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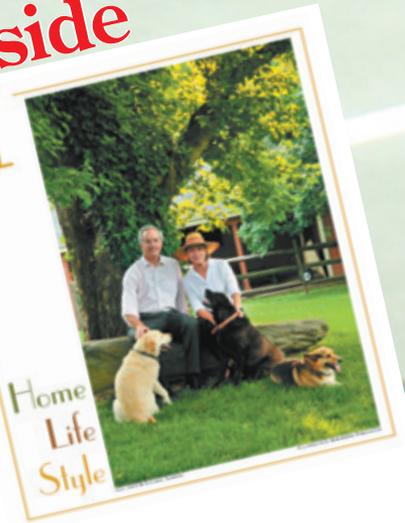
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Team Cayelli — family members and friends of four-year-old Danny Cayelli — turned out at last year's Autism Speaks 5k Run and 1-Mile Walk. Many of the race spectators and participants at the annual event are family members and friends of families dealing with autism, while others come for the competition. This year's annual race and walk takes place on Friday, July 4.

For Fun and Love

8th Annual Autism Speaks 5K Run and 1-Mile Walk will offer challenge and fun to participants and spectators alike.

BY AARON STERN
THE ALMANAC

Barbara Guterman has a tradition that she keeps every July 4th. She laces up her running shoes, heads to Potomac Village to run the Autism Speaks 5K Run, and cries.

"Historically I start the race crying be-

cause I can't believe the amount of support that's there and I end the race crying because I'm in so much pain. No, just kidding."

It may not be the whole truth, but Guterman's joke captures the spirit of the annual run, which will enter its eighth year the first weekend of July. Roughly 2,000 people turn out each year to raise money to research the causes and cures for autism,

Autism Speaks 5K Run And 1-Mile Walk

The 8th Annual Autism Speaks 5K Run and 1-Mile Walk kicks off at the Potomac Library on Friday morning, July 4. Pre-race warmups start at 7:30 a.m., with the 5K road race scheduled to start at 8 a.m. The 1-mile walk will start at 8:05 a.m. Last year's event drew approximately 2,000 runners and spectators and raised over \$225,000 to study the causes and cures of autism as well as to fund support efforts for families with autistic children, and this year's event could bring an even larger crowd, according to the race's co-chairs. To learn more about Autism Speaks, how to donate, or to register for the race and to see the race course, go to www.potomac5k.org.

as well as to support those who live with it and their families, yet it also brings strong local competition to a course that offers

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'26 Days, Close to Open'

Potomac Village Giant set to reopen June 27 with more open feel and wider selection.

As construction crews put on the final touches to the renovated Giant in Potomac Village, customers have been getting a little antsy.

"They've been peeking ... they're really excited," said store manager David Grove.

The Giant in the Potomac Promenade shopping center closed June 1 for renovations and is set to reopen Friday, June 27. Giant began a renovation program earlier this year to upgrade 100 of its 212 stores in

Maryland, Delaware, Washington, D.C. and Virginia over the next three years and the Giant in the Village is the company's most recent undertaking.

Typically stores have remained partially open during the facelift process, said Brad Wilkinson, vice president of sales for Giant, but in this case officials chose to shut the store down — save for the pharmacy — to complete the job more quickly.

Construction crews worked around the

clock for 13 days after the doors closed to make the major changes — new floors, new lighting, new shelves, wider aisles. Since then crews have been putting on the finishing touches, and getting things up to code to pass a health inspection in time for the stores impending reopening.

"Twenty-six days, close to open," said Wilkinson.

AMONG THE MAJOR changes that customers will notice, Wilkinson said, will be the new floral section that has been moved to the front entrance of the store, as well as

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Pave Away

Planning Board declines to hear reconsideration of Riding Fields Road completion.

BY AARON STERN
THE ALMANAC

Five months have passed since the Montgomery County Planning Board approved the first subdivision in the Potomac subregion to rely solely on sand mound septic systems. In that time Jake Barkdoll held out against one part of that approval — the connection of Riding Fields Road that runs along the north eastern edge of the property.

It took less than a minute and virtually no discussion of the matter for it to be denied.

"There was no recognition of the unanimous view of the community that was made evident in two petitions that were sent."

— Jake Barkdoll

On Thursday, June 19, the Planning Board declined to consider a request for reconsideration submitted by Barkdoll to overturn the approved connection of the road.

"Well, I'm terribly disappointed," Barkdoll said. "There was absolutely no discussion of the merits and no explanation [from the planning commissioners] whatsoever."

As part of the plan for the Sutton property development, the connection of Riding Fields Road was recommended by the board's planning staff and approved by a 3-1 vote of the Planning Board — the late Gene Lynch was on a leave of absence when the vote was made.

The January approval of the Sutton property development paved the way for seven homes to be built on the 25-acre subdivision just east of

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Water Restored, Questions Remain

A three-day boil water advisory was lifted last week by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission for all areas of Montgomery County north of the beltway after a major water main in Derwood broke on Sunday, June 15, but the Montgomery County Council is set to examine how the subscription-based emergency notification system failed residents in the hours following the break. While Potomac was largely unaffected by the losses of water pressure and service, residents scrambled on Monday, June 16 to buy bottled water while local swimming pools closed and restaurants took precautionary measures to ensure the safety of their customers.

An order from the County Executive's office Monday night that 1,200 county restaurants close down until tests could confirm that the water supply was safe and free from bacteria did not include Potomac restaurants.

The Montgomery County Council's Public Safety Committee will review the county's emergency notification procedures at its meeting on Thursday, June 26. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. at the Council Office Building in Rockville. The system is designed to alert county residents who have signed up for the service by text messages and emails of emergencies but failed to do so following the broken water main.

Councilmember Phil Andrews, who chairs the Public Safety Committee, last week added the discussion to the agenda. Councilmembers Marc Elrich and Don Praisner also are members of the committee.

"It is unacceptable the way the county's electronic emergency alert system was not activated in a timely manner during the emergency," said Andrews in a statement. "The Public Safety Committee wants to hear from Executive Branch officials on what went wrong and what procedures can be put in place to ensure this does not happen again in future emergency situations."

Lockhouse 8 Cleanup

The Potomac Conservancy is calling on local residents and C&O Canal National Historical Park enthusiasts to help protect the historic park and waterway by taking a short canoe trip to Minnie's island.

On Saturday, June 28, participants will participate in an island and river cleanup followed by a picnic lunch on the island, where dessert will be provided. After the clean-up, Potomac Conservancy docents will be on hand to lead groups through the restored lockhouse and interactive exhibits that show the connection between the Canal, the Potomac River, and the Chesapeake Bay.

The River Center is open Saturdays and Sundays from May 3 through Oct. 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for tours of the lockhouse and interactive exhibits. Inside the River Center, the Conservancy installed a new exhibit, "Backyard to the Bay," that connects what happens on the land and the health of the Potomac River and the Chesapeake Bay. Visitors are guided by the Potomac Conservancy's volunteer docents who lead tours, answer questions and discuss the historical and cultural significance of the C&O Canal and the Potomac River to the regional economy and the local quality of life.

For more information about the River Center at Lockhouse 8, visit www.potomac.org.

New Limited Hours for Planning Information

Due to budget constraints, hours at the Public Information counter at Park and Planning Headquarters, will be reduced. The new hours are 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., effective July 1. The public information counter provides property information, sells master plans and other documents, and processes payments for purchasing mailing labels of civic and homeowner associations.

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NEWS



PHOTO BY AARON STERN/THE ALMANAC

Cathy Frank, Deb Ward, Jan Paper, Mim Bernstein, Fran Sugar, and Bonnie Berliner started Love To Play last year, an apparel company with busy, athletic women in mind. A portion of their proceeds benefits the American Heart Association.

Heart Behind This Hat

Six Potomac women have started a clothing apparel company with the busy, athletic woman in mind.

BY AARON STERN
THE ALMANAC

A trip to the golf course, the gym, a school and the workplace in the course of one day doesn't always allow for a trip back home to change in between. The remedy to the problem? Attire that can run the gauntlet through any and all such occasions.

Enter six Potomac women and their new line of athletic apparel geared towards modern women who bear many responsibilities and who subsequently must simultaneously wear several different hats, no pun intended. Love to Play is the brain child of Cathy Frank, Deb Ward, Jan Paper, Mim Bernstein, Fran Sugar, and Bonnie Berliner, all from Potomac, all women with busy professional and personal lives who share a love of sport and fashion.

"We're all golfers and what we did was ... we realized clothes for women golfers are very plain [and] not very fashionable," said Berliner. "Women today don't just throw on a [golf] cap and run out, they're doing a whole look."

