



Read about Sarah Kenneweg, Alice Xie, Joseph Hart, and the rest of the Falcon Coed Volleyball Team on page 8.



Taxidermist Tinker Johnson (center) and Town of Poolesville employees Cathy Bupp and Preston King with a fish you can read about in Tidbits on page 13.



Is it Spring yet?



We're not sure what to say about this, but there's more from Pike and Valega's Patient Appreciation Days in the Family Album on page 2.

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Clarksburg Town Center Headed for Redesign

By Kristen Milton

With a new developer on deck for troubled Clarksburg Town Center, residents with years invested in the project fear a return to square one while planners said they had little ability to force it. More than five years after the issuance of 2006's mediated Plan of Compliance, intended to restart construction in lieu of building violation fines, the president of the new development company announced that community members would start meeting in June to begin work on a "financially feasible...redesign of the project." Elm Street Development's David Flanagan told planners April 26 that he expected at least a year of monthly meetings before the new plan was ready for presentation.

It was unwelcome news

Alien Invasion Continues

By Michelle Corbeille

They arrive in ballast water, they hitchhike in shipped goods, they can escape our homes as exotic pets or ornamental plants, and they can be found living in nursery soil and birdseed. These are only a few of the ways that invasive species make their way to environments that are not their natural homes. According to the *Annals of the Missouri Botanical Garden* 1990, invasive species "refers to

to members of the Clarksburg Town Center Advisory Committee, who spent more than two years working to address problems at the 270-acre development located at Clarksburg Road and Snowden Farm Parkway.

Reading from a prepared statement, committee attorney David Brown said the sole reason for the redesign was "the ratcheting down of community expectations and the quality of the plans."

Brown said in recent years that the required quarterly updates, of which the April 26 meeting was the latest, had been "a litany of inactivity and excuses for delay" which he exhorted the board not to allow; however, Planning Chair Françoise Carrier said options were limited.

"We would love to see it built under the current site plan," Carrier said. "If we had a way to make that happen, I think we would already have done it. We've tried to hold Newland's feet to the fire—it didn't work." In fact, Newland Homes, the original developer, did not send a representative to

the April 26 update, which did not please Carrier.

In announcing the changing of the guard in October, Flanagan said his company would assume control of the project after the issuance of the nine hundredth building permit on the property—a milestone that triggers retail, road, and other requirements. Area coordinator Ron Cashion said the project is currently at 825 homes and is intended to grow to 1,200.

Flanagan has said that the project was already at least \$10 million "underwater," and Elm Street was not paying for the project. "We're not kidding ourselves," he said April 26. "We think we know what we've grabbed ahold of, but we don't know what the outcome's going to be."

Construction delays have been blamed on the housing downturn and recession, as well as the County Council's October 2010 decision not to proceed with a Clarksburg development district, which

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non-native species that become established in new locations, spread, and then cause ecological or economic harm or threaten human health." Non-native invasive species have a way of spreading and reproducing exponentially in a noticeably short period of time. The unique environment and, often, lack of predators seem to be an ideal new home for alien creatures.



The enemy.

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Family Album

The local Zumba ladies gathered in Whalen Commons for a fundraiser on behalf of Poolesville Relay for Life.



Area fishing fans entered the 2012 Richard S. McKennon Fishing Tournament at Stevens Park in Poolesville.



Dr. Robert Kapsch (red shirt in center) leads a group of local explorers through the history of the renowned Seneca Quarries.



These children shared the fun of Pike and Valega's Patient Appreciation Days.



WUMCO's Jane Stearns awards Katie McFall (left) and Angela Drum certificates honoring them as volunteers of the year.

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Things to Do

May 18
Cugini's Entertainment Night
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May 19
2nd Annual Poolesville Spring-fest: BBQ, Beer, and Blues
 Enjoy barbeque while listening to live blues. Shop local artisans. Special beer and wine tasting under the tent (\$20.00 – ID required). Enter the amateur barbeque contest.
 Whalen Commons – Poolesville
 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Barnesville Baptist Church Family Chicken Dinner and Bluegrass Concert
 Featuring: Gold Heart Sisters
 17917 Barnesville Road
 Dinner: 5:30 p.m.
 Concert: 7:00 p.m.
 Cost: Love offering accepted.

Silent Movie Night at Memorial
 Ken Brown, organist at the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Baltimore, brings his popular silent movie program by accompanying silent movies on Memorial's new Rodgers organ.
 Featuring: *Big Business* (1929 Laurel and Hardy comedy) and *In the Border States* (1910 D. W. Griffith Civil War drama). Also featuring musical tribute to the Titanic and a sing-a-long to old-time favorites.
 Tickets: Adults - \$12.00, Child - \$6.00, or \$30.00 for family (admission includes popcorn and bottled water)
 Memorial United Methodist Church, Poolesville

7:00 p.m.
 May 19
Cugini's Entertainment Night
 Featuring: On-Kilter 9:00 p.m.
 May 20
Potomac Hunt Races
 Annual steeplechase horse racing to benefit Yellow Ribbon Fund (assisting injured service members and their families). Vendors, food, Kids Zone (moon bounce, airbrush tattoos, pony rides).
 Cost: \$30.00 per car
 14401 Partnership Road, Poolesville
 Gates open: 11:00 a.m.

John Poole General Store and Museum
 Visit the first commercial establishment in Poolesville built in 1793. Local historical Civil War and Native American artifacts on display.
 Free
 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

May 21
Book Discussion group for adults
 Poolesville Library
 Featuring: Novel by James Lee Burke, *The Glass Rainbow*. Copies available. 7:00 p.m.
Poolesville Commissioners' Meeting
 Maryland State District 15 Delegation will be in attendance for town meeting.
 Senator Garagiola, and Delegates Feldman, Dumais, and Miller
 Poolesville Town Hall 7:30 p.m.

May 23
Ask a Master Gardener
 Poolesville Library
 Speak to a master gardener about your gardening questions.
 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Connection Café
 Free public use of computer and Wi-Fi services. Technical help available. 6:00 p.m.

