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LET'S TALK Real Estate



by
Michael Matese

Look Before You Loop

Buying a luxury home entails adding a few more steps to make sure you know what you're getting into. Most upscale neighborhoods, in order to maintain their exclusivity and land values are controlled by strict covenants and that means you want to know what the rules are before anything is signed. Be sure and seek the advice of your Realtor, asking questions and letting her know exactly what you're looking for and what's acceptable to you.

Some things for you and your Realtor's team to do before you buy:

Talk to the people who would be your neighbors. Ask how much they love living in the area, if there have been any problems with the rules and/or the covenants.

Get and read a copy of the area's covenants, homeowner's association rules, regulations and guidelines. Some associations are strict about everything from the color of the house, to how many cars can be parked in the driveway.

Find out about the zoning laws. This is important for remodeling or adding out buildings to the estate as well as finding out if any commercial property might be trying to find a way to build in the area.

In the long run, gathering all the information you can, will only be a good thing.

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NEWS

Joining 'Ride To Cure Juvenile Diabetes'

Father and daughter have already raised over \$20,000 for Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

Lauren and Ron Rapaport of Potomac are headed to Burlington, Vt. for the ride of their lives — a ride to benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). They are both driven by the goal of raising funds for research for juvenile diabetes — a disease which has affected Lauren Rapaport's life since she was three years old.

On July 30, they will be biking 100 miles through the verdant valleys and hills around Lake Champlain

as a part of the "Ride to Cure JDRF." Neither had ridden a bike for at least 15 to 20 years — making the ride a very challenging effort.

Now age 35, Lauren Rapaport has learned through the years how to regulate insulin and her blood sugar. Technology, the insulin pump, and the Continuous Glucose Monitor have made it easier, but it is still a 24/7 disease — a disease you don't outgrow. She must carefully balance her food intake with her exercise to regulate her blood sugar levels. Riding 100 miles is extremely challenging — and her health issues make it even more difficult.

JDRF is sponsoring five rides throughout the U.S. this year. They are being held in Burlington, Vt., Lake Tahoe, Calif., Death Valley, Calif., Lacrosse, Wisc. and Tucson, Ariz. The Rapaports and the D.C. team chose the ride in Burlington, Vt. because of the proximity. A

team of 15 riders from the D.C. area will ride to raise money for research to cure this lifelong disease.

Ron Rapaport describes his first ride in 20 years: "It was really slow and painful. We bought brand new bikes and have had them fitted to us. But it still bothered my joints, especially after we rode 32 miles up to Sugarloaf Mountain and back. However, the pain and discomfort are worth it. I am committed because this ride is a great chance to raise money for JDRF and — more importantly — to spend time with my daughter."

And raise money they did. Ron Rapaport said, "We started out hoping to raise \$5,000. We are overwhelmed by the response. Our friends, family and my colleagues from the company I

retired from two years ago, Rockwood Specialties, have been extremely generous and supportive — and thus we have collected over \$15,000. On her own, Lauren has raised over \$5,000. The words of encouragement and the financial support have been far beyond my wildest dreams."

Lauren's mom, Barbara Rapaport, has chaired many of JDRF events, including the Gala and the Holiday Gift Wrap Drive. "JDRF has done a wonderful job of raising money for research and to find a cure, and in lobbying the federal government for more money to be spent on diabetes. Researchers are trying to find a biological cure as well as a mechanical



Lauren and Ron Rapaport are biking to raise funds for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

cure. JDRF is really a grass-roots organization that has been powered by the passion of the parents. All of us are hoping and praying for a cure."

She is excited about the race and will be at the starting gate when they take off and at the finish line waiting for them to return.

To support Ron and Lauren Rapaport and JDRF, go to the website www.jdrf.org. Information on joining the bike ride or making a donation is listed on the website. The two riders are hoping to finish 100 miles — and to raise as many funds as possible to help in the search for a cure for Juvenile Diabetes.

