operating budgets at the next monthly meeting of the Montgomery County Civic Federation. Meeting place: the County Council Office Building, 100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville. Free parking in adjacent County Garage. The one-hour program, including question period, will be followed by discussion of other important local issues. All County residents and representatives of civic organizations welcome. Visit www.montgomerycivic.org.

THURSDAY/APRIL 12

Viver Brasil: Feet on the Ground. 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25 to \$55. A cultural survey of Brazil with contemporary dance, vibrant costumes and pulsating percussion. At the Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. Visit www.strathmore.org or call 301-581-5100.

p.m. Tickets are \$35 to \$120. At the Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. Visit www.strathmore.org or call 301-581-5100.

SATURDAY/MARCH 31

One Piano, Four Hands Concert. 8 p.m. Free-will donation. With Michael Adcock and Jose Ramos-Santana. At Westmoreland Congregational Church, One Westmoreland Circle, Bethesda. Presented by the Washington Conservatory of Music. Visit www.washingtonconservatory.org.

SUNDAY/APRIL 1

"Defending 'Terrorists.'"

10:25 a.m. Kenneth P. Troccoli will discuss "Defending 'Terrorists'" at River Road Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Bethesda. Troccoli is an Assistant Federal Public Defender in the Eastern District of Virginia. His office represents indigent defendants charged with criminal offenses in federal court in Alexandria. At River Road Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 6301 River Road, Bethesda. Call 301-229-0400; www.rruuc.org

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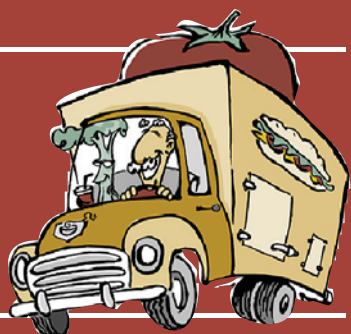
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MARCH 31

Potomac Arts Night. 6 p.m.

Moderated by Dalton Delan followed by wine and cheese. Featuring Linda Pastan, Michael Blumenthal and Duo Concertone, Zino and Natasha Bogachek. At The Art Gallery of Potomac, 10107 River Road, in Potomac Village. Open Wednesday through Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. Visit www.PotomacArtists.org.

APRIL 4 TO APRIL 29

DC NOW. Gallery B is pleased to present its seventh exhibition, DC NOW, curated by Morton Fine Art. DC NOW features new artworks by nationally renowned, Washington, D.C. based contemporary artists Maya Freelon Asante, Billy Colbert, Rosemary Feit Covey, Laurel Hausler and Victoria Shahern. The exhibit will be on display at Gallery B, located at 7700 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite E, Bethesda. Gallery hours are Wednesday – Sunday, 12-6pm.

NOW THROUGH APRIL 9

Forces of Nature. Photoworks Gallery at Glen Echo Park presents Forces of Nature, an exhibition of black and white photography. The show's images record the visual beauty of the forces of nature on the natural and man-made worlds. Saturdays, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.; Sundays & Mondays, 1 p.m. - 8 p.m. Artist Talk, March 24, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. Visit www.glenechophotoworks.org or email gaylesue@me.com.

NOW THROUGH APRIL 14

Works by John Paton Davies Jr. A Singular View: The Art and Words of John Paton Davies, Jr., an exhibit of monographs from the archives of the American diplomat and artist. At the Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

NOW THROUGH MARCH 31

Artists-In-Residence. Featuring Vian Shamounki Borchert, Perry Fowler, Gregory Lambert, Daniel Wise and Deborah Jaffe. The five artists will be painting, creating artwork and giving demonstrations during the month of March. At the Yellow Barn Studio Tower, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Visit: www.yellowbarnstudio.com.

NOW THROUGH APRIL 7

Excavations and Negotiations in Clay. Ceramic vessels by Michael Poness and New Work by Gallery Artists. An artist's talk will be held Saturday, March 17 from 4 to 6 p.m. At Waverly Street Gallery, 4600 East-West Highway, Bethesda. Call 301-951-9441. Visit www.waverlystreetgallery.com

NOW THROUGH MARCH 31

Mind's Eye: A Vision of Contemporary Art. Featuring contemporary paintings by Annapolis artist John Bodkin. At Gallery B, 7700 Wisconsin Ave., Suite E, Bethesda. Gallery hours are Tuesday to Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