May 24
Preschool Story time (3-6)
 Poolesville Library
 Stories, fingerplays, music
 10:30 a.m.

Moms Club of Poolesville
 Free seminar on tips for organizing kids' spaces, kitchens, and more.
 Memorial United Methodist Church 10:00 a.m.

May 25
Cugini's Entertainment Night
 Jay Summerour and Eleanor Ellis 8:30 p.m.

May 26
Relay For Life Wine Tasting
 Sugarloaf Mountain Winery – Comus Road, Dickerson
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 Tasting of Selected SMV wines - Must be 21 or Older
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 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

May 27
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May 30
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June 1
Hope Garden Children's Ballet Theatre presents:
Pas des Dudes – Where country meets classic
 Under the artistic direction of Fran Ichijo, featuring guest performers from the Kirov Academy, Point Park University, and Bowen McCauley Dance. Performances can sell out early so tickets should be purchased as soon as possible. For more information, visit www.HGBCT.org.
 Poolesville High School
 Adults: \$10.00 Students: \$7.00
 7:00 p.m.

June 1
Bingo - Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary
 Featuring Longaberger baskets filled with extras, Vera Bradley bags, and cash in 20 games, specials, door prizes, and raffles. Refreshments are available for purchase. Do not bring outside food or beverages.
 Doors open: 5:30 p.m.
 Games: 7:00 p.m. \$20

June 2
Annual Community Yard Sale
 Dickerson Methodist Church
 Loads of second hand goods and plenty of food
 Table spaces available – details call Betty King at 301-874-3967
 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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Commentary

Spicing Things Up

By John Clayton

It has come to this. After months of primaries, we are down to two candidates: Barack Obama and Mitt Romney. I am bored by the prospect, at least from an entertainment perspective. I realize this is a critical choice, the most important choice of this or of any other time (just like the last election), but I see little hope for anything remotely interesting or illuminating. This is not a comment on the quality or intellect of either man. They are decent and capable leaders able to perform critical tasks at a high level who have prepared themselves admirably via different paths. I think this is the fault of the process, for which I can offer no solution.

There was no Democratic primary to speak of this time around, so it was up to the Republicans to provide the show. There were high moments, low moments, and some comic relief—and if an equivalent number of Democrats had competed, it might have been different, but not necessarily better. I was tired of the circus and wanted it to end, but the irony is that the future looks bleak by comparison.

Now we have an election where the party faithful on both sides are probably voting less for their candidate than they are against the other candidate. This is always true to some extent; after all, voting against someone is a perfectly legitimate way to participate and far superior to not voting at all. It just seems off the chart in these hyper-partisan times. Each candidate has the same goals. First, try to keep the more extreme voters on your side of the spectrum, your base, excited enough to campaign and vote for you, even though they know you aren't really dialed in to their passions as much as they would like. Second, you have to appeal

to all those uncommitted middle-of-the-road voters, the ones who the experts tell us will ultimately decide the election. This is not a prescription for a barnburner of a campaign. Neither one of these guys will be out there fighting to win; they are going to be trying not to lose. They will work at sliming the other guy, questioning his record, and constructing and knocking over straw men with little discussion of the principles that differentiate their opinions.

What we need is a political road show of debaters that can throw down the gloves and argue about the economy, taxation, entitlements, health care, immigration, foreign policy, the designated hitter, all that good stuff. Face it, no one who is running for office will come close to discussing why we have such divisions of opinions, or speak openly and frankly about the hard choices that have to be made. Listening to any politician who wants to keep a job talk about deficit reduction is enough to make you scream. Both sides occupy hardened silos of non-cooperation, to one degree or another. You will have to decide for yourself who is more at fault. I have, and it matters not one bit.

We need two people, one from each side, both qualified to discuss these great issues, to hold a series of travelling debates. I think they'd be a great hit. Newt Gingrich gets some credit here because he proposed the idea of Lincoln-Douglas-style debates to take place with Barack Obama, had he won the nomination, an idea that was met with derision (the debates, not just his winning the nomination) and probably for legitimate reasons. The style of the debates was, I believe, an hour from one person, ninety minutes from the other, and then rebuttals, or something like that. What candidate in his right mind would try to out-gasbag Newt Gingrich? Probably no one, not even our incumbent president

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Rande(m) Thoughts

Whew, Boy, Here We Go Again

By Rande Davis

I am hearing some more gloom and doom talk, and this time it has to do with our library. A member of the library volunteer corps whispered to me that use of the Poolesville Library is down, and concern for keeping it open is up. It's not exactly at a crisis point yet, and the good news is, I am assured, that we still have time to indemnify ourselves from its closing in the future. On the other hand, I am not sure what to think about this. After all, what can we do about it? I don't think launching a Take-Out-a-Book campaign will work.

What is the future of the library system anyway? As someone who has spent his whole career in print publishing, I was a bit chagrined when even I received a Kindle as a gift. Talk about seeing the writing on the wall. Then again, at least that would be a kind of print job, wouldn't it?

My gloom was really starting to settle in until I had a chat with our librarian, Chris Borawski. He was far more upbeat than I, and after hearing him out, I can see why. He reminded me that the library has more than just print. They have access to electronic downloadable reading material, as well. They have lots that can be downloaded to a Kindle, and the library staff can even show you how to do it. They have movies and audio books. The audio books get big use by travelers and commuters. They have tons of how-to project books that can cost nearly twenty dollars a pop in a store. They have book discussion groups, specialty consultants at tax time, and gardening advisers during the spring. They have terrific programs for children each month, and computers and internet available—especially at those times when your internet service is down and out. So, while I haven't been a big user of the library, I came away from my talk with him more motivated to use the library and, at the same time, hopeful that we could keep it right here in Poolesville. All we need to do is launch a Take-Out-a-Book campaign. As they say, use it or lose it.

