“Held Back Reform Too Long”
Delaney proposes massive changes in the way Metro conducts business

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A local representative said he has the legislative medicine to cure Metro’s ills.

“This legislation removes the brakes that have held back reform for too long,” said Rep. John Delaney (D-6), sponsor of the “WMATA (Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority) Improvement Act of 2017.”

If both the House and the Senate pass the bill and the jurisdictions complete the steps outlined in the legislation, WMATA would receive $150 million in annual funding; $75 million divided equally between the jurisdictions and $75 million from the Department of Transportation.

In the bill, Delaney said WMATA would have to reduce the size of the board to nine and raise qualifications for board members. The board would have two fiduciary members representing the three jurisdictions and the federal government, plus WMATA’s chief executive officer.

Every board member would be required to be a certified expert in safety, transit, finance or management within 18 months of the bill being passed, according to a news release from Delaney’s office.

A certified safety expert would need a minimum of five years experience as “a chairman, director, senior investigator or equivalent position of a transportation or transit safety board in the United States,” according to the bill. A person certified in management would have had to manage a staff of at least 1,000 employees for a minimum of five years in the capacity of president, chairman, chief financial officer or managing partner.

With the current board, Metro would only need to find members who meet the qualifications for the three jurisdictions. Anthony Foxx, the previous secretary of the Transportation Department, fired three of four federal board members and replaced them with individuals with backgrounds in safety in April.

WMATA Board member
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Gaithersburg sides with county on immigrants

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GAITHERSBURG – City council member Ryan Spiegel wanted to make one thing clear Tuesday night—the city does not participate in enforcing immigration law.

After a surge in deportations by federal immigration officials across the country, Spiegel along with other members of the Gaithersburg City Council said at Tuesday night – the city does not want to make one thing clear...
April 15, 1943

Draft of County Charter made public for study

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

A preliminary draft of a proposed charter for Montgomery County, providing for a county manager, people’s control of legislation, a merit system for county employees and nine-man council was made public Monday.

According to Frederick P. Lee, chairman of the Charter Board, individuals and organizations in the county will be given a chance to study the proposed charter and to make suggestions before the final draft is submitted on May 3.

Members of the Charter Board in addition to Mr. Lee are: Thomas M. Anderson, Rockville; Tarlton Brooks, Sandy Spring; Mrs. Minier Hostetler, Glen and Stephen James, Silver Spring.

Under the provisions of the proposed charter, county legislation, heretofore enacted by the State Legislature, will be passed by a county council of nine members.

A county personnel board would be set up to provide a merit system and civil service for county employees, and political contributions or assessments by county officers or employees would be expressly forbidden.

The charter also provides for central purchasing and a departmentalized government and a capital budget and an expense budget designed to give the people of the county a clear picture of fiscal affairs at all times.

After the people of the county have had an opportunity to study and to make suggestions, the board will make revisions and will submit the charter to the commissioners prior to May 3.

Any individual or group will be given a hearing at the board’s headquarters in Rockville.

The new charter will be voted on in November, 1944, and if approved by a majority of the voters will become law in thirty days thereafter. An election of the members of the new council will follow, and the provisions of the charter then will become operative.

While the new council will supersede the present county commissioners in the exercise of executive functions, the county commissioners, because of constitutional considerations, are continued in office until the end of the terms for which they were elected last Fall.

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Muslim leaders rally for refugees

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WASHINGTON – For seven years running, the self-proclaimed oldest Muslim organization in America has met with lawmakers on Capitol Hill.

While Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA has made a routine point to meet with representatives to discuss goals in combating extremism both inside and outside of the Islamic community, community members said this year’s meeting on Capitol Hill took on another level of importance after the election of President Donald J. Trump.

This year’s Day on the Hill focused on Trump’s new executive order that placed an indefinite moratorium on refugees from Syria and a 90-day travel ban from seven Muslim majority nations, and the rise in hate crimes.

“We know that genuine refugees should have a home in this country, and so we believe the executive order was wrong and unjustified,” said Amjad Mahmood Khan, the national director of public affairs for Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA.

“It was fashioned based on discriminatory purposes which can only lead to increased division and rancor.”

A federal judge temporarily halted Trump’s travel ban last week.

A federal judge temporarily blocked the executive order three weeks ago on the grounds it violates the First Amendment’s establishment clause. Officials from the Trump administration said they plan on writing another executive order, one that they said would be in compliance with federal law.


“I found those executive orders offensive. I think you should do what we’re doing—try to advocate for Ahmadiyya Muslims,” said McGovern.

McGovern said since Trump’s election, he has seen an increase in anti-Muslim hate sentiment in his district and in Massachusetts.

Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA often meets with lawmakers to advocate for Ahmadiyya Muslims worldwide, who as a religious minority within Islam are often persecuted by other Muslims.

“Ahmadiyya Muslims believe to be their messiah, founded the Ahmadiyya Islamic movement in India in the late 19th century. Ahmadiyya Muslims are persecuted in places like Pakistan, where the Pakistani constitution has declared them to be non-Muslims.”

In light of the persecution of Ahmadiyya Muslims, Congress formed the Ahmadiyya Muslim Congressional Caucus co-chaired by Rep. Peter King (R-N.Y.) and Rep. Jackie Speier (D-Calif.) to combat worldwide discrimination against Ahmadiyya Muslims.

At the meeting with legislators Khan talked about a worry in the increased anti-Muslim sentiment across the country.

“We witnessed a growing Islamophobia in this country has resulted in the unfair targeting and scapegoating of innocent American Muslims and the American public in general anti-Muslim sentiment across the country,” Khan said.

In the County last week, the Council held a discussion on hate crimes. According to police statistics there has been a 32 percent increase in hate crimes in the County in 2016.

At the forum, Montgomery County Police chief Tom Manger attributed the spike into divisive rhetoric from the presidential election.

“I think we came off, and this is my opinion, we came off of months and months of a very divisive campaign for president,” Manger said.

After the election, several hate crimes gained notoriety, including the vandalism of a church in Silver Spring with the message “Trump nation, whites only” and the spray-painting of a swastika on a Trump supporter’s house in Silver Spring.

Manger said the spike in hate crimes is “short-lived” and that it has not carried into 2017.

Parents and teachers express education concerns

By Kathleen Stubbs
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GERMANTOWN – Teachers, parents of students and family members of teachers said at a budget meeting Feb. 15 they were concerned about issues such as minimum wage, allocation of staffing, availability of materials and class size.

County Council member Craig Rice (D-2), chair of the education committee, Montgomery College President DeRionne Pollard and Montgomery County Public Schools Superintendent Jack Smith led the town hall at Northwest High School.

Rocky Hill Middle School teacher Lisabeth Belman said she wanted their concerns to be heard.

“My issue is that teacher voice,” said Belman.

For English 7, “Everyone is advanced,” Belman said. “What does that mean? What does that feel like to us?”

She said there’s “top-down push down and (it) makes us feel like our professional wellbeing is not important,” regarding tasks teachers must complete in addition to teaching.

Rice responded that the policies that regulate education standards, such as academic performance of students, are determined at the state level and encouraged Belman and others to share concerns in the General Assembly. Smith added that education is a heavily regulated field compared to other professions.

“It is well known that we are one of the most regulated, imposed- upon organizations in this country,” Smith said.

He said he wants MCPS to continue to try to eliminate barriers it unintentionally created, that reduce opportunities for students affected by the opportunity gap, such as students of minority groups or who come from low-income families.

Caroline Friedly, parent of a recent MCPS graduate, asked Rice to increase minimum wage in the county because it affects single parents’ ability to be involved in their children’s lives, speaking from personal experience.

“You shouldn’t have to worry about, ‘Can I pay my Pepco bill or can I go with my son to a field trip?’” Friedly said. “Because the field trip is ultimately more important, every single time.”

She said income also affects the residents’ self worth and whether they see a purpose.

“Give them more money so they feel that they have what they need, so they feel that they can hold their heads up, because they’re all working hard,” Friedly said.

Megan Kenneweg, a Stedwick Elementary School art teacher, asked Smith which part of the MCPS budget paid for materials for students in specials such as art as well as for in-class projects.

Six hundred dollars, for 700, 800 students, that’s cents for each child to have paper, scissors, crayons, all the fun stuff,” said Kenneweg, also a MCPS graduate. “What in FY ’18 budget is available for specials?”

Smith said the budget includes money for materials, though it wouldn’t cover everything.

Chris Jones spoke on behalf of his friend, who is a teacher, asking how the county could lessen stress on teachers. He read an email she sent him about her experience at MCPS.

“This job is literally killing me, my marriage and my relationships with friends and family,” Jones read. “I’m stressed out and starting to take multiple medications as a result of this job.”

He said his friend wrote that the job was becoming increasingly burdensome each year. She alluded to central office staff analyzing statistics.
When approaching a growling dog wagging its tail, which end do you believe?
That’s the conundrum facing reporters in the White House press corps as the new administration works its way into a second month in office.

On the one hand we have a president calling the media the enemy while Tuesday press secretary Sean Spicer told assembled reporters the president has a “Deep respect for the First Amendment and the press.”

I’m still watching the end of the dog with the teeth – for the record. The first question during Tuesday’s press briefing addressed this issue, but wasn’t followed up on – partly because Spicer didn’t point his finger in my direction.

I want to know exactly who the president views as his enemy. Is it all of the press corps across the country? Those who voted against him? Is it that he views anyone who doesn’t print or broadcast information with which he agrees is an enemy? Maybe he just means CNN or The New York Times.

At the end of the day the administration has a perception problem left over from a brash and bombastic campaign. It’s interesting to witness.

We no longer see large notes on legal pads and in bright red markers being passed into the press room during briefings. We haven’t seen Kellyanne in nearly a week either. Spicer is more controlled, and getting better communicating, but this administration still has problems reconciling facts with certain rhetoric.

How can you on one hand tell us General H.R. McMaster is the “finest” choice for National Security advisor without acknowledging he wasn’t your first choice? This is no criticism of the general – but is a question anyone would ask. Just clarify. You can’t get mad at that.

Personally I have no doubt the President of The United States isn’t an anti-Semite. But he has inadvertently or purposely thrust those on the far right who hold such views into the national spotlight with some of his actions on the campaign trail. So when he denounces anti-Semitism he needs to address it on more than one occasion and also explain the incongruity between his current actions and previous actions.

Spicer cannot merely tell us the president has addressed it once and therefore put it to bed. This is disconcerting because it speaks to either an arrogance or naivety or a combination of both when it comes to the stage upon which the president finds himself. His pronouncements are not those of Papal or Kingly edict. He is an elected public servant who will have to repeat things more than once for them to sink in adequately.

In so much that anti-Semitism and prejudice have existed for far longer than our lifetime – how can anyone think merely speaking against something once will end it?

The problem of perception versus reality is a common problem of any administration, but seemingly more so from top to bottom in the first month of this administration.