A YEAR AND a half ago the women put their heads together and started designing hats that would blend sport with fashion. The end result of their collaboration was a baseball cap with a heart symbol emblazoned on the front; as the heart slopes to its point at the bottom, it points to a dot just below it that looks as if it were dripping off of the heart — or as if the heart were resting on a golf tee, said Berliner.

The heart-and-dot design makes "it a little bit different, a little more unique," said Paper. "I like to think of it as an exclamation point."

The heart design concept was created with fashion in mind, but their endeavor isn't strictly about style or entrepreneurial success. At least 10 percent of all proceeds are donated to the American Heart Association, and that percentage could increase if the company grows as they hope it will.

So too might their line of apparel. Presently Love to Play offers hats, visors, bags and ball markers in a range of color schemes that can be customized to

a purchaser's specifications, but it could grow to t-shirts and more, said Berliner.

"Women have this whole look now, if you look at the women on the [female professional golf tour] they all dress nice, it's not what it used to be," said Berliner. "We're not your mother's golfer."

Yet the gear isn't designed exclusively for golf, or for women. The women said that they have seen men wearing their hats as well.

Navigating their way through the clothing design and production business was a learning experience for the six women. Each had professional experience that ranged from interior and graphic design to retail sales and psychology, but none had experience that fully prepared them for what they're doing now. Trial and error — and a lot of internet research and time on the phone — has gotten them to where they are now with more than 3,000 hats sold.

"It just takes time [to get it right]," said Berliner. "None of us were in the cloth manufacturing business before, so it just takes time."

THE WOMEN CHOSE to tackle heart disease because it is the number one killer of women over age 25, Berliner said. They wanted their business to be about more than just making money because, as Paper put it, "all of us feel pretty fortunate in our lives," and wanted to give back.

The name of their company is about the spirit that they want their clothing to embody — love of activity, life and sport.

"It's sort of like life is good — that kind of a lifestyle," said Berliner. "Find out what you love to play and just enjoy life."

Seeing their company take off — they have sold hats all over the country and have them on sale in airports and golf clubs as far away as Florida and Texas — has been extremely rewarding.

"It's obviously catching on and we're only at the beginning and we're really excited to see where it goes in the next four, five years," said Frank.

To learn more about Love to Play apparel or to purchase it, visit the company's Web site at www.shoplovetoplay.com, or call 301-983-9742.

"We're not your mother's golfer."
— Bonnie Berliner

PETS OF THE WEEK



Rocky

Leah is a female, 4-year-old, 45 pound, spayed Beagle. Sweet Leah is all a Beagle can be: loving, friendly towards other dogs and a bit too big due to a prior owner's over feeding. Her foster family has placed her on a reducing diet and the pounds are melting off. Leah will soon be the active sweet girl any adopter could love forever

Rocky is a male, 9-year-old, neutered, DSH Cat. Rocky's owner died and now this great boy is looking for a new home. He loves attention and freely gives affection in return. Rocky likes families and just adults and would be an easy, loving keeper as a pet.

Partnership for Animal Welfare (PAW) is an all-volunteer, not-for-profit group. To adopt an animal, volunteer or make a tax-deductible donation, visit www.paw-rescue.org, call 301-572-4PAW or write to PAW, P.O. Box 1074, Greenbelt, MD 20768.



Leah

CIVIC CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25

The Literacy Council of Montgomery County will hold an orientation session for volunteers interested in helping adults learn to read, write, or speak English from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Gaithersburg Library, 18330 Montgomery Village Ave., Gaithersburg. To register, call 301-610-0030, email info@literacycouncilmcmd.org, or visit www.literacycouncilmcmd.org.

TUESDAY/JULY 1

The Literacy Council of Montgomery County will hold an orientation

session for volunteers interested in helping adults learn to read, write, or speak English from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Rockville Library, 21 Maryland Ave., Rockville. To register, call 301-610-0030, email info@literacycouncilmcmd.org, or visit www.literacycouncilmcmd.org.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 2

DBSA (Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance National Capital Area) Family Support Group, will hold its only July meeting at 7:30 p.m., at the Parish Hall of St. Raphael's Church at 1513 Dunster Road, Rockville. The meeting is for the families and friends of people who have been

diagnosed with depression or bipolar illness. Free. Call 301-299-4255 or 301-570-9065. Internet: www.dbsanca-family.org.

THURSDAY/JULY 3

Pain Connection. This chronic pain support group will meet from 1:30-3 p.m. at the Davis Library, 6400 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda, for anyone with chronic pain, family members and interested community residents. Feel free to bring your ice/heat packs, pillows and mats to make yourself comfortable. Contact: 301-309-2444 or www.pain-connection.org for more information on the group.

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PEOPLE

Getting To Know ... Reuben Jacobson

After gaining nearly 44 percent of more than 8,000 votes, Reuben Jacobson won the first ever ParkStar Search competition. The 15-year-old freshman from Winston Churchill High School will work on "The Parks Show" — a monthly television program on County Cable Montgomery — throughout the summer and will host two episodes. He is a Potomac resident.



Jacobson

Where did you get your education and in what areas?

Currently I attend Winston Churchill High School. Next year I will be a sophomore. At my school I take classes such as English, History, Spanish, Math and more. There are many different clubs that are available so anyone interested in any area can pretty much receive a great education that they desire.

How would you describe yourself?

I am enthusiastic, entertaining and many things don't really irritate me. I love acting on a stage in front of an audience, and on camera with my friends.

What do you consider to be your biggest achievements?

Winning the Parkstar competition.

Activities/interests/hobbies?

I have many different hobbies, interests and activities that I do. These include playing drums, acting, making videos with

friends (my favorite actually), biking, running on the cross country, outdoor/indoor track teams and I have started to get interested in the piano a second time (I took seven years worth of lessons two years ago).

What community "hidden treasure" do you think more people should know about?

I really like the trails at Cabin John Park; there are sooo many paths that you could spend weeks navigating them all.

When you were younger, what did you want to be when you "grew up"?

An astronaut (who didn't want to be one!), on TV and of course ... famous

What are some of your personal goals?

I have high expectations in school ... and I hope to meet them by the end of the next school year. In addition, I have been getting more and more interested in being involved in television/movie acting and production.

Favorite movie or book?

My favorite book is "Angels and Demons" by Dan Brown and many other books by him such as "DaVinci Code" and "Deception Point." I have a lot of favorite movies ... too many. But I really like the ones that make you really think about what just happened and how it ties to the exciting plots.

Describe how you would most enjoy spending a single day?

I love hanging out with my friends and shooting videos with them. If I had an entire day, I'd call my friends to make an amazing new video. I actually made a "production group" called "No Reuben Productions" with three of my other friends; it's a lot of fun creating my own videos to entertain the public.

If you could be anyone else, who would you be and why?

Again with my friends so I could make videos.

What was your initial reaction when you received news that you won the ParkStar Search contest?

I was really, really excited. I was also a little nervous, because I've never done something like this. All of my friends will probably be watching me on TV. But mainly, I was just really excited.

What interested you in the contest?

I've been very interested in television production. Basically it was the television production that interested me — well, kind of both, the TV production and the parks. But I really wanted to see what it was like producing a TV show.

Do you have a favorite Montgomery County park?

I really don't have a favorite one. But I really do like Cabin John Park, because I'm on the cross-country running team at my school, and that's where our course is, which includes trails and everything. It's really nice with all the networks of paths; it's beautiful and is really fun to go there. When I was little, I used to go to Cabin John's park all the time.

What will you be doing with the parks?

I look forward to taping some interviews and doing voiceovers, which are always fun to do. Stand ups are also great.

PEOPLE NOTES



Winners of American Dance Institute's 2008 "Dance is Art in Motion" Photography Contest are, from left, Alexandra J. Lutz, Christi Santini, Carly Jane Loman and Julia Cline.

American Dance Institute announced the winners of the annual "Dance is Art in Motion" Photography Contest, which was held in honor of National Dance Week, celebrated April 25 through May 4. The winners are: in first place, 17-year-old **Alexandra J. Lutz**, a senior at Montgomery High School; 16-year-old **Christi Santini**, a junior at Blake High School, took second place; third place went to 15-year-old **Carly Jane Loman**, a sophomore at Bethesda Chevy Chase; and 14-year-old **Julia Cline**, a freshman at Walt Whitman High School won an honorable mention. The winning photos are on display at

American Dance Institute and on the Web site. ADI awarded Lutz a \$250 Penn Camera gift certificate for her first place photo. Santini won a \$100 for second place and Blake was rewarded a \$50 gift certificate for her third place win.

Potomac resident **Marji Epstein** was recently invited to join nearly 200 of her peers at a national conference in Santa Fe, N.M., hosted by Cultural Care Au Pair. Epstein, a Cultural Care Au Pair local childcare coordinator (LCC), has been with the organization for 17 years. Epstein is currently interviewing area

parents who are interested in hosting an au pair. She can be contacted at 301-424-0040 or email her with any question relating to hosting an au pair at Marji.Epstein@lcc.culturalcare.com.