Local News

Conservation Easement Adjustment Considered

By Kristen Milton

With sheep lives potentially at stake, planners told a Damascus couple they were willing to adjust a conservation easement on their farm but not simply remove acreage from protection.

"We have some support on the board for a little bit of a break," planning chair Françoise Carrier told Victor Loun and his wife at an April 26 hearing. Carrier suggested the Louns meet with planning staff to develop a plan for conservation efforts elsewhere to mitigate the effect of removing the requested 2.5 acres of stream buffer from an easement entered into in 2005.

Attorney Larry Gordon said

the Louns had lost six of the sheep they raise since receiving notice in February 2011 that the animals were not allowed to graze in the protected areas and attributed the deaths to a loss of pasture. Only one sheep had died in the previous seven years, he said.

"They're not looking to ruin this land," Gordon said. "They're looking to keep their sheep alive; they're looking to continue the agriculture use."

Loun said he was a high school teacher without the means to pay for off-site tree planting or other potential mitigation, but planners said it would set a bad precedent to allow the land to be removed from protection without the proffer of some environmental effort.

Approximately twenty-four acres of the eighty-two-acre property at 28301 Clarksburg Road are included in the easement. Planners said Loun's grandfather had begun the process and thus Loun might have been unaware of the extent of the protections. At the beginning of the hearing county

attorney Carol Rubin pointed out that the Damascus property was also being looked at for a possible "density issue" since it may not have had the TDRs for the three homes it hosts. However Rubin said the issue was separate from the easement question.

"They've been more than generous," said neighbor Lonnie Luther, president of the Montgomery County Farm Bureau, referring to the amount of land the Louns placed in easement. "I just hate to see good farmland turned into trees."

The board deferred a decision on the property until the two sides could consult further.

Darby Store Not Forgotten

A brief update on Beallsville's Darby Store was included in the parks director's April 26 report to the planning board. Director Mary Bradford said the state had provided design funding for repairs to the century-old building at the corner of Routes 28 and 109, but the department was having issues with prohibitions on interior work. "There are some historical preservation restrictions

that kind of would lean more to a museum than a real working store, so we're trying to work that out," Bradford said. Meanwhile, historically-accurate siding was going up at the site, she said, and other work was planned.

Built in 1910, the Darby Store served Upcounty residents until its closure in 1958. The Montgomery County Department of Parks purchased the twenty-six acres encompassing the general store with Legacy Open Space funds in 2004. Last year, a well was developed to provide the building with running water for the first time, and the store was moved twenty-seven feet to a new foundation further off the intersection where its porch was once torn off by a passing vehicle. A permanent use for the store building, which may include a commercial tenant or occupancy by the parks department, has not yet been determined.

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Police Blotter

By Jack Toomey

Current Crime

Assault: 19200 and 19700 blocks of Wootton Avenue, 21000 block of Big Woods Road.

Theft: 18500 block of Elmer School Road.

Theft from vehicle: Unit block of Jonesville Court.

Disorderly conduct complaints: 17600 block of Kohlhoss Road, 19600 block of Fisher Avenue, 18000 block of River Road, 15600 block of Barnesville Road.

Past Crime

May 22, 1957 A large contingent of police, firemen, and volunteers was searching the Potomac River for the bodies of two Georgetown University students. Police said that the two boys were swept over Great Falls after their boat capsized.

May 24, 1958 Police arrested fourteen teenagers for fighting at a Kensington shopping center. It was said that as many as twenty teens were fighting at one time, but when seven county cruisers arrived, only

two youths were engaged in the fight.

May 24, 1957 More than seventy Montgomery County police officers were searching for a sixteen-year-old escaped arson suspect. The boy had been sent to the National Institutes of Health for a mental evaluation after being accused of setting fourteen fires in the Wyngate section of Bethesda. He was also accused of stabbing another teenager inside an apartment.

May 27, 1956 Montgomery Police were searching for a tall, blond man who was responsible for two knife attacks. In the first case, the man knocked on the door of a doctor and asked to see him. Instead, he stabbed the wife. In the second case, the same man held two government girls (sic) hostage in their apartment before leaving.

May 29, 1958 A Montgomery County deputy sheriff suffered two broken legs when he was run over by a bulldozer. Police said that the deputy was directing traffic on the new Route 240 road near Old Georgetown Road when the bulldozer operator accidentally hit him. The bulldozer operator, of the Snyder Trailer Court, was not charged.

Letter to the Editor

I believe that the air quality in Poolesville is, at best, poor; therefore, I am making the suggestion that the commissioners fund an Air Quality Study in this year's budget.

Over the past years, there has been much citizen interest in the quality of our water, and funds have been expended to confirm, and again reconfirm, the quality of our water; however, I will state that I breathe a lot more air than I drink water. For years, I have cleaned off a black residue from my deck and horizontal white surfaces where it is easy to see. I have lived in a residential borough of New York City, in a Long Island suburb, in the foothills of the Adirondack Mountains in upstate New York, in Oakton, Virginia, and now here in Poolesville for twenty years. I do not believe that I have ever seen such a black residue on outside surfaces in any of those other locations. We clean it up, and it just comes back. My only conclusion is that it is in the

air, and it is deposited on all surfaces. I only see it on the lighter-colored horizontal surfaces.

If I had to guess, I would place the blame on the industrial plants in Dickerson. Since I don't know for sure, I would think that an Air Quality Study would be a good idea. Someone asked if the residue could be from the farms and open land around town, but it does not resemble dirt; it is black and maybe a little greasy.

As I said before, I breathe air a lot more than I drink water. If the air in this area is not as clean as it should be, town officials and its citizens should know that so appropriate action can be taken.

Thank you for considering the idea of adding an Air Quality Study to the budget.

