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Intense thunderstorms on Sunday, July 25, brought down trees and tree limbs all over Potomac, and cut off power to more than two-thirds of homes and businesses in Potomac and Montgomery County.

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by
Michael Matese

CHALLENGES OF A CHANGING MARKET

Many regions of the country are experiencing a transition in real estate trends. What are the implications for sellers?

Firstly it is essential that you price your home accurately from the outset. Consult with your real estate professional to determine a competitive price for your home.

Sellers can also gain an advantage by improving the home's appeal for the prospective buyer. This could include offering incentives, or you could give the walls a fresh coat of paint in a neutral color, creating the look of a "new home".

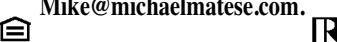
You could also consider offering to pay some of the non-recurring closing costs (for example the loan appraisal or loan points) which could be a major motivation to cash-poor buyers.

Having a home inspection and doing those urgent repairs before your home is listed, is a good idea so buyers don't become discouraged if they have to wait for repairs. Ask your real estate professional to advise you about staging your home to show well.

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NEWS

Collecting Grounds for the Ground

Garden clubs brew need to expand recycling effort.

By COLLEEN HEALY
THE ALMANAC

Local gardeners hope to take a bag of old coffee grounds with them when they get their Starbucks grande skinny vanilla ice coffee to go.

Many gardeners use coffee grounds in their garden because they make good mulch. Members of the Potomac Village Garden Club hope that all cafes and coffee shops can start giving away their old coffee grounds to gardeners to recycle.

Potomac Village Starbucks already has a program in place; it started the movement in Potomac because of the several gardening clubs and the many avid gardeners in town. Garden club members are requesting that cafes put used grounds in a bag so people can pick them up at the end of the day for their gardens.

Peggy Dennis wants to make this a standard procedure because "it is good for the gardens and takes the grounds out of the waste stream. Grounds are useful organic matter that can be put back into the earth instead of being burned. Patrons and gardeners can take the bags home to dispose of them in a more useful and profitable way."

Linda Rieger wants the club to "raise awareness that waste from the kitchen is very good for your garden. You can compost other fruits and vegetables for your garden."

The soil is neutral in this area, said Terri Valenti, and



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From left: Members of the Potomac Village Garden Club , Linda Rieger, Myra Wormald, Peggy Dennis, Starbucks manager Zahra Sepehri, Terri Valenti and Margaret Vogel.

composted coffee grounds are less acidic "so you do not have to worry about hurting the plant. Plus the grounds do not attract other animals."

Zahra Sepehri, manager of the Potomac Village Starbucks, is happy to give away the used grounds and says it has been a

"Grounds are useful organic matter that can be put back into the earth instead of being burned."

— Peggy Dennis

More

To learn more about organic gardening go to www.growingSOUL.org. Starbucks is located at 10116 River Road. Phone is 301-299-9226.

Starbucks program for awhile. Patrons "are welcome to have the grounds for their garden, they just need to call ahead and come pick the up."

Garden club member Susan Tipton is "excited about this idea of using coffee grounds in my garden. I have heard the grounds are great for composting and keeping the ants off my fig tree. It is good to keep the grounds out of the landfill. They are really beneficial to gardeners. It is a win/ win situation for everyone."



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Community's Long Wait for Power

Most Potomac homes were without electricity for more than 48 hours, some more than four days.

For Potomac residents who live off Eldwick Way, Wednesday morning, July 28 dawned with frustration, a fourth day without power after a line of violent thunderstorms crossed Potomac on Sunday, July 25.

The frustration was that they could see the problem, but couldn't get Pepco to come out to fix it. A huge branch was tangled in power lines along Eldwick, and at one point a crew of electrical workers from DelMarVa came to inspect the damage, said Barry Stiefel, a nearby resident.

The crew said all they could do was report the damaged lines because they were not equipped with maps of Pepco's electrical grid, and a Pepco crew had to come to do the actual repairs.

"It's a terrible system," Stiefel said, with crews called in from other states to help, but most of the time they were just waiting. When the power first started to flow on Wednesday, the damaged line started a fire, and Pepco workers turned up then, saying they would have to stay on site because the situation was too dangerous.

"But it's been like this since Sunday," Stiefel said.



This tree on Deborah Drive, just south of Tuckerman Lane, was one among many brought down by thunderstorms on July 25.

While Eldwick Way residents did get their power back by Wednesday evening, other Potomac residents waited until late on Thursday. Trees and fallen limbs toppled power lines all over the county.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE Ike Leggett said he would convene a working group of county residents and businesses to explore poor

service from Pepco and make recommendations for improvements. "Many of our residents have suffered great inconvenience and sometimes life-threatening problems due to the extended outages," Leggett said.

The majority of Potomac's homes and businesses remained in the dark without power, more than two days after storms hit the area.

On Sunday afternoon, July 25, more than 216,000 homes and businesses in Montgomery County were without power, more than two-thirds of its customers. Montgomery County Fire and Rescue responded to more than 650 emergency calls in under seven hours during and after the storm.

On Tuesday, July 27, Pepco reported that 10,030 homes and businesses were still without power in Potomac zip code 20854 alone, where there are a total of 17,687 Pepco customers. Businesses in Potomac Village were without power until Tuesday afternoon.

"MANY OF our businesses have suffered significant losses at a time when they can ill afford to," said Leggett.

Potomac's representative on County Council, Roger Berliner, and his wife were still without power on Tuesday, July 27. Berliner said he would be ask the Maryland Public Service Commission, to open an investigation into Pepco's performance. "Problems in the system were evident prior to the storm. I wrote to the President of Pepco on July 12 about the repeated and lengthy power outages that were occurring in fair weather and for no apparent reason," Berliner said in a report to constituents. "We

Yard Cleanup Aftermath

For many residents, the remaining vestiges of the storm are a newly cleaned out refrigerator and freezer and a plethora of fallen limbs and other debris around their property.

Here are county guidelines for disposing of yard debris:

- Tree debris on private property will be collected on a resident's regular recycling day if it is no more than four-feet in length and four inches in diameter.
- Put tree branches and limbs in bags, bundles or containers, keeping bundles less than 45 pounds and less than 30 inches in diameter.
- Tree debris that is too large for curbside collection, or cannot be bagged, bundled, or put in containers can be recycled at no charge to single family home residents (up to 500 pounds) at the Shady Grove Processing Facility and Transfer Station, located at 16101 Frederick Road, Derwood. Check the County's website for hours of operation.
- Another option is to contact a private company, such as a tree service, landscaping or lawn service, for assistance in removing and disposing of storm debris.
- Residents may want to check with their home insurance company, which may cover storm debris removal and disposal.

should have the very best system that we can and today we do not."

On Tuesday, July 27, 107,000 Pepco customers were still without power in Montgomery County; 103 traffic signals were dark; 55 roads were blocked. The Potomac library was closed. There was considerable improvement in the next 24 hours, but on Wednesday, July 28, fully three days after the Sunday storm, 23,710 Pepco customers were still without power. Thirty roads were still blocked by fallen trees, and 15 intersections, mostly in Bethesda, were still dark due to the power outage.

Big Wheel Bikes Opens on Falls Road

New store offers sales, rentals and repairs.

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

Every Saturday and Sunday, hoards of cyclists pedal through Potomac, enjoying coffee at Starbucks, bike trails through Avenel and stunning vistas of picturesque estates and magnificent landscaping.