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— Ron Rapaport

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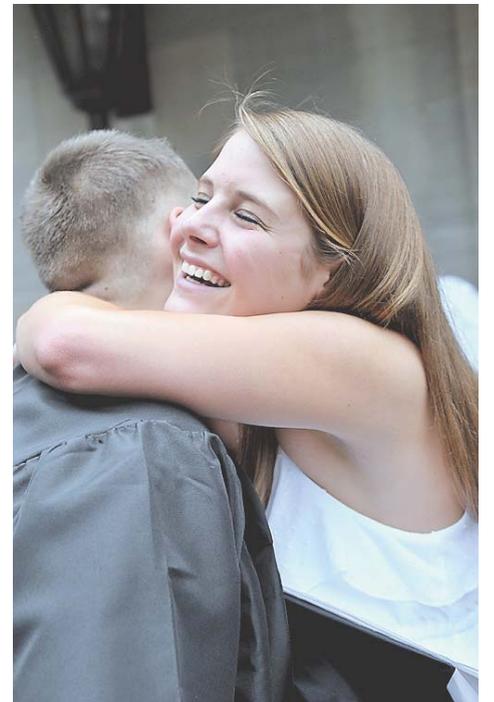
Whitman Graduates Look to Their Futures



Stephanie Sansbury prepares to lead the Women's Chorus into the Hall.



Hundreds of family and friends of the Walt Whitman High School Class of 2011 fill the front steps awaiting entry at DAR Constitution Hall.



Senior class officer Emily Mashek welcomes a friend.



Gwen Chandler.



David Maman greets a friend.

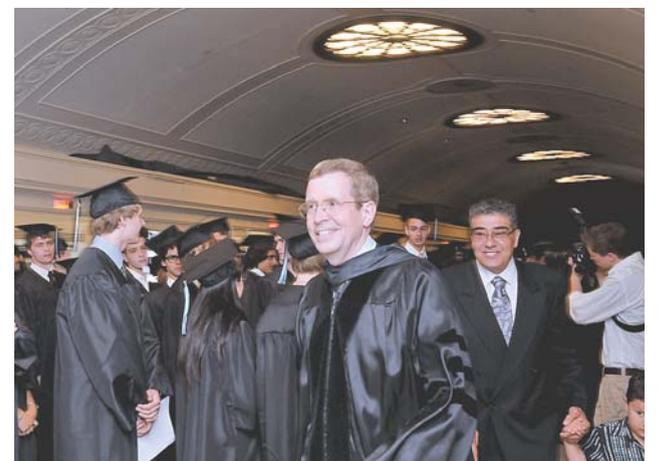
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Adam Schefkind and Olivia Gellerson.



Anna Moulton, Sahil Ansari, Nikhil Gupta and Coleen Mealy.



Whitman High School principal Dr. Alan Goodwin makes his way through the senior class.

Field Notes

'It's Time To Speak Out for the Pig'

OK, I'm sick of the pig bashing. If you don't know what I mean, then you haven't been reading the paper or the weekly news magazines lately because the reference to pigs has been hard to miss.

The managing editor of Time magazine, Rick Stengel, first got my attention with his surprisingly graphic cover and story: "Why Do Powerful Men Act Like Pigs?" Although he included a throwaway line "No offense" under the poor pig's picture, it didn't excuse the reference in my opinion.

As if Time's revealing cover spread were not enough, the "pig getting a bad rap" again reared its messy snout in a front page Washington Post story on June 4 about John Edwards' indictment on campaign finance charges. "It is not illegal to be a pig," the story quoted Brett Kappel, a Washington campaign finance expert.

And now we have U.S. Rep. Anthony Weiner. A Google search showed that New York Daily News, Twitter, Huffington Post, and Chicago NOW, plus too many more to name, contain news stories that refer to Weiner as a pig, once again dragging this mostly mild-mannered domestic farm animal through the mud on the back of a misbehavin' man.

Anyone know a pig? Interact with one? Well, I have. And so have breeders, Pot Belly lovers, truffle seekers and saddest of all, farmers, agri-businesses and slaughterhouses. And, so has Terry Cummings, founder of Poplar Spring Animal Sanctuary in Poolesville, a 300-acre Garden of Eden for rescued farm animals. Most pigs suffer terribly, according to Cummings. Even the so-called "small family farms" that advertise free-range pork keep their pigs in deplorable conditions, she said. She should know.

Cummings and her husband David Hoerauf care for 43 rescued pigs, all given a reprieve from potential slaughter or abuse. Each weighs approximately 800 pounds, that's 34,400 pounds of pork on the hoof and she vows that each of their behemoths

Details

To see the pigs or support the farm animals:
Poplar Spring Animal Sanctuary
Poolesville, MD 20837
301-428-8128
info@animalsanctuary.org



Carole Dell



In the summer heat, the pigs at Poplar Spring retire to the barn for a rest. For these lucky ones, it is a luxurious life, sleeping in their straw beds and being offered a drink of water by a staff member.



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Pigs are clean and do not smell. They love a nice bed and a long afternoon's rest.

is gentle, intelligent and clean.