Very truly yours,
Roy E. Johnson



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Local News

Minimal Public Concern Voiced Over Sewer Fee and Budget

By Rande Davis

The town meeting of May 7 was devoted primarily to hearing public testimony on proposed resolutions to enact a sewer charge of \$15.00 per quarter per property and on the proposed fiscal year 2013 Budget and Tax Rate. The commissioners are proposing the new sewer fee due to purported rising operational costs and to reduce a deficit in the water and wastewater operations budget. The proposed \$2.6 million budget is balanced by maintaining the .1594 cents per \$100 of property value.

There were only a few residents coming forward to offer suggestions in person with one submitting written testimony:

Resident Rudy Gole questioned the legal authority of the town to establish a quarterly sewer charge and suggested that rather than impose such a fee, the commissioners could reduce the proposed \$781,000 in the budget's unrestricted reserve funds to cover the approximately \$100,000 the fee charge would generate.

Bob Roit, in accepting the town's assumption that cost increases in the water and wastewater budget are legitimate, questioned the fairness of a straight fee charge structure that treats large and small users the same. He offered the concept of establishing a ratio based on water usage per property in relation to the total units of sewage treated as a fairer way to assess how much each property owner should pay.

David Griffin, of Kettler Forlines Homes, testified that there exists a mismatch in timing of the town's requirement for the developer to provide park facilities and the town's obligation to build suitable restrooms for the proposed Elgin Park in Brightwell Crossing. While the require-

ment to build the park comes into play once the developer obtains its fifty-fifth building permit, something that is expected by this fall or next spring, the town's budgeting to build modern restrooms for the park is not scheduled until the following year. Mr. Griffin requested that the town move the budgeting of the restrooms from the 2014 budget to the 2013 budget so that the facilities would be available at the same time the park facilities are ready.

Former town commissioner Roy Johnson provided a five-page written testimony (with accompanying charts) arguing against the current practice of excluding tax-exempt property owners from contributing toward the capital improvement project costs within the Water Wastewater budget. In his report he states, "It is not the place of the Poolesville taxpayer to subsidize the utility bills of non-taxpayers." Specifically, the non-taxpayers to which he referred are local churches, schools, and the county pool. Mr. Johnson's concern is



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twofold: First, he considers the practice inequitable, and, second, the dollar amounts are not clearly defined within the budget document. He opines that the use of

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PHS Boys' and Coed Volleyball Once the Game Starts, There Is No Difference

By Jeff Stuart

Last year's successful coed volleyball team moved deep into the county post-season tournament. On the boys' side, several outstanding senior football and boys' basketball players joined that team last spring. This year is a little different. It is more of a pure volleyball thing. On May 2, at home, the squad took the first step in the playoffs, defeating visiting Magruder, 25-21, 25-12, and 25-12.

"I have seven coed returners and gained Joseph Hart who played for the boys' team the last two years. He plays all around and is a great asset to our team," says Head Coach Tara Smith. "Micheal Beliveau is a returning senior. He is good enough to play all around but primarily plays front row. He's improved tremendously this year and is a great help to our offense. We have three new juniors: Tony Clements, who plays front row middle, Brian Dillon, who plays back row, and Will Korzeniewski, who plays back row. All of them have picked the game up very quickly for newcomers, and I look forward to them returning next year to play."

Senior captains Noah Schwartz and Justin Goldspiel returned, along with senior Sean Wang. On the girls' side, senior captain Liya Ai returns along with seniors Valery Leng and Lucy Tan. Junior Alice Xie also returns along with sophomore captain, Sarah Kenneweg. Kenneweg, the libero (defensive specialist) on the girls' team last fall, is the setter and runs the offense.

"We have been doing really well so far after losing many seniors last year," says Sarah. "Coed is always so much fun!

Don't get me wrong, girls' season is challenging and fun also. Coed is more relaxed, but it is still really competitive. The most improved has got to be Joseph Hart, he has been doing so well. He is our other outside [hitter] with Noah. Our big middle this year is Tony Clements. He has been doing really well also. Our whole team is awesome. I wouldn't trade them for the world."

The team went into spring break with a 3-1 record after sweeping matches against Watkins Mill, Wootton, and Northwood, before losing to Northwest in four games. Coach Tara Smith's sister, Stephanie, coaches Northwest.

"It was a really good match, really intense," said Kenneweg.

"I'd say it was our biggest game so far," said Coach Smith. "We lost, but my team played great. Two of the games were extremely close. We won one, 26-24, and lost one, 27-25."

On April 11, they returned from the break to host Whitman. The front row starters were Leng, Clements, and Kenneweg, with Schwartz, Xie, and Hart on the back row. The first game was tied at ten before a service run by Hart gave PHS a 14-10 lead. Later, an emphatic spike by Hart gave the Falcons a 22-15 lead. Xie, at the service line, took the game to game point before Whitman got a side out. Poolesville won on defense, 25-16. The Falcons lost game two rather badly, 25-15, falling behind, 14-2, at one point. That set up a crunch-time situation in game three which was tied at 7-7. Poolesville won, 25-19.

Game four featured great sets by Kenneweg and spikes by Hart, as well as several dinks and impressive court coverage. The Falcons won the set, 25-17, and the match, 3-1. The Falcons lost in four at Gaithersburg, 17-25, 20-25, 26-24, and 15-25. "We missed a lot of serves and didn't play to our full potential. Our team would love to have another chance against them in the playoffs," said Coach Smith.

Poolesville finished the regular season against Damascus and lost the match in three thrilling,

competitive games. "That match was awesome," said Coach Smith. Two games went to 25-23, and the other went to 25-22. "It's been a very exciting season so far, and I look forward to what else is to come."

Montgomery County coed volleyball is a unique sport at the high school level. Conventional wisdom says that boys are better at the net and girls are better in the back row. When there are two good coed teams, it's an exciting match with rousing rallies.