Tuesday Glenn Thrush from the New York Times along with myself and a few other reporters stuck around after the daily press briefing to ask whether or not the administration would forward complaints of anti-Semitism attacks to the Department of Justice. We staked out Spicer’s office and were shoed away by a young staffer who told us the Secret Service didn’t like us in the hall outside of Spicer’s office. I don’t doubt her, but I once watched Sam Donaldson and probably six or seven reporters stake out that office for hours until a bedraggled spokesman emerged to face the stern countenance of a frothing press – so her admonitions fell on deaf ears.

Thrush mentioned something about us being in the “people’s house” and not the private residence of the current occupant – more to me than anyone else – and then we moved to another door where we caught Spicer leaving and he didn’t answer the question.

Spicer referred us to someone in the “lower press office” who could tell us whether or not the administration intended on forwarding the complaints to the D.O.J. Then he scooted off to wherever busy press secretaries scuttle themselves when being pursued by stubborn reporters.

A few minutes later the young staffer complained to another staffer and Thrush was apparently accused of cursing at the staffer – which he never did - though there were ruffled feathers all around. The staffer felt slighted - but wasn’t. Facts are facts. Thrush was frustrated – as I was. I still haven’t had my question answered.

And I notice the dog is still showing its teeth.
To the editor,

It is sad and disheartening America the Beautiful and My Country, ’tis of thee, sweet land of liberty sung with justice for all is spiritually broken in an uncivil war between enraged citizens, rancor, fictional facts and conspiracy theories.

It is sad bigots are desecrating houses of worship that are not of their own faith and ignoring Constitutional law to respect anyone’s religious belief. It is notable a partnership of independence founders revolted from a monarchy to create an intellectual liberty; an American ideology — the science of ideas from their origin and nature — based on democratic freedom of assembly and speech is undergoing the unlawful use of violence against civilians in the pursuit of political aims. Peaceful protest organizers must condemn mayhem from “terrorists” organized to create fear and intimidation.

“Guard against the impostures of pretended patriotism.” (George Washington, Farewell Address, an open letter to the American public published on September 19, 1796).

Obstructionist tactics that dismiss scientific measurements proving industrial waste pollutes the atmosphere and contaminates rivers and lakes; and empirical evidence that global warming causes sea level to rise is indisputable.

Researchers using satellite data find warming ocean temperatures melting an Antarctic glacier will have consequences for Miami, New York and other major coastal cities. Yet, proven evidence is deliberately and falsely attacked and debunked to be misleading and argued to protect corporate stake holders is deceitful — corporations are people who say they care about the environment but continue to litter it have no integrity.

American exceptionalism proponents believe citizens are free thinkers to debate opinions and facts to find common ground. In truth is trust. “I like to live five minutes ahead of the police” (Benjamin Franklin) — it can also thwart would-be criminals.

The courts are frequently called upon in criminal cases to determine whether a search by the police violated a defendant’s 4th Amendment constitutional protection from unreasonable searches and seizures. Many of these cases involve a search where no warrant was involved, but sometimes the warrant itself may be at issue. This is illustrated by an unreported opinion this month from Maryland’s Court of Special Appeals in a case called Hector Colon v. State.

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When the police executed the warrant, the defendant was at home. No drugs were found by the police or a drug sniffing dog, but a Chrysler car key was found on the table. What the police were looking for, it was for the police searched the parking lot and located a car that the key would open. When the dog alerted for the presence of drugs, the police searched the car and found a semi-automatic rifle that Colon, who had a criminal record, could not legally possess.

The trial judge refused a motion to suppress use of the rifle at trial, convicted the defendant and he appealed.

The appellate Court held that though there was some question whether the State properly preserved its position on appeal, it believed that the issue was in the defendant’s favor it addressed the warrant issue. The Court found that a car key, which was not listed in the warrant, could not reasonably be deemed an “item of value” like money as specified in the warrant. Therefore, the police had no right to seize the car key or whatever was found using the key.

Therefore, the Court ruled that since the search was illegal, the rifle could not be used in evidence and the conviction was overturned. This illustrates how careful the courts are in preserving 4th amendment rights, even where there is a warrant.

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REAL ESTATE

I often write about preparing your home for a sale. Of course, that preparation is to make your home sell quicker and get the best price. However, preparing your home is more than just deep cleaning, decluttering, and minor repairs. Preparing and planning how to store your valuables will not only keep the prying eyes of nosy home buyers focused on your home’s space — it can also thwart would-be criminals.

Homes for sale are prime targets for thieves, and your home is not an exemption. Don’t make it easy for them. It may sound obvious — use common sense. However, you’d be surprised how many home sellers don’t lock up their valuables. In my many years of selling homes, I have seen how home sellers can be careless by leaving credit cards, cash, medications, and financial statements on counters and desks. There was one instance where the owner left their gun cabinet open!

And theft doesn’t only occur during open houses. Your possessions can go missing at any time.

Anyone can have “sticky fingers,” even rogue real estate agents (agents have been arrested for stealing from a listed home). Additionally, criminals take the opportunity of an open house (and even virtual tours) to stake out your home; only to strike at a later time.

Yes, thieves are looking for anything of value in your home. Besides jewelry and cash, they will take anything they think they can personally use or sell. Medications are a commodity to thieves; and anything with personal identification can be used in ID theft.

I am often asked, “Should I install surveillance cameras?” A few years ago, a home with surveillance cameras was not typical. Seeing the cameras often turned off, home buyers feared they felt “creeped out” and didn’t like the idea of being watched. However, in today’s cyber-world, where surveillance cameras are nearly everywhere, surveillance cameras have become increasingly commonplace. Before you go out and install cameras in your home, you need to understand the legal implications by consulting with an attorney or privacy legal expert.

Don’t just put away your jew- elry and other items of impor- tance, lock them up! If you’re not one of the millions of home owners who has a safe or strongbox, there are other options such as storing items in other locations (safe deposit boxes; someone else’s home; and even a rented storage unit).

Burglar alarms are a mixed blessing. Besides deterring crime, real estate agents often set them off, which can be a nuisance and possibly result in a fine for you (more info on false alarms and fines can be obtained from the Montgomery County Police False Alarm Reduction Section).

And although you may be told that worms are fool proof, only allowing agents in your home — it’s the user that is the weak link. Careless agents sometimes leave doors unlocked or open, or do not fully close the lockbox, leaving the key free to be used by any passerby.

Your agent can be part of your protection plan. Consider having your agent accompany all showings. Additionally, have more than one person during an open house. This can not only help protect your valuables, but the direct agent contact may be influential in your home sale.

For more information on protecting your valuables, check out Montgomery County Police’s brochure “Home Security, Safety Tips to Keep Your Home and Valuables Safe” (montgomerycountymd.gov/pol resource/ CrimePre ventBrochures.html).

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There are currently about three million seniors living in the state of Maryland and, of those, there are more than 850,000 over the age of 65. Each year, as the senior population loses members, new members join; those that were 64 last year become 65 this year. In two years those currently at 63 will join the club.

The senior club does at least one thing better than any other group; they vote. Accordingly, one must wonder why Governor Larry Hogan as well as the Maryland State Legislature have chosen to once again forget this rather considerible constituency when it comes time for some good old fashioned tax relief.

During the 2016 legislative session, you may recall, Governor Hogan put forward a bill to increase the tax exemption for seniors age 65 or older from $1000 to $5000 over a four year period. That bill did not receive any support from the majority and did not make it out of committee.

How, then, to give the issue traction for 2017? Obviously a new approach would be needed and that approach consisted of emphasizing the offset of any lost tax revenue from the senior tax break that would be generated by the increased spending the tax break afforded seniors and the resulting benefit to small business as well as the increase in sales tax revenue. End result: no legislation for tax relief for seniors for 2017.

The explanation provided for not reintroducing last year's senior tax relief bill focused on the budget and the shortfalls in both the 2017 and 2018 fiscal years. That bill did not receive any support from the majority and did not make it out of committee.

This year Senator Madalone pointed out that the extra few dollars in each senior's pocket would not amount to much. What they failed to take into consideration is that the extra $300 to $400 for each senior must be multiplied by the 850,000 seniors over the age of 65 to benefit the MD economy through the increased spending.

This year Senator Madalone pointed out that a large portion of senior spending goes to food and medications for which there is no sales tax. True, but that is a set amount regardless of income. Franchot said, "You have a winning argument" AND that even if the sales tax did not offset the tax revenue completely the difference would be "negligible". I assume any new found money would not go to buying more medication or food.

There was concern by State Senator Manno and Delegate Luedke about the senior tax break benefiting the ultra-wealthy seniors of Maryland and we recommended that a cap be placed on income say about $250,000 so that the cap would not curtail the sales tax offset.

Now as many of you are aware I spoke to as many key players as I could to get this message across, including our Comptroller Peter Franchot who said, and I quote, "You have a winning argument" AND that even if the sales tax did not offset the tax revenue completely the difference would be "negligible". I assume the State Comptroller knows something about the budget.

By the way, the fiscal note from last year inexplicably did not factor in the sales tax offset.

It seems the only person not to get the message was Governor Hogan and not for lack of trying as we met with Chris Shank, his legislative officer, for that very purpose. So where does that leave us regarding this legislation? If the budget can't afford to give a tax break to seniors, it can't afford to give a tax break to any other group. And let me close with this: legislators showing their faces at the United Seniors of Maryland Forum on January 25th would simply not cut it if they fail to support much needed tax relief for seniors. As we learned on November 8th, elections have consequences and so does lack of support for much needed senior legislation.

Again, let me emphasize that this is not about our first responders nor it is about our hometown heroes or our military or about the sacrifices they all make. This is about money, it is about hypocrisy, it is about politics, it is about needed tax relief for a key segment of our society but most of all it is about the senior population of Maryland being taken for granted by our elected officials in Annapolis - every single one of them.

Paul’s view
by Paul K. Schwartz

Rich Madeleno pointed out that the senior population loses members, many of whom are on a fixed income, for which there is an offset to cost but, yet, there is enough money, regardless of the budget shortfalls, to offer a tax break to any other group of people, no matter how deserving. Accordingly, I provide you with my testimony before the House Ways & Means Committee:

My name is Paul Schwartz and I am a member of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees, NARFE. I am a resident of Brookeville, Maryland and I am here today to testify AGAINST the Governor’s bills to reduce the tax burden on our first responders and our military.

I am here to represent the seniors of Maryland that both Governor Hogan and the Maryland State Legislature seem to continually forget.

We oppose these tax bills not because we find these groups undeserving. Rather, as I have been told for the last three years, although you would like to help out the needy seniors, the budget can’t afford tax relief for our fixed income seniors who comprise more than 850,000 seniors over the age of 65. If the budget can’t afford tax relief for seniors how, then, can it afford tax relief for any other group, as deserving as those groups may be?

Moreover, if you can’t afford to give tax relief to seniors, for which there is an offset, I don’t see how you can give tax relief to any other group for which there is no offset.