The Literacy Council of Montgomery County presented awards to students, volunteers, and community members at its 45th annual meeting on April 17. **David Taylor**, a Potomac resident, was named "Tutor of the Year." Taylor has worked with a student for six years, helping him progress through all literacy program levels and supporting his efforts to attain other personal goals.

COLLEGE NOTES

To have an item listed mail to 7913 Westpark Drive, McLean VA 22102, e-mail to almanac@connectionnewspapers.com, or fax to 703-917-0991. Deadline is Thursday at noon for the following week's paper. Photos and artwork encouraged. Unless otherwise noted, all events are in Potomac. If you have any questions, call Matthew Razak at 703-917-6457.

Anna Goodman, a graduate of Winston Churchill High School, has been named to the dean's list for the spring semester at The College of Wooster. Goodman, a first-year student from Potomac, achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or above.

Nora Goddard, daughter of Ellen Kohn of Vendome Drive in Bethesda and Claude Goddard of Lost Trail Way in Potomac, has been named to the Dean's List at Hamilton College for the 2008 spring semester. A student must achieve a grade point average of 90 or above during the term to be placed on the dean's list. Goddard is a rising sopho-

more at Hamilton, and a graduate of St. Andrew's Episcopal School.

Lafayette College has named 704 students to the dean's list for the spring 2008 semester. Each of the students earned at least a 3.60 grade point average for the semester out of a possible 4.0. Potomac residents who achieved this are **Stephen Ari Hornstein**, Class of 2009; **Quinn Juliet Taurman**, Class of 2009.

U.S. Rep. Chris Van Hollen (D) has announced the names of the students from the Eighth Congressional District who have accepted appointments to the U.S. Service Academies. **United States Military Academy:** Raffi Mnatzakanian. **United States Naval Academy:** Marc Schron. The following students have accepted appointments for the Academy classes of 2012. **United States Merchant Marine Academy:** James Doh. **United States Naval Academy:** Polly Kisin, Roswell Lary.

MILITARY NOTES

Marine Corps 2nd Lt. Graham D. Hollander, a 2003 graduate of St. Andrews Episcopal High School, Potomac, recently graduated from the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, and was commissioned as an officer in the United States Marine Corps. Hollander successfully completed four years of intensive academic, physical and professional military training, resulting in a bachelor of science degree.

Navy Ensign Marc D. Schron, son of Eleanor Schron of Potomac, and Spencer Schron of Potomac, recently graduated from the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, and was commissioned as an officer in the United States Navy. Schron successfully completed four years of intensive academic, physical and professional military training, resulting in a bachelor of science degree.



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Watson, Keyser's Cairn Terrier, presides over the proceedings.

Eleanor Keyser, second from right, with several Friends of Montgomery County Animals board members: Vice-President Janet Lamkin, President Claire Proffitt and Treasurer Winnie Reed.

Group Supports Animal Care

Friends of Montgomery County Animals raise funds.

BY SHARON ALLEN GILDER
THE ALMANAC

Eleanor Keyser's stucco and stone home in Marwood was the picturesque setting for the Friends of Montgomery County Animals' (FMCA) annual meeting and luncheon with silent auction on Wednesday, June 18. The luncheon buffet was catered by River Falls Seafood. Keyser's Cairn Terriers, Angus and Watson, kept watch over the proceedings as 60 members and guests shared a common bond — the love of animals.

Charter member Jane Leeson shared remembrances of her late Springer Spaniel, Topper. "He had such a wonderful pedigree he should have been called Sir Topper. He was a great, loving companion."

FMCA, a non-profit, humane organization has been in Potomac's backyard since 1974. An all-volunteer group, FMCA has very little administrative overhead allowing 90 percent of monies raised to be earmarked for animal care.

"FMCA and MCSPCA have taken in cats abandoned by people abandoning their mortgage-heavy homes and the lack of foster homes is at an unacceptable level."

— **Claire B. M. Proffitt, Board President**

Board president Claire B. M. Proffitt joked she was changing her middle initials to PLEA. She said, "We are and always will be dedicated to helping solve animal homelessness because of overpopulation by supporting Spay-Neuter-Return and Spay-Neuter-Place initiatives." Proffitt urged attendees to support FMCA's Fix-it-Fund adding, "Our efforts are only hampered

by lack of money."

She continued her plea noting that cat adoptions are down reducing the intake of adoption fees. Medical expenses are up due to more animals needing veterinary care. She added, "FMCA and MCSPCA have taken in cats abandoned by people abandoning their mortgage-heavy homes and the lack of foster homes is at an unacceptable level. I am asking those of you with ample room in your house to dedicate a room to foster cats or a mom with kittens."

THE ORGANIZATION recently agreed to adopt a particularly heartfelt case involving a man with heart disease, chronic neck pain and seizures who has a beloved service dog named Sandy.

Sandy, a yellow Labrador Retriever, has demonstrated an ability to predict her owner's seizures. She is also credited with saving him from a heart attack.

In early February, Sandy was diagnosed with diabetes and displasia. Neither can be cured but they can be managed with special food, medication and regular visits to the veterinarian. Her care is expensive and beyond her owner's means. Proffitt concluded her plea, "I am asking every member to donate \$5 - \$1,000 to the ongoing care of Sandy. Write "Sandy" on the memo line of your check."

Board treasurer Winnie Reed added, "We're very glad we took on this case. We're helping the man as well as the dog."

Member Rosanne Szabados said, "This is a totally necessary and wonderful organization. The good that is done is often times not even known. This is a diverse group and many a friendship has formed."

Cynthia Walden agreed: "It's doing good and it's a great social time. I also got a great tie for my husband at the silent auction. When I stop traveling, I'll adopt a cat or two." Potomac resident Joan Kneussl joined FMCA several years ago after a friend made her aware of the group. She said, "I have a dog and I love the fact that they take care of animals in need."

Charter member Emilene Werner summarized the feelings of the day and her reason for belonging: "FMCA is a group of hardworking, dedicated people. Kindred spirits and kindred souls. Just like water seeks its level, I have to go this way." For more information and to read more about Sandy, visit: www.friendsofmontgomerycountyanimals.com



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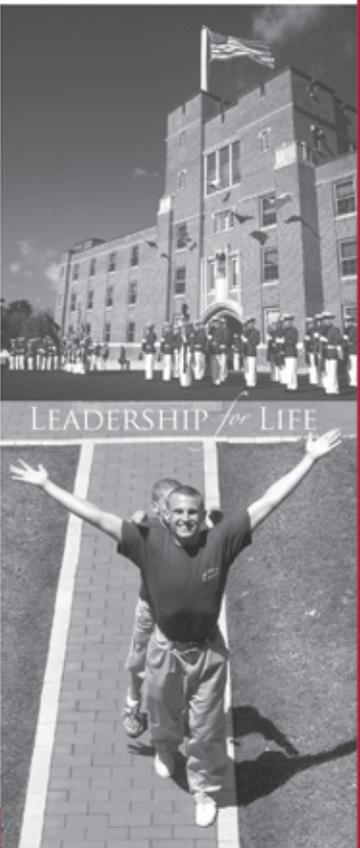
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CALENDAR

To have community events listed free in *The Potomac Almanac*, send mail to 7913 Westpark Drive, McLean, Va. 22102, e-mail to almanac@connectionnewspapers.com, or fax to 703-917-0991. Deadline is Thursday at noon for the following week's paper. Photos and artwork encouraged. Unless otherwise noted, all events are in Potomac. If you have any questions, call Matthew Razak at 703-917-6457.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 25

Tea Pot & Tea Cup

Tea. Featuring hand-crafted tea ware and demonstrations by the fabulous artists who create these pieces at the Mansion at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda, 1 p.m. Tea is \$26 per person. Call 301-581-5108 for availability.

Outdoor Concert.

Hot Peas 'N Butter will perform outdoors at the Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda, 7 p.m. Free. Visit www.strathmore.org.

Focus Music. Politics and Humor: Tom Neilson and Carla Ulbrich will be at O'Brien's BBQ East Gude Drive, Rockville at 8 p.m. Tickets: \$15 general, \$12 members. Visit www.focusmusic.com.

Lunchtime Concert. Wednesday lunchtime concerts will take place from 12 - 2 p.m. at the Bethesda Place Plaza located at 7700 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda. This week's performer is The Reasons (Oldies). Free. Contact 301-215-6660 or visit www.bethesda.org.