The improving boys' volleyball team finished with a 6-5 record in its first year under Head Coach Daniel Duvall. They were competitive in most matches, taking a game from Clarksburg (7-1). On Senior Night, Friday, April 27 against Damascus, it was appropriate that seniors take center stage. In the first game, senior Jacob Alley, the captain for three years, served the first two points of the game, and after a side out at 2-2, senior Khan Nguyen served twelve straight



The PHS Coed Volleyball Team

to push the PHS lead to 14-2. The last two of Khan's serves were jump serves. Senior Luke Melton, the tallest man on the court, had several blocks. Junior Brian Sistani entered the game at 15-5 and scored on a spike from the center off a set from Alley. He had another spike from center later. A spike by Khan took the score to 24-10 and Alley served that last point in a 25-10 win. The starters in game one were: in the front row, freshman Mateo Zapata, sophomore captain Justin Lee, and Nguyen. In the back row at

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Local News

A Christmas Gift for Dale Becomes His Gift to Others

By Rande Davis

As a parent, Kathy Carnahan lives her life with the belief that "every day you do the best you can." When her son Dale died in a car accident on February 28, 2009, she continued to live that faith, thinking, Why change now? She visits him nearly every single day at Monocacy Cemetery.

It was during such a visit, around Christmas time, that she began thinking about what the family would do for Dale during the holidays. As she looked around, she saw a cemetery in need of some loving care and wondered, Who takes care of the burial grounds and how do they pay for it?

When told that volunteers and donations cared for the

cemetery, she became passionate about making that the family gift to Dale for this past Christmas.

As she began to raise funds, she had modest goals, hoping to raise maybe a \$1000. In remembering how so many helped the family at the time of Dale's death, she became even more passionate about her task. Even the burial plot where Dale rests was a donation from Poolesville resident Bob Cissel. No one plans for the burial of a child, and when it happens, one is left so totally unprepared. That gift meant so much to the Carnahan family.

Planning her fundraising, she simply approached the family and suggested that instead of flowers, a donation be made to the cemetery. Then through word of mouth, momentum began to build. Her Zumba instructor, Kathy McFadden, who has family at the cemetery, decided to donate a week's worth of proceeds and raised the \$1,000. Then, other donations kept coming in until as

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the start were Sistani, sophomore Danny Martinez, and Alley. In game two, Ayush Loyal started in the back row along with sophomore Josh Swerdlin for PHS. The Falcons won again, 25-10.

The Falcons finished it off in game three, which also ended, 25-10.

PHS went into spring break, 2-2, losing to very strong teams from Wootton (undefeated) and Northwest. They came back from the break with a match against visiting Whitman on April 11. After an easy win in game one, the Falcons led 2-1, fell behind 9-5, and trailed late, 19-15. They did not lead again until getting a side out at 22-22 and serving out the game. The Falcons won game three, 25-14. PHS had an impressive win at Northwest, three games to one, on March 28.

Business Briefs

Large Animal Rescue Service Opens

Nicole Ehrentraut, formally of Equiscovery Therapeutic Services, has opened Da Vinci Equine Emergency Transports in Poolesville. The ambulatory service can also function as a field hospital unit by the attending veterinarians to work out of during equine events such as horse shows, Civil War re-enactments, steeplechases, and other equine-related events.

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In the Garden

Bring on the Heat: These Plants Can Take It

By Maureen O'Connell

As I write this article, all is well with my garden. The ferns are big, beautiful, and green, and they are smothering their neighbors, the usually not-shy hostas and the delicate flowers of the Jack-in-the-Pulpit (*Arisaema*). I will forgive them this pushy behavior, for they are spectacular. My roses are healthy (except for a bit of black spot) and about to bloom; the daylilies are coming along nicely, and the rugosa roses are perfuming the entire middle garden. The bugs and usual diseases have not yet arrived. As Guinevere said in *Camelot*: "It's May! It's May, the lusty month of May." Ah, but all gardeners know that these glorious days are numbered. Come late June, July, and August, heat, humidity, drought,

and Japanese beetles will take their toll.

Two years ago, I got tired and annoyed at watching so many of my once-beautiful and flourishing plants struggle with these conditions, so I looked for alternative plants that could better handle these stressful situations. The solution was succulents. People often use the words succulents and cacti interchangeably, but, while all cacti are succulents, not all succulents are cacti. There are several differences. Cacti are native to North and South America, and succulents can be found all over the world. The word succulent means juicy and fleshy. They all have the ability to store water in their flesh, roots, leaves, or stems. Cacti have spine cushions called areoles that can bear spines and/or flowers, but they don't have branches or leaves. Succulents do not have areoles and can have branches and leaves. Both have adapted to extreme environments and show a wide range of anatomical and physiological features which conserve water.

Many people associate the plants of the southwest part of the United States with succulents, especially cacti. The Desert Botanical Gardens in Scottsdale, Arizona offer the finest selection of arid-land plants from deserts around the world. Over fifty thousand plants are displayed in a unique outdoor setting. I visited the gardens, and I highly recommend them. The distinction of the largest succulent in the world goes to the African baobab tree. It is also the largest tree in Africa; that is not due to its height, but to its thickness. It can reach a height of 104 feet; its trunk can be thirty-eight to fifty-two feet in diameter. These trees are believed to be the oldest life forms on the African continent with some baobabs reputed to be thousands of years old. I saw several of these remarkable trees in the Masai Mara National Game Reserve in south-western Kenya. I particularly remember the first one I saw, as it was inhabited by a very noisy troop of baboons.

Perhaps the most notable mention of this tree is in the philosophical children's book, *The Little Prince*, by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry. A prince from a small planet comes to visit Earth. He thinks that the seeds of the baobabs are bad because when they grow into trees, they can split his little planet into pieces.