NOW THROUGH APRIL 1

Emerging Glass Artists. Works by artists Bryan Avila, Ana B. Chepelinsky, Sarah Gilliam-Kincaid, Margaret Halpin, Katherine Siena Hubley and Karen Lerohl Wilson. At the Art Glass Center at Glen Echo, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Reception is March 17 from 4 to 6 p.m. Call 301-634-2273 or visit www.artglasscenteratglenecho.org

NOW THROUGH APRIL 1

Artist's Journey. Art Glass Center at Glen Echo Park presents Artist's Journey, an exhibition including pieces brought to life from the



APRIL 7 AND 8

Artist Sam Miller. Will display an array of landscapes, portraits and abstracts. An artist's reception will be held Saturday, April 7 from 4 to 6 p.m. At the Yellow Barn Gallery at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Glen Echo.

sketchbooks of six talented glass students. Open Fridays, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., and Sundays, 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. Artist talk and reception, March 17, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Call 301-634-2273 or visit www.artglasscenteratglenecho.org.

MARCH 31 TO APRIL 1

Paintings by Kathy Byrnes. The Yellow Barn Studio, Glen Echo Park's resident painting and drawing studio, presents works by Kathy Byrnes in the Yellow Barn Gallery. Saturdays and Sundays, 12 p.m. - 5 p.m. Call 301-371-5593 or visit www.yellowbarnstudio.com.

APRIL 1 TO 24

Multimedia Artists Showcased.

Free. The assemblage and works on paper of Carolyn Jean; fiber work and rug hooking of Roslyn Logsdon; and fiber work by the Tuesday Quilters will be showcased. Artist's reception is Sunday/April 1 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The Bruce Swaim Quartet will perform between 2 and 3 p.m. At Glenview Mansion Art Gallery, 603 Edmonston Drive, Rockville. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/arts or contact Julie Farrell at 240-314-8682 or

jfarrell@rockvillemd.gov.

APRIL 1 TO 29

Artist Felisa Federman. Mixed media on canvas and paper. Artist's reception is Sunday, April 1 from 3 to 5 p.m. She is a resident artist at The Art Gallery of Potomac. At River Road Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Fellowship Hall, 6301 River Road, Bethesda; call 301-229-0400.

APRIL 10 TO MAY 5

Quietude. Paintings by Lorian Signori and New Work by Gallery Artists. Artist's reception will be Friday, April 13 from 6 to 9 p.m. A demonstration will be held Saturday, April 14 from 4 to 6 p.m. At Waverly Street Gallery, 4600 East-West Highway, Bethesda. Call 301-951-9441. Visit www.waverlystreetgallery.com

MAY 8 TO JUNE 2

The Wondrous Lotus. Photographs by Duncan Whitaker and New Work by Gallery Artists. Artist's reception is Friday, May 11 from 6 to 9 p.m. At Waverly Street Gallery, 4600 East-West Highway, Bethesda. Call 301-951-9441. Visit www.waverlystreetgallery.com.

THEATRE

THROUGH APRIL 7

"Rapunzel." Witch Wartsmith wants a baby and, after bargaining for little Rapunzel, must go to great lengths to keep the growing girl out of the hands of a handsome prince. Thursdays & Fridays, 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.; Saturdays & Sundays, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tickets are \$10/adults and children. Recommended for PreK-Grade 4. Running time: 45 min. Presented by the Puppet Co. Call 301-634-5380. Visit www.thepuppetco.org.

APRIL 12 TO JUNE 3

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"Rapunzel"

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The Potomac Area Newcomers Club is a group of more than 200 women who have moved to the Potomac area from all over the United States and around the world. The club offers such activities as bridge, mah jong, book groups, golf, luncheons and museum trips as a way to help newcomers as well as current residents to form new friendships, expand their horizons, and take advantage of the opportunities that are available in the Washington, D.C. area. Check its web site at <http://www.potomacnewcomers.com>

Montgomery County's Board of Elections is seeking individuals to serve as election judges at polling places for the Presidential Elections to be held on April 3, and Nov. 6, 2012.

In accordance with the Election Code, judges must be registered to vote in the State of Maryland. They must also be able to speak, read, and write the English language, and while acting as a judge must not hold, or be a candidate for, public or party office. In addition, election judges may not serve as a campaign manager for a candidate or as treasurer for any campaign financial entity.