The State of Maryland currently faces shortfalls in revenue predictions for both fiscal year 2017 and 2018. Tax revenues for FY2017 are expected to be about $17.2 billion which is down some $365 million from initial projections. Likewise, tax revenues for FY2018 are expected to be about $17.2 billion which is down some $418 million from initial projections.

Again, this is not about first responders or the military. I am a former FEMA official and know first-hand the sacrifices our first responders make. This is about the budget and this is about hypocrisy.

As I mentioned quite extensively to many of you, seniors spend there money. Seniors do not save for the future because a senior’s, the future is now. Where do they spend that money?

Much of it at small businesses which stimulates the economy AND results in the collection by the state of sales tax revenue which offsets to a degree any lost tax revenue by a tax break for seniors. That is how so many other states like Pennsylvania do it.

Last year Delegate Mary Washington and State Senator Paul K. Schwartz
Developers will start construction in December on an extended-stay Residence Inn by Marriott hotel at the corner of Colesville Road and Georgia Avenue in Silver Spring.

The site, now occupied by a Gulf gas station, is directly across from Discovery Communications, two blocks from the Silver Spring Metro station, three blocks from the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration and near the heart of downtown Silver Spring.

"The only other option" in Silver Spring for extended-stay travelers "is the Homewood Suites," noted Timothy Eden, managing director of Starr Capital in Bethesda, one of three corporate partners to be builder/owners of the hotel.

The hotel will have 173 rooms on 14 floors, with 5,000 square feet of meeting space and 4,000 square feet of ground floor retail. It won preliminary approval from Montgomery County in November. The hotel will open for business early in 2020, Eden said. Construction costs will exceed $40 million, he added.

He cited several reasons not to put offices or apartments on the site. "The downtown corner location is less appealing for apartments," he said. There are several large apartment projects going up in Silver Spring "in better residential locations," he added.

"Office market rents" in that area "do not justify new construction," Eden said. "The site configuration does not work well for offices."

Starr Capital’s partners on the project are PMG Development Group, which owns the gas station now at the site and SV Hospitality, a hotel developer. BBGM Architects is designing the building.

If the economy turns downward before construction begins later this year, said Eden, "We may need to delay. There are no guarantees with lenders" – who supply construction funds – "especially with hotel development that is inherently risky, and subject to economic downturns."

Extended-stay hotels cater to stays of three or more days, he explained. "There are a lot of travelers who stay Monday-Thursday on extended assignments. Discovery Communications is a good example with international customers and employees."
“General,” from page 1

Michael Goldman, who represents Montgomery County, said he supports most of the bill. He said he would support shrinking the size of the board and increasing federal funding. The money would be put toward capital projects and preventative maintenance, according to the bill. Goldman said this could help with WMATA’s operating fund challenges.

“(It) frees up, for Maryland and the District particularly, the ability to put more money in the operating budget which is where I think WMATA is going to have big problems over the next couple of years,” Goldman said. “(That will) continue to be a difficult matter for the board because expenses are increasing more rapidly than revenue.” However, he said he would likely no longer be qualified as a member, if the board member requirements are passed along with the bill.

“Probably not, which is why I don’t think it’s a very good provision in the bill,” Goldman said, regarding his likelihood of remaining on the board. “It’s a solution looking for a problem that doesn’t exist.” He said he wants to remain on the board and be a part of improving Metro in safety and service.

“The idea at this point is it’s a desire to be around to show that we’ve accomplished something, so that we have a feeling of time spent has pursued things worthwhile,” said Goldman.

“I could be part of a board that really makes this system a more safe and reliable system, and does things that would make WMATA a better transit system for the region,” he added.

The bill also calls for Metro to amend its collective bargaining agreement, which Delaney said does not allow safety and service to improve. Federal funding under collective bargaining agreement must “allow the transit authority to implement all necessary operational changes required both to provide a high level of service, reliability, and safety as well as lower costs by selectively using competitive bidding for certain capital improvement projects,” according to the bill.

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**Metro massive reform proposed in Congress by Delaney**

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Ficker to run for Executive

Executive or not.

Since November’s presidential election, Leventhal who cannot run for re-election after term limits were added to the County charter, said he will have an announcement in June about his future political plans.

While Leventhal said he has not made a decision, he has hinted a possibility he might run. While he is considering his decision, he has spent time going around the County listening to residents, including a fundraising event he held during his birthday party in November.

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Total Wine & More co-founder David Trone is considering a run for County Executive according to a statement.

“The campaign for Congress strengthened my commitment to be in public service. A number of people have suggested opportunities in that regard, and I am in the process of deciding on my next step,” Trone said in a statement.

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“Pop Up” parks are popping up all over the county

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Pop Up in Montgomery Parks is the County’s latest way “to get Montgomery County residents into the parks and also foster a sense of community,” said Kokia Tarik, activating parks coordinator.

The most popular pop-up is Cozy Community Day, where families can enjoy the park and top it off with hot chocolate and s’mores by the fire.

The program is offered three or four times each week, traveling to different parks throughout the County. The activities are mainly circulated at urban parks in the more densely populated parts of the County. For information and to see where Pop Up Parks will be next, go to www.montgomeryparks.org/pop-up.

“Pop Up” parks are the latest craze for county residents.

Metro targets truancy to save

By Kathleen Stubbs
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Metro said another 100 employees were under review for the same reason. Wiedefeld said some of the employees who took too much extended leave but who remained on active status may have earned credit in the form of service time toward their pensions and health care coverage.

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County hears more on fatal fire

By Neal Earley
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During their internal audit about the County’s response to the fire at Flower Branch Apartments in Silver Spring that killed seven and displaced more than 100 people last August, County officials did not interview victims from the fire.

At last week’s council meeting, officials from several County agencies briefed the Council on an internal audit of the County’s response in providing services in the immediate aftermath of the fire. The audit listed several recommendations for the County, including a need for better communication between County staff.

Council member Tom Hucker (D-5) said the audit was disappointing and criticized County officials for not interviewing the victims of the fire who received the County’s services.

“It seems strange to me, as an approach, that you would just talk to County agencies and the non-profits we fund, but not the actual victims,” Hucker said.

Hucker said that he held several meetings with members of the Flower Branch community, along with Montgomery County Police Chief Tom Manger and Montgomery County Fire Chief Scott Goldstein about the fire.

During the audit, County officials said more than 25 people from County agencies and non-profits talked about what went wrong in the County’s response to the fire and what can be improved upon for the next crisis. The audit did not review emergency services’ response to the fire.

“They (the victims) had gone through for me, what couldn’t be a more traumatic event, and I didn’t want my coming to them and frankly trying to intrude on them, on them, to add what they were already dealing with,” said Bill Broglie, an internal audit manager for the County.

Broglie said instead he interviewed people from CASA, IMPACT Silver Spring and other non-profits that were on the ground helping victims after the fire.

Hucker said he agreed with the audit’s assessment about the need for more communication between County agencies, saying there was a disconnect between him and members of the executive branch in the aftermath of the fire. Hucker said he was not told about interagency reviews from the executive branch in the immediate aftermath of the fire.

“I’ve been pretty good,” he said, adding that he wished he had known about it in advance.

“Twin brothers Callum and Kieran Ashley-Shanahan brought their long boards to the park but only went around the track a few times before leaving. The 13-year-old boys who attend the nearby Siena School had brought their longboards but quickly discovered that the track was designed more for smaller skateboards.

Besides the pump track, the program offers Touch a Truck, where youngsters can climb into the cab of a backhoe, ride in a bucket truck or turn on the lights of a police car.

There also is a 26-foot tall rock wall that enables people to try their hands at rock climbing. A Tree Climbing pop-up shows children how to climb some of the large trees in the County parks with the help of arborists. Safety gear is provided.

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Muslim Community Center sponsors symposium on tolerance

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SILVER SPRING -- The staff of the Muslim Community Center invited the public to a panel discussion held on the center grounds Tuesday night on "How to oppose hate in our communities." The discussion focused on ways to respond to hate crimes, combat negative stereotypes of various groups as well as resistance to troubling policies, such as President Trump's recently-overturned ban on traveling to seven Muslim majority countries. While it is common to live in an enlightened society; many of us are good at pretending it. It's very easy to pretend it doesn't exist. In this community, Luedtke recounted that he had given a speech in the House of Delegates on George Washington the day before. "What I tried to draw out in that speech was that as members of society, not in the legal sense, but the larger sense, we have a responsibility to stand up for our neighbors." Luedtke noted that Maryland was founded on the idea of religious tolerance. "For somebody like me, who's white, male, straight, from a Christian tradition, I'm not often a victim of hate. I benefit from any type of inequality we have in our society. It's very easy to pretend it doesn't exist, it's easy to say, 'We live in an enlightened society.'" Martin Luther King solved everything, we're good." "Anytime there's injustice being done, it's not morally neutral to just stand by and watch," Sunshine said. "You have a moral obligation to step up, protect your neighbor and prevent the injustice being done."

Sunshine recalled that B'Nai Shalom received the support of community members when its building was vandalized in the summer of 2010. "Indifference is an ally of hate, and we were blessed that our community was not indifferent," Sunshine said. Khan recalled receiving support from Sunshine's brother Josh, a teacher at Winston Churchill High School, where Khan was a student in the fall of 2001. "After 9/11, he said that anyone who felt threatened could talk to him," Khan said. "That was when I knew I would be an interfaith activist for the rest of my life. If you want to challenge hate, start with the young."

"We need to have uncomfortable conversations," Acevedo said. "I can sit here today and say that Islam is a religion of peace because my eldest brother is a Muslim and I can say that because as a young man coming into myself, I explored the Koran and learned so much about what it says about the dignity of life and respecting life. And when you look at the television news, you notice a difference in what is being reported, especially about Muslims. I understand that bias because that bias exists for women, blacks, the working poor and other marginalized groups. That leads to fear and hatred, but when we acknowledge it and have uncomfortable dialogues like my brother and I did long ago, we can achieve understanding."

Kaseman said that he and other faith leaders in the county were forming groups pledging to support the family members of undocumented immigrants in the event of deportations. Sarwar said the event, the first of its kind in MCC's history, was a success.

"We have to make sure that citizens, regardless of whether we disagree, continue this dialogue," Sarwar said. "This was a great opportunity for people of different faiths, races and gender to get to know each other."

Adam Van Hart, a teacher at the Berman Hebrew Academy, a private Jewish school in Rockville, said that his school encouraged students to attend the discussion. "We had a conversation in the faculty about how to deal with hatred and bigotry in our community," Van Hart said. "I'm here to learn, to hear, and to support my students."

Study shows obese couples have lower fertility rates

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BETHESDA -- A study at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) indicates that obese couples may take longer to achieve pregnancy. "Obesity is a growing epidemic in the United States and other countries. While it is common sense that it takes two to get pregnant, recent research has indicated that the male's contribution has been overlooked," Rajeshwari Sundaram, a senior investigator at NIH's Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, wrote in an email. The study was conducted as part of the Longitudinal Investigation of Fertility and Environment Study that looks at national statistics and examines the relationship between fertility and exposure to environmental chemicals. 501 couples residing in Michigan and Texas took part between 2005 and 2009.