Sometimes, however, an emergency arises with a bicycle. Previously the repair had to be a "do-it-yourself" or the biker had to limp back to his or her vehicle. With the opening of Big Wheel Bikes at 9331 Falls Road in downtown Potomac, emergency bike repairs are now possible — and cyclists can breathe a sigh of relief.

Mike Sendar of Potomac opened the first Big Wheel Bikes store in 1971 in Georgetown. The big bike on the yellow wall quickly became a Washington landmark. It carries road, mountain, touring, commuter and children's bikes — and offers 20 different brands to meet the needs of every type of cyclist. The store

also carries helmets, tubes, clothing, repair parts, pumps and everything a cyclist should need.

Dave Zovko, the Potomac store manager and a professional bicycle mechanic, is able to fully overhaul a bicycle or make a minor adjustment. "We provide a fast turn-around time on repairs — usually within four days," said Zovko. "We can also do custom builds, tune ups and any repairs that are needed. When we sell a bicycle, it comes with a one-year maintenance warranty. Because we own five stores and sell over 2,000 bikes per year, we can sell the bikes at a discount but still offer individual quality service to the customer."

Bikes can be rented from all five stores. Bicycles with baby seats, triathlon bikes, trailers, kid's bikes, mountain, hybrid, road — even tandem bikes are all available for rent. Interested cyclists need to call ahead in order to reserve their bikes. Most rent by the hour or for \$35 per day.

Big Wheel Bikes also sells nutritional supplies for the rider. Energy gels, power bars and recovery powders are all a necessity when the rider is traveling far on a hot, steamy day. Hydration is essential, but it is also important to replace enzymes lost through



Manager Dave Zovko is an expert on bikes and bike repairs.

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THIS WEEK IN POTOMAC

Voter Registration Deadline Nears

County residents who wish to vote in the 2010 Primary Election on Sept. 14 must be registered to vote by 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 24.

To become a registered voter, individuals must be a U.S. citizen, live in Montgomery County, and be at least 18 years of age on or before Nov. 2.

Applications for the Primary Election may be obtained by calling the Voter Information Service at 240-777-VOTE until Tuesday, Aug. 17. Applications are also available in county libraries, regional services centers, all offices of the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services, the Motor Vehicle Administration, and all U.S. Post Offices or may be downloaded at www.777vote.org or www.montgomerycountymd.gov/elections.

For more information on voter registration, call the Voter Information Service at 240-777-VOTE, or visit the website at: www.777vote.org or www.montgomerycountymd.gov/elections.

Republican, Unaffiliated Election Judges Needed

The county's Board of Elections is seeking election judges at polling places for the Gubernatorial Elections to be held on Sept. 14 and Nov. 2.

Specifically, voters registered as either Republican or Unaffiliated, and those voters bilingual in Spanish are needed throughout the county; there is no current need for Democratic affiliated judges as all positions have been filled.

Training will be provided and all judges will be compensated for Election Day.

Judges must be registered to vote in the State of Maryland. They must also be able to speak, read, and write the English language, and while acting as a judge must not hold, or be a candidate for, public or party office. In addition, election judges may not serve as a campaign manager for a candidate or as treasurer for any campaign financial entity.

To apply, or for more information, visit the Board of Elections website at www.777vote.org and select the Election Judge link.

Primary Election Early Voting

There are five centers where votes can cast their votes before Election Day during the following times:

Friday, Sept. 3, through Thursday, Sept. 9, 10 am to 8 p.m. including Labor Day. Closed Sunday.

Primary Election Day is Sept. 14, regular polling places open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

General Election Early Voting

Friday, Oct. 22, through Thursday, Oct. 28, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Closed Sunday

General Election Day is Nov. 2, regular polling places open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Early Voting Centers

The Maryland State Board of Elections conditionally approved the five early voting centers for the Montgomery County Board of Elections for 2010 Gubernatorial Elections.

The five early voting centers are:

- ❖ Bauer Drive Community Recreation Center, 14625 Bauer Drive, Rockville 20853
- ❖ Germantown Recreation Center, 18905 Kingsview Road, Germantown 20874
- ❖ Marilyn J. Praisner Community Recreation Center, 14906 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville 20866
- ❖ Montgomery County Executive Office Building, 101 Monroe Street, Rockville 20850
- ❖ Silver Spring Civic Building, 8525 Fenton Street, Silver Spring 20910

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NEWS



Lauren and Bryan Eng outside Union Station where they attended a casting call.

Twins To Sing at Tennis Classic

Lauren and Bryan Eng of Potomac have been selected to sing "America the Beautiful" for the Legg Mason Tennis Classic on Aug. 7 for the semi-final games.

The 11-year-old twins will be 7th graders at Pyle Middle School this fall.

Lauren and Bryan have always enjoyed singing. They joined their first choir at age 4, directed by Cynthia Wright at Potomac Presbyterian Church. At age 6, they joined the Glorystar Children's Choir and sang at Strathmore Music Hall. From age 6 to 10, they sang duets together in their school variety shows. Last year they performed in the plays and

movie at Pyle Middle School, directed by drama director Kathy Cox. Just recently, they started voice lessons with Matt Osifchin who taught Pyle's after-school voice class.

In addition to singing, Bryan enjoys playing the cello and piano, golf and soccer. Lauren also enjoys playing soccer, tennis, and piano.

They had never gone to a casting call before, and when a neighbor, Lynn Gertzog, emailed the neighborhood about the casting call, they thought it would be interesting to see what it would be like. The casting call was at Union Station where they were joined by about 100 other youths trying out.

Big Wheel Bikes Opens on Falls Road

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sweating.

In addition to biking gear, Big Wheel Bikes provides guides to Washington bike trails as well as brochures for entering area bike races and events. Many cyclists commute to work each day utilizing the numerous available bike trails.

Big Wheel Bikes can be reached at 301-299-1660.



Bicycles fill the inside of Big Wheel Bikes.

OBITUARY

Stephen N. Abrams

July 17, 1943 – Aug. 1, 2010

The Hon. Stephen N. Abrams, who served five terms on the Rockville City Council and three terms on the Montgomery County Board of Education, died Aug. 1 from a brain tumor. He was 67. He was diagnosed with glioblastoma in January during a visit to his daughters in New York.

A native of Philadelphia, Pa., Mr. Abrams was raised in Harrisburg, Pa., and graduated from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania in 1968. He earned an MBA from The American University and a J.D. from the University of Baltimore School of Law, where he served as an editor of the law review and led the moot court team to the national finals, a historic win in the school's history as a then newly accredited law school. He was active in Penn alumni affairs, having served as the chairman of the Washington Metropolitan chapter of the Alumni Council on Admissions and on the Mid-Atlantic Region Alumni Board.

Mr. Abrams moved to Washington in 1969, and his first job was with the late Washington Evening Star. After leaving the Star, he devoted most of the rest of his career to public service, serving initially as press assistant for the House Select Committee on Crime. Following law school, Mr. Abrams clerked for the Hon. Robert L. Kunzig at the United States Court of Claims. After a short time in private practice, Mr. Abrams returned to the government, which included service as the assistant minority counsel to the House Committee on Public Works and Transportation, General Counsel and Secretary to the Board of Directors for the Inter-American Foundation, and Congressional Liaison Officer at the U.S. Agency for International Development. In 1991, Mr. Abrams was named deputy assistant secretary for Food and Consumer Services at the U.S. Department of Agriculture by President George H. W. Bush. He later served as deputy counsel of the House International Relations Committee (which became the Committee on Foreign Affairs in 1994). He also served as a senior lobbyist with the American Israel Public Affairs Committee from 1995 to 1997.