Baseball. Watch the Bethesda Big Trains take on the Redbirds at Povich Field, 10600 Westlake Drive in Cabin John Regional Park, Bethesda, 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7 adults and \$3 for children. Call 301-983-1006 or visit www.bigtrain.org.

Light Fantastic. Explore the history of light and observe its ability to bend and bounce in this interactive science program at Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac, 7 p.m. Pre-register at 240-777-0690.

Meet the Players. Team members of Big Train Baseball, our local team named after Walter "Big Train" Johnson, visit the Bethesda Library, 7400 Arlington Road, Bethesda, to share books and conversation at 12 p.m. Call 240-777-0970.

English Conversation Club. The English Conversation Club is for people who want to practice speaking English in a friendly setting at the Bethesda Library, 7400 Arlington Road, Bethesda, 2 p.m. Call 240-777-0970.

THURSDAY/JUNE 26

Evening Concert. Thursday Night concerts will take place from 6-8 p.m. in Veterans Park located at the corner of Woodmont and Norfolk Avenues in Bethesda. This week's performer will be Patty Reese (Original alternative rock and blues). Contact 301-215-6660 or visit www.bethesda.org.

FRIDAY/JUNE 27

Contra Dances. The Friday Night Dancers presents Contra dancing as well as some square dances and waltzes in the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. There is a Contra dance lesson from 7:30 to 8:15 p.m. followed by the called dance from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. Beginners are always welcome. This week Cis Hinkle calls to Hotpoint. Admission:

\$9. Contact Email: info@fridaynightdance.org.

Swing Dance. The Glen Echo Park Partnership presents a Swing Dance with the Boilermaker Jazz Band from Pennsylvania in the Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. An introductory Swing lesson with Donna Barker and Mike Marcotte from 8 - 9 p.m. is followed by dancing until Midnight. Admission: \$13. Contact Email: dbarker@glenechopark.org.

Baseball. Watch the Bethesda Big Train take on the Orioles at Povich Field, 10600 Westlake Drive in Cabin John Regional Park, Bethesda, 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7 adults and \$3 for children. Call 301-983-1006 or visit www.bigtrain.org.

SATURDAY/JUNE 28

Swing Dance. The Tom Cunningham Orchestra will perform at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo in the Spanish Ballroom. Beginning swing lesson at 8 p.m. is followed by dancing from 9 p.m. to midnight. Admission: \$15.

Little Hunters. Delve into the micro world of predatory invertebrates such as praying mantids, dragonflies and spiders at the **Woodend Sanctuary, 8940 Jones Mill Road, Chevy Chase, 10-11 a.m.**

Fees: Members: \$12 per child; nonmembers \$14 per child. \$8 for each additional member sibling; \$10 for each nonmember sibling. Adults are free. Registration required. Call 301-652-9188 x26. Ages 3-5, with an adult.

Creek 'n Seek. Join the Audubon Society as they head down to Rock Creek for an afternoon of stream exploration from 1-3 p.m. Fees: Members: \$12 per child; nonmembers \$14 per child. \$8 for each additional member sibling; \$10 for each nonmember sibling. Adults are free. Registration required. Call 301-652-9188 x26. Ages 6 and up, with an adult.

Butterfly County. Join the Audubon Society for the 19th annual Western Montgomery County Butterfly Count. Count participants will be teamed up and sent into the field to count butterfly species in a given area. No experience is necessary. This annual mid-summer count, modeled after the Christmas Bird Counts, is organized by ANS and sponsored by the North American Butterfly Association and Xerces Society. Call Stephanie Mason at 301-652-9188 x 37 for a participant's information letter.

English Conversation Club. Join in practicing and improving your spoken English with the help of volunteers leading discussions at the Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac, 3 p.m. Call 240-777-0690.

Picnic and Canoe Clean-up. Help protect local waterways by taking a short canoe trip to Minnie's island from the River Center at Lockhouse 8, C&O Canal National Historical Park, Cabin John, 9 a.m. -12 p.m. After an island/river clean-up enjoy a relaxing picnic lunch on the island, dessert will be provided. Contact Potomac Conservancy's River Center Coordinator, Bridget Chapin, at chapin@potomac.org or 301-608-1188, x213, or go to www.potomac.org.

Storytime. Kat Tales featuring Kat Aerobics will be at Barnes and Noble Bookseelers, Bethesda, 4801 Bethesda Ave., Bethesda, 11 a.m. Call 301-986-1761.

Laugh Riot. Enjoy five local comics and

have a chance to tell jokes yourself at the Hyatt Regency Bethesda, 7400 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda, 8-10 p.m. Cost \$10. Call 301-657-1234.

Carousel Tours. Carousel tours start at 12 p.m. at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo, and give visitors a closer look at the 1921 Dentzel carousel. Find out how it was made, how it works, and about the rest of the amusement park attractions that were built around it. Visit www.nps.gov/glec.

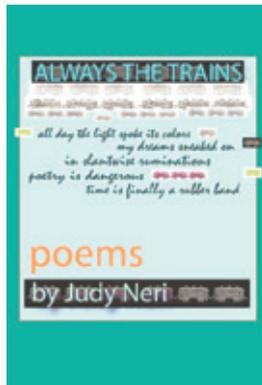
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Nature Program. Come visit Discovery Creek Children's Museum Forest Tales exhibition at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Spend time with the entire family while participating in engaging science and nature activities. In the former Glen Echo Park stable building, near the park entrance. Open 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Admission is free for members and children under 2, \$5 for nonmembers. Call 202-337-5111 to make arrangements or visit www.discoverycreek.org.

SUNDAY/JUNE 29

Waltz Dance. Waltz Time presents a beginning waltz lesson from 3 to 3:30 p.m., followed by an afternoon of waltzes and other couples dances. Dancing from 3:30 to 6 p.m. to the music of the Waltztrons. No partner is required for this dance in the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo, and the cost is \$8, including lesson. Contact Email: info@waltztime.com.

Author Reading. Judy Neri reads from "Always the Trains," her new



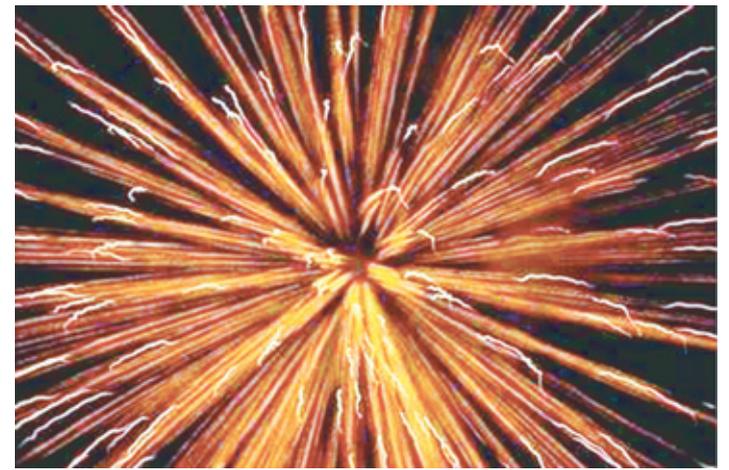
collection of poems, and novelist Robert Friedman reads from "Shadow of the Fathers" at the Writer's Center, 4508 Walsh St., Bethesda, 2 p.m. Free admission. Visit www.writers.org.

Contra and Square Dance. The Folklore Society of Greater Washington presents traditional American dancing with a focus on New England style contra dances, including square dances, country mixers, waltzes and other couple dances in the Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. All dances are taught, and no partner is necessary. The newcomers' welcome lesson is at 7 p.m., followed by called dances with Cis Hinkle calling to the HotPoint String Band from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Admission: \$12 nonmembers/\$9 FSGW members. Contact Phone: 202-518-1299.

Baseball. Watch the Bethesda Big Trains take on the Bombers at Povich

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THE FOURTH



Here is where to find the county's fireworks displays for Independence Day.

Montgomery County this year will again host two **Independence Day fireworks** displays Friday, **July 4**. Germantown Glory will be held at the SoccerPlex in the South Germantown Recreational Park, 18041 Central Park Circle. A concert by Bobby and the Believers will begin at 7 p.m., with fireworks at approximately 9:30 p.m. Blankets, chairs and picnics are welcome. No alcohol is permitted. Food vendors will be on site. Call the Recreation Department at 240-777-6820.

Mid-County Sparkles will be

held at Albert Einstein High School, 11135 Newport Road, Kensington. Pre-fireworks activities will include children's games and a musical concert with Superfly Disco beginning at 7:30 p.m. The fireworks will begin at 9:15 p.m. The viewing areas will be at the front of the school on the ball field and at the Newport Mill Middle School, 11311 Newport Mill Road. Call the events line at 240-777-8115.