Participants were divided into two groups based on their body mass index, which measures a person's height to weight ratio. Results indicated that the heavier group took longer to become pregnant than the lighter group. Factors such as smoking, age, and physical activity prolonged pregnancy among the heavier group.

"Ours is the first we're aware of to find reduced fertility in obese couples not being treated for infertility. Also, many studies have focused largely on the female," wrote Sundaram. "Our results underscore the importance of including both partners when assessing couple fecundity," she added.

According to the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), obesity during pregnancy can increase the risk of diabetes, high blood pressure, sleep apnea, and pregnancy loss. The ACOG also notes that newborns from obese mothers have an increased risk of birth defects and a variety of diagnostic problems due to too much fat being on the baby's body. Sundaram explained that the study has potential for additional research including more direct methods of studying body composition. A follow up study could help confirm findings in a larger data set that is more representative of the population as a whole," wrote Sundaram.

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The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority transported the first of the system's least reliable railcar series to a scrap yard Wednesday to be replaced by a 7000 series railcar. "The 4000 are dogs, lemons, bananas, whatever you want to call them," said Metro board member Tom Bulger, who represents Washington, D.C. "They haven't performed as well."

Bulger said the gradual replacement of the 4000 series railcars will lead to fewer delays for riders. "We think it's going to be a great thing for our customers, our patrons, and not have as many breakdowns," Bulger said.

Metro spokesperson Richard Jordan said a tractor trailer picked up a 4000 series railcar from Greenbelt around 9 a.m. Wednesday and delivered it to a Baltimore scrap yard, and then it delivered a 7000 series railcar that went through inspection to Greenbelt.

"Instead of delivering the truck without anything, we're taking the old car on that truck," Jordan said. "It's just efficient that way."

Bulger said he hopes that all of the railcars from the 4000 series will be in the scrap yard by the end of the year, as scheduled.

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Three new full-sized sedans liven up the marketplace

Think of it as Buick’s answer to the Lexus ES 350 as much as a competitor to a mainstream-branded sedan. Extra-cushy seats are a particular highlight, as is the car's exterior presence – sleek and modern without looking overdone, with a wide stance and graceful profile.

It’s become vogue in automotive journalism to declare that the sedan – a bedrock of the automotive marketplace – as a dying breed in the face of roomier, more versatile crossovers. First to go, pundits contend, are the full-size four-doors.

But if you are looking for a big comfortable sedan, your options these days are better than ever, as recent tests of three leading contenders in this class suggest.

The freshly rebranded Genesis G80 and the newly redesigned Buick LaCrosse and Kia Cadenza effectively use their extra size both to flaunt their styling and to improve their interior space. And all have the sophisticated interior quality, long list of available features, and quiet ride that you’d expect of a luxury car – though it would be hard to expect otherwise at these sedans’ price points.

The highest-end of the trio is the G80, which starts at $42,350. Until the 2017 model year, this car was called the Hyundai Genesis, the second generation of the Korean automaker’s critically acclaimed premium sedan.

It’s now the entry-level vehicle in Hyundai’s new Genesis brand, slotting below the even bigger, even posher G90.

The G80 is distinguished from most full-size sedans under $50,000 for its rear-wheel-drive architecture. This setup generally favored among luxury cars, rather than front-wheel-drive, because it accommodates a powerful and heavy engine without throwing off the front/rear weight distribution or overloading the front wheels with too much power.

The G80 doesn’t feel like a sports car, but there’s commendable handling poise for such a big car – a comfortably stable feel. There’s also an available all-wheel-drive system, included on the tested car, to ease winter-weather concerns.

It’s also fast. Even the base engine, included on the tested G80, is a V6 with an impressive 311 horsepower. If you need more speed from your sedan, a 5.0-liter, 420-horsepower turbocharged V8 is also available and a 365-horsepower turbocharged V6 is due for the 2018 model year. Gas mileage doesn’t impress, though – the tested car is rated for just 19 miles per gallon in mixed driving, though that figure does improve by 3 mpg if you skip the all-wheel-drive. The redesigned LaCrosse may be front-wheel-drive, but it’s a clearly premium product as well.

The G80’s, but the Buick’s EPA rating is an outstanding 25 mpg in mixed driving. Inside, the LaCrosse isn’t quite so decadent or as user-friendly as the Genesis, but it’s not terrible on either account.

A slightly stiffer ride may bother some shoppers in this class, though part of the fault likely lies in the tested car’s $1,625 20-inch wheels; the standard smaller wheels likely offer better bump absorption. The LaCrosse’s base price of $32,990 significantly undercut the G80, but that’s due to the Genesis’ longer standard features list; comparably equipped, the G80 is actually a little less expensive.

But the Buick holds its own in the large sedan class – perhaps more so than it has in decades. Meanwhile, the Cadenza is another increasingly compelling option for buyers in this class looking for a lot of luxury for a relative bargain price. “Relative” is key, as even this Kia starts at $32,890 and the tested car was $45,290. But you do get a lot of luxury for that money, especially on paper, and both the base price and as-tested prices undercut the Genesis and Buick.

The Cadenza also doesn’t skimp on interior appointments, and interior or room improved over last year’s model. And a modern new front-end design, including a concave grille, lends presence to the car without seeming overdone.

But the Cadenza doesn’t have the ride and handling polish of the LaCrosse or G80, feeling more like a big but ordinary car on the road. That’s still good enough for it to compete well against a Toyota Avalon, which has similar driving manners but a less opulent interior.

The Cadenza is rated for 23 mpg in mixed driving. Other leading full-size sedans at this price point include the Chevrolet Impala, which is a little bulky and doesn’t have the fanciest interior décor but which is roomy and pleasant to drive; the Chrysler 300, which has impressive driving dynamics and comfortable seats, but feels dated inside; and the Nissan Maxima, which trades interior room for sporty handling. Also shop the midsized Lincoln MKZ, Acura TLX and Lexus ES 350 if maximum interior space matters less than a luxury experience.
The case of the Baltimore Sage and a blonde friend

By EVAN BERKOWITZ
Capital News Service

WASHINGTON — A British-American engraver who once formed a whirlwind friendship with Baltimore’s most influential journalist is among more than 20 artists on view in a National Gallery of Art exhibition that explores cities through prints.

“The Urban Scene: 1920-1950,” which opens Sunday, features 25 works on paper including one by Clare Leighton, who briefly lived in Baltimore, Maryland, and became fast, if fleeting, friends with legendary writer H.L. Mencken.

Leighton’s 1931 work, “Breadline, New York,” predates her acquaintance with Mencken by nearly a decade but shows an anti-urban sentiment, per exhibition curator Charles Ritchie, that would be rekindled by her brief, unsatisfying stay in Baltimore.

The small, black-and-white wood engraving depicts a column of monotonous, hunched-over men “that seems to sweep to infinity back to the city itself,” Ritchie said.

The men — as well as a wall of signs advertising drugs and pawn shops to their left and an elevated railway viaduct to their far right — converge in two dark triangles on a midground vanishing point. Intersecting in a lighter tone is the midground vanishing point. Intersecting in a lighter tone is the midground vanishing point.

When Leighton first met Mencken in 1939, their inaugural lunch date at the Hotel Belvedere lasted for nearly four hours, preeminent Mencken biographer Marion Rodgers wrote in an email.

“Two years in Baltimore convinced me that I did not belong to the American city,” she wrote in a 1947 article Ritchie provided.

Their friendship blossomed, Rodgers wrote, and Leighton soon met two or three times weekly with Mencken, the “Sage of Baltimore,” according to a 1956 letter Leighton wrote to publisher Alfred A. Knopf that Rodgers provided.

Soon, Mencken’s circle made hay of his “ravishing blonde at the Belvedere,” Rodgers wrote, and Leighton faced questions over the genre of her budding relationship with the man more than 17 years her senior.

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There’s a tension, Ritchie said at a Wednesday preview, “between the power and the possibility and the hope of the city, and yet the masses cannot be fed.”

Leighton’s attitudes about New York, expressed in “Breadline,” would return later in life when she recounted her time in Baltimore.

“The exhibition offers a corrective of sorts,” Brodie said. “It counters the view that museums overlook artists including Louis Lozowick, a Russian-American artist who was prominent in Precisionism, the first modern art movement to originate in the U.S., and others.

Made up almost fully from acquisitions since 2000, the 25-work show features many artists often overlooked by the art historical discourse, Judith Brodie, the National Gallery’s head of American and modern prints and drawings, said at the preview.

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“The Urban Scene: 1920-1950” runs at the National Gallery of Art through Aug. 6.
State bills could pit state against federal government

By Carrie Snurr
Capital News Service

ANNAPOLIS, Maryland -- A pair of bills would restrict the involvement of law enforcement agencies in Maryland with federal immigration efforts, banning state government agents from asking crime victims or suspects about their immigration or citizenship status.

The legislation, which is cross-filed in the House and Senate, is called the Maryland Law Enforcement and Governmental Trust Act.

“(This) bill would prevent the state of Maryland from disclosing nonpublic information to Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents,” Sen. Victor Ramirez, D-Prince George’s, wrote in testimony submitted for a hearing Tuesday before the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee. “Maryland is different from most states in that we allow undocumented residents to obtain driver’s licenses. We must assure those residents that their information is safe and will not be used for immigration purposes.”

The bill prohibits law enforcement officers in Maryland from disclosing nonpublic records to immigration authorities.

“This bill ensures that immigrant communities in our state are safe,” Yahirly Galan, senior policy and elections manager for CASA de Maryland, said in an interview Tuesday with the University of Maryland’s Capital News Service.

“The bill has to take the responsibilities that are already set in place and bring it to the table,” Galan said. “Like not being able to give the information of undocumented citizens to Immigration and Customs Enforcement. This bill is going to help secure the information of undocumented citizens and help them to feel safe. It is also going to benefit all the communities and the entire state.”

The bill states that state government officials couldn’t transfer individuals to federal immigration authorities or give federal authorities release information about that individual for the purposes of immigration enforcement without a warrant, according to a state document.

Currently, federal law controls immigration and enforcement. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security and Immigration, Customs and Enforcement have several programs that involve state and local authorities, according to a state document.

The Obama Administration’s Priority Enforcement Program enabled the Department of Homeland Security to work with local law enforcement to take custody of suspects who pose a danger to public safety before the suspect is released.

An executive order signed by President Donald Trump on Jan. 25 terminated that program and replaced it with the Secure Communities program. Participating correctional facilities can submit fingerprints of suspects to criminal and immigration databases.

If the suspect’s fingerprints matched a record of an immigration violation, Immigration and Customs Enforcement would be notified and could decide the next course of action, according to the state document.