After retiring from government service, Mr. Abrams worked as a registered securities broker and financial planner and served as president of Eagle Management Partners, Inc. Among Mr. Abrams's favorite investments were a num-



ber of on- and off-Broadway hits, including Avenue Q, West Side Story, In the Heights, Altar Boyz and American Idiot. He rarely missed an opening night or Tony awards celebration.

Mr. Abrams's devotion to public service was not limited to the federal level. Through his elected positions, Mr. Abrams served on various committees of the National League of Cities, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments and the State and Local Departments of Transportation. As a member of Leadership Montgomery Class of 2001, Mr. Abrams brought his federal and local government experience to this group. Of his many achievements for the betterment of the students of Montgomery County public schools, Mr. Abrams was exceptionally proud of his work bringing the International Baccalaureate Program to Richard Montgomery High School and subsequently to other schools in the county. Most recently, he served as a member of the Honorary Board of the Montgomery County Education Foundation and was instrumental in its growth.

Mr. Abrams is survived by his loving wife of 39 years, Judy Goldscheider Abrams, of Potomac, their two daughters and son-in-law, Elisia Abrams, of New York, N.Y., and Jennifer (and David) Stier, of Brooklyn, N.Y., and granddaughter, Sidney Stier.

Funeral services were scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 3, at Congregation Har Shalom, <http://www.harshalom.org/>, 11510 Falls Road, Potomac, MD 20854 with the burial at Judean Memorial Gardens <http://judeangardens.com/>.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hadassah (for Cancer Research), 6101 Executive Boulevard, Suite 130, Rockville, Maryland, 20852 or to the Mid-Atlantic Alumni Endowed Scholarship at the University of Pennsylvania, Undergraduate Financial Aid Development, 3451 Walnut Street, Franklin Building Room 633, Philadelphia, PA 19104.

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EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT

Live Standup Comedy. 8 to 10 p.m. Five local comics. At the Laugh Riot at the Hyatt Regency Bethesda Hotel, 7400 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda. Call 301-657-1234 or visit www.Bethesda.Hyatt.com.

NOW THROUGH AUG. 8

"How I Became a Pirate." At Imagination Stage. Performances on Saturdays and Sundays at 1:30 and 4 p.m.; Tuesday-Friday at 10:30 a.m. Tickets from \$10-\$21. Visit [HYPERLINK http://www.imaginationstage.org](http://www.imaginationstage.org) <http://www.imaginationstage.org>.

NOW THROUGH AUG. 16

Lamaze Classes. 7 to 9:30 p.m. Cost is \$25/members; \$50/general public.

L'Amazing Baby: Childbirth Preparation with a Jewish Twist. At the JCC of Greater Washington, 6125 Montrose Rd, Rockville. For more information and to register, visit www.jccgw.org or contact Julie Margel at jmargel@jccgw.org. 301-348-3837

Added Concerts to Strathmore's Guitar Festival Line-up Strathmore announced the addition of 12 concerts to its 2010-11 season including that of the legendary Chuck Berry. Tickets to the additional concerts are on sale now to Strathmore Stars, a new philanthropic program that supports arts programming, education programs and community outreach projects. Single tickets will go on sale to the general public on Monday, July 26, at 10 a.m.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 4

Elikeh. Mini street festival 5:30 p.m. Music at 7 p.m. Free. Elikeh is a band that performs its own brand of African Roots music. The material is a combination of traditional rhythms from Togo and 70's Afrofunk. At Gudelsky Gazebo at the Music Center at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, Bethesda. Call 301-581-5100 or visit [HYPERLINK http://www.strathmore.org](http://www.strathmore.org) www.strathmore.org

FRIDAY/AUG. 6

Blues Dance. 8:15-11:30 p.m.

Admission is \$8. Beginner workshop runs from 8:15 - 9:00 p.m. The lesson gives new dancers important partnering basics. No partner necessary. Dance starts at 9 p.m. Music with tunes from a variety of DJs. You'll hear blues music from every corner of the genre. At the Ballroom Annex at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Email

info@capitalblues.org.

Slow Blues and Swing Dancing. 8 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$14 and includes workshop. With the band, BG and the Mojo Hands. Two dance workshops from 8-9 p.m. — Slow Blues or West Coast Swing. Dancing from 9 p.m. to midnight. At the Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Call Donna Barker at dbarker@glenechoPark.org or 301-634-2231.

Contra Dance. 7:30-11:30 p.m. Admission is \$9. Contra dancing as well as some square dances and waltzes. Contra dance lesson from 7:30 to 8:15 p.m. followed by the called dance to live music from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. Beginners are always welcome. The band is Montage with Jane Knoeck on piano and accordion; Rachel Bell on accordion and flute; and Tom Santarsiero on guitar/mandolin/banjo/jaw harp/foot percussion. At the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Email fndcontra@yahoo.com

SATURDAY/AUG. 7

Swing Dance. 8 p.m.-midnight.

Admission TBD. Swing dance with fabulous live music. Beginner Swing Dance lesson from 8 - 9 p.m. followed by dancing until midnight. At the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Email dance@flyingfeet.org

AUG. 7-8

"Cinderella" and "Concerto in F."

The Rockville Civic Ballet will perform "Cinderella" on Saturday, Aug. 7 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 8 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$16/adult; \$12/children 12 years and younger and seniors 60 years and older. At the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre at Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive. Tickets are available through the theater box office online at www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre, on the phone at 240-314-8690, or in person Tuesday through Saturday 2-7 p.m. or two hours before performance time.

SUNDAY/AUG. 8

Bug Walk. 9:30-10:30 a.m. Volunteer naturalist Deborah Landau will lead the group on a walking journey along the C&O Canal to discover the creepy crawlies that everyone loves and can find in their own backyard and along the Potomac River. At River Center at Lock 8, 7906 Riverside Dr., Cabin John.

Voices of the River: River Stories.

11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Eco-historian Hayden Mathews will give an interactive talk which will weave regional history, natural history, and geology to interpret the forces and events that shaped both the Potomac River and the people that have lived on its banks for the past 12,000 years. At River Center at Lock 8, 7906 Riverside Dr., Cabin John.

Contra and Square Dance. 7:30-

10:30 p.m. Admission \$12 nonmembers/\$9 FSGW members. Traditional American contra dancing. Square dances, mixers, waltzes and other couple dances. All Contras and Square dances are taught, no partner is necessary. Lesson at 7 p.m., followed by dances with live music from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. At the Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Visit fsgw.org.

AUG. 10-AUG. 24

Soul Sister Month. August is soul sisters month as Focus presents two powerful singer/songwriter showcases, starting with a co-bill of soulful Americana performers amilia k spicer and Lara Herscovitch on Aug. 10, and closing with the multi-talented R&B singer Treasa Levesseur and her band on Aug. 24. Both shows, at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Rockville is located at 100 Welsh Park Dr., Rockville, MD 20850.Tickets are \$18 at the door, \$15 in advance at FocusMusic.org. For more information, contact David Spitzer at focusrockville@earthlink.net or 301-275-7459.