In addition, election judges bilingual in Spanish and election judge alternates are needed throughout the county. Training will be provided and all judges will be compensated for Election Judge services.

To apply, or for more information, visit www.777vote.org and select the Election Judge Program link.

THURSDAY/MARCH 29

Kindergarten Info Session. 9:30 a.m. At Potomac Elementary School. Do you have an incoming kindergartner for next Fall? Come meet the Potomac Elementary School Principal, teachers, and members of the PTA. There will be a short presentation about the school and its extracurricular programs. Also a chance to meet other new kindergarten families. Call 301-469-1042.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 4

Support Group — DBSA 7:30 p.m. (Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance National Capital Area) Family Support Group. At the Parish Hall of St. Raphael's Church at 1513 Dunster Road (Falls Road and Dunster Road) in Rockville. The meeting is for the families and friends of people who have been diagnosed with depression or bipolar illness. Free. Call 301-299-4255 or 301-570-9065. Internet: www.dbsanca-family.org



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COMMUNITY

Annual Seder Summit Entertains and Educates

FROM PAGE 2

"We decided to have an event for guys to impart ways that make the Seder more meaningful," said Mark Eidelman, event organizer and senior volunteer at Beth Sholom. "It's incredible the sense of community the event has created, people are loving it and coming out of the woodwork to take part."

The Seder Summit has become so popular following last year's success that organizers were unable to accommodate all requests due to space restrictions. Nearly 265 guests took part in the summit, with participants representing the spectrum of Judaism, from orthodox to reform to those who never attend synagogue.

"It's definitely a guys night out, it's a way to bond around spirituality and camaraderie with the broader community in ways we might not otherwise have a chance," said Rabbi Nissan Antine, who has served at Beth Sholom for the past five years.

Lessons from the summit included innovative ways to present the Seder, one of the

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— Rabbi Nissan Antine

most observed rituals in the Jewish faith. The Seder includes symbolic foods such as horseradish, which instills a physical sense of bitterness, followed by the relief of Matza, the bread of freedom.

"The Seder isn't just dinner, it's a house holiday. When preparing the Seder think of everyone involved, it must speak to all levels," said Antine. "It's reliving history, in order to really understand jubilation you must know the depths of despair. When the Seder is complete it feels like you have just participated in the exodus from Egypt."



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Rabbi Nissan Antine offers practical advice and innovative ideas on how to make the Seder come alive.

Recommendations of 10 Wines for Upcoming Holiday

FROM PAGE 7

ies are family-owned and operated boutique wineries in the Galilee, the Judean Hills and elsewhere who are producing small quantities of handcrafted wines.

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Tasting Notes And Ratings

WHITE WINES

Gamla 2010 Chardonnay Reserve Galilee (\$21) 89+

Aromatic and fragrant on the nose, the 2010 Chardonnay displays clean and crisp melon fruit, excellent acidity and freshness, and light toasted oak. It is beautifully balanced and flavorful with a pleasant easy drinking finish.

Golan Heights Winery Yarden 2009 Chardonnay Odem Vineyard Galilee (\$22) 89

The Chardonnay Odem Vineyard exhibits a golden color with light tropical fruit flavors. Barrel fermented, it reveals good constraint in the use of oak. The palate is nice and creamy with notes of smoke and honeyed notes.

Flam 2010 Blanc Judean Hills (\$35) 89

The 2010 Blanc is a blend of 67 percent Sauvignon Blanc and 33 percent Chardonnay. It offers fresh and fragrant aromas of melon and orchard fruit followed by crisp mouth filling fruit on the palate. It



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Mike Potashnik and Don Winkler of the International Wine Review.

is un-oaked but has excellent texture and acidity that extends through to a delightful finish.

RED WINES

Psagot 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon Judean Hills (\$30) 91

The 2009 Psagot exhibits an opaque ruby purple color and aromas of black currants, black cherry and toasted oak. Aged in French barriques for 13 months, it reveals rich and concentrated black fruit and earth flavors on the palate with spice notes. The wine is nicely balanced and structured with soft round tannins and a persistent finish. It is drinkable now but will be even better in a year or two and looks to have good aging potential.

Segal's 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon Dishon Galilee (\$20) 91

Dark ruby in color, this bottling exhibits peppery black and red fruit and big flavor concentration with good acidity and perfect balance. The wine is crushed in small lots and fermented on the skins for 34 days with gentle pump overs, followed by aging in French oak for 20 months. This is a big

wine in need of time in bottle for a couple of years; it will drink well for 5-10 years.

