

woman **\$1.87M** richer

Loca

SP woman hits jackpot on slots

By KRISTIN HUSSEY Staff Writer

Juanita Morris of Severna rs pushed her sixth \$1 token lato the Wheel of Fortune slot nachine in Atlantic City and fatched three bars line up.

Then bells rang. The woman next to her screamed.

"What's the matter?" Mrs. Morris asked.

"You won the jackpot!" the woman yelled. "It's the big one.' As in \$187 million dollars

big. "It was just wild," said the

51-year-old Mrs. Morris, who was-in-Atlantic City with her husband, Wayne.

As Mrs. Morris realized the size of the jackpot, a crowd gathered around the machine at Harrah's Casino

"People kept coming up to me wanting to shake my hand, wanting to know what I was going to do with this money," she said:

They wanted to know why she wasn't whooping and yellinġ.

"I kept waiting for someone

By CHRISTOPHER MUNSEY Staff Writer A 47-year-old Howard County man collapsed and died of unknown causes yesterday morning while

running in the annual Annapolis 10-Mile Run.

Joseph Sokol of Columbia collapsed on the Naval Academy grounds about 8:30 a.m. after running 7.5 miles, according to race Director Ronald Bowman.

Mr. Sokol, an experienced runner and a member of the Howard County Striders for several years, law, Greg Cocco of Towson.

was taken by ambulance to Anne Arundei Medical Center, where he Mr. Cocco said. was pronounced dead at 9:13 a.m., a

hospital spokesman said. Mr. Sokol, a pharmacist for the race, Mr. Bowman said, Columbia Medical Plan, was married and the father of three daugh-

ters. "He was a good middle-of-thepack runner," said his brother-in-

47-year-old is race's first fatality

fatality in the 22-year history of the

"This is the first time anything like this has happened during the race," he said.

Fellow runners, including an emergency room physician and pediatric nurse from the Johns Hop-River.

An autopsy was being done today, kins Hospital in Baltimore, began fr. Cocco said. cardiopulmonary resuscitation on Mr. Sokol's death was the first Mr. Sokol immediately.

"When he went down, there was a neurosurgeon and a cardiac techni- air down, but we couldn't get a good cian in the same area," Mr Bowman said.

Mr Sokol collapsed on a portion of the course near the Robert Crown Sailing Center along the Severn

Susie Morris of Severna Park a nurse at St Agnes Hospital in Baltimore, was one of the runners who tried to help the stricken man

Despite giving him CPR, they couldn't get a pulse, Ms. Morris sald

"We were trying our best to ge airway," she said.

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Witnesses watch plane hit the water

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OCEAN CITY - Rescue workers this morning continued to search for three people missing after their small biplane crashed into waters off Ocean City in what witnesses described as "a ghastly thing to.... see '

Many witnesses saw the plane spiral into the water about a mile off shore about 2:25 p.m. yesterday. State police divers supported by poats from the Coast Guard and



say, 'No, it's a big mistake,' " she said.

Instead, she and her husband were whisked off to complete paperwork while casine officials inspected the slot machine.

The couple has already received a check for \$93,508 the first of 20 annual tackpot checks, before taxes are deducted.

Mrs. Morris is on extended medical leave from her job as a flight attendant with United. Airlines. Mr. Morris retired after selling his Ace Hardware business in Severna Park and seven others in the Annapolis area last year.

- Mr. and Mrs. Morris took the Lewes ferry to Atlantic City on Saturday morning, as (See JACKPOT, Page A12) **Department of Natural Resources** renewed their search in the Atlantic Ocean off the resort city at 6 a.m today. By 9:30 a.m., the victims and much of the plane remained missing.

Workers searched the water until 9 p.m. yesterday but found only the engine and some debris from the plane.

"We want to remain ontimistic." said Chief Petty Officer Gary Nestle of the US Coast Guard. "Howhood goes down" of finding any City yesterday. survivors

The biplane had taken off from Ocean City airport on a sightseeing tour and was to return there. Petty Officer Nestle said It went down nearly a mile off shore from 94th Street, he said.



ever, as time goes on, the likeli- Cpl. Rodger Bennett of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources slits through the wreckage of a biplane that crashed into the waters off Ocean

State police identified the pilot Crystal Blankinbiller, 25, of Laur- said. eldale, Pa. and Judy Lesher, 25, of Fleetwood, Pa.

as John McLaughlin, 44, of Florida. part of the plane in about 32 feet of field the size of two football fields, velocity is like concrete. She came The passengers were identified as water, state police Sgt Rick Klebon Petty Officer Nestle said.

A team of police divers searched traveling at a good rate of speed."

"The aircraft obviously was for the body of the plane. They Petty Officer Nestle said. "Water,

Divers located the front engine found some small pieces in a debris when you hit it with any kind of apart."

> The cause of the crash was not immediately known Witnesses (See CRASH, Page A12)

Midshipmen getting down to business



By David W. Trozzo - The Capital

These five Annapolis residents are among the 4,000 midshipmen who've started another year at the Naval Academy. Pictured left to right in Mahan Hali are; Midshipman 1st Class Chris Williams, Midshipman 1st Class Justin Anderson, Midshipman 1st Class Kevin Cordie, Midshipman 2nd Class Nate Rodenbarger, and Midshipman 1st Class Cory Shackelton.

