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CRASH

(Continued from Page A1) claimed the plane was doing acrobatic maneuvers, Sgt. Klebon said.

"The plane spiraled and cork screwed down down. The sea just swallowed it up," said Johnny Johnson, 35, of Severna Park.

The plane was an open-cockpit Waco YMF-5 owned by Ocean Aerial, which provides sight-seeing rides and flights pulling advertising banners.

Company owner Robert Bunting said the pilot, who had worked for him throughout the summer, had only a week left before he was to return to his full-time job as a

pharmacist.

Officials with the Federal Aviation Authority and the National Transportation Safety Board were in Ocean City. Petty Officer Nestle said.

FAA officials said they could not comment on the crash.

Witnesses were stunned.

"It's just a ghastly thing to see something like that happen in front of you," witness Ed Fritz said.

Observers said the plane appeared at the beginning to be stunt flying.

"Everyone seemed to be watching," John Freeland said. "My daughter-in-law was pointing out to my grandchildren (to) watch the airplane" when it suddenly plunged into the water.

RACE

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Ms. Morris estimated that it took about 12 minutes for paramedics to arrive in an ambulance.

"It took quite a long time to get the ambulance there," she said.

But Mark Chaput, medical coordinator for the race, said it took about eight minutes for paramedics to arrive.

Capt. Leonard Clark, city Fire Department spokesman, said a county paramedic unit responded to the call.

Mr. Chaput said county paramedics were stationed at Severn Ridge Road and Baltimore Annapolis Boulevard during the race.

Three ambulances are stationed along the course.

Winding through Annapolis, the Broadneck Peninsula and the Naval Academy, the race is organized by the Annapolis Striders, a local running club.

More than 3,200 runners finished, with very few dropouts along the course. Some 4,100 runners had registered, Mr. Bowman said.

Before he collapsed, Mr. Sokol was keeping a good pace, Mr. Bowman said.

Race organizers advise runners to only enter the event if they can keep to a minimum pace of 12-minute miles, he said.

"He was maintaining below an eight-minute-per-mile pace," he said.

The death also came on a morning of comfortable temperatures in



Some of the more than 3,000 runners who took part in the Annapolis 10-Mile Run yesterday pass by the one-mile marker near Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium. A Howard County man collapsed and died during the annual race.

the 70s and low humidity. Ninety-degree heat and humidity usually sap the strength of many runners during the annual August event, Mr. Bowman said.

"They were the best weather conditions anyone can remember," he said.

The race's medical staff includes some 60 people along the course. Medical teams linked by radio are

stationed at every mile along the course, watching for runners in trouble.

"They will and they have pulled people out of the race before," Mr. Bowman said.

A medical tent staffed by physicians is set up at the finish line at the Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium, he said. The usual problem faced by runners is dehydra-

tion. In the aftermath of Mr. Sokol's death, race organizers will re-evaluate their plan for handling medical emergencies.

"We really couldn't think of anything we could have done differently," Mr. Bowman said.

The Associated Press contributed to this story.

JACKPOT

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they do every month or so. They walked the boardwalk and had lunch, then went to Harrah's.

With no luck at the roulette table, Mrs. Morris moved on to the Wheel of Fortune slots around 4 a.m. yesterday, playing two machines before moving to the one that would make her a millionaire on her son's 36th birthday.

When the bells stopped ringing on the slots, the Morriszes called their children.

"Our daughter thought that we were kidding and our son just kept going, 'I can't believe it,'" Mrs.

Morris said.

The Morriszes have three children, Jimmy and Pam, who live in Severna Park, and Wayne Jr., who lives in Salisbury.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris stayed at Harrah's until this morning, planning to come home today and see their children and eight grandchildren.

"I just want to get home and see the kids," she said. "Maybe this will seem a little more real once I get home."

And in the spring or summer, after school is over, the couple wants to take their children and grandchildren to Hawaii — the family's first vacation all together.

More beautiful weather due

By SUSAN HERENDEEN
Staff Writer

Another perfect weekend may be on the horizon, just in time for Labor Day, weather forecasters said this morning.

"There's absolutely no sign of it getting hot again," said Dewey Walston, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Sterling, Va.

Partly sunny skies and temperatures in the mid-80s are expected throughout the week and into the weekend, Mr. Walston said.

Light rain may fall today, but there's no sign of rain later in the week or on the weekend, Mr. Walston said.

That means Labor Day — the unofficial end of summer — should offer clear skies and balmy temperatures similar to this weekend's delightful weather.

Sunshine-seeking crowds are expected to flock to the shoreline for one last weekend of summer freedom.

"That's the last big weekend," said Sgt. Fran Gower, a ranger at Sandy Point State Park. "We do see a lot of people coming down for the last big blowout."

A crowd of nearly 7,000 flocked to the park over the weekend, and as many as 9,000 people are expected this weekend, Sgt. Gower said.

MIDS

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Midshipman Anderson and others in his class said their biggest challenge in their final year at the academy will be living up to the added responsibilities, including training plebes.

"You never really realized you did so many stupid things," joked Midshipman Cory Shackleton, 24, of Annapolis, who serves as Brigade Drill Officer.

He and others are looking forward to three milestones: the Army-Navy football game, service assign-

ment day and graduation. In order, they are Dec. 6, Feb. 6 and May 22.

Retired Rear Adm. William C. Miller is looking forward to mid-October, when takes over as dean. He'll be at his current post as an associate provost at West Virginia University until the end of September.

The 1962 academy graduate and former academy engineering instructor said it's a "thrill" to return to Annapolis.

In his first interview since his appointment earlier this summer,

Adm. Miller likened the dean's job to that of an orchestra conductor, guiding the faculty through the academic year. He doesn't have a specific agenda yet because he said he still has a lot of learning to do himself.

"I think the academy is headed in the right direction," he said. "The Naval Academy has a clear sense of purpose — to develop new leaders."

Adm. Miller said he's seen renewed spirit among midshipmen under the watch of Adm. Larson, who leads by example. Adm. Miller feels obligated to do the same and

intends to eventually return to the classroom to augment his administrative duties.

When the midshipmen see him, they see someone who's walked the path they have to walk," he said.

Adm. Miller, 56, met with academy officials and faculty members this week, and Mr. Nolan said everything went well. Initially, there was some trepidation among civilian faculty members about Adm. Miller's appointment because of his military ties.

He brings an awful lot of experience to the academy, Mr. Nolan said. "We can't wait to have him."

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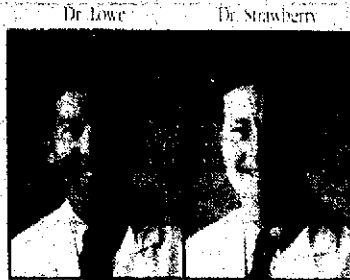
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