Rockville's fireworks will be hosted at Montgomery College, Rockville Campus, 51 Mannakee Street, Rockville, Maryland. Additional parking will be available at Rockville Town Center. Live entertainment begins at 7 p.m. Fireworks at 9:30 p.m.

FINE ARTS

Coming

The Foundry Gallery, 1314 18th St., N.W. Washington, DC, will present recent paintings and prints by its only husband/wife members, Ann and Philip Bennet of Bethesda, **July 2-27**. An opening reception will be **July 11** from 6-8 p.m. Gallery hours are Wednesday - Sunday, 12-6 p.m. Call 202-463-0203.

Puppetry Exhibition. The Popcorn Gallery and the Puppet Co. at Glen Echo Park, 7400 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo, present an exhibition of puppets, **July 5-27**. Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 6 p.m. Call 301-634-2222 or visit www.glenechopark.org.

Waverly Street Gallery, 4600 East-West Highway, Bethesda, welcomes experimental fiber artist Deb Jansen from **July 8 - Aug. 2**. Gallery hours are Tuesday - Saturday, 12-6 p.m. An opening reception will be Friday, **July 11** from 6-9 p.m. Call 301-951-9441.

Last Chance

The Popcorn Gallery and the Art Glass Center at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd, Glen Echo, present, **"Perspectives,"** an exhibition of art glass sculpture and vessels by 10 studio and resident artists at the park, **through June 29**. The artists come from all over the world, and from the worlds of science, medicine, filmmaking, and dance, to name a few. Gallery hours are Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 6 p.m. Call 301-634-2222 or visit www.glenechopark.org.

Ongoing

Bethesda Painting Awards finalists will be displayed at the **Fraser Gallery,** 7700 Wisconsin Ave., Suite E., Bethesda **through July 5**. Gallery hours are Tuesday - Saturday, 11:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Waverly Street Gallery, 4600 East-West Highway, Bethesda, presents "On the Road Again," a collection of dynamic figurative and automotive oil paintings by Chip Cecil, **through July 5**. Gallery hours are Tuesday - Saturday 12⁰⁰-6 p.m. Call 301-951-9441 or visit www.waverlystreetgallery.com.

The exhibit **"Good Advice"** will survey almost 200 years of American advice books, aimed at helping people to improve their lives from top to bottom. The exhibit will be on display **through Sept. 21**, at the Beall-Dawson House, 103 W. Montgomery Ave., Rockville. Museum hours are 12-4 p.m., Tuesday to Sunday. Included with museum admission (\$3 adults/\$2 seniors & students).

The exhibit **"Breakfast"** is a vignette-style exhibit, on display throughout the Beall-Dawson House, 103 W. Montgomery Ave., Rockville, in conjunction with the exhibit "Good Advice." The vignettes include a family breakfast, formal breakfast, breakfast in bed, breakfast preparation, and even George Washington's breakfast and will be on display **through Sept. 21**. Included with museum admission (\$3 adults/\$2 seniors & students). Call 301-762-1492 or www.montgomeryhistory.org.

THEATER

This summer, Montgomery College will bring two musicals to the stage — “**Evita**” and “**Disney’s Beauty and the Beast**” — for its Summer Dinner Theatre performances. “Evita” performances will take place **June 27-29 and July 5-6**. “Disney’s Beauty and the Beast” will run **July 18-19, 25-27 and Aug. 1-3**. Tickets for Summer Dinner Theatre are \$37 for adults and \$27 for children ages 12 and under. Prices include the performance and a full dinner buffet. At Friday and Saturday night performances, the doors will open at 6:30 p.m., with a show time of 8:15 p.m. On Sunday, the buffet will open at 12:30 p.m., with a 2:15 p.m. show time. All performances are held in the Theatre Arts Arena on the College’s Rockville Campus, located at 51 Mannakee Street, Rockville. To purchase tickets, visit www.montgomerycollege.edu/sdt or call 240-567-7676.

“**The Blessing of a Broken Heart**” will make its Washington area debut at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, 6125 Montrose Road, Rockville, Wednesday, **June 25**, at 7:30 p.m., with a special guest appearance by Seth Mandell. Tickets are available for \$75 in advance, \$100 at the door, by calling The Koby Mandell Foundation at 301-654-7045, or 1-888-

622-5629.

Imagination Stage, 4908 Auburn Avenue, Bethesda, will present “**The Neverending Story**” from **June 28-Aug. 10**. Enjoyed by ages 6 and up. Performance times are Saturdays 12:30, 3:30 and 7 p.m. and Sundays 12:30 and 3:30 p.m. Single ticket prices range from \$10-\$20, with group rates available. The Box Office phone is 301-280-1660 or visit www.ImaginationStage.org.

Olney Theatre Center will present “**Two Gentlemen of Verona**” as part of the 19th Annual Free Summer Shakespeare Festival, **through June 29**. All performances begin at 8:15 p.m.



and the audience is encouraged to arrive as early as 6:30 p.m. to picnic on the theater grounds. The theater is located at 2001 Olney-Sandy Spring Road, Olney. Call 301-924-3400.

“**Big River**” will be presented by Olney’s National Players on the Historic Stage at Olney Theater Center, 2001 Olney-Sandy Spring Road, Olney, **July 2-27**. Tickets are \$25 with discounts available to groups. Call the Box Office at 301-924-3400 or visit olneytheatre.org for tickets.

Once a staple in Olney’s season, the summer mystery play makes a comeback after a 25-year hiatus with Agatha Christie’s “**The Mousetrap**.” The show plays on the New Mainstage at Olney Theater, 2001 Olney-Sandy Spring Road, Olney, **through July 6**. Tickets are \$25 - \$48 with discounts available to groups, seniors, and students. Call the Box Office

at 301-924-3400 or visit olneytheatre.org for tickets.

“**Defending the Caveman**” returns to the Washington area for a limited engagement at the Bethesda Theatre, 7719 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda, **July 9-27**. Tickets are \$37.50 and \$50 and are on sale now at the Bethesda Theatre box office, all Ticketmaster outlets, online at www.bethesdatheatre.com, and by phone at 301-657-STAR, 202-397-SEAT, 703-573-SEAT, 410-547-SEAT.

A brand new version of L. Frank Baum’s “**Wizard of Oz**” will be presented by Adventure Theatre in Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo, **through July 20**. Performances Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 10 and 11:30 a.m. and Saturdays and Sundays at 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Recommended for K - Grade 6. Tickets \$8; group rates available. Call 301-320-6668 or visit www.thepuppetco.org.

“**Babe, the Sheep Pig**” will run **through Aug. 3** at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Performances on Saturdays and Sundays at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Playing time is approximately 1 hour. Recommended for ages 3 and up. Tickets \$12. Call 301-634-2270 or visit www.adventuretheatre.org.

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Dance Recital. 6 and 8 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, 6125 Montrose Road, Rockville. Students from the JCC School of Dance will perform. Tickets are \$10 for members and \$12 for the general public. To purchase tickets, call the box office at 301-348-3872.°

MONDAY/JUNE 30

Duplicate Bridge. 7:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, 6125 Montrose Road, Rockville. The fee is \$4 for members or \$6 for the general public. Contact Selma Sweetbaum at 301-348-3860 or ssweetbaum@jccgw.org.

Storytime. Monday morning storytime at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 4801 Bethesda Ave., Bethesda, 11 a.m. Call 301-986-1761.

TUESDAY/JULY 1

Chinese Book Discussion. Chinese book discussion in Chinese language at Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. Ask for the book at the Circulation Desk. 2 hours. Call 240-777-0690.

Little Bugs Story Hours. Summer story times on the Summer Reading Club theme: Catch the Reading Bug at the Bethesda Library, 7400 Arlington Road, Bethesda, 10:30 a.m. Stories, music, and DVDs. Call 240-777-0970.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 2

Lunchtime Concert. Wednesday lunchtime concerts will take place from 12 - 2 p.m. at the Bethesda Place Plaza located at 7700 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda. This weeks performer is James Bazen Project (Contemporary Jazz). Free. Contact 301-215-6660 or visit www.bethesda.org.

Meet Yardley. Learn about the Guiding Eye Dog program and meet a dog-in-training at the Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac, 7 p.m. Pre-register at 240-777-0690.

Bug Crafts. Drop in to the Bethesda Library, 7400 Arlington Road, Bethesda, between 1 and 3 p.m. to make a variety of buggy crafts. Call 240-777-0970.

THURSDAY/JULY 3

Evening Concert. Thursday Night concerts will take place from 6-8 p.m. in Veterans Park located at the corner of Woodmont and Norfolk Avenues in Bethesda. This week’s performer will be Talawa (Reggae). Call 301-215-6660 or visit www.bethesda.org.