AUG. 11-AUG. 12

Tribute to the British Invasion. 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$19-\$22 (Strathmore Stars \$17.10-\$19.80). Focusing on the years 1964-1966 and featuring well-loved songs by the Beatles, The Rolling Stones, Petula Clark, The Who, The Hollies, Dusty Springfield, The Kinks, The Animals, The Zombies, Peter and Gordon, Tom Jones, The Yardbirds and many more, the concert brings together 60 of the areas finest performers to honor the music that changed a generation and dominated the pop charts in America and around the world. At Music Center at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, Bethesda. Call 301-581-5100 or visit [HYPERLINK www.strathmore.org](http://www.strathmore.org)

THURSDAY/AUG. 12

Blues Dance. 8:15-11:30 p.m. Admission is \$8. Beginner workshop runs from 8:15 - 9 p.m. The lesson gives new dancers important partnering basics. No partner is necessary. The dance starts at 9 p.m. and runs until 11:30 p.m. Music with tunes from a variety of DJs. Blues music from every corner of the genre. At the Ballroom Annex at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Email fndcontra@yahoo.com

AUG. 12 AND 19

Encore Chorale, the nation's largest choral program for singers 55+, is calling all choristers, church and synagogue choir singers, to experience two free, rehearsals with Encore Chorale. They will be conducted by Jeanne Kelly, past conductor of the United States Naval Academy Women's Glee Club, Georgetown University Concert Choir and Senior Singers' Chorales of the Levine School of Music. The Encore Chorale will meet two

Thursdays, Aug. 12 and Aug. 19, at 2 to 3:30 p.m. at Washington Conservatory of Music at Glen Echo Park, South Arcade, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Bethesda. For more information and reservation, call Jeanne Kelly at 301-261-5747 Jeanne.kelly@encorecreativity.org Web site: HYPERLINK http://encorecreativity.org <http://encorecreativity.org>.

FRIDAY/AUG. 13

Contra Dance. 7:30-11:30 p.m. Admission \$9. Contra dancing as well as some square dances and waltzes. Contra dance lesson from 7:30 to 8:15 p.m. followed by the called dance to live music from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. Beginners welcome. This week we have the fabulous Friday Night Band. At the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Email fndcontra@yahoo.com

Super Fiesta Latina Party. 8:15 p.m.-Midnight. Admission \$15. The evening will include a lesson from 8:15 - 9:00 p.m. for Salsa beginners and up. The lesson is followed by dancing from 9:00 p.m. - Midnight with teacher and DJ Fabio Bonini playing the best of Salsa, Bachata, Merengue, Cha-Cha, Reggaeton and more. Admission includes the lesson, dancing, beverages and sweets. At the Ballroom Annex at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Email

THEATER



(From left to right): Young Jim (Josh Sticklin) tries to stop a sword fight between Naval Captain McGovern (Tim Getman) and Pirate Captain Freely (Colleen Delaney) in "Pirates! A Boy at Sea" playing through Aug. 15 at Imagination Stage.

NOW THROUGH AUG. 14

"How I Became a Pirate." A giddy, goofy pirate musical for ages 3 and up. Cost is \$10-\$21. Matinee performances Tuesday-Friday at 10:30 AM and Saturday & Sunday at 1:30 and 4 p.m. See website (www.imaginationstage.org) for exact calendar; this show plays in repertory with "Pirates! A Boy at Sea." At Imagination Stage, 4908 Auburn Ave., Bethesda. Call 301-280-1660

NOW THROUGH AUG. 15

"If You Give a Pig a Pancake." At Adventure Theater. Tickets can be purchased through the box office by calling 301-634-2270 or online at www.adventuretheatre.org. Tickets are \$12 for children 12 and under and \$15 for adults. Group rates are available. Children under the age of 1 are free. At Adventure Theatre, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo, in the historic Glen Echo Park. Visit www.adventuretheatre.org.

NOW THROUGH SEPT. 5

"Little Red Riding Hood & the 3 Little Pigs." What's so bad about the Big Bad Wolf? At last B.B. (Big Bad) Wolfe tells his side of the story, and in rap, no less. Has the notorious pork poacher and grandma impersonator gotten a bum rap, or is he truly deserving of his moniker? You be the judge! This tongue-in-cheek version of the two children's favorites uses humor and music to explore our fear of things we don't understand. This is one of our funniest productions, and includes lots of audience participation. Recommended for PreK – Grade 6. Running time is 40 minutes. Performances on Thursdays and Fridays at 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., Saturdays and Sundays at 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. ASL interpreted Aug. 22 at 1 p.m. Tickets \$10, group rates available. Call 301-634-5380 or visit: www.thepuppetco.org

"TINY TOTS"

Aug. 7 – "Clowning Around" – Saturday, 10 a.m.
Aug. 14 – "Teddy Bear's Picnic" – Saturday, 10 a.m.
Aug. 18 – "Bunny Business" – Wednesday, 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.
Aug. 21 – "Animal Crackers" – Saturday, 10 a.m.
Aug. 28 – "Old McDonald's Farm" – Saturday, 10 a.m.
The Puppet Co. presents "Tiny Tots @ 10," a program designed for our youngest theater patrons (ages 0 - 4). The shows are shorter, the lights stay on, the doors stay open and the show is set up on the floor! Performances on select Wednesdays and Saturdays each month at 10 a.m. Tickets, \$5, adults and children (including babies). Reservations strongly recommended. Call 301-634-5380 visit www.thepuppetco.org.



SATURDAY/AUG. 7

Kiln Club Sale. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Some 27 potters are clearing out their studios this year; ceramics are sold as low as \$5. At Bethesda Elementary School, 7600 Arlington Road, Bethesda, at the intersection of Wilson Lane and Old Georgetown Road. Visit www.kilnclubwdc.com

SATURDAY/AUG. 14

Cocker Spaniel Adoption Day. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sponsored by the Oldies But Goodies (OBG) Cocker Spaniel Rescue. At Westwood Pet Center in the Westward Shopping Center, 5428 Westward Ave., Bethesda. Visit www.cockerspanielrescue.com.

Swing Dance. 8 p.m.-midnight. Admission \$15. Blair Carman and the Bellevue Boys. A beginning Swing dance lesson from 8 - 9 p.m. is followed by dancing until midnight. At the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Visit americanswing.org

PETS OF THE WEEK



Ariel is a 2-year-old spayed Hound mix. At 35 pounds, she is still a cute, goofy puppy with puppy energy. With her velvet-like coat, she is a precious, social girl who adores people. Ariel will do best in an active home with human or dog playmates so she can work off her considerable energy and learn to be a great adult dog.

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 301-572-4729 or write to PAW, P.O. Box 1074, Greenbelt, MD 20768.



Midge is a 2-year-old spayed Minipin mix. At 11 pounds, she certainly has many of the traits of her Minipin half — cute, very smart, very playful and alert. She's something of a watchdog and will let you know who's around. Midge will do best in a caring home with a dog and/or kids over 8-years-old and no cats.

FINE ARTS

AUG. 8 TO SEPT. 7

Portraits of Life. Features six of the area's top professional, female artists and aims to capture moments in daily life through the eyes of different artists using a variety of painting mediums. At Glenview Mansion Art Gallery, 603 Edmonston Drive, Rockville. Artist's reception is Sunday, Aug. 8 from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

NOW THROUGH SEPT. 12

Photoworks "New Faculty" Exhibit. Photoworks, Glen Echo Park's resident photography studio and teaching facility, presents works by Sora DeVore, Robb Hill, and Michael Lang. Reception and Meet the Artists TBD. Visit glenechophotoworks.org for details.