The state attorney general would have to develop policies for hospitals, courts and schools to keep immigration status confidential and to keep enforcement operations from being conducted on those sites, regardless of immigration status, under the bill.

“This legislation will clarify the use of state resources for federal purposes such as immigration enforcement,” said Sen. Justin Ready, R-Rockville, who is scheduled to be heard in the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

“It does not support the legislation,” said Sen. Chuck Hounshell, D-Baltimore City. “I do not support (the legislation) at all. I think it is not necessary.”

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The bill passed second reading Tuesday in the state House of Delegates and is expected to be voted on for final passage in the chamber Wednesday. A Senate bill cross-filed with the House version is scheduled to be heard in the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee Wednesday.

Proposed changes could make blocking four-way illegal

By Cara Newcomer
Capital News Service

ANNAPOLIS, Maryland – Vehicles that enter an intersection but fail to cross it once the light turns red would be subject to a minimum fine, according to a Department of Transportation report.

Carr said it helps that this law has already been established in other states. The District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island each have a similar law.

Maryland’s current law states if a car enters the intersection when the light is green or yellow, then that car has the right of way, according to Didone.

Tori Hall, a resident of Bethesda, Maryland, told a House committee she believes this bill is just housekeeping and that most people already think of it as law.

“This bill would clarify what most people already think of as common courtesy and safe driving,” Hall said.

“It makes sense to prevent gridlock and allow pedestrians and emergency vehicles to get through,” Hall said.

Didone said he understands that the duration of lights varies at different locations, but he believes with practice people will be able to decipher when it is appropriate to pull into an intersection.

“Drivers desperate to avoid being caught in the next light cycle sometimes enter the intersection whether or not there’s room,” Carr said.

“Driver frustration can escalate, creating road rage incidents and aggressive maneuvers,” Didone said.

Didone said he wants to discourage the behavior of cars rushing into an intersection on a yellow light to avoid waiting another light cycle. “(It will be) a monument change of the right-of-way for light intersections,” Didone said.

Delegate William Wivell, R-Washington, cast the lone vote against the bill in the House Environment and Transportation committee Feb. 9. “The bill was introduced to allow a better flow of traffic, but if you look at it the other way, if someone doesn’t pull forward it could block traffic that way,” Wivell told the University of Maryland’s Capital News Service.

Wivell said he believes the bill will be difficult to enforce and it won’t increase the flow of traffic. “I don’t see the need for it and I just think it will create more problems,” Wivell said.

The Washington Area Bicyclist Association Executive Director Greg Billing wrote testimony in favor of the bill saying it would help prevent traffic accidents. “Keeping intersections clear of vehicles is important for all road users, especially at-risk people riding bicycles or walking.”

The Maryland Department of Transportation has not taken a stance on the bill, according to Erin Henson, public affairs director for the agency.

“A violation of this provision is a misdemeanor, subject to the existing penalty of a $500 maximum fine,” according to a Department of Legislative Services fiscal analysis.

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What’s happening this week in Montgomery County

BLACK ROCK CENTER FOR THE ARTS

• APRIL VERCH COUNTRY, FOLK, ROOTS | THURSDAY, FEB 23, 17:30 PM | $17-25

• THE SUFFERERS
JAZZ, R&B, ROCK, SOUL | FRIDAY, FEB 24, 20:00 PM | $35-40

• ERCI HIBBS BLUES | SATURDAY, FEB 25, 20:00 PM | $35-35

STRATHMORE – THE MUSIC CENTER

• JAZZ AT LINCOLN CENTER ORCHESTRA WITH WYNTON MAALCO – ALL RISE | FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 17:30 PM | 3:00 PM | SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2017, 4PM

• BSO MELENDIZOSO SYMPHONY NO. 4 | SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2017, 8PM

• AMP, ANACOSTIA DELTA SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2017, 1PM

The Widowed Persons Service of Montgomery County provides support groups for widowed persons to meet and express their feelings and experiences. Support groups meet at 2:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. For more information about the support group please contact the Bethesda Blues & Jazz Foundation at 301-277-2863.

OPENING RECEPTION AND ARTIST TALK: 1,000 YELLOW DAHLIAS
Feb. 24, 7:00 – 9:00 PM. Through ethereal imagery, selected jottings, and radical gift giving, Esteban del Valle explores international traditions and current political climate to present as one entity, blurring their boundaries. In conjunction with “video game” frames that feature vignettes of documentary footage that show the day-to-day lives of the men and offer a piece of their journey, their truth, their visibility and their individuality. Exhibition runs through March 19. Where: Gibbs Street Gallery, VisArts.

OPENING RECEPTION AND ARTIST TALK: THE ART OF THE DINNER PARTY
Feb. 24, 7:00 – 9:00 PM. In a mixed-media installation of paintings, drawings, collages, Antonio Williams creates a mythology of loosely autobiographical humans that personify the complexity of perception in relation to class, culture, and masculinity. Exhibition runs through March 26. Where: Common Ground Gallery, VisArts.

OPENING RECEPTION AND ARTIST TALK: UNSETTING
Feb. 24, 7:00 – 9:00 PM. Esteban del Valle uses a mix of painting, drawing, sculpture, video, and political cartoon imagery to grapple with the push and pull of power. Politics and iconic American rituals from Thanksgiving to TV dinners to home improvement mergers are an unsettling blend of nostalgia, historical anomalies, and emotion. Exhibition runs through Mar. 26. At the Kaplan Gallery, VisArts.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY TRENDING TOPICS
Feb. 27, 12:15 – 2:00 PM. County and school officials report an increase in substance use and abuse among Montgomery County youth. To learn more about the scope of the problem and what Montgomery County Public Schools and the County Department of Health and Human Services are doing to combat this problem, join us at the White Oak Library, 17101 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Our guest panel includes Jonathan T. Brice, Associate Superintendent, MCPS Office of Student Support and Engagement, Members of Congress and hear from Administration officials at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, DC. tickets are $10 and $15 and available at www.bethesda.org. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. for the 7:30 p.m. show. Bethesda Blues & Jazz Supper Club will feature a dinner menu.

TALK: CONQUERING COOL SEASON EDIBLES
Feb. 27, 6:00 PM. The Spring Garden Club invites you to a talk on Conquering Cool Season Edibles. There are many edible plants that grow best in cooler weather. Try your hand at growing them and enjoy the “fruits” — or veggies — of your labor during the winter months. Our speaker, Kathy Jentz, will cover techniques for lengthening the growing season and what edible plants do best in our Mid-Atlantic climate. Kathy is editor and publisher of Washington Gardener Magazine. A lifetime long gardener, Kathy believes that growing plants should be stress-free and enjoyable. Her philosophy is inspiration over perspiration. Kathy is also president of the Silver Spring Garden Club. WHERE: Brookside Gardens, Visitor Center Education Building, 8000 Glenallan Avenue, Wheaton, Maryland.

THE WIDOWED PERSONS SERVICE OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY
Feb. 27, 10:00 – 2:00 PM. The Widowed Persons Service of Montgomery County provides support groups for widowed persons to meet and express their feelings and experiences. Support groups meet at 2:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. For more information about the support group please contact the Bethesda Blues & Jazz Foundation at 301-277-2863.

SOLO PIANO CONCERT: EDVINAS MINKUSKIS
Mar. 4, 2017. 8:00 PM. The Washington Conservatory of Music presents a concert by Lithuanian-born and DC-based pianist, Edvinas Minkuskins, at Westmont Church, One Westmoreland Circle, Bethesda, at Massachusetts and Western Avenues, the boundary of DC and Bethesda. The concert is free with donations welcome at the door. Edvinas Minkuskins has performed throughout Europe and North America in solo and chamber music recitals and as a soloist with orchestras. He has won eight international piano competitions. His performance will feature early 20th century works from Lithuania and the United States.

WALTZ DANCE AT GLEN ECHO PARK
Mar. 4 – 7, 2017, 7:30 PM. Waldorf Tunes and 3:30 to 6:30 PM. Dance, Kasir for a Waltz Dance in the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park on Sunday, March 5, 2017 featuring the ensemble Gistsmeier. The band will play mostly swing as well as Swing, Tango, French, and Blues. 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 6:00. Admission is $10. No partner required. For more information, call Joan Koeer at 202-238-0288 or Glen Echo Park at 301-614-2222, info@WaltzTimeDances.org. The Glen Echo National Park is located at 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo, MD 20812.

2017 NATIONAL ANTI-HUNGER POLICY CONFERENCE
Mar. 5 – 7. Join 1,000+ of your fellow anti-hunger advocates in Washington, D.C., for three days of "can’t miss" networking opportunities, content-rich sessions, and interactive training, followed by a day on Capitol Hill. The National CACFP Leadership Road Trip, Ready-Set-Implement: Building a Brighter Future for CACFP is part of the national anti-hunger conference. You’ll go home with an arsenal of best practices, innovative advocacy methods, and personal connections to help you better fight hunger in your community, your state, and at the national level. Meet with your new, and returning, Members of Congress and hear from Administration officials at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington DC.

WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH PROGRAM

CHRIST EPISCOPAL SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

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Mar. 10, 9:00 – 11:00 A.M. Join us for an Open House to see Christ Episcopal School (CES) in ac-

tion on a Friday or talk at length with our teachers on a Saturday! Discover why CES, celebrating 50 years of academic excellence, has been known as Rockville's educational gem since 1966. Tour the classrooms and campus, and experience the strong academic program with individualized student at-
tention in the warm, welcoming CES community. No need to register; come see CES Address: 22 W. Jefferson Street, Rockville. Call 301-424-6570 for more information. Additional date for open house: April 22.

TALK: “THE RISE OF SEPARATE BUT UNEQUAL SCHOOLS”
Mar. 11, 1:00 – 2:30 P.M. Illustrated presentation covering the early years of segregated schools in Rockville, and Montgomery County generally, after the Civil War. By the painful reality that the separation, which led to the passage of the 14th and 15th Amendment, and only in 1995, Montgomery County passed an Ordinance to desegregate schools. The presentation will include information on the role of ROCKVILLE in the fight for equal education, as well as the role of ROCKVILLE in the fight against segregation.

March 18, 5:00 – 8:00 P.M. This March Madness, join Potomac Rock at 7 Locks Brewing for March MARRIAGE. You'll be able to watch all the best games, enjoy a good pint, play some cornhole, or support our adoptable dogs (whomever will be there as well!!) This is a family-friendly (and dog-friendly) event. There will be doggie treats, water & root beer available for purchase as well as the famous pint!! The Rolling Brick Pizza Truck will be selling slices. 10% of the proceeds will go towards Potomac Rock. A good meal, good beer, pizza and great basketball? What more can you want? Mark your calendar now to join us! Address: 12277 Wilkins Ave, Rockville.