"It is sad that pigs have to have such a derogatory reputation," said Cummings. She thinks it came about because they were kept in such horrific conditions over the

centuries. Pigs were penned in small, muddy enclosures, fed garbage and waste and forced to lie in their own manure. "Pigs do not smell, it is not really how they are," she said. "They do not like to lie in their own waste, yet they need mud to cool off because they don't sweat." They must have been absolutely miserable, said Cummings.

Given a chance at life, pigs prefer to eat lavishly, have a good lounge in the mud and a nice bed. "They are the cleanest of all the farm animals," said Cummings. "They are intelligent, sweet and learn more quickly than a dog."

"Pigs are sensitive and each has a distinct personality; and they never forget," said Cummings. Her older pigs that were res-



The pigs at Poplar Spring Animal Sanctuary are friendly and a favorite with visiting kids.

cued as piglets from a truck headed for the slaughterhouse still panic at the sound of a diesel engine. They can get their feelings hurt. If one is bitten, that pig will go off in a corner. "It takes them a lot of time to get over things," she said.

I'll tell you a couple of stories. Take Truman, a pig that was purchased for a pig roast by a group of 20-something young men. They brought Truman home to fatten him further and prepare for the roast. But, something went wrong. Truman liked his new family and followed the fellows



Pigs need the puddles to keep cool since they do not sweat.

around, rolled over for belly rubs and acted like their pet dog. Soon,

the young men lost their desire to eat Truman and set him free on the C & O Canal towpath. Some time later, Cummings received a call from animal control reporting that they found a pig strolling along McArthur Boulevard. Cummings rescued him. "He is amazingly intelligent," she said.

Then there is Carmen. Cummings rescued her after she had been spray painted for a high school prank and confiscated by animal control. Later the misbehaving students visited Poplar Spring and taught Carmen how to sit for treats. Watching from the sidelines, three other young pigs that were the result of a starvation rescue case, saw Carmine getting the treats and also began sitting on command. It took five minutes for them to learn, said Cummings.

There are big pigs and then there are the little pigs, such as Fiona, 6, although not so little now. This Pot Belly girl weighs in today at 200 pounds, although her breeder swore to Potomac veterinarian, Dr. Leslie Taylor, that she would stay the size of a Cocker Spaniel.

Named after the princess in Shrek, Fiona lives in Taylor's home with her dogs. She is charming and sweet, shares her piggy bed with the dogs and uses a specially built ramp to go outside because she is housetrained. She is party-friendly, often joining guests for soirees on the lawn. "Fiona is a very intelligent, a clean and tidy animal," said Taylor.

Taylor said that she now knows how the saying "pig-headed" originated. "Fiona is stubborn and when she wants something she wants it now. If I don't move fast enough, she comes and moves both me, and my chair," she said. "Pigs are delightful creatures to be with."

Back to their bashing. I have a suggestion. Next time the bloggers and the news pundits need to describe some very bad behavior by some very prominent men, or the not so

prominent ones with a selfish sense of entitlement, why not say they acted like, hmmm, "a Weiner." Since the disgraced congressman has already been called "a Weiner," give the pig bashing a rest.

So, when Rick Stengel needs another inspiration for a Time cover or Brett Kappel needs to be quoted again on more bad behavior, they could sniff with disdain and ask: "Why do men act like Weiners?" Or, Kappel could now say: "It's not illegal to be a Weiner" and leave the pigs to what they do best, feed our family or if they can escape that sad, sad fate — be someone's big, mud-loving pet.

As America's beloved cartoon star Porky Pig, who represents all the sweetness of Sus Domesticus, said: "I'll be r-real nice and k-kind and gentle to you, ind-deed, ind-deed! Th-,th-,that's all folks."

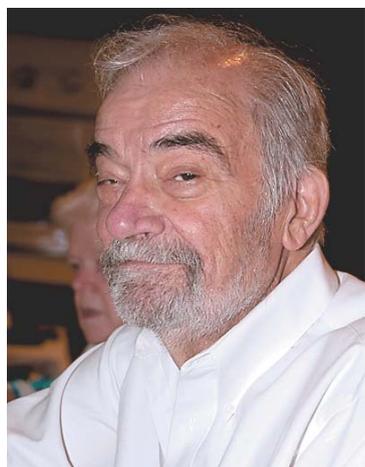
PEOPLE

Theatre Company Bids Farewell to Barry Hoffman

Producing artistic director retires.

BY COLLEEN HEALY
THE ALMANAC

After seven years with The Potomac Theatre Company as the producing artistic director, Barry Hoffman is retiring. A farewell luncheon was held recently at The Hunters Inn in Potomac Village.