Binyamina 2007 Merlot Reserve Galilee (\$20) 91

This is a terrific Merlot offering ripe plum fruit and toasted oak aromas on the nose and a soft lush palate with a velvet texture, medium weight and perfect balance. The tannins are soft and round, and the finish is long and elegant. Merlot is certainly one of the top wines being produced by Binyamina in the Reserve series.

Tulip 2007 Mostly Shiraz Upper Galilee (\$26) 91

The Tulip Shiraz is a delicious blend of Syrah (65 percent), Cabernet Sauvignon (35 percent), and Petit Verdot (5 percent). It has a spicy cedar and blackberry liqueur nose. Aged for 14 months in 50 percent French and 50 percent American oak, it offers a lovely palate of blackberry fruit, toast and ripe tannins. Beautifully put together.

Psagot 2009 Edom Judean Hills (\$35) 92+

Edom is composed of 61 percent Cabernet Sauvignon, 17 percent Cabernet Franc, 15 percent Petit Verdot and 7 percent Merlot. Opaque ruby in color, it is aged for 14 months in French oak barrels, and has attractive aromas of pure black currant and red berry fruit, vanilla and sweet oak notes. On the attack it is soft with a velvet smooth mouth feel, and reveals an elegant and restrained palate with silky tannins. This is a gorgeous wine which tastes terrific now and will improve in the bottle.

Yatir 2008 Yatir Forest Judean Hills (\$75) 92

The 2008 Forest is an opaque black ruby colored blend of 58 percent Cabernet Sauvignon, 32 percent Petit Verdot, 5 percent Merlot, 3 percent Malbec and 2 percent Cabernet Franc. Always a selection of

What Is a Kosher Wine?

Kosher wines follow much the same processes and techniques as most modern wineries employ. However, there are a series of kosher or kashrut requirements in both the vineyard and winery which must be adhered to and certified by the appropriate authorities/rabbi in order for a wine to be Kashrut or Kosher. In brief, to be considered Kosher, Sabbath-observant Jews must be involved in the entire winemaking process and all the equipment, tools and winemaking storage facilities must be kosher. A wine described as "kosher for Passover" must have been kept free from contact with grain, bread and dough.

Unlike ordinary kosher wines, mevushal wines can be handled and served by non-Jews. However, kashrut law stipulates that for a wine to be considered mevushal, it must be heated to 185° F. Whereas in ancient times, mevushal wines were boiled, these days they are flash pasteurized. Under this process, after the grapes are crushed, and before fermentation, the temperature of the liquid/must is rapidly raised for under a minute and then quickly "in a flash" are chilled down.

age-worthy wines from the principal vineyard in the Forest at 900-1000 meters, it spends 15 months in about 35 percent new French oak. Medium-bodied, it boasts dark cassis, black licorice and a floral bouquet. On the palate, it reveals structured flavors with lots of black fruit, but still a bit closed (compared to the 2007 at this stage of development) and needs 6-8 years of cellaring for peak drinking. Excellent promise.

Dalton Winery 2009 Zinfandel Upper Galilee (\$25) 91

The 2009 Zinfandel from Dalton's Mount Meron Vineyard displays a medium ruby color and aromas of ripe plum and blackberry. It boasts a softly textured palate of ripe fruit, cedar, round tannins and a firm finish. A delicious wine.

For more recommendations on Kosher wines from the International Wine Review, visit www.iwinereview.com.

BUSINESS

Web Designer Assists Apparel Store

Local expert builds athletic wear website.

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

Wildwood's Bella Vestiti golf and tennis clothing store is just a short drive away from Potomac. But now, it is no further than one's fingertips. Potomac's Deb Dager of Deb D Web Creations has designed www.bv-golf-tennis.com which makes shopping easy and gives sports enthusiasts the opportunity to view and purchase golf and tennis apparel and gifts.

Bella Vestiti owner Kirsten Butterfield opened the store in 2004 to provide stylish tennis and golf wear to her customers. Butterfield has always had a career in sales and marketing, but because she was a tennis player and golfer, she spotted a need to bring fashion into sport. "I seek out styles that are both functional and fashionable. I buy clothes made with the new technical fabrics. They contain SPF, lycra, and spandex. They are cool, comfortable, easy to move in — and very packable for travel," she said. "Our sports clothes translate into everyday life. They easily go from the court or course to a luncheon, on a plane — to a meeting or anywhere."