WALTZ DANCE AT GLEN ECHO PARK
Mar. 19, 2:45 – 3:30 P.M. Introductory Waltz workshops and 3:30 to 6 pm: Dance. Join us for a Waltz Dance in the Spanish Ball-

room at Glen Echo Park on Sunday, March 19, 2017 featuring the ensemble Contrapunta playing a lively mix of folk Waltzes with a few other dance styles, including Hambo, Schottische, Swing, and Musical Waltz. 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 $15. No partner required. For more information, call Joan Koury at 202-238-0230 or Glen Echo Park at 301-654-2222, go to www.WaltzTimeDances.org or e-mail info@Waltz-

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ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT SHRIMP AND OYSTERS FINEST FEAST FUNDRAISER
Mar. 20, 11:00 – 5:00 P.M. The Bethesda Chevy Chase Rescue Squad Alumnae Association will hold its shrimp and oyster feast fundraiser on Sunday, March 26, from 11:00 am to 5:15 pm, at the Anaustas Room at the Rescue Squad. Tickets cost $50 per person ($45 if purchased in advance) for all-you-can-eat oysters and shrimp on the half shell, shrimp stew, fried oyster, sliced ham, potato salad, baked beans, apple sauce, rolls, beer, and soda. For tickets or further in-
formation, call 301-442-4136. The Rescue Squad is located at 9200 Battery Lane (Old Georgetown Road), Bethesda, Maryland, 20814.

ART EXHIBIT: “BREAKING THE GLASS CEILING – THE SKY IS THE LIMIT”
Mar. 31 – Apr. 30. “Breaking the Glass Ceiling – The Sky’s the Limit” exhibit reflects on this metaphor of pushing through barriers that prevent reaching goals or breaking boundaries, and only ac-

cepting an endless sky. This year Del Ray Artists celebrates 25 years of inclusive support for artists, providing equal access to all. Opening Reception: Friday, March 31, 7-9pm. Runs through April 30 at Del Ray Artists Gallery, 2704 Mont Vernon Ave., Alexandria. www.DelRayArtists.org/ex-
hibits

ALZHEIMER’S/DEMENTIA CARE-

GIVERS
Apr. 3, 2:00 – 4:00 P.M. For most family care-

givers, caregiving is a new role - one for which we are often not prepared. We do our best to keep our loved one comfortable, but sometimes we fail. This workshop will help caregivers to better understand and care for their loved one, as well as the importance of self-care. Where: Brookville Grove Retirement Village, 11311 Smith School Road, Sandy Spring, MD 20860. For ad-

ance registration is required. For more information and to register, call 301-972-3900.

ONGOING

GALLERY & FEBRUARY EXHIBIT
Through Feb. 25. Gallery B is pleased to present its February exhibition, which will feature sculpture by Caroline Chaumet and Di, photography by Camille and paintings by Brent Zeleiko. The exhibit on be display at Gallery B, located at 7700 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite E, Bethesda, MD. Gallery hours for the show will be Wednesday – Saturday, 12-6 pm. A public reception for the exhibition will be held on Friday, February 10 from 6-8pm.

“SIGHTSEERS” FACULTY & STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION
Through Feb. 26. 4:00 – 6:00 P.M. Reception & Gallery Talk for the “Sightseers” Faculty & Student Photography Exhibition presented by Photoshows. The exhibition focuses on the crucial relationship between teacher and student, showcasing work from our external faculty, and introducing some of our talented students. Through a distinct style emerges from each artist, we also see traces of influence, as Photoshows instructors transmit their love of the medium, while encouraging students to hone their personal vision. Exhibit runs through Feb. 26. Photoshows’ Gallery. Gallery Hours: Saturday 12-6pm and Sunday 1-5pm (and anytime a photography class is underway) 7300 MacArthur Boulevard, Glen Echo.

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ONE-ON-ONE FRIDAY FUN
One-on-One Fun Friday. Our monthly group projects are the perfect way for your child to have a first school experience in a warm, friendly setting while you meet other parents. Children will explore, learn and socialize in a calm, nurturing classroom environment. Our group meets 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. Volunteers 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 foxhillresi-
dences.com or at 301-968-1850; walk-ins are welcome as well. Fox Hill is located at 8303 Bar-
dette Road, Bethesda, MD, 20817. For more infor-
mation, call Julie Saag at 301-968-1850 or visit www.foxhillresidences.com.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS MEETING
Thursdays, 7:15 – 8:30 P.M. Overeaters Anony-

mous meeting at the Rockville Church of Christ, 1450 Montgomery Ave., Rockville (in Parish House). For further information, http://www.oa-
democrats.org or Linda S at 301-641-9098.

CHILDREN’S STORYTIME
Wednesdays and Saturdays. 10:00 A. M. Listen to employees read children’s books at Barnes & No-

ble Booksellers at 4811 Bethesda Ave., Bethesda, Free.

THANG TA
Wednesdays, 6:00 – 7:00 PM. Learn the ancient art of the sword and spear at the Stradiluzick Institute
FOOD ADDICTS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS
Every Saturday, 9:30 – 10:30 A.M. Food Addicts Anonymous meets every Saturday at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 100 Welch Park Drive, Building #4, Rockville, MD 20850. We welcome new members. For questions, please visit www.foodaddictsanonymous.org or call Jewel Elizabeth @ 301-762-6300.

VIASART COCKTAILS AND CANVAS CLASS

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 and 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 2791 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria VA. See our calendar for dates and times.

SUNDAY FIT
Sundays 11:00 – 3:00 P.M. $33 $12 for unlimited. Champagne brunch Executive Chef Todd Wiss has cooked up a seasonal brunch menu complete with a brunch time standard – Champagne! Guests have the option to choose their own menu items and share their interest in writing. Learn to improve your writing and try new approaches. Ages 12 and up are welcome every Sunday to indulge on Black's favorites like Smoked Salmon, Chesapeake Bay Blue Crab, Fish Rillette, Herb Crusted Pineland Farms Prime Rib or breakfast treats like House Made Bruschetta French Toast, Quiche and a selection of Chef Wiss’ homemade jams. Visit http://www.blacksbarandkitchen.com for more information.

LATE NIGHT COMEDY
Saturdays, 8:00 P.M. to Midnight. The DC Lindy Hop Society presents rotating DJs and instructors in the Back Room Annex at Glen Echo Park. Address: 7747 Tuckerman Lane, Potomac. Benny’s is open 8:00 A.M. – 1:00 A.M. Fridays and Saturdays. Benny's is home to a mix of comedians (including occult 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. Benny's is home to a mix of comedians (including occult comedians).

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The Candy Corner Visit www.glenechopark.org or call 301-634-2222

Some Fun

A BOVINE BAFFLER! Try to solve these five Ladder Puzzles before Bossy finishes her evening meal. You are given a word that must be changed into another word in a series of moves. During each move, you must change one letter in the previous word, so as to form a new word. In our example, we changed BARN to DOOR in four moves. See if you can change the following words in four moves each:

1. COOK to WARE
2. HAND to SOME
3. LAME to DUCK
4. MENU to FOOD
5. PARE to DOWN

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By Brandy L. Simms

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POTOMAC – Bullis captured the Interstate Athletic Conference tournament championship Saturday night with a thrilling 62-60 victory over Georgetown Prep before a sold-out crowd.

The contest marked the third meeting between the IAC rivals with both teams each having won a game in the season series.

Bullis junior guard Vado Morse sank a pair of foul shots with 1.8 seconds left to give the boys basketball program its first IAC tournament championship in three years.

"Vado, he's come a long way," said Bullis senior Chyree Walker. "From when I first arrived at Bullis, his game has always showed that he can be a good player and over the years he's been working and it really showed tonight."

Morse led four Bullis players in double figures with 16 points while Walker (15 points) and senior guard Raffy Baumgardner (12 points) also contributed in the win. Phillip Smith, a sophomore wing, finished with 11 points and junior guard Lincoln Yeutter added eight points for the Bulldogs.

"Since I've been here we've fallen short twice," said Walker, a Delaware recruit. "It means a lot. It's very surreal."

Walker's second quarter slam dunk gave Bullis a 37-25 advantage with about two minutes remaining before intermission. The 6-foot-6 wing also had a slam dunk in the fourth quarter that excited the crowd.

"Going into the game I just felt like I had to give it my all," said Walker. "[It was my] last game and I had to leave it all on the court."

Bullis (19-6) held a 14-point lead early in the fourth quarter on Morse's basket with 7:01 remaining but Georgetown Prep Prep (20-6) began to rally behind junior guard Jared Bynum, who finished with a game-high 27 points.

Georgetown Prep juniors Mezie Offurum and Ike Nweke each scored 10 points for the Little Hoyas.

Bynum's three-point play with 3:28 remaining cut the deficit to 60-54 and he later knocked down a pair of free throws with 1:51 left to trim the Bullis lead to 60-58.

"You've got to give them credit," said Bullis head coach Bruce Kelley, who guided the Bulldogs to three consecutive IAC tournament championships from 2012-14. "We knew they would never leave. We did some things to allow them to come back as well. They're very, very good. They made us very concerned."

Georgetown Prep junior wing Mezie Offurum knocked down a pair of free throws with 24.3 seconds left to tie the game at 60 apiece before Morse was sent to the foul line in the waning moments.

"Before I was here they actually had a streak of winning IAC championships so we want to start that back up," said Morse.

Obendorfer edges FitzPatrick for fourth straight county tournament crown

By Lem Satterfield
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Scottie Obendorfer won his fourth straight Montgomery County tournament crown at Gaithersburg High School on Saturday and improved to 41-0, but the 132-pound senior’s victory in the event was more difficult than ever.

Obendorfer won finals back-to-back over Richard Montgomery’s David Silverberg by technical fall as a freshman, and then by 9-3 decision as a sophomore before routing Churchill’s Jack Connolly 13-4 as a junior.

But not only was that Obendorfer’s second time wrestling Walter Johnson senior J.D. FitzPatrick — having won 8-4 in an earlier dual meet — but he faced a veteran who dropped from 138 pounds, where he’s placed third at counties after being second as a sophomore, second regions after being third a year earlier, and third at states after having finished sixth.

The Penn State-bound Obendorfer escaped yet again with a 7-5 decision over FitzPatrick, but only after his rival had closed distance on a 7-2 deficit.

"Both times, I was up by enough so I didn’t have to worry," said Obendorfer, who has placed first and second in the past two state tournaments, and pursues his fourth consecutive regional crown next week.

"As long as I didn’t give up a big move, I knew I’d be fine. He’s definitely a good wrestler, and it’s going to help in the long run. It’s good to have tough competition in the finals to prepare you for what really counts, which is states."

Obendorfer was among five individual champions along with juniors Ryan Lawrence (145), John Allan Furgeson (152) and Paul Purkey (182) and freshman Tim Furgeson (160) as the for the Swarmin’ Hornets (232 points) captured their 15th tournament title.

Sophomore Johnny McLaughlin (120) was second, with freshman Silas Patton (106), senior Mikey Bradshaw (220) and juniors Josh Creggan (138) and Elijah Baisden (195) finishing third.