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SUNDAY/JULY 4

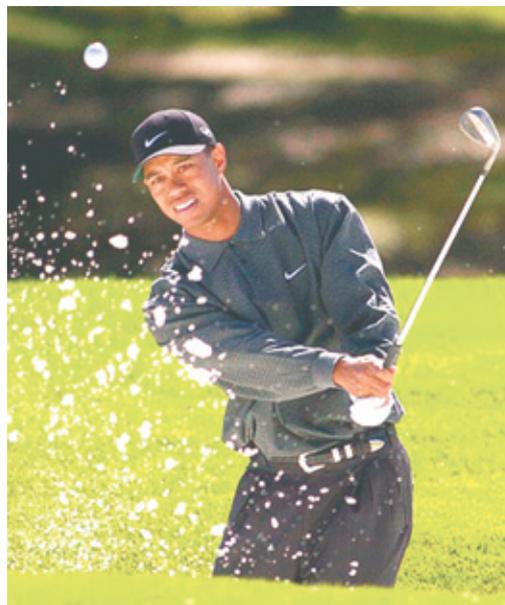
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5K Run/1 Mile Walk. Autism Speaks’ Potomac 5K Run/1 mile walk will take place at the Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac at the intersection of River and Falls Road starting at 7:30 a.m. Professional and novice runners, families and children, are all welcome to participate in this annual event and show support for the autism community. Entry fee for 5K run or 1 mile walk is \$25 (until June 15) and \$30 (June 16-July 1). On site registration is \$35 on July 3 and \$40 on July 4. Fee for children ages 14 and under: \$15. Visit www.autismspeaks.org/potomac5k to register.

SATURDAY/JULY 5

GOLF



The 2008 AT&T National will once again bring golf’s stars to the Nation’s Capital while raising funds for the Tiger Woods Foundation and paying tribute to the Armed Forces. Tiger Woods will host a field of the top 120 PGA TOUR professionals from around the world to compete for \$6 million in prize money June 30 - July 6 at Congressional Country Club in Bethesda. Daily and weekly grounds and Clubhouse tickets and badges, along with corporate entertainment and hospitality packages are available by calling the tournament office at 301-365-6946 or by visiting www.attnational.org. Daily prices begin at \$25 (\$15 for youth ages 13 to 17). For tickets, call 1 800-594-TIXX.

Baseball. Watch the Bethesda Big Trains take on the A’s at Povich Field, 10600 Westlake Drive in Cabin John Regional Park, Bethesda, 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7 adults and \$3 for children. Call 301-983-1006 or visit www.bigtrain.org.

English Conversation Club. At Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac, 3 p.m. Call 240-777-0690.

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Planning Board Declines Reconsideration

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McCrossin Lane in North Potomac that will become the county's first to rely solely on sand mound septic treatment. The sewage and waste from each home will be pumped into grass-covered mounds of sand located on the homeowners' properties where it will be stored and chemically treated.

RIDING FIELDS ROAD currently ends in two temporary hammerheads separated by less than 500 feet.

The board's staff initially recommended its completion stating that it was always intended and that doing so would facilitate access to the neighborhoods for emergency and postal services.

Neighbors from the Travilah Grove community contended that it would be used as a cut-through during high-traffic hours for

Travilah Road commuters and could bring increased noise and crime to the area, and after in an interview last week Barkdoll said that the two sides of Riding Fields Road are serviced by separate fire stations and post offices.

In order for the request for reconsideration to have been heard, one of the board members who originally voted for the plan's approval would have had to motion for the request to be heard and on Thursday that did not happen. Neither board chairman Royce Hanson nor commissioner John Robinson moved to have the request heard, and Allison Bryant's term with the board expired earlier this year. Commissioner Jean Cryor was the lone opposition vote on the original approval and could not move for the request to be heard.

"That's how it works, you can never get a reconsideration from the losing side," Cryor

said later.

An applicant must prove that legal or factual errors were made that led to the initial vote to have their request heard, and though she voted against the original approval, Cryor said that neither was the case regarding Riding Fields Road.

IN HIS REQUEST Barkdoll contended that the board was not made fully aware of the surrounding community's opposition to the completion of the road due to the late submission of testimony from some neighbors. He said that he expected the board to consider his request on behalf of his community and neighbors, but that was not the case.

"There was no recognition of the unanimous view of the community that was made evident in two petitions that were sent," Barkdoll said. "Riding Fields [Road] has

become a place where people teach their kids to ride their bicycles or where they walk their dogs or where they go to jog... and yet [the Planning Board's staff] argue that it won't affect the individuals' use of it."

IN THE 11 MONTHS that Cryor has been a member of the Planning Board, she said that she has seen three such requests heard, and those were due to clear legal errors and the requests for reconsideration were supported by the board's legal staff. No such legal errors were made here, Cryor said, and the board's legal staff recommended against consideration.

Barkdoll said that does not necessarily mean the matter is through — he plans to go to court.

"Papers are being filed. It's not an easy fight but on the other hand this one so egregious that we've got a chance, I think," Barkdoll said.

5K Run and 1-Mile Walk To Benefit Autism Research

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more than a casual challenge.

"I'm a runner and I love the course ... it's hilly and it's hot," said Jean Srour, who serves on the race committee.

"It's hilly, it's challenging — it's a lot of fun and it's a beautiful course," said Guterman. "It's an early morning run, which I love."

THE ANNUAL EVENT began eight years ago and has grown each year since — last year it raised over \$225,000 to pass the million dollar mark during its existence. This year's race could bring even an even higher turnout than in years past if soaring gas prices keep families home for the holiday, said Susan Pereles, who is co-chairing the race with Guterman.

"We've kind of come a long way, which is nice," said Pereles.

Pereles helped create the annual event nearly a decade ago after her nephew was diagnosed with autism. She combined her brother's love for running with her desire to do something to help raise awareness of autism and decided to start a family-friendly race to raise money. Each year, in addition to the 5K run, a one mile walk is held as well.

"There wasn't a lot of public awareness, autism wasn't out there back then," said Pereles.

"Because of my brother's love for running [I] thought, 'You know what? I'm going to try to organize a race around this.'"

The grind of organizing the race each year has taken its toll and at last year's race she announced that she would step down from

her leadership role in the race. That's where Guterman came in. She heard Pereles' announcement and got to thinking.

"As I was running and I was at like mile 1 or mile 2 it hit me," Guterman recalled. "I said 'OK, I'm going to cross the race and tell Susan I'm going to take it over.'"

Pereles and Guterman worked together on this year's race and Guterman said she will lead it going forward after this year. Guterman got involved in the race after her two children were diagnosed early on as being on the autistic spectrum. Because the diagnosis and subsequent intervention was made early, both are now "doing amazingly well" and are not really considered on the spectrum anymore, said Guterman.

"IN MANY, MANY cases you see families with children who seem to be at risk and

the key is early intervention," she said. "I think what's so fantastic about the organization is there's just a network of services and support that you can reach out to... it's a very strong chapter that we have here locally, and [it relies on] families supporting families."

This year's event will be more family-friendly than ever, said Pereles, as it will feature for the first time carnival-style games and moon bounces and will be catered by Potomac Pizza.

Pereles said that she is looking forward to the last race that she has helped organize, and that, as always, it will be a memorable event for all comers.

"For families with autistic kids, it's really nice," she said. "It's a really nice way to get awareness out there but it's not just for autistic families."

THIS WEEK IN POTOMAC

FROM PAGE 4

Taxi Surcharge

As of May 30, the county has set a temporary \$1.50 emergency fuel surcharge on all taxicab rides. The charge may or may not appear on the meter, but it will be added to the total fare.

The county's Department of Public Works and Transportation licenses all taxis and drivers and regulates rates. The county set the current taxicab meter rates in early 2006, when a gallon of regular gasoline had already reached \$3.28. Now the average price for a gallon of regular gas is more than \$4.

Residents may request more information about the surcharge by calling the Taxicab Regulation Office at 240-777-CABS (2227), or by visiting DPWT's Taxicab Hotline Web site.

Potomac Village Giant To Reopen Friday

FROM PAGE 3

a prepared foods section in the front of the store for customers who want to come in, buy a meal, and leave without walking through the whole store.

The revamped deli area will feature touch-screen ordering and will allow deli employees to keep track of how long each customer has been waiting. Customers can make all of their usual choices from the touch-screen as well as select up to eight thicknesses of deli meats.

The next generation in seafood presentation features chilled shelves instead of refrigerated cases. The difference is that the circulation of cold air can dry out the seafood, but this way, the food stays fresher for longer, Wilkinson said.

Expanded cakes, natural foods and international foods sections are also part of the store's new lineup, Wilkinson said, but what customers will likely notice most is a more

open feel to the store. The store's footprint has not changed but by reducing the number and length of aisles the store will use space more efficiently.

"It's not bigger, it's just a lot more opened up," said Wilkinson.