Dager and Butterfield discovered one another when they were introduced by close friends. "I was looking for someone to build and maintain my website," said Butterfield. "I met Debbie and realized that she is an expert in web design and could facilitate all of it. Since she plays tennis and a little golf, she could also advise me on what athletic women are looking for. The website is perfect but since it is ever-changing, I needed someone who could stay on top of the changes and maintain it. We offer over 1,000 items on our website; thus, it always needs to be kept up-to-date."

In addition to golf and tennis clothes, both the store and the website feature Brighton belts, colorful floppy sun hats, stylish socks, visors and golf umbrellas. They stock Jamie Sadock, Donna Karen, Ralph Lauren, Bolle, GG Blue, Fila, Tail, Nike and many other clothing lines. Golf shoes by Walter Genuin,



Kirsten Butterfield and Debbie Dager

Sandbaggers, Sesto Meucci and Aerogreen make a fashion statement both on and off the course.

Shipping is free for items ordered on-line but they can be returned to the store for full refund. The store is located at 10259 Old Georgetown Road in Bethesda's Wildwood Shopping Center and the phone number is 301-897-2777.

Located in Potomac, Deb D Web Creations is a web design and development company which provides custom websites to promote on-line business for individuals and corporations in the local area and around the country. They build attractive and functional websites and provide search engine optimization for improving the volume or quality of traffic to a website from search engines.

"I started my company three years ago because web design is a passion for me," said Dager. She has a degree in computer science and 15 years of experience with the Raytheon Corporation. Her clients include retail companies, accounting and architecture firms, sporting organizations and religious organizations, home and garden businesses, information sharing organizations and not-for-profit companies. "Some interesting clients include Symmetry Turf who installed the artificial turf for the Baltimore Ravens and Mixed Healing Arts which combines acupuncture, chiropractic, massage, physical therapy, energy work, and medical care to treat pain, rehabilitate injuries, enhance sports performance and create well-being," she said. Dager can be reached via e-mail at deb@debweb.com or at 301-219-7826.

Church Hosts Nearly New Thrift Sale

For the benefit of St. Francis Episcopal Church's outreach program and local charities, a thrift sale offering clothing, furnishings, jewelry and books will be held at the church,

10033 River Road, Friday, March 30, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday, March 31, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. There will also be a Children's Shop and an Upscale Boutique.

SCHOOL NOTES

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Sciences. Han is from North Potomac, and is a doctor of pharmacy student.

The following residents have been named to the Cornell University College of Arts and Sciences' Dean's List for Fall Semester 2011:

- ❖ **Laura Ardila**, a resident of Potomac.
- ❖ **Jodie Chang**, a resident of Potomac.
- ❖ **Lucas Chang**, a resident of Potomac.

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- ❖ **Casey Ebner**, a resident of Potomac.
- ❖ **Elizabeth Kaufman**, a resident of Potomac.
- ❖ **Samantha Miller**, a resident of Potomac.
- ❖ **Natalie Raps**, a resident of Potomac.
- ❖ **Nathaniel Rosen**, a resident of Potomac.
- ❖ **Weili Shi**, a resident of North Potomac.

Tendai A. M'ndange-Pfupfu was named to the dean's list at Colby College in Waterville, Maine, for outstanding academic achievement during the fall semester of the 2011-12 year.

A member of the Class of 2013, he is the son of Tamburai M'ndange-Pfupfu and Laura Rubinstein of Potomac, and is majoring in economics with a concentration in financial markets at Colby. He attended Sidwell Friends School.

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Peculiar Presence



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

In the last few months, out of the blue, I have received electronic correspondence from each of my three oldest childhood friends (none of whom have remained adulthood friends, though all three remain of interest to me) commenting on my cancer diagnosis; each having stumbled across one of my cancer columns online, presumably after initiating a Google-type search for yours truly. This reconnection with my past has empowered me, sort of, to deal with the present. Feeling there are people – in other cities and states, thinking positive, supportive and encouraging thoughts about me, maybe even sending prayers my way as well, is powerful stuff. The stuff of which dreams are made, and let me tell you, when you're terminal, you dream. The associated vibe I feel is somewhere between not being alone and anything is possible.