Mind and Matter: New Faculty Exhibition. Photoworks, Glen Echo Park's resident photography studio and teaching facility, presents works by four of Photoworks' accomplished new faculty members Robb Hill, Terri Weifenbach, Michael Lang and Sora DeVore. Robb Hill's documentary series of black and white photographs are a record of life in the Chicago neighborhood called Back of the Yards. Terri Weifenbach's painterly landscapes of the woods in and around the DC metro area employ color and line to convey the energy of abstract expressionist painting. Michael Lang's images explores the lively yet sensitive atmosphere in "be bar," a local bar in the Shaw neighborhood of Washington, D.C. Sora DeVore's black and white photographs are from a 14-year long project "The Ramirez Family, Oaxaca, Mexico." An Artists Talk is TBD. Visit glenechophotoworks.org.

Art Glass Center at Glen Echo

The Art Glass Center gallery's ongoing exhibitions feature the work of resident artists Diane Cabe, Christine Hekimian, Bev and Zayne Slep, and Bobbi Vischi. Sculpture, vessels, functional art and jewelry are also for sale. Open Fridays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sundays, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Contact Bobbi Vischi at BBVischi@comcast.net.

AUG. 6-8

Paintings by John Donelan. The Yellow Barn Studio, Glen

Echo Park's resident painting and drawing studio, presents works by John Donelan. In the Yellow Barn Gallery. 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Call 301-371-5593 or visit yellowbarnstudio.com.

AUG. 7 - SEPT. 6

5th Annual Student Art Show. The Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture presents the 5th Annual Student Art Show, featuring two and three-dimensional work created at Glen Echo Park by students of all ages and levels. An opening reception will be held Saturday, Aug. 7, from 3 to 5 p.m. The exhibition, in the Park's Popcorn Gallery, is open Saturdays and Sundays from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. and by special arrangement. Call 301-634-2222 or visit glenechoart.org.

AUG. 13-15

Paintings by Julia Baumgart. The Yellow Barn Studio, Glen Echo Park's resident painting and drawing studio, presents works by Julia Baumgart. In the Yellow Barn Gallery. 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Call 301-371-5593 or visit yellowbarnstudio.com.

AUG. 20-22

"The Way We See it." Paintings by Kathy Brady & Carolina Correa. The Yellow Barn Studio, Glen Echo Park's resident painting and drawing studio, presents works by Kathy Brady and Carolina Correa. In the Yellow Barn Gallery. 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Call 301-371-5593 or visit yellowbarnstudio.com.

AUG. 28-29

Costa Rica, Bahamas Workshop Exhibition. The Yellow Barn Studio, Glen Echo Park's resident painting and drawing studio, presents works created by workshop participants who visited the Guanacaste Region in Costa Rica and workshop participants who visited Elbow Cay in the Bahamas. In the Yellow Barn Gallery. 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Call 301-371-5593 or visit yellowbarnstudio.com.



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PEOPLE

Jennifer Harper and Kristopher St. Clair Engaged

Sharon Harper of LaGrange, Ga., and Jimmy Harper of Franklin, Ga., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Jennifer, to Kristopher St. Clair, son of John and Patricia St. Clair of Potomac.

Jennifer is a 1994 graduate of LaGrange High School. She graduated in 1999 from the University of Georgia with a bachelor of science degree in Management Information Systems. She currently resides in Manhattan, where she is a vice president of technology for Morgan Stanley.

Kristopher is a 1995 graduate of Winston Churchill High School. He graduated in 1999 from the University of Delaware with a bachelor of arts degree.



Jennifer Harper and Kristopher St. Clair

He lives in Brooklyn and is a construction manager in New York City.

Kristopher and Jennifer plan to be married at The Foundry in New York on Oct. 15, 2010.

SCHOOL NOTES

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Four Potomac residents have recently been named to the dean's list at Boston University for the spring semester. Students recognized for this honor include: **Constance Boutsikaris, Shayda Ganji, Thomas K. Lee, and Rachel M. Ross.**

The following students were named to the dean's list of Emory College, the undergraduate, liberal arts college of Emory University in Atlanta, Ga., for the 2010 spring semester.

♦ **Adam Greenfest** of North Potomac, son of Robert C. Greenfest and Jaye Beth Greenfest,

♦ **Marissa Wojnilower** of Rockville, daughter of Dr. Daniel Alan Wojnilower and Dr. Pamela Kerin Wojnilower of Potomac,

♦ **Allison Fries** of North Potomac, daughter of Ronald O. Fries and Dr. Melissa H. Fries,

♦ **Deborah Plotsky** of North Potomac, daughter of Dr. Jonathan S. Plotsky and Dr. Carol A. Plotsky,

♦ **Rebecca Feldman** of North Potomac, daughter of Richard Feldman and Elizabeth Brown Feldman,

♦ **Samantha Rabovsky** of Potomac, daughter of Marvin H. Rabovsky and Suzanne K. Rabovsky,

♦ **Risa Nishitani** of North Potomac, daughter of Dr. Shinji Nishitani and Noriko Nishitani,

♦ **Trisha Patel** of North Potomac, daughter of Mukesh I. Patel and

Kalpnaben M. Patel,

♦ **Sarah Krame** of Potomac, daughter of Evan J. Krame and Jodi M. Krame,

♦ **Hannah Goldstein** of Potomac, daughter of Dr. Stafford S. Goldstein and Dr. Debra L. Weinstein,

♦ **Erica George** of North Potomac, daughter of Eretimy S. George and Tenneh A. George.

The following local students were awarded dean's List academic honors for the spring 2010 semester at St. Mary's College of Maryland (SMCM):

♦ **Conrad J. Austen** of North Potomac;

♦ **Nathan Bossie** of North Potomac;

♦ **Peter Aloysius Burnes** of

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THIS WEEK IN POTOMAC

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County Planners Report On Demographic Trends

In a report examining a range of county indicators, Montgomery County planners have identified trends in market conditions, household characteristics, employment, housing and more – both countywide and by Council district.

While Montgomery County's population is approaching 1 million, the report shows that 48 percent of Montgomery County residents are of a minority race, and trends suggest it will soon be a majority minority county.

The report also describes changes to county households. While household size has grown to an average of 2.75 people, up from 2.66 in 2000, demographers predict that as the population ages, the county will see a trend toward smaller family units — 2.5 people per household by 2040.

More than half of adults in each district have a bachelor's degree or higher, compared to 28 percent of adults nationwide.

The report also highlights the County's place in the regional economy. With 510,000 jobs based here, Montgomery County has the third largest employment base in the Washington metro area, trailing only the District of Columbia and Fairfax County in jobs generation.

When researchers analyzed annual household expenses, they found that transportation costs for a resident of the northern county can be double that of a down-county resident.

Learn more at www.montgomeryplanning.org/research/

Shop Maryland Week

From Sunday, Aug. 8, through Saturday, Aug. 14, 2010, qualifying clothing and footwear priced \$100 or less will be exempt from Maryland's six percent sales tax. A list of exempt and taxable items is available on the Comptroller's Web site at www.marylandtaxes.com, or by calling the Taxpayer Service Section at 1-800-MD TAXES.

The first day of school for Montgomery County Public Schools is Monday, Aug. 30.

C&O Canal Towpath Closure

During the Big Slackwater towpath restoration construction project, the C&O Canal Towpath will be closed to visitors from mile post 88.1 to 89.21. The Mahons Mill area of the park will also be closed.