THE SPACE BETWEEN shopping aisles and cash registers grows from six to 13 feet, and the addition of express lanes on either end of the register bank will help customers get out of the store more quickly.

The most notable holdover from the old store will be the employees — Grove said that all of the same employees that customers have known for years will be back when the store reopens, and they'll be joined by 17 new faces spread among all depart-



Giant vice president of sales Dean Wilkinson shows off the deli section's new touch-screen ordering system.

ments.

"It's the same great staff," Grove said.

Giant is set to open its doors Friday, June 27 with a grand re-opening celebration scheduled for July 11.

—AARON STERN

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BUSINESS

Judged as Top Notch

Potomac BP service station takes top honors from Consumers' Checkbook.

It took a few days before Brian Hannam even heard about it, but before long phone calls and emails from customers clued him in. In early June the Potomac BP service station, which Hannam manages, earned top honors in separate service and price categories from Washington Consumer Checkbook, a consumer guide to services.

"We're awful pleased about it," said Hannam. "We work real hard, so it's nice to get."

Consumer Checkbook is an independent, non-profit ratings organization that is funded in part by the U.S. Office of Consumer Affairs. In addition to being rated in the top categories for service and price, 95 percent of the store's customers that responded to a Consumer Checkbook survey listed Potomac BP's service as "superior." The three marks put the store in the higher echelons of the 550 Washington-area stores that were rated, and made it the only

Potomac-area store in that category.

Hannam came aboard at the station 22 years ago and eventually took over the store's management from his uncle John Hannam, who continues to work at the station and who himself had taken the reins from his father-in-law Bill Luehrs, who opened the store in 1961.

Hannam isn't the only long-time familiar face at Potomac BP — technician Rick Hart has been there for 33 years, and technician Terry Dunham joined the station about eight years ago, but his roots in the Potomac Village service industry go back to the days when his father Al Dunham opened Dunham's garage in 1951.

The store has many long-time customers in part because of their familiarity with the store's management, as well as the service that they provide, said Hannam.

"The guys stay on top of their knowledge of cars ... we work hard and we're good honest



John and Brian Hannam outside the Potomac Village BP station, which was recently rated among the top 550 service stations in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan region by Washington Consumer Checkbook.

people and we don't mind putting in a hard day's work," he said.

As older generations of Potomac drivers give way to younger faces, Hannam said that his crew is gaining a new following because of the work that they do.

"There's a lot of old customers and we're starting to generate a lot of new customers," Hannam said. "One of the best advertisements, and you always hear it, is word-of-mouth."

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NEWS

Plan Yields More Dialogue

Fourth Presbyterian School continues discussions with community about expansion as concerns linger.

BY AARON STERN
THE ALMANAC



The dual driveways of Fourth Presbyterian School and Congregation B'Nai Tzedek as well as South Glen Road could become more congested as the Fourth Presbyterian School expands to include middle school grade levels in the coming years.

The future of traffic congestion and mitigation along South Glen Road remains at the heart of concerns held by neighbors of the Fourth Presbyterian School, which plans to roughly triple its size in coming year.

At a second meeting in three weeks with nearby and concerned residents held on Thursday, June 19, school officials reiterated their plans to begin construction on a new 66,000-square-foot facility this summer that will pave the way for the school to expand its service from 96 students in kindergarten through fifth grade to roughly three times that size in grades that will span through eighth grade in coming years. Residents, in turn, reiterated their concerns about the additional traffic such an expansion could produce.

"I'm not the world's smartest guy, but there's going to be a traffic problem," said Bob Basil, who lives on South Glen Road. Mike Looney, a Fourth Presbyterian School board member, said that the school has retained a traffic consultant that will conduct a traffic study in the fall when schools are back in session.

Diana Conway, of the West Montgomery County Citizens Association, questioned why the study wasn't sought until now, when the school has known for several years that they would build their new facility. "Because, from my perspective, it looks like you waited until it was too late for anything to be done," said Conway.

Looney said that the school didn't line up a study earlier because traffic will not become an issue until at least two to three years after the new structure is complete as enrollment will not immediately jump to meet its full capacity. Instead, Looney said, enrollment will begin to increase this fall as a sixth-grade is opened, to 118 students, then 145 and 185 students the following two years.

"It's not going to be a population boom right away, it's going to be a slow increase," Looney said.

TO MITIGATE the impact of additional enrollment Looney said the school is considering incentives to parents and families that carpool such as offering staggered start times for different grade levels while encouraging carpooling by offering tuition credits and free pre and post-school-day care and activities.

The current traffic situation on South Glen Road and other nearby roads is a disaster, Basil said, and will turn into a train wreck unless a comprehensive solution is found. Such potential solutions could include adding deceleration and acceleration lanes into and out of the driveway that the school shares with Congregation B'Nai Tzedek, but that would jeopardize the road's rustic categorization and character, Conway said.

The school recently purchased a home on Edison road that abuts their property with the intention of housing their incoming headmaster in it. At a previous meeting, residents had urged Fourth Presbyterian officials to consider entering into a covenant with West Montgomery and the school's neighbors that would prohibit the school from ever using that property to build another entrance onto its property, something that school officials said they were open

to doing. At Thursday's meeting the school said it had received an email from a neighbor urging them not to enter such a covenant as such an additional access could potentially serve as one tactic to combat the impending traffic logjam of South Glen. Looney said the school was in a holding pattern awaiting more feedback from the community on the matter. "Obviously the people on Edison don't want that [potential driveway] and the people on South Glen would want it," said Basil.

AS IN THE FIRST meeting between school officials and the community, environmental concerns were raised. The construction plans call for 39 large trees — those with an 18-inch diameter or greater — to be removed along with 100 smaller trees during construction and to be replaced by approximately 100 trees, said Vic Bryant, vice president of planning and landscape architecture for Macris, Hendricks and Glascock, P.A., Fourth Presbyterian's design company. Trees will be planted along property lines adjacent to residential homes to provide screening, as well as near the Kilgore branch stream that runs through the property to reduce sediment runoff.

"That creek is going to be in much better shape when we're done with it than it was before," said Bryant.

Noise — both that which would come during construction as well as afterwards with a larger school population and greater activity level — has also been of concern to neighbors.

Looney said that construction will be done during standard weekday and weekend residential hours, which are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, and that the school has already contacted their trash collection company and put them on notice that trash must also be collected during those hours.

"We have no desire to have trash picked up here in the middle of the night," he said.

After residents sharply criticized the school for not being more up front with the community earlier about their expansion plans, something that school officials apologized for earlier this month, more meetings could take place this summer.

Construction will begin once the remaining building permits are obtained from Montgomery County's Department of Permitting Services, something that could be done by Aug. 1, said Looney. The traffic schedule will be done in the early fall

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SPORTS

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Tennis players unveil their strokes as summer tennis begins.

BY CHANDOS CULLEN
THE ALMANAC

The squeak of tennis shoes and the smack of tennis balls against racquets were familiar sounds to any summer pool-goer.

Players sprinted all over the five tennis courts at the Potomac Swim and Tennis Club on Thursday, June 19, running down every shot while teammates watched.

On Thursday the summer tennis season opened up, with matches taking place across Potomac. The Potomac Junior Tennis League with its six-teams helps to involve both casual and experienced tennis players alike in a competitive summer tennis league.

Coaches and players alike find each summer tennis season unique and exciting.

Not only do you spend each day getting outside and playing tennis but, as Churchill senior and Carderock tennis player Alex Chyu pointed out, “you get to meet new people.”

“It’s my favorite time of the year. I love the everyday interaction with the kids”

— Potomac Head Coach Gregory Martin

For Potomac Head Coach Gregory Martin, now in his 18th year of coaching league play, summer tennis never gets old. “It’s my favorite time of the year. I love the everyday interaction with the kids,” said Martin. As the league is designed for players ages 10 to 17, each team has players at many stages of development, both in terms of tennis and personality.

According to Martin, for coaches the enjoyment of summer tennis comes from not only helping players to improve on the tennis court but also from watching them mature and grow into young adults.

Over the years, players begin to learn a lot about their coaches and teammates, just as much as their coaches learn about them. When asked what he enjoyed about the summer tennis season, Kamran Hashemzaden replied, “Watching [Potomac Assistant Coach] David yell at the lazy players,” drawing laughs from the entire team, including David Gorrez himself.

Despite the various stages of development of the players, one theme remains constant. A deep and abiding love of tennis. While there is a competitive desire to win, which Martin attributes to rivalries developed through swim teams, schools,

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Cyrus Nasser serves while doubles partner Matt Hurd assesses their opponents in preparation for the return.

VIEWPOINTS

Why do you enjoy the summer tennis season?



“You get to play your friends and you get to meet players on other teams.”