Very often, succulents are recommended for planting in stone walls, containers, rock gardens, or tucked between stones in terraces and patios. They do very well there, but for a different look to your gardens, plant them in your annual and perennial beds. Last week I was in Toronto, Canada, and while visiting several gardens in the town's numerous parks, I noticed just such plantings. Among begonias, fuchsias, zinnias, marigolds, and other flowering plants, *Sanseveria*, aloe, agave, sedum, euphorbia, and *Sempervivum* were happily growing. My favorite succulent for the

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garden is probably the *Sempervivum*. The most well known one is ‘Hen and chicks.’ The hens, the rosettes of leaves, send out many offsets, the chicks. They seem to live forever. I have a terra cotta planter with several, which I keep in a very sunny spot on the terrace. Before the first frost, I put it in an outdoor shed for the winter, and every spring the family comes back, often with more chicks. Look for these three other varieties: ‘Bronco,’ dark green upright rosettes mottled with burgundy; ‘Red Tide,’ pomegranate red and green clusters of succulent leaves; and ‘Sir William Lawrence,’ a stunning guacamole green with red tips. They love sun, any soil, and very little water. The succulent sedum has been around for many years, especially the vari-

ety ‘Autumn Joy.’ Check out these new, colorful varieties: ‘Purple Emperor,’ ‘Angelina,’ ‘Matrona,’ ‘Harvest Moon,’ ‘Thundercloud,’ ‘Red Cauli,’ and ‘Autumn Fire.’ I have checked several garden centers in our area, and they all offer many varieties of these plants.

Cacti can also be used in flower beds. They are very low maintenance, and they love our summers. More of them die from overwatering than too little water. I prefer them more in a rock garden with a desert theme, but they can be very effective in containers on patios or decks.

Give yourself a break this summer and try these hardy, reliable plants. You will be pleasantly surprised, and you might get back to your hammock more often.

Tidbits of the Past

By Jack Toomey

May 3, 1949 Voters went to the polls in Barnesville and elected three council members. Mary Morningstar received sixteen votes, Lowell Moon fifteen, and Stella Lewis ten.

May 8, 1960 Free polio shots were scheduled to be administered at the Poolesville School.

May 11, 1948 The Upper Montgomery County Fire Company carnival opened at Beallsville. Five fire companies from Montgomery, Frederick, and Prince George’s Counties paraded from Poolesville to the carnival grounds. A battle royal with six participants having one hand tied behind their backs was also held.

May 12, 1950 The Montgomery County School Board announced a \$23 million building plan. Included was \$200,000 for the construction of the new Poolesville Negro School.

May 17, 1941 The former principal of Poolesville High School announced his retirement at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High. Dr. Thomas Pyle, who had been the principal of PHS for five years starting in 1921, said, “Today’s

lipstick-wearing and scooter-riding student is not much different than my first students” that he had taught in 1908.

May 20, 1951 A fried chicken and oyster supper was served by the Women’s Society of the Poolesville Methodist Church.

May 22, 1953 Jane Sangster, age thirteen of Poolesville, won fifth place in the National Spelling Bee held in Washington, D.C. Jane was eliminated when she misspelled the word caliginous. She won a \$500 cash prize and a weekend trip to New York City with accommodations at the Hotel New Yorker.

May 30, 1955 Twenty-three seniors were presented with diplomas at a graduation ceremony at Poolesville High School. Four students, Nancy Easter, Catherine Ginn, Shirley Norris, and Maryanne White, received academic diplomas. The others received general diplomas.

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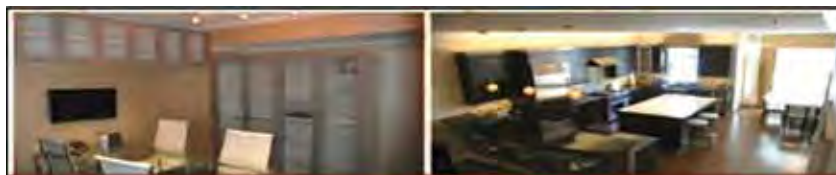
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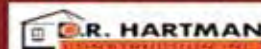
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They will have an open house of the facility on Wednesday, May 23 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for all who may have an interest. Additionally, they have developed a survey of interest that, when completed, will help guide the direction of services offered in the future. The survey is available through all area churches, and can also be obtained at Poolesville Town Hall, the library, and many businesses in the community. It can also be obtained by emailing info@am-kolel.org.

Defnet Helped Lead Salisbury to Championships

The Salisbury University

women's track and field team won its third consecutive outdoor Capital Athletic Conference Championship title on Sunday, May 6. Salisbury built a substantive lead on day one of the meet with numerous strong field performances including fourteen points from senior Holly Defnet. Defnet placed third in the hammer throw, third in the triple jump, and fifth in the shot put. The Salisbury women have won a total of three outdoor championships and one indoor championship during Defnet's four-year tenure on the team. Holly will graduate on May 19 from the Henson School of Science with a degree in nursing.

McKennon Fishing Tournament Results

Grand prize: Seth Don, 22-inch channel catfish.

Ages 6, 7, and 8

First place: Chris Eppard, 13-inch black bullhead. Second place: Meghan Davidson, 6½-inch bluegill. Third place: Mike Esser.

Ages 9, 10, and 11

First place: Luke Hegarty, 17¼-inch channel catfish. Second place: Jordan Higgins, 14¾-inch channel catfish. Third place: De-Shawn Ford.

Ages 12 and 13

First place: Lynden Lawson, 20¾-inch channel catfish. Second place: Jake Lowe, 19½-inch channel catfish. Third place: Tori Gruber.

Ages 14, 15, and 16

First place: Hunter King, 20½-inch channel catfish. Second place: Allie Gruber, 20-inch channel catfish.



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Musings From Mama Boe

Messy Trunks

By Pamela Boe

I don't kid myself that my life is any busier than anyone else's. I've got two kids, but other families have more. I am a stay-at-home mom, but other families have both parents working. I live in a small cottage with a limited amount of stuff, but other families have large houses with a whole lot more stuff.

So why is it that I can't keep anything orderly or clean like so many other people do?

I'm not saying I need to have my house ready for a full spread in *Better Homes and Gardens*, but I would like to be able to at least find my dadburn living room phone when it rings—or find the TV remote—or find my reading glasses. I have like five pairs of reading glasses, and I have no

idea where they are.

But at least in my home, nobody can witness my shameful lack of organization.