The event happened a week after the Swarmin’ Hornets ran their consecutive dual meet wins streak to 127 for their program’s unprecedented fifth Class 4A-3A state duals crown, keeping them on pace to earn their third straight and sixth overall Class 4A-3A state tournament championship on March 3-4.

Obendorfer wants to prevent what happened a year ago, when he entered the 126-pound state final with only Westminster senior Ryan Eckenbarger between him and a second crown.

Having won his semifinal 5-1 against Oakdale’s Cameron Deluco, Obendorfer vanquished a wrestler who owned a 3-1 triumph over Eckenbarger from a week earlier.
Lady Bulldogs escape Holy Child with a 44-40 win

By Carlos Alfaro
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POTOMAC- Going down to the wire, the Bullis Lady Bulldogs finally vanquished the Holy Child Tigers girls’ basketball team 44-40 Friday.

It was the last game before the Independent School League playoffs start on Friday for girls’ basketball, and the second time the two teams met this season.

The last time the teams met in January, the Tigers won by four points, the same margin that the Bulldogs beat the Tigers by Tuesday night.

Throughout the night, the lead was traded, but neither team had a comfortable enough lead to relax for a second.

In the second half, the largest lead was a five-point margin by the Tigers, which the Bulldogs responded to with a six-point run by senior forwards Leilani Moten and Tori Crawford as well as junior guard Maqui Carrillo.

The first half started slowly but aggressively, as both teams fouled each other and a Tigers player fouled out.

“It was a heated game, I feel like the first half was a little out of control on both ends. Both teams were playing with a lot of emotions, a lot of turnovers,” said Bulldogs head coach Amy Heinzelmann.

The Tigers went into halftime down by one point, and as the game stayed close, the foul shots missed at the many trips to the line stung with regret.

“The free throws could have been better, we all made mistakes though,” said Tigers junior guard Tori Yantos.

Both teams played the second half very defensively, opting to carefully pick their chances and avoid foul trouble.

The turning point for the game was the last two minutes, after a shot by junior forward Jada Dapa gave the Tigers the lead and broke the 37-37 tie. The Bulldogs then scored five straight points, three of which were from the free throw line courtesy of sophomore guard Rayniah Walker.

A single free throw shot made by Tigers junior guard Jada Welbon cut the lead to two, enough that a single shot would tie the game once more.

A foul on Crawford saw her go to the line and sink both shots in for a 44-40 scoreline in the waning seconds of the fourth quarter, ensuring victory for the Bulldogs.

“We did a great job defensively, getting the ball and getting out, a couple of our shots didn’t go in, and that was it,” said Tigers head coach Jamie Ready.

Good Counsel girls fall to McNamara on senior night

By Eva Pasapalis
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OLNEY – Senior Night was supposed to be a celebratory evening for the Good Counsel girls varsity basketball team.

The Falcons certainly tried to honor their six seniors and close out the regular season on a high note by grabbing a win Friday night at the Kane Center.

The Mustangs of Bishop McNamara, however, had other plans.

The squad from Forestville built on an early lead and finished strong, defeating Good Counsel 64-55.

McNamara head coach Frank Oliver, Jr. commended his team for earning a victory in a tough environment as the postseason draws closer.

“This is huge and it means a lot because you want to be hot going into the playoffs,” he said. “Beating a good team like this on the road with a young team, I’ll take that victory. They were focused tonight.”

Mustangs sophomore guard Jakia Turner was certainly focused as she led her team with 24 points. McNamara junior guard Zenzele Vital added the icing on the cake when her layup sailed through the net as the buzzer signaled the end of the game.

McNamara dictated a slow pace from the start of the game. Senior guard Kyara Frames minimized mistakes and took her time going down the court as she looked for an open teammate or an open shot.

Meanwhile, the Mustangs’ staunch defense kept the Falcons out of the paint and resulted in Good Counsel trailing by 12 points early in the second quarter.

McNamara’s defense didn’t let up in the second half.

Good Counsel opened the third quarter with two scoreless minutes as the Mustangs scored nine unanswered points.

“It’s pretty tough to dig yourself out of a hole against a good team and a team with that level of athletes,” said Good Counsel head coach Tom Splaine.

The Falcons certainly tried to claw their way out.

Pulliam’s nine points in the fourth quarter helped to pull the Falcons closer to overcoming McNamara’s lead.

Good Counsel senior guard Julia Crocker hit her first three-point basket of the night with just over a minute left to draw the Falcons within four.

However, a Falcons turnover a few seconds later resulted in points for the Mustangs. McNamara junior guard Zenele Vital added the icing on the cake when her layup sailed through the net as the buzzer signaled the end of the game.

“We’ve had to pick ourselves up off the mat a number of times,” said Splaine. “If we allow ourselves to get beat down by this [loss] then it’s only our own fault.”

The Falcons have a week to prepare for their postseason opener at home. Bishop McNamara will play a rescheduled game on Sunday to determine playoff seeding.

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**G. Prep’s Krause takes second straight state title**

By Lem Satterfield
Special to The Sentinel

Georgetown Prep’s Ethan Krause traveled a similar path and achieved the same result as he did a year ago. Krause, a two-time state champion, regained his second straight crown and pitted the Little Hoyas to a sixth place finish at last weekend’s private schools state tournament at Harford County Community College.

Krause won his 145-pound title bout, 5-2, over McDonogh’s Quinn Devaney, a Maryland University-bound senior who was runner-up for the third straight year. Krause defeated Devaney, 3-2, in last year’s 138-pound final after missing the private schools tournament as a sophomore due to a concussion.

“This means a lot to me being a multiple-time state champ in that it solidifies me as one of the better wrestlers in Maryland. It’s something I can look back upon when I’m older,” said Krause, whose record is 49-2. “I feel like I wrestled well in my matches and wanted it to more convincing than my previous meetings with him. For that to happen I needed multiple take downs.”

Last year’s win over Devaney followed Krause’s 87-second pin of Archbishop Spalding’s Nick Goray, whom Krause handled, 11-5, in last weekend’s semifinal. Krause had also blanked Goray, 5-0, for the crown.

The 2008, arrived in Maryland during the summer of 2010, and was discovered by Lowe during a physical meeting going 44-1 to place first at the Duke University-bound senior won yet again earlier in this year.

“Krause has a workmanlike approach to competition. He doesn’t leave position,” said Adam DeCosmo, an Archbishop Spalding assistant who was twice a Class 4A-3A state champ at Old Mill in Anne Arundel County before graduating in 2001.

That makes shutting down the offense of guys like Devaney and Goray look easy. It is quite clear this comes from discipline in the practice room and year-round conditioning. He uses left leg attacks when he does attack and most wrestlers are righthanded, so they are not used to defending that side of a leg attack.”

Also wresting well for the Little Hoyas was senior Thomas Gates (285), who was a runner-up to McDonogh junior P.J. Mustipher following a 5-2 loss. Caleb Wilson (170) and Riley Stewart (182) finished fourth, and Kobe Borda (126), fifth, Joe Keane (120), seventh and Cole Robilotti (138), eighth, all finished within the top 11.

In their last 13 weeks after winning their 13th straight Interstate Athletic Conference title and seven days prior to next weekend’s National Preps Tournament in Lehigh, Pennsylvania.

“This makes all the hard work worth it,” said Krause, who looks to improve on fifth place finish at last year’s National Preps as well as a seventh place finish at the National High School Coaches’ Association tournament in April.

“It reminds me that I need to work hard to accomplish my goals. This is a great lead up to National Preps. It’s giving me the confidence I need to win a national title. That’s been on my mind since I was a freshman.”

Seniors Bailey Thomas (152) and Brady Daniel (200) won individual championships. Juniors Richard Wood (160) and junior Jalen Lea (285) finished third for third place Good Counsel, whose other placewinners were freshman Conor Lozupone (106, fifth), Drew Browinowitz (182, sixth) and Avery Miller (145, eighth).

A year ago, Thomas and Daniel were fifth and seventh individually. Most individual champions who guided their program to their second private schools state title. Daniel ended the year by placing a team-high third at the National Preps.

Four members of national Washington Catholic Athletic Conference tournament champions by Saint John’s, which last month ended their conference dual meet winning streak at 55 matches, the Falcons got Thomas’ 10-0 title bout shutout of Loyola’s Dominic Reyes in the championship match.

“Daniel required overtime for a 7-5 victory over John Urban of Arundel. St. Paul’s as he added his second private schools crown to the Class 4A-3A state title he won as a 182-pound sophomore at River Hill of Howard County.”

Daniel has the chance to surpass the career tournament titles held by club president and former state champion Cory, a former two-time state champion who went undefeated over his final two seasons at River Hill.

Senior Aryemis Brown (160) finished third for the second straight year among five placewinners for eighth place Bullis, followed by T.J. Macklin (120) and seventh-place Isaiah Ruderman (113) and Marcello Motta (132) and eighth-place Batin Sineshah (106).

Junior Brendon Gallagher (138) was a runner-up for 12th place Frederick, St. John’s, whose other placewinners were Zach Brown (285, eighth) for the Bears.

Brendon Gallagher sits at 112 career victories, and the highest career mark in Landon wrestling history is 117. We had two freshmen break the season-high wins mark at 29 via Devaney, Foley.” said Bears’ coach Andy Katz.

“Patrick has 31 victories and Lorenzo Lopez has 41...Patrick, Jelani, Carter and Brendon earned spots at National Preps next weekend. We have a lot of talent, and we’re bringing in some hardware and continue setting the bar high for our program.”

Churchill’s Young takes a long term strategy to reach championship status

By Lem Satterfield
Special to The Sentinel

Churchill’s Lucas Young completed a worst-to-first journey on Saturday at Gaithersburg High School, where the third-year wrestler overcame a pair of Maryland’s top wrestlers to win the most difficult division of the 55th annual Montgomery County Tournament. Young began showing improvement during last year’s sixth place finish at the National Preps as well as a regional champion who guided their program to their second private schools state title. Daniel ended the year by placing a team-high third at the National Preps.

Now a year-round wrestler for the High 5 Wrestling Club, Young started using legs last year, he said of a tactic that employs the lower extremities to immobilize his opponents’ while working for the fall.

“When Lucas is ridng legs, he’s aware of where he is at all times,” said Lowe. “I’m never worried about him. I can make adjustments whenever we let him know that he might be in danger.”

The skill requires balance and confidence, given the ride can involve precariously exposing one’s legs to the fall. It usually takes years to master, certainly more than the almost three he’s been involved in wrestling.

“When I’m on my back, I’ll do whatever to get out, no matter what,” said Young, who carries a career 31-18 record. “I use my legs to counter his attacks and try to keep him from standing.”

A 6-0 regular season loser to Young, Warren failed to place after having been fourth as a sophomore and twice finishing sixth at regionals.

Young also owns a 4-0 dual meet victory over Walter Johnson junior Kemper Stearns, who place third at 113 on Saturday after being county runner-up and taking third at regions as a sophomore.