Hikers and bikers should use the posted detour route. Visitors are encouraged to use Cushwa Basin in Williamsport, Md., or Dam 4 Area for parking and access to the towpath.

PEOPLE



Artist Kiran Jade



Artist Claudia Norman

New Guest Artists at The Art Gallery

A shared early attraction to art.

By COLLEEN HEALY
THE ALMANAC

Artist Kiran Jade grew up in Potomac and became interested in art at a "really, really young age. When I first started I was not very good and I became discouraged. But then I began painting with oils and I loved the consistency. I am a tactile person. I would just put canvases on the floor with paint on it and just crawl all over it. Painting is an emotional outlet for me."

She is 19 years old but already her work has been featured in several galleries across the country. She also attended the school of the Art Institute of Chicago on a merit scholarship.

In addition to painting; she enjoys working with wooden blocks and print-making materi-

als, rubber stamps and batik which is layering with wax, paint and cloth.

While creating art "I don't think about the final product. I learn from myself and from my work and see how the piece progresses," Jade said. She hopes viewers will "understand the amount of passion I put into my work. I like to leave my art open to interpretation. I don't have expectations of what people will feel when they look at my work. Being creative is about sharing. Abstract art is an emotional release of what I am thinking about and putting my energy into."

Some of her paintings are interpretations of photos from the Hubble space telescope. Her nature series is inspired by her recent trip to India with all its "organic shapes and colors." As a child, Jade was a student of Yolanda Prinsloo, a resident artist whose work is also shown at the gallery. Her former teacher "is very proud of her. Kiran has a very innate ability to work with texture. She has come a very long way."

AT A VERY YOUNG age growing up in Cali,

Columbia, Claudia Norman began art by drawing all the time in class. This led to cartoons as a teen. One year her father gave her a gift of oil paints and she found she loved painting. She has also tried different mediums and one painting features lentils, rice, sea sponges and paste rocks.

She now lives along the Delmarva Peninsula. "Living near the beach inspires me." Her work features bright colors mixed with matte on canvas. Torch ginger flowers and orchids are a favorite subject to paint. "I am attracted to tropical things with color like fish, flowers and tree frogs. My work is very colorful and vibrant, like Columbia." In her work she hopes to present to people "colors that give you peace and happiness."

Jade and Norman are the guest artists at The Art Gallery of Potomac through Labor Day. The gallery is located at 10107 River Road in the space that was formerly The Surrey. Hours are Thursday-Sunday 12-4. For more information call 240-447-9417.

Churchill High's Speck Named Summer Scholar

Winston Churchill High School Drama teacher Jessica L. Speck was selected as a Summer Scholar to participate in programs supported by The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH).

The NEH supports seminars and institutes at colleges and universities each summer so teachers can study with experts in humanities disciplines.

Speck will participate in an institute entitled "Teaching Shakespeare," that offers a four-week program at the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington D.C.

"It's a fantastic program for teachers of English and drama,"

Speck said.

"It incorporates curriculum writing, scholarship and performance," she said.

Topics for the seminars include Spanish literature; political, cultural, economic and religious history; African American, Native American history and cultures; the Arabic novel in translation; European diplomacy and political theory; poetry as an art form; abolitionism, and more.

The 25 teachers selected to participate in the program will each receive \$3,300 to cover their travel, study, and living expenses.

— HELENA RODRIGUEZ

PEOPLE NOTES

Jim Edwards, 47, of Potomac qualified for and will compete in the 2010 Age Group National Triathlon Championships in Tuscaloosa, Ala., on Sept. 25.

Edwards qualified by virtue of his finish at the USA Triathlon Northeast Regional qualifying race in Cohasset, Mass., on June 27. Jim finished 20 out of 84 male competitors in the 45-49 age group. The top 5 or top 33 percent (whichever is greater) qualify.

Edwards lives in the Churchill cluster and has competed in nearly 30 triathlons since his first in 2004 at the age of 41.

To learn more about the race, visit www.usatriathlon.org/events/47.

Potomac student **Frankie Katz** is one of 19 American students chosen to attend the summer science program at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel, one of the world's foremost centers of scientific research and graduate study.

Katz applied for the 42nd annual Dr. Bessie Lawrence International Summer Science Institute (ISSI) to pursue her passion for molecular genetics. She hopes her experience this summer will bring her closer to the goal of a career



in genetics.

For the past year, Frankie participated in the Mount Academy Scientific Exploration program at Mount Saint Mary's University. She was also a member of her school's S.M.A.R.T (Students Modeling A Research Topic) team, where she created structural models of the NOS proteins in order to detect differences among them. Frankie attended Winston Churchill High School in Potomac.

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OBITUARY

Stephen N. Abrams

On Sunday, August 1, 2010, the Honorable STEPHEN N. ABRAMS of Potomac, MD, beloved husband of Judy Goldscheider Abrams, cherished father of daughters Elisia Abrams of New York and Jennifer Stier of Brooklyn, devoted father-in-law of David Stier and adored grandfather of Sidney Stier. Along with his long career with the federal government which included service as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Agriculture under President George W. Bush, Mr. Abrams, an attorney and businessman, served five terms on the Rockville City Council and three terms on the Montgomery County Board of Education.

Services were held on Tuesday, August 3, 2010 in Potomac, MD. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hadassah (for Cancer Research), 6101 Executive Boulevard, Suite 130, Rockville, MD, 20852 or to the Mid-Atlantic Alumni Endowed Scholarship at the University of Pennsylvania, Undergraduate Financial Aid Development, 3451 Walnut Street, Franklin Building Room 633, Philadelphia, PA 19104. Arrangements entrusted to TORCHINSKY HEBREW FUNERAL HOME, 202-541-1001 (endorsed by the Rabbinical Council of Greater Washington).

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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

That's my standard answer to the most frequently asked question I hear: "How are you feeling, Ken?"

The problem is not with the question or the questioner, it's with the "questionee," yours truly. I never know if the question pertains to me in general or to me with cancer, in particular. Am I being asked about life or about death? Admittedly, I can't be objective and keep an open mind. Almost instinctively I think the question is being asked in the context of me having cancer. But sometimes, it's not (as I've found out). Sometimes, as they say, "a cigar is just a cigar." And so, to keep from making that very presumptuous mistake – and thinking the world revolves around me and my cancer – I simplify my answer and wait for a follow-up question, to be sure.

I don't need to talk about my cancer (apparently I need to write about it, though). I don't need – or want, quite frankly – to be Kenny with cancer and/or play the cancer card and receive pity/special treatment. I want (need) to be treated as normally as possible. However, given the fact that I am myself consumed (mentally, not physically; thank God!) by it, it is nearly impossible. Though I have tried, on occasion, not thinking about it for one minute; (it's akin to holding your breath – it doesn't work long term; heck, it doesn't exactly work short term, either), it's extremely difficult for me to not think others are, at the very least, aware of my condition and as a result, their questions must have something to do with the big picture (cancer), not the every day picture.

Therefore, after having given a few ill-advised and unanticipated answers to this standard question, I have decided to be simple-Simon rather than cancer-Kenny. Oh sure, I'll give somebody chapter and verse, if that's what they're really asking and interested in hearing, but until I know the depth of their inquiry, I won't bore anybody with the low lights of my diagnosis, prognosis, current treatment protocol and miscellaneous side-effect deficits. I want to be sure I'm answering the question that they're actually asking.