If only I could stay there, safe from prying eyes—but no, my Varmint, who is ten, and my Critter, who is nine, are active little punks. They do various sports and activities that require me to taxi them all over God's creation.

"So what's the problem?" you ask.

Sadly, my astonishing lack of organization does not limit itself to my little cottage. It has well and truly invaded my car to the point that whenever I open the trunk to retrieve a ball or a softball bat or anything else, I have to brace the rest of whatever is in there from tumbling out like

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who is also deeply in love with his speaking prowess. The idea needed work. The format was too lengthy for the Twitter era, and again, no candidate can safely speak to the type of truths this would bring out.

As a solution to our long national sleepwalk to the presidential election, I propose two politicians to debate the great issues of our time, barnstorming the country, and hopefully getting some TV time. They cannot have any realistic expectation of ever running for elective office again. For the Right, there is no better champion than the aforementioned Newt Gingrich. He was born to do this. For the Left, I offer Howard Dean. Mr. Dean is highly educated, a physician, he has been a governor, a candidate for president, and a Democratic Party official. As a presidential candidate, he wowed the progressive wing (that’s liberals, for you Fox News folks) with his erudite and logical dissection of the issues of the day. In 2004, he was walking in glory to the nomination, as so many of his kindred have in the past, remembering here Paul Simon, Paul Tsongas, Bill Bradley, Gary Hart, Michael Dukakis, and all those other brainy lefties who thought they were waltzing to the White House.

Gingrich versus Dean in a no-holds-barred cage match—

doesn’t it sound great? Issues, ideas, quotations from Aquinas and the *Federalist Papers*—what’s not to like?

Yes, I am very bored.



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School News

PHS National Merit Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to Poolesville High School seniors Nadia O. Abutaleb (bioengineering) and Eric J. Harrison (computer science) for being awarded the National Merit \$2,500 Scholarships financed by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. The students are among fifty-six high school seniors in Maryland to be selected in the second group of winners in the fifty-seventh annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These scholars were selected from a pool of more than fifteen thousand students. The scholarships are privately funded by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation and more than four hundred corporate and college sponsors. Recipients of the award are judged to have the strongest record of accomplishments and greatest potential for success in college.

Poolesville High School is

recertified as a Maryland Green School

Poolesville High School joins one hundred other Maryland Schools that have recently been certified or recertified as a Maryland Green School. To be recertified, PHS demonstrated ways in which it integrates the environment into all aspects of the school culture, including: professional development for teachers, curricular integration, modeling of best management practices inside and outside the school, community involvement, and of course, celebration.

Asked to comment upon the school's recertification, principal Deena Levine quoted Margaret Mead who said: "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

"I feel that quote reflects the culture of Poolesville High School," said Miss Levine. "We even have the quote painted on a wall in our school."

Academically, Maryland Green Schools have been proven to

outperform non-Maryland Green Schools in math and reading even when socio-economic factors are removed. The program prepares students for becoming informed citizens and environmental stewards. The projects that are implemented within the school buildings and on the school grounds contribute to lowering greenhouse gas emissions, reducing pollutant export to the Chesapeake Bay, reducing solid waste disposal, improving health, and increasing wildlife habitat.

The Maryland Green Schools Award Program was developed by the Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education (MAEOE) which administers the program each year. "The Maryland Green School Program empowers students, teachers, parents, and the community," says MAEOE executive director, Laura Johnson Collard. "Students engaged with building a sustainable program today will ensure that the future is a better place and that they have had a part in making it so."

Poolesville High School will be officially recognized as a MAEOE

Certified Maryland Green School during the Maryland Green School Youth Summit on June 1 at Sandy Point State Park. Each school will receive the Maryland Green School flag, a symbol of what the school has accomplished.

Potential Road Disruptions May 17 to May 19

The United States will host the Group of Eight (G8) world leaders at Camp David on May 18 and 19. The Maryland State Police say that this will result in traffic disruptions on several major roads, including intermittent road closures on Interstate 270, Interstate 70, and U.S. Route 15 North. Disruptions will occur on May 17 during dry run exercises and on May 18 and 19 during the event.

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These foreign organisms can cause damage of all sorts, whether it is to the ecosystem of their new homes, the local economy, or by simply becoming a terrible nuisance in people’s lives.

We in Maryland are no strangers to the hassle stink bugs cause in our lives. Living here for about a decade now makes the brown marmorated stink bug a relatively-new invasive species in the U.S.; however, the short amount of time they have been here does not seem to in any way correlate with the infestations we’ve been experiencing in Montgomery County. They seem to cover our houses in the summer and seek shelter within our homes as soon as fall arrives. With stink bugs, we all know you have to be extra careful because to accidently squash one will inevitably lead to a terrible stench. Of course, hardly anything seems

to stop these pests from running our homes and from continuing to reproduce and spread their destruction. When pesticides are hardly effective and there are currently no natural predators, it can be very difficult to prevent a species that can produce multiple generations in a season from continuing to spread.

While the stink bugs are an annoyance in our everyday lives, they are causing far worse issues for Mid-Atlantic farmers. In 2010, apple growing farmers in Maryland lost \$37 million to stink bugs. “Damaged fruit is safe to eat, but the blemishes drastically reduce prices. Growers, for example, get about \$3 a bushel for apples sold for cider, compared with \$30 per bushel for the best pick-your-own apples,” said David Dishneau and Genaro C. Armas from radio station FM 103.5, WTOP. Stink bugs are putting farmers out of business, especially apple farmers.

The type of damage they cause is known as cat facing. They use their tongue to drain fluids from various fruits and vegetables leaving dead, brown deformations on the product. “The nymphs or young stink bugs tend to feed shallowly, while the adults feed deeply into plant tissue, causing more damage,” said the University of Maryland Home and Garden Informational Center. Currently, there is only one known solution, a parasitic wasp native to Asia, which is the driving force that keeps stink bug populations regulated in its homeland. Naturally, scientists have many concerns as to the possibility of releasing another non-native species; therefore, extensive quarantining and research must be undergone before this can be considered.