Lucas Young is one of two state placers and who were county champions last year to win it,” said Lowe. “That weight class was so deep, and with the quality of opponents, no question he’s the OW.”

Young’s only loss this year were by 5-3 in overtime against Truppo, 5-2, against regional runner-up Chris Kriecher of Anne Arundel County’s North County High, and by fall against Anthony Bruno of Virginia’s West Springfield.

“I beat Truppo, Warren and a couple of other good guys,” said Young. “But McLaughlin is definitely my biggest win, and I’m really happy about that.”

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SPORTS

Wrestling results from across the county and the highlights

By Lem Satterfield
Special to The Sentinel

After winning his title 152-pound Montgomery County championship bout, 10-3, over Seamus Selmi of Bethesda-Chevy Chase on Saturday at Gaithersburg High School, Damascus junior John Alan Duvall was far from elated.

That’s because his freshman brother, Timothy Furgeson, was about to wrestle his 160-pound final against junior Luke Patterson of Northwest.

“When I’m watching my brother wrestle, it’s nerve-wracking,” said Furgeson, who finished with two each in pins and decisions a year after placing second at counties and third at regions as a 138-pound sophomore.

“My brother doesn’t get nervous. That’s just the way that he is. But I pride myself on making him the best that he can be in practice, so to watch him succeed means that I’m doing my job.”

Timothy certainly made his sibling look good, pinning three opponents before beating Patterson, 7-1, for his 33rd win of the year.

I’ve had some tough matches all year, and that’s gotten me ready for the big stage,” said Timothy, who has wrestled as high as the 170-pound weight class. “My brother’s right that I don’t get distracted. It just pumps me up after he wins.”

Coached by their father, John, the Furgesons were among five individual champions for the Swarmin’ Hornets (232 points), along with senior four-time champion Scottie Obendorfer (132) and juniors Ryan Lawrence (145) and Elijah Baisden (195) finishing third as the Swarmin’ Hornets captured their 15th tournament title.

The performance happened a week after they ran their consecutive dual-meet wins streak to 127 for their program’s unprecedented fifth Class 4A-3A state duals title and keeps the Swarmin’ Hornets on pace to earn their third straight and sixth overall state tournament in two weeks.

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A Penn State-bound wrestler, who has placed third at counties in each of the past two state tournaments, Obendorfer will pursue his fourth consecutive regional crown next week.

Lawrence (41-1) used a pin and a 16-1 technical fall to reach the finals, where his 8-0 shutout of Paint Branch’s Nohan Smith (34-2) was an improvement over an earlier 1-0 decision. An accomplished wrestler, Smith has twice placed third at counties and was fifth at regions during his sophomore season.

“This was a little revenge for me, because I-0 wasn’t cutting it for me,” said Lawrence (145), a county and regional champion who placed third at states as 132 pounds last season. “I’ll probably see him again next week, so I really wanted to get it into his mind that it’s going to be tough to beat me.”

Perky (40-1) titled his title bout, 4-0, after being dumped to his back by Abu Abdillah Abdillah (34-3), but escaped to return the favor the latter by 57-second pin. A transfer from Good Counsel, where he is 182-pound private schools state champion, and a title match winner at the county tournament, winning by 12-10.

“This is what I’ve been working for throughout the entire offseason,” said Connolly. “This is something that I’ll check off the bucket list.”

A third-year wrestler who had gone a combined 3-6 in the past two county tournaments and a regional appearance, Young overcame a pair of deficits to defeat Eli GuttenTag of Bethesda Chevy Chase and McLaughlin in the semifinals and finals.

Young (35-4) trailed 2-0 during his 4-2 decision over GuttenTag, and, 3-2, before winning, 4-3, against McLaughlin, avenging an 8-2 loss against the latter. GuttenTag and McLaughlin placed first at counties and regions and third at states last year 106 and 113.

Welch (37-3) sandwiched a 14-4 decision around a pair of pins to reach the finals, where his 3-1 overtime victory against Northwest’s Khalil Owens avenged an earlier 5-4 loss.

“When I lost to Khalil, I was taking a lot of bad shots. This time, I stayed home because he wrestles very defensively,” said Welch, who is 6 feet, 3 inches tall. “I felt I could use my length and grab his ankle and was able to drag him down. I had an under hook and control, and both of his legs were close together the entire match.”

Clarksburg crowned junior Nick Gonzalez (138) and senior Daniel Oh (285), with each having improved on past performances.

Gonzalez dominated with two each in pins and major decisions, the latter by 10-2 over Quince Orchard’s Alec Falconer after having placed fifth at the past two county tournaments.

“I was at 113 and 120 the past two years, but I did a lot of off-season training,” said Gonzalez, who improved to 35-3, including an 8-2 loss to Obendorfer.

“I feel like I can always get better, no matter what level I’m at. I’m hoping to improve even more over the next two weeks to place at states.”

Oh (26-4) persevered over the course of four decisions, the last, by 6-4 in overtime to defeat Walter Johnson junior Leonardo Saucedo (34-4).

“I had one loss to [Rockville’s] Junior Pimentel and the other three are out of the county,” said Oh, who was fourth and sixth at 220 pounds during each of the past two county and regionals.

“It motivates me to see Nick Gonzalez win because he’s been working nonstop. That put a little more pressure on me, but I knew his hard work got him the victory. That’s what inspires me and the team.”

Junior C. J. Cramma (113) joined Purkey among the more dominant winners, using two pins, a technical fall and a 13-4 championship win over Springbrook’s Christian Balmoris, who was third, second and second at last year’s counties, regionals and states.

“This feels great. It’s an amazing experience,” said Cramma, who improved to 34-5 and returns to the weight class where he placed second, third and fourth at last year’s regionals, counties and states.

“At the beginning of the season, wrestling at 120, I didn’t have as much going for me. I was really happy and enjoying myself, not having to be angry like I am now. After I got fourth at our Magruder tournament, I knew I had to work harder. I’ve wanted this for two years.”

When I watched my brother win it,” said Jaguars’ coach Joe Welch (170), who were sixth and fifth at regions a year ago.

Connolly won by pin and scores of 9-0 and, 6-2, the latter over third-place finisher Colin Savidge of Poolesville in the semifinals. Connolly blanked Sherwood’s Chase Wilson, 10-0, in the finals, improving to 38-1 on the year.

Connolly’s lone setback was at 132 pounds against FitzPatrick, a 12-10 loss after leading, 7-1, in the first period.

“I knew he would attack and be aggressive in the first period, so coming in, I was thinking just don’t get thrown. I knew that if I could take it into the third period I would be fine. It feels great to finally get my name on the wall.”

Whitman junior John Luke Iglesias (120) used a 12-1 decision and 3-1 overtime victory over third place Mike Bradshaw of Damascus to reach the championship, where he pinned Rockville senior Junior Pimentel (34-3) to avenge his lone defeat.

“I got pinned by (Pimentel) in the first week of the season. He was up by two in the third period, and he cinched and wrestled me to my back,” said Iglesias, who is 22-1.

“This time, I felt him coming at me, and I was able to do this, but my coaches taught me when to take it into the third period I would be fine. It feels great to finally get my name on the wall.”

Pimentel has placed sixth and fifth in the past two regionals, the latter after falling, 3-2, in over-time semifinal to graduated sixth-place state finisher Pat Bernardo of Wootton. Pimentel had also owned a 7-2 victory against Daniel Oh.

Iglesias went 2-2 at last year’s county tournament, winning by first-round 7-5 decision and forfeit in the consolation round. He was pinned in each of those losses, qualified for regionals and went 0-2-2.

“I did not think I was going to be able to do this, but my coaches believed in me,” said Iglesias, who won 28 matches a year ago. “This is surreal, like it’s not really happening, but it solidifies me as a leader.”

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To be Cavalier Kennedy crushes Poolesville

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SILVER SPRING – Kennedy senior guard Jonathan Mustamu scored a game-high 21 points Friday to lead the Cavaliers to a 77-33 victory over Poolesville on Senior Night.

“It’s always good to win especially on Senior Night,” Mustamu said afterward.

Mustamu, a four-year varsity performer, was awarded a game ball in pre-game festivities to recognize him for reaching the 1,000-point plateau during his high school career.

Mustamu, who was accompanied by his parents and brother during the pre-game ceremony, thanked his coaches and teammates for helping him reach the career milestone.

“Without them,” said Mustamu, “none of this would have happened.”

During the game, Kennedy and Poolesville played neck and neck early on before the Cavaliers pulled away in the second quarter.

Mustamu’s three-point play with 1:58 remaining in the second quarter gave Kennedy a 35-12 advantage before intermission.

Poolesville senior Jake Drissel led the Falcons with 11 points but David Esser, Stephen Lang, Pete Barry and Daniel Cho also contributed.

Meanwhile, Kennedy got significant contributions from Jonaite Tavarez who finished with 18 points along with Jason Nayameh (11 points), Justin Dantzler (9 points) and Habaccu Regnis (8 points).

Kennedy head coach Diallo Nelson said he was satisfied with his team’s defensive execution in the first half. The Cavaliers held Poolesville to just 15 points over the first two quarters.

“I think for the most part we were solid,” said Nelson, whose team finished the regular season with a 19-3 record.

In nine seasons at Sherwood, Milloy compiled a 168-35 record and guided the Blue Devils to appearances in eight state title games.

“Congratulations to Coach Bob Milloy,” tweeted former Springbrook head coach Adam Bahr, a Springbrook graduate who once played for Bob Stroup who stepped down after nearly two decades at the helm.

“I’m 73 years old,” said Milloy. “I just really felt like it was time. I felt like it was the right time. It’s a young man’s game. I enjoyed it and loved every minute of it.”

The St. John’s College High School graduate began coaching junior varsity football at DeMatha in 1967 and enjoyed a storied career coaching football in Montgomery County including stints at Whitman, Springbrook and Sherwood before landing at Good Counsel in 2001.

Milloy first made his mark in the county at Springbrook when he guided the Blue Devils to six Maryland state championships in 18 seasons on the gridiron.

During his tenure at the Silver Spring public school, Milloy compiled a 168-35 record and guided the Blue Devils to appearances in eight state title games.

“Congratulations to Coach Bob Milloy,” tweeted former Springbrook head coach Adam Bahr, a Springbrook graduate who once played for Milloy at the Silver Spring public school. “An unsurpassed career!”

Milloy left Valley Brook Drive in 1992 for the confines of Sherwood High in Sandy Spring where he replaced Bob Stroup who stepped down after nearly two decades at the helm.

In nine seasons at Sherwood, Milloy compiled a 77-22 record including back-to-back state championships in 1995 and 1996. He also led the Warriors to a state final appearance in 2000.

The following year, Milloy was hired at Good Counsel where he became the architect of not only one of the top high school football programs in Maryland but in the nation as well.

Over the years, Milloy gradually built the Falcons into a Washington Catholic Athletic Conference contender.

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