Not that any of the three were offering insights on fighting cancer or presuming certain familiarities which no longer exist; theirs was more a general inquiry about a specific set of circumstances (my cancer diagnosis), simply letting me know that they recently became aware of my situation and were thinking about me and wishing me well; a "random act of kindness," if you will. And as a cancer patient, I can assure you, any thoughts of kindness, random or otherwise, are much appreciated. Certainly I corresponded back and expressed my gratitude for their having reached out to me. It was great to reconnect; these three friends were my friends at the beginning: Bowen Elementary School. Given our current ages, we're talking 50 years ago, even before Little League. That's heavy; heck, that's historical.

But all three looking for me, and finding me, at the same time, seems more than just a coincidence. And it's not as if they have any independent contact with one another, because they don't. Nor are any of the three in touch/connected with my best friend, Cary, (who lives in Needham, Mass.) and who is my conduit of sorts for all my adolescent/pre-college friends and acquaintances, should any inquiries be made – which I welcome and are no problem for me, but that's not what happened here. What happened here happened on its own; in Barnstable, Mass., Greenwich, Conn. and Sharon, Mass., without any communication or contact between the interested parties.

The cumulative effect – on me, as a result of this "three-for" has been sobering, and I don't even drink. I don't want to get existential here, but when multiple unrelated influences all of a sudden intersect, and the intersection is you, (meaning me), it does give one pause: Why me? Why now? The answer is partially, I would guess, that my situation (my less than enviable health circumstances) is fairly serious (Duh!), maybe even grave. (Although that's more a play on words than how I actually feel). And somehow, the seriousness of my circumstances has been realized by this triumvirate of extremely important people – from my earliest days, who now have found me again, hopefully not at the end. It's difficult – for me, to not notice the symmetry here. Sure, there's a randomness to the universe, but there's also a part of me that believes things happen for a reason. Then again, maybe not.

Originally I was given a "13-month to two-year" prognosis and advised by my oncologist to consider taking that vacation I always dreamed of. Yet here I am, three-plus years later, alive and reasonably well (and still not having taken that vacation). I'm not cured by any means, but neither am I a distant memory. In fact, given these three most recent inquiries, I'm a fairly current memory, and for that, I am most appreciative. Thanks for all your kind thoughts. I need every one of them.

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Potomac Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.

Attackers Leonard, Dubick Lead Churchill Lax to Victory

Duo combines for 10 goals in season-opening win against The Heights.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE ALMANAC

Sophomore midfielder Matt Moshyedi found the net first during Churchill's season-opening offensive outburst. Senior midfielder Cameron Moshyedi applied the finishing touch. Junior attacker Matt Leonard scored a team-high six goals and freshman attacker Louis Dubick tallied four in his first varsity game.

The Churchill boys' lacrosse team, loaded with goal-scoring threats of all ages, took the first step in a season of high expectations, beating The Heights 16-6 on March 22 on the campus of the Potomac private school. The Bulldogs led 7-0 after one quarter and scored the game's first eight goals. When it was over, six different Churchill players had found the net at least once.

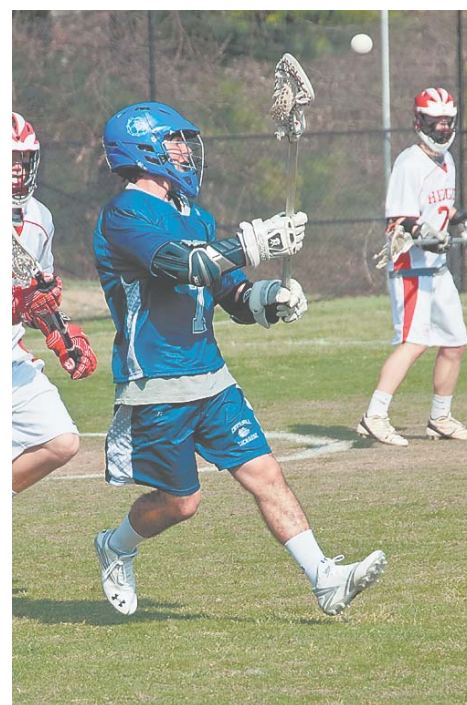
The Bulldogs entered the 2011 playoffs as the No. 2 seed in the 4A-3A West Region, but lost to Wootton in the semifinals for the second consecutive year. With a strong group of returning players, Churchill has its sights set high in 2012.