While there may not be much we can do on a global scale, there are measures one can take in one’s own home in order to control the nuisance stink bugs cause. Preventing them from entering a home is important to start with and can be very helpful. In order to do this, cracks and gaps that could provide entrance should be sealed with something such as caulk. It is helpful to purchase mesh screens for windows and doors. Screens can also be used on the foundation of a building as well as the pipes and gutters. They also can enter from attics and vents, these pathways for stink bugs should also be sealed or screened.

Another option is setting traps. There are both light traps and sticky traps. Like many insects, the brown marmorated stink bug is attracted to light. Light traps can be purchased or plans for making them can be found online. Sticky traps are more conventional as they are often used to capture other pests such as flies. These traps use an attractant to draw the stink bug to them and prevent them from escaping. With both trap methods, it is necessary to switch the locations around every so often and to empty the traps because stink bugs will learn to avoid them. While these methods have proven to help, for the greatest effect, it is recommended that all methods be combined to keep stink bugs out of a building and to also keep them away from the exterior amenities such as gardens in which they may feed.

More detailed explanations of these preventative measures can be found at Stinkbugsremoval.org. For now, the best that can be done is for homeowners to take preventive measures and to spread the word. It is hoped that the wasp could be released in three years or so, but until then, the stink bug seems to be a nearly invincible insect.

Editor’s note: The author is a senior in the Humanities Magnet Program at Poolesville High School, and she drew this article from her senior thesis.

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would have paid for infrastructure like roads by imposing special taxes and assessments. Newland also cited difficulty in finding a retail developer willing to construct the promised grocery-anchored commercial center.

Carrier said she wanted a report from Newland in the coming weeks on what elements of the project the company would continue to control, "just so that we know what the state of play is."

While the retail center receded another year or so into the future, the planning board took steps April 26 to advance work at adjacent Clarksburg Village, also being developed by Elm Street.

Planners voted unanimously to remove staging requirements

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some kind of Rocky Mountain avalanche.

We're talking beach towels and wet wipes and water bottles. We're talking sporting goods and extra shoes and boxes of Goldfish Crackers: Extra jackets, canvas shopping bags, empty cookie boxes (I have no idea how those got in there), and for some reason there is always a box of broken crayons—no coloring books, just broken crayons.

I have no idea why.

If I've managed to park away from prying eyes, it's not so bad, other than the fact that I have to try to support the sloughing mass, which usually fails, and inevitably results in me picking everything up off of the parking lot asphalt. Have you ever tried to casually pick up what essentially amounts to the contents of an entire mud room off the asphalt of a parking lot without drawing attention to yourself? It's not for amateurs.

Oh, I'm getting better. I've nearly perfected a system where I support the pile with my behind and one arm, while rummaging for whatever I need with the other. It's like doing the Hokey

that once specified 90,000 square feet of town center retail before retail construction in village centers like Newcut Road and Cabin Branch could begin. A similar amendment to the Clarksburg Master Plan was approved by the county council in July. "This is a rapidly-growing development," Cashion said. "They are ready to begin work."

Clarksburg Village is 790 acres, and initial businesses in its retail phase will likely include a bank, pharmacy, and gas station, planners said.

Pokey but without the music.

Now, when I have the misfortune to park it next to Super-Mo—Ack!—I feel Shame. I mean, there they stand, smugly, in front of the trunks of their sparkling-clean mini-vans or SUVs, with the doors proudly wide open. Everything is in its place. Usually there is some kind of organizer compartment that is perfectly laid out: No Mess, No Searching, No panicking when it all starts to slide, No rotting food or stale half-empty Gatorade bottles.

I hate those women.

No, that's too harsh. I just don't know how they do it. Do they reorganize every night when the kids are in bed? Are they not in the perpetual rush that my family is always in? Is it all done with lights and mirrors? Do they have servants or minions? I must know! Not that I'd change anything or do something as rash as clean out the back of my car. It would ruin my system.

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subsidy of non-taxpayer properties has exceeded \$10 million over the past twenty years. He recommends the commissioners assign a special citizen committee to investigate, analyze, and develop recommendations to end what is referred to as subsidization of non-taxpayers.

In a written response, town manager Wade Yost points out that if it is true such property owners are not paying their fair share for the upkeep of the water and sewer system "the same could be said of roads, sidewalks, parks, etc." He further points out that the majority of users of these non-taxpaying facilities are taxpayers themselves. Mr. Yost addresses the concerns of the \$10 million of subsidy by pointing out that in the 1990s until 2000, large expenditures for water exploration and well development were approved "for the good of the community as a whole to

provide for adequate water for fire safety and the general health of the property values within the town." He also points out in his response that utilities such as WSSC supplement State and Federal dollars for Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) needs in a similar way.

The commissioners provided certificates of appreciation for volunteers recently stepping down from their assignments: Willis Van Devanter (Sign Review Board), Elizabeth Bassett (Board of Elections), Kevin Carmack (Parks Board), Karen Kalantzis (Community Economic Development Committee), Jan Shultz (Community Economic Development Committee), and Harold Ehrentrott (Planning Commission).

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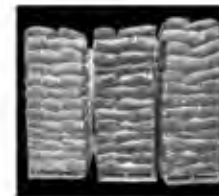
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of this month, \$4,200.00 has been raised. Much more than enough for the new shrubbery she was planning.

Daughter Kathy shares her mother's passion and is currently organizing a cleanup day for the grounds. Tom Bodmer, a member of the cemetery's board of directors is overwhelmed by the efforts and the generosity of all involved. Others who want to help out can reach Kathy on Facebook or call 301-972-7047.

In the meantime, she will continue visiting him every day and, as a parent, do what she has always done: the best she can do every day knowing that Dale, whose generosity as an organ donor saved lives, would be so pleased to know that together, he and his mom have helped make this place of rest for so many, so much more beautiful.

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