— Jack Sears



“It’s a great way to develop you tennis skills.”

— Matt Hurd



“Because tennis rocks.” And “You get better at tennis.”

— Kamran and Darian Hashemzaden

Viking Raid on U.S. Field Hockey

Local Whitman field hockey player named to US National Futures Championship.

BY CHANDOS CULLEN
THE ALMANAC

This was not what she expected. When Maya Herm, leading scorer on the Walt Whitman field hockey team last fall, began her tryouts for the Regional Futures Field Hockey team she was only looking to “improve my skills and get some quality time playing on the turf.”

Now she has been named among the top 13 percent of youth field hockey players in the nation and is in Virginia Beach from June 23 to June 26 to compete in the National Futures Championship, a national competition for the best in the nation.

Field hockey may be “a small world” in Maya’s words, but the trail to the top is not easy by any means. Players must compete at multiple levels, and are closely evaluated all the way.

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Maya Herm races an opponent to win a loose ball.

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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I've often wondered, as I get older and wiser, and have to take more prescription medications as a direct result, if there is some kind of practical, safe and sensible recyclable-type option concerning all the various and unused prescription medications still bottled up in my (and in so many other's, too, I'm sure) medicine cabinet. It just seems like such a waste of good and effective medicine — not to mention money — to allow these medications to sit idly by, ignored mostly, and not doing what the pharmaceutical companies intended them to do.

Obviously I'm aware that prescription medications, new or used (or rather unused) are prescribed for a specific medical reason/patient and as such are hardly as donatable/usable as an unopened jar of mayonnaise or a canned good, as an example of some of the items collected for good will. But if condiment makers can create a blend of mustard and mayonnaise (dijonaise), certainly the pharmaceutical companies or the creative minds at the F.D.A. (Food and Drug Administration) can devise a system, a secondary-type market, where prescription medications bought and paid for by person "x" can somehow be recertified/requalified as a 100 percent reusable option for those less able to pay. I mean, we recycle trash, can't we find a way to recycle health and welfare products, too?

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Herm Competes in National Futures

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among these, only 13 percent are picked to compete in the National Futures Championship. When Maya got her e-mail telling her that she had been selected she was “really surprised and shocked. It’s the top of the heap of who’s who in the field hockey world, which really isn’t that big of a world, so it’s really shocking to know I made it into the select few.” The shock wore off quickly though. Now she’s focused on the tournament and her upcoming competition.

The trail does not end with the National Futures Championship. From there coaches will select athletes to participate in the Futures Elite program, and from among those athletes they will choose some to train at the Junior Olympic and Olympic levels.

“I’m not sure,” Maya said when asked if she would play at the Olympic level, if it became a possibility for her. “It’s a hyper competitive world and it requires a huge commitment.”

Still, the competitiveness and commitment levels haven’t done anything to dampen Maya’s enthusiasm yet. “It’s a pretty big commitment, but it’s a lot of fun,” she said.

That’s the most important part, said her mother, Miranda Spivack, currently with her daughter at the National Futures Championship. “As long as she enjoys it, we will continue to support her.” Plus, “for girls to get an opportunity to play team sports, it’s a huge help in later life. You learn how to work as a member of a team.”

THE LEARNING PROCESS isn’t going to stop anytime soon. Maya hopes to continue to play in college. Beyond that? “Coaching would be pretty cool,” she said. “It is actually my goal to go play European hockey. The level of skill over there is completely different than in the United States. The kids over there get started really early — like two or three years old — and have the best of the best coaching them. Field hockey contends with soccer as national sports for some countries.”

Whatever the future may bring, the trip is worth it. “It’s opened up whole new worlds for us,” said Spivack. In fact, Maya will be traveling to Europe this summer to participate in an elite European field hockey camp, the EHF Camp of Excellence in Barcelona, that she also participated in last year.



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Maya Herm tracks down a ball during a high school game.

Summer Tennis Season Begins

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and years of summer tennis league play, the members of summer tennis teams simply love to play tennis. Summer tennis is fun because “you get to play tennis all day” said Potomac player Connor Liu.

The league is designed with this in mind. Unique to the Potomac Junior Tennis League is its use of both match teams’ courts. During last Thursday’s match between Potomac and Carderock, the boys played at Potomac while the girls played at Carderock. This allows the league to maximize the amount of players who get on the court, meaning that every player gets to play a match, whether it be singles or doubles.

With the first matches in the books, and

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— Potomac Assistant Coach David Gorrez

five more weeks of summer tennis left to go, there is plenty more fun left to be had. As Gorrez said as the match winded down, “This is going to be the most enjoyable tennis season yet. The relationships, the kids, the tennis; It’s all great.”



Potomac players watch their teammate Trevor Camp in action.

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

To have an item listed free in *The Potomac Almanac*, send mail to 7913 Westpark Drive, McLean VA 22102, e-mail to almanac@connectionnewspapers.com, or fax to 703-917-0991. Deadline is Thursday at noon for the following week’s paper. Photos encouraged. If you have any questions, call Matthew Razak at 703-917-6457.

Wootton High School Football is holding Basic Training, a football mini-camp for youth entering grades 3-8. The camp will be held **July 28-31**, 6-8 p.m. Registration fee is \$50 by July 1 or \$65 after July 1. Discount is available for families with multiple participants. Visit www.woottonfootball.com.

The Youth Programs division of **Montgomery College’s Workforce Development and Continuing Education** offers both full and half-day courses. The summer programs allow youth to explore new areas of interest or receive in-depth instruction in their

favorite subjects. Courses are taught at each of the College’s three campuses – Germantown, Rockville and Takoma Park/Silver Spring. A complete listing of offerings can be found online at <http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/youth>.

Art classes for toddlers, karate, dance and magic-trick lessons for children, fencing lessons for teens and yoga for adults are a few of the courses offered by the Montgomery County Recreation Department at Potomac Community Center. Elsewhere in the county, the Rec Department offers courses from skateboarding to yoga to cooking to youth art. Pick up the Montgomery County Recreation Department Guide a Potomac Community Center, 11315 Falls Road, Potomac, call 240-777-6840 or visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov, then click “Departments,” then “Recreation,” then “RECORD” for course information.

Yoga Classes. Sample Iyengar method of Hatha Yoga, Unity Woods Yoga Center, 4853 Cordell Ave., Suite PH#7, Bethesda. Free. Call for schedule. 301-656-8992.

Dance Class. Learn ballet, jazz, hip-hop, yoga and more in a variety of classes held daily from 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m. at Dansez! Dansez!, 4920 St. Elmo Ave., Bethesda. All ages. Call for prices and times. 301-652-2551.

Joy of Dance Class. Fall semester begins new dance classes at Joy of Motion Dance Center, 7315 Wisconsin Ave., Suite 180 E, Bethesda. Call for more information 301-986-0016.

Children’s Movement Classes. Creative Movement fall session starts at Kids Moving Company, 7475 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda. Classes held on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Times vary by ages. 9 months-9 years. \$25/class or \$375/session. 301-656-1543.

PEP Parenting Classes. Parenting classes for parents of children from birth through age 18. Learn vital skills that will bring out the best in children and parents. Classes are offered both during daytime and evening throughout the area. Call 301-929-8824 or visit www.parentencouragement.org.

Dance Music. There is dancing every week from 3:30-6 p.m. at Glen Echo Spanish Ballroom, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Blend together swing, waltz, tango, foxtrot and others for \$8/person. Free dance lesson at 3 p.m. 703-425-7926.

The Montgomery County Commission for Women Counseling & Career Center, 401 N. Washington St., Suite 100, Rockville, provides personal, career, and couples counseling for women. Counseling sessions are available in 50-minute sessions for \$40. Call 240-777-8300.

City Dance Center, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda, is now enrolling all ages and abilities for classes. Call 301-581-5204 or visit www.citydance.net.

Master Greg Maye, owner, director and head instructor of the Jhoon Rhee Institute in Potomac Village, 11815 Seven Locks Road, is a 6th-degree black belt and certified master instructor by Grandmaster Jhoon Rhee.

He is the senior instructor for the Jhoon Rhee Institute of Tae Kwon Do’s Washington, D.C.-metropolitan area, with 10 studios locally. He offers private lessons, personal training and seminars. Visit www.jhoonrheeinstitute.com/contact_us.html for more.

The Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center, in conjunction with the African Immigrant and Refugee Foundation, has added a series of **daytime ESOL** (English for Speakers of Other Languages) classes for adults. The classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m., and will run for 20 consecutive weeks. The center is located at 3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring. Child care will be provided at no charge. The classes are free, but a \$10 refundable deposit and \$16 book fee are required. Registration and placement testing will take place on the first day of class. To sign up for a class or for more information, call 240-777-8400.



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