No major changes planned for brigade

By THERESA WINSLOW **Staff Writer**

The Naval Academy is on the right course - so no major changes are in the works for new academic year.

But that doesn't mean it'll be easy sailing for the 4,000 midshipmen in the brigade. The demands on them are still exacting.

Take Midshipman 1st Class Justin Anderson of Annapolis, for example. In addition to all his other duties, he was informed on the first day of classes Wednesday that he'd have to read the Koran and a related Islamic text over the weekend.

Asked if this was a difficult task, the 21-year-old shrugged and said, "It's what we do.'

Cmdr. Richard Snead, who serves as deputy commandant, said what he's observed so far of Midshipman Anderson's less could mean good things to come.

"In a few short days, we have seen an indication that the Class of '98 will deliver,' he said.

Cmdr. Snead, whose own tenure in his present post began just three months ago. said the brigade pulled together more quickly this year than in previous years. All

midshipmen returned to the academy a week ago Friday.

"It's a big undertaking to bring back a 4.000-person organization," Cmdr. Snead said.

Academy officials feel success this year will be based on the system established by Superintendent Adm. Charles R. Larson and the previous commandant, Capt. William "Randy" Bogle, that builds on responsibility and accountability each successive year. The current commandant is Capt Gary Roughhead.

"I think we're ready to go and anxious to get going," said English professor Charlie Nolan, who was elected last week as the new president of the Faculty Senate. "I think we're in good shape."

No significant new policies or procedures are on tay, although officials are still studying recommendations of a Board of Visitors review panel. The blue-ribbon panel found the academy fundamentally sound, but also offered suggestions for improvement in the academic, social and professional development of midshipmen (See MIDS, Page A12)

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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 John son, 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 ap-

peared at the beginning to be stunt flving:

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

Morris said The Morrises have three children, Jimmy and Pam, who live in everna Park and Wayne Jr.

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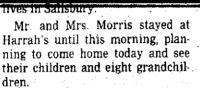
walked the boardwalk and had lunch, then went to Harrah's.

JACKPOT

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 Morrises called their children.

"Our daughter thought that we were kidding and our son just kept going, 'I can't believe it.' ' Mrs. family's first vacation all together.



"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



(Continued from Page A1) 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 coordi nator 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

Three ambulances are stationed along the course. Winding through Annapolis, the

Broadneck Peninsula and the Naval the Annapolis Striders, a local run

ning club.

race.

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

the 70s and low humidity Ninety stationed at every mile along the tion. degree heat and humidity usually course, watching for runners in. sap the strength of many runners during the annual August event Mr. Bowman said.

ditions anyone can remember." he said.

The race's medical staff includes some 60 people along the course. Stadium, he said. The usual prob-Medical teams linked by radio are lem faced by runners is dehydra- to this story

Bowman said. A medical tent staffed by physicians is set up at the finish line at the Navy-Marine Corps Memorial

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, In the aftermath of Mr. Solar death race organizers will reevaluate their plan for handling They will and they have pulled. medical emergencies. people out of the race before," Mr.

> We really couldn't think of anything we could have done differ entiv [©] Mr. Bowman said.

The Associated Press contributed

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

week or on the weekend, Mr expected this weekend, Sgt. 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 Light rain may fall today, but to the park over the weekend, there's no sign of rain later in the and as many as 9,000 people are Gower said.

MIDS

(Continued from Page A1) 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 Shackelton, 24, of Annapolis, who serves as Brigade Drill Officer

ward 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 Septemher

The 1962 academy graduate and former academy engineering in structor said it's a thrilly to return to Annapolis.

In his first interview since his, He and others are looking for appointment earlier this summer. feels obligated to do the same and said. "We can't wait to have him."

to that of a orchestra conductor. guiding the faculty through the academic year. He doesn't have a specific agenda vet because he said ke still has a lot of learning to do-

Adm. Miller said he's seen renewed spirit among midshipmen

Adm. Miller likened the dean's job. intends to eventually return to the classroom to augment his admini trative duties.

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

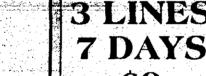
Adm. Miller, 56, met with acad emy officials and faculty members this week, and Mr. Nolan said everything went well. Initially, there was some trepidation among civilian faculty members about Adm. Miller's appointment because of his military ties.

He brings an awful lot of experiwho leads by example. Adm. Miller rence, to the academy. Mr. Nolan

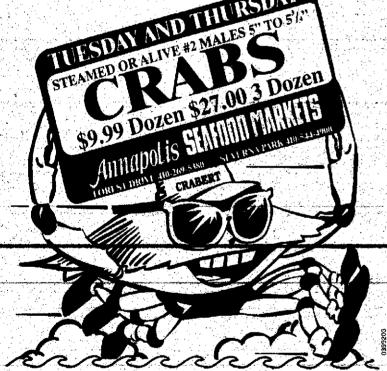
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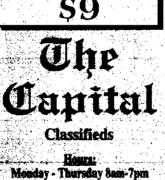
"I think the academy is headed in the right direction." he said "The Naval Academy has a clear sense of purpose to develop new leaders."

under the watch of Adm. Larson;



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