Now writing about it is something different entirely. I'm not writing these "cancer columns" (as I call them) because somebody asked me a question or because I'm trying to educate the general public (with some unique information that only I have had the good fortune to benefit from which I'm now able to share; I wish) about cancer as some time-honored – and unselfish – respectable, journalistic pursuit. Hardly. I'm writing these columns because I need to, probably for self-preservation, I imagine, but definitely as a means hopefully-not-to-my-end. And it's in these columns where I can indulge my fantasies of thinking how much my life (or my "journey," as one reader characterized it) might matter, maybe even benefit others.

In reality though, my life matters most to me, and that's why it is so difficult to take a question at face value. Given the severity and terminal nature of my original diagnosis/prognosis, how can anyone ask how I'm doing and not realize the gravity of the situation? But they don't necessarily. Why should they? They're just asking a simple question. And from now on, I'm going to give them a simple answer.

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Big Train Captures Another Championship

Bethesda travels tougher path to CRCBL title in 2010.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE ALMANAC

In a span of 15 minutes, Sal Colangelo had posed for pictures, received praise from Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League commissioner Bob Douglas and avoided getting a celebratory water bucket dumped on his head. Afterward, the Bethesda Big Train manager stood next to the Povich Field concession stand and reflected on what his team had just accomplished.

The Big Train defeated the Baltimore Redbirds 8-4 on July 31 in front of a crowd of 626 for its second consecutive CRCBL championship. While the end result was the same for Bethesda each of the last two seasons, the 2010 team navigated a more daunting path to a title.

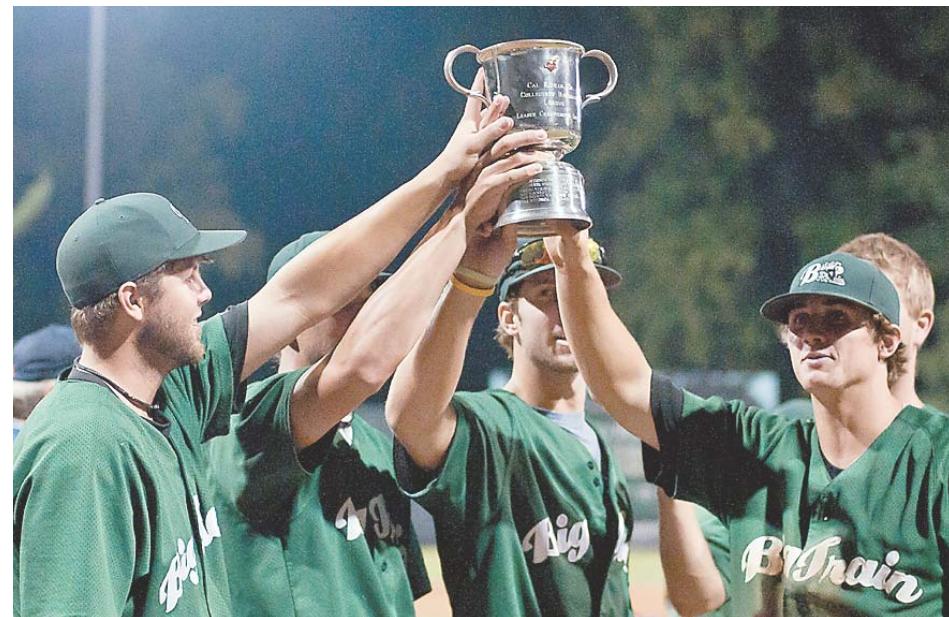
"We weren't as talented, but it was much more enjoyable to coach," Colangelo said. "Not taking anything away from them last year, [but] I could sit in the dugout and write a lineup last year and we'd just kick the crap out of everybody. But this year, these kids did what we asked, we got to coach, we had our ups and downs and they learned from their mistakes and the consequences. We battled. I couldn't say enough about them. It's a great group of guys — probably in 12 years the most enjoyable team I've ever coached."

Returning starters Danny Stienstra (San Jose State) and Jarrod Parks (Mississippi State) dealt with injuries. The team's talent level wasn't as strong. And after amassing the league's best regular-season record in 2009, the Big Train entered the 2010 playoffs as the No. 3 seed, playing twice as the visiting team on its home field.

None of it mattered in terms of bringing home a championship. But the circumstances made the result that much sweeter.

"Last year we kind of rolled through the whole summer," said Stienstra, who finished his third season with the Big Train. "We weren't as talented [this year], but we came together more as a team."

Things got no easier in the playoffs. Bethesda put itself in position to win the



Big Train teammates Austin Harclerode, left, Jarrod Parks, center, and Nick Vickerson, right, help hold up the CRCBL championship trophy after beating the Baltimore Redbirds on Aug. 31.

league championship on Aug. 30 by winning its first two games in the double-elimination tournament, but got blasted by No. 2 Baltimore, 12-6. The Redbirds at one point led 10-0 and finished the game with three home runs. During the title game rematch the following night, Baltimore, playing as the home team, took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first when Cory Jensen (Florida Southern) smoked an opposite-field home run to right-center. While an opponent hitting four wood-bat home runs in a span of 9 1/3 innings could be cause for concern, Colangelo said he wasn't worried. In fact, he said he was glad the Big Train fell behind early because it made the team focus.

Colangelo's players shared their coach's cool demeanor.

"We've got confidence in our offense," first-year Big Train member Ryan Collins (Mississippi State) said. "We knew we were going to score some runs."

Collins' run-scoring single tied the score at 1 in the top of the third inning. After a single by Austin Harclerode (Towson), a sac fly from Mason Morioka (San Francisco) and Parks' RBI single gave Bethesda a 3-1 advantage. The Big Train led by at least two runs for the remainder of the contest.

While Collins' bat got the Big Train on the scoreboard, the right fielder made an even bigger impact with his glove. Bethesda led 4-2 in the bottom of the seventh, but

Baltimore was threatening with a running in scoring position and one out when the Redbirds' Alex Frederick (UNC-Greensboro) lined a 1-2 pitch to right. Collins made a diving catch in right field and threw to second base to double off Baltimore's Josh Conway (Coastal Carolina), who was approaching the plate as if the ball had hit the ground. The Redbirds and their fans were vocal in their displeasure with the umpire's call, arguing Collins had trapped the ball.

Did he catch it?

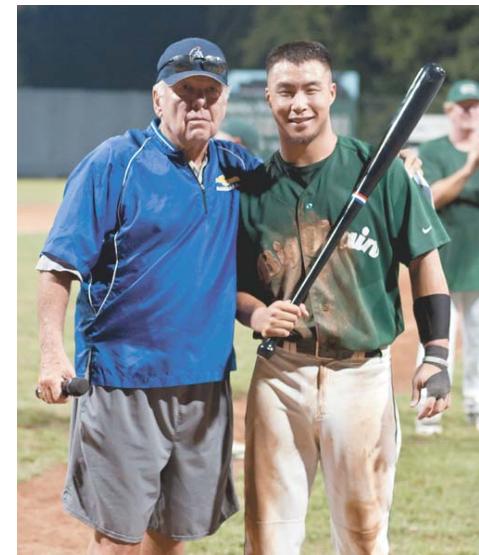
"I actually did catch it," Collins said. "Everybody was kind of asking if I actually did catch it or if I trapped it. I caught it. The ground bent my glove back a little bit, but I did catch it." Collins finished 1-for-4 with two runs scored.