"We think we have a chance to make some noise," head coach Jeff Fritz said. "... We're much more fluid, we have a much higher lax IQ this year — understanding game situations a lot better. When the game gets tight or when it gets late in the game, we're much smarter with the ball."

Leonard, who is orally committed to Towson, is one of the Bulldogs' top offensive threats. The third-year varsity athlete scored three goals in each half against The Heights, including one in the closing seconds of the second quarter to give Churchill an 11-3 halftime lead.



Churchill junior attacker Matt Leonard scored a team-high six goals in a season-opening win against The Heights on March 22.



In his first varsity game, Churchill freshman Louis Dubick scored four goals.



Cameron Moshyedi is a senior captain for the Churchill boys' lacrosse team.

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— Churchill boys' lacrosse coach Jeff Fritz

"Matt's playing very well right now," Fritz said. "... He shoots extremely well, he's very shifty, he gets a great first move and gets a

step on people. Even more impressive to me is he gets his hands free for the shot so quick. They talk about that quick release in football for quarterbacks; he's got a quick release shooting the ball. You don't realize he's shooting until the ball is already past you."

Churchill's second-leading scorer in the season opener was the newcomer Dubick, who netted three of the Bulldogs' first eight goals.

Fritz spoke highly of Dubick's ability. "Louis is a once-in-a-career kind of player," the coach said. "He's a sensational freshman. He's got so much upside. I'm very pleased that he's here."

Two years ago, Leonard was a freshman on the varsity. Now he's a veteran giving advice.

"You definitely have to be part of the team first before you put yourself above others as a freshman," Leonard said about pointers given to Dubick. "You want to let

those kids know you're here to play. ... [As an older player], you want to make [a freshman] feel welcome, but you want to make sure he earns his varsity spot."

Dubick exudes confidence when talking about his place on the team and said his teammates have treated him well.

"I think they know I belong and I know that I belong," Dubick said. "That's just how I play — with a chip on my shoulder every time. I think that I'm the best player out there, no matter what."

Matt Moshyedi scored three goals for Churchill. Cameron Moshyedi and senior midfielders Ricky Morse and Spencer Ralph each scored one.

Cameron Moshyedi, Ralph and senior defenders Tyler Wooster and Bryan Morritt are team captains.

Churchill followed the win against The Heights with a 15-2 victory against Blake on March 24. The Bulldogs will host Paint Branch at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 29.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Whitman Baseball Beats Poolesville, Blair

The Whitman baseball team won its first two games of the season, beating Poolesville, 7-0, on March 21 and Blair, 8-2, on March 23.

Pitcher Ryan McGill earned the win against Poolesville, allowing six hits while striking out two and walking none over six shutout innings.

Pat Hisle went 3-for-3 with a pair of RBIs. McGill and Andrew Castagnetti each had two hits.

Michael Flack earned the win against Blair, allowing one hit and one unearned

run while walking one and striking out eight in five innings.

Castagnetti had two hits.

Whitman will travel to face Sherwood at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 29.

Wootton Boys' Lax Wins 2 of 3

The Wootton boy's lacrosse team defeated Montgomery County foes Sherwood and Clarksburg in the first week of the season, but suffered a 17-3 loss to Washington, D.C., private school Gonzaga on March 24.

The Patriots beat Sherwood 10-7 on March 21 and Clarksburg 17-3 on March 26.

Wootton has won six consecutive region

championships and reached the state championship game in 2007 and 2010.

Wootton will travel to face Quince Orchard at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 28.

Churchill Girls' Lax Starts 2-1

The Churchill girls' lacrosse team opened the 2012 season with a 13-9 win against Bullis on March 21 and an 18-16 victory against Blake on March 23 before suffering a 16-7 loss to Damascus on March 26.

Monday's loss to Damascus was Churchill's first loss to a Montgomery County opponent since the Bulldogs lost to the Hornets on April 30, 2010.

Churchill reached the state tournament

in 2010 and 2011. From 2009-2011, the Bulldogs compiled a 42-5 record and reached the 4A-3A West Region final each year, winning twice.

Churchill will host Paint Branch at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 28.

Whitman Girls' Lax Starts 1-1

The Whitman girls' lacrosse team lost to Sherwood and beat Magruder to begin the 2012 season.

The Vikings defeated Magruder 18-6 on March 22 and suffered a 16-3 loss to Sherwood on March 24.

Whitman will host Clarksburg on March 29.

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