"If I had 30 Ryan's" we'd be in good shape, Colangelo said. "His effort he puts in on the field day in and day out is tremendous."

BETHESDA ADDED a pair of insurance runs the following inning, including an RBI single by Matt Bowman (Princeton).

Connor Bernatz (San Francisco) and Morioka each had two hits for the Big Train. Stienstra hit his second home run in as many days. Nick Vickerson (Mississippi State) each had one hit.

Morioka drove in a pair of runs against Baltimore and finished the playoffs 6-for-



Big Train catcher Mason Morioka, right, and CRCBL commissioner Bob Douglas after Douglas presented Morioka with the league's postseason MVP award.

13 with two runs scored and six RBIs en route to league postseasons MVP honors. The rising junior catcher said it was the first college award he's received.

"From the beginning of the season, he was hot," Colangelo said. "The way that kid catches and calls a game and throws people out and hits: he's a leader. I expect big things out of him next year."

On the mound, Virginia Tech rising sophomore Joe Mantiply earned the victory. The left-hander allowed two earned runs and scattered seven hits over 6 innings. After allowing Jensen's first-inning home run, Mantiply ran into trouble in the second when the Redbirds loaded the bases with one out. But after allowing two singles and a walk, Mantiply retired the next two Baltimore batters on a pair of infield fly balls to escape unharmed.

While the Big Train will enjoy the 2010 championship, Colangelo said he's already started recruiting for 2011. He expects Mantiply, Morioka and pitchers Hugh Adams (Florida Atlantic and Bethesda native), David Wayne Russo (San Jose State) and Mike Kent (Clemson) to be key contributors next season.

"We're the New York Yankees of [the CRCBL]," Colangelo said. "Everyone is gunning to beat us; everyone thinks we're the team to beat. Every time we play, they're throwing their best at us."

SPORTS BRIEFS

Gulf Coast 5K

The Churchill High School Key Club will host the Capital Area Gulf Coast Relief Run at 8 a.m. on Oct. 3 at Churchill. The event is a 5K run/walk to benefit the Greater New Orleans Foundation's Gulf Coast Oil Spill Fund. There will also be a quarter-mile Fun Run for children.

Race-day registration begins at 7 a.m. All participants will receive a T-shirt. Fun Run par-

ticipants receive a medal.

All-Stars

Potomac Woods' Megan Kenna Sharkey won the 8U girls 25 free (15.59 seconds) and the 25 fly (17.47) on Aug. 1 during the 53rd MCSL Individual Allstars at Rockville Municipal Swim Center. East Gate's Maya Fisher finished second in each event.

Potomac's Adrian Lin finished first in the 11-12

boys 50 free with a time of 27.28. Tallyho's Phoebe Bacon won the 8U girls 25 backstroke (20.56), Potomac Woods' Kaitlin Mills won the 15-18 girls 100 backstroke (1:04.34), PW's Joe Howley won the 9-10 boys 25 breast (18.41) and PW's Andrew Valentine captured the 13-14 boys 50 fly title (27.22).

Potomac Glen's Alicia Tiberino won the 13-14 girls 50 fly (30.29), Tallyho's Chris Verboncoeur won the boys 15-18 50 fly (25.74) and Inverness Forest's Natalya Ares won the 15-18 girls 50 fly

(29.10).

Bethesda's 9-10 girls 100 medley relay team of Olivia McGrath, Mary Dimitrov, Hannah Kannan and Sophia Liu set a MCSL record with a time of 1:08.54.

Other relay winners included: Potomac Woods' mixed 8U 100 free (Ryan Cornish, Caroline Howley, Jacob Rosner, Sharkey) and Bethesda's 8U girls 100 meter medley (Amanda Liu, Leah Kannan, Clara Toujas-Bemate, Eleanor McGrath).

SCHOOLS

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Potomac;
 ♦ **Amelia Claire Ettinger** of North Potomac;
 ♦ **Kevin Tyler Goral** of Potomac;
 ♦ **Taren Michelle Parsons** of North Potomac;
 ♦ **Alexander J. Roca** of Potomac;

The following students have been named to the Saint Mary's College dean's list for the Spring 2010 semester.

♦ **Claire Easby-Smith** of Potomac, daughter of Betty and James.

Fairfield University has announced that the following local residents have been named to the dean's list for the spring 2010 semester:

♦ **Christopher Horning**, a resident of Potomac, a junior studying in the Dolan School of Business.

♦ **James Jessup**, a resident of Potomac, a senior studying in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Area students were named to the dean's list at Colby College in Waterville, Maine, for their outstanding academic achievement during the spring semester of the 2009-10 year.

♦ **Fletcher R. Schoen**, son of David and Moira Schoen of Potomac with a major in government.

♦ **Jenny J. Chen**, daughter of Zhao Chen and Wei Wang of North Potomac, Md., with a major in English and International Studies.

♦ **William D. Junkin**, son of Timothy and Kristin Junkin of Potomac, Md., with a major in English.

♦ Fletcher R. Schoen, son of David and Moira Schoen of Potomac, Md., with a major in government.

♦ **Colin J. O'Shea**, son of John

O'Shea and Dana O'Brien of Rockville, Md., with a major in biology with a neuroscience concentration.

James F Jessup, of Potomac, was among those who received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Fairfield University during commencement exercises May 23.

Loyola University Maryland has announced the members of its spring 2010 dean's list. The following local students have achieved this honor:

♦ **Lisa Coote**, a member of the class of 2010 from Potomac

♦ **Jennifer Minich**, a member of the class of 2010 from Potomac

♦ **Christine Montonio**, a member of the class of 2012 from North Potomac

Kaely Ann Kieran, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Kieran of Potomac, graduated from Tabor Academy May 29 at the school's Commencement Exercises held at Martin Field. Kaely plans to attend Westminster College in Salt Lake City, UT, next fall.

Eric O'Keefe of North Potomac earned highest honors on the dean's list at the University of New Hampshire for the spring semester of the 2009-2010 academic year.

The following area residents have been named to the Dean's List at Providence College for the Spring 2010 semester:

♦ **Giuliana Cortese** of Potomac, a member of the class of 2013.

♦ **Bertan Unal** of Potomac, a member of the class of 2011.

Stephanie Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Evan Jones of Potomac, was

named to the spring term 2010 deans' list at Choate Rosemary Hall in Wallingford, CT.

Artemis Giorja Apostolaros of Potomac has been named to the spring semester dean's list at Radford University. Apostolaros, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Apostolaros of 8815 Maxwell Dr., is a senior nutrition and dietetics major.

Jeong Won Ha of Potomac, daughter of Dr. Bom Seock Ha and Mrs. Ina Chang, was among 251 seniors at Choate Rosemary Hall in Wallingford, Conn., to graduate at the school's 120th Commencement on June 6. Ha will attend Boston University in the fall.

Alexandra de Cores of Potomac earned a bachelor of science degree in mass communication from Frostburg State University in May.

Catherine Doherty from North Potomac was named to the dean's list at Frostburg State University for the spring 2010 semester.

Erin Morris of Potomac recently made the dean's list for the Spring 2010 semester at New Jersey Institute of Technology.

Shaun Aschenbach, a resident of North Potomac, received a bachelor of arts in psychology from Southern Methodist University during the 2009-2010 Commencements.

Todd Helman, a resident of Potomac, received a bachelor of science in economics from Southern Methodist University during the 2009-2010 Commencements.

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