Barry Hoffman, retiring Producing Artistic Director of the Potomac Theatre Company.

What was your most memorable show?

"Whatever show I was working on at the time was the most memorable. Some of my favorites were 'The Cemetery Club,' 'Steel Magnolias' and 'The Mousetrap'."

Why is it important to have a theater company in Potomac?

"Theater is important to the quality of life in a community. Good theater brings good business. It is good to know your community has quality arts."

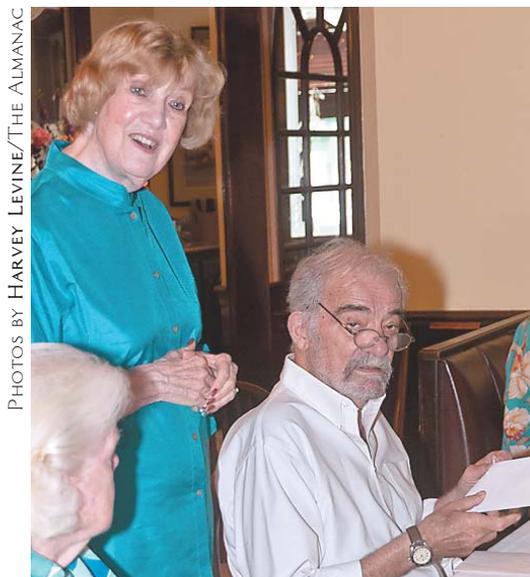
What was your favorite part of being the producing artistic director?

"Directing plays was my favorite part. We had a wonderful board that allowed me to do that. I really enjoyed it. I enjoyed working with the actors very much and editing what the actors do. I get a high working on plays."

What are your plans after you retire?



Suzi Hoffman, Barry's wife, is the Potomac Theatre Company's graphics artist. She produced the company's advertising material.



Carol Leahy, president of the Potomac Theatre Company, talks about how much the board of Potomac Theatre Company has appreciated Barry Hoffman's many contributions to the company.

"I moved to the New Jersey shore to a house that is two houses from the ocean. Now I hear waves crashing at night. This summer we will have lots of family around and in the winter I hope to find a theater company to get involved with."

What do you hope the future will bring for The Potomac Theatre Company?

"I hope the company will continue the quality of work we have been doing. We have a very active board and hope to continue our relationship with The Bullis School. The next production will be 'The Music Man' and we have already assembled a crew and staff. Tammi Gardner has been my long time stage manager and she will be the producer of the show, so that will give continuity to it."

Describe your time with the company.

"It has been very rewarding to work with The Potomac Theatre Company and I have enjoyed my relationship with the board and school. We found good people for our shows. Theater will go on. It started with the ancients. There has always been theater in the world."

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Food 'n Fun. 12:30 - 3 p.m. Food 'n Fun featuring lunch at The Original Pancake House, 12224 Rockville Pike, Rockville, followed by the game Stand Up and Be Counted. Lunch \$14. Bus transportation from selected sites \$5. Part of Coming of Age. For ages 60 and older. Call 301-348-3832.

THURSDAY/JUNE 23

Summer Concert Series: "U.S. Navy Band Commodores." 7:30 p.m. Free. Enjoy free music in the Park during the Summer Concert Series in the Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo Park. Call 301-634-2222.

Slow Blues and Swing Dance. 9 to 11:30 p.m. Admission is \$8. With DJ Mike Marcotte and Guests. Slow blues lesson from 8:15 to 9 p.m.; dancing from 9 to 11:30 p.m. At the Back Room at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Call Donna Barker at 301-634-2231 or go to info@CapitalBlues.org or www.CapitalBlues.org.

FRIDAY/JUNE 24

Guitar Virtuoso Milo. 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$28. At the Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. To purchase tickets, call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

JUNE 24, 25, 26

Two Plays. ArtStream presents "That 60's Play" and "The Good, The Bad and The Money," written, choreographed and scored by ArtStream's Gaithersburg Inclusive Theatre Company. Show times are Friday, June 24 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, June 25 at 2:30 p.m.; Sunday, June 26 at 2:30 p.m. At Asbury Methodist Village, Rosborough Theatre, 201 Russell Ave., Gaithersburg.

JUNE 24, 25, 26

"Children of Eden." Musical Theater Center brings Adam and Eve and a menagerie of singing and dancing animals to the stage in "Children of Eden." Friday, June 24 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, June 25 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, June 26 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$20/adults; \$18/children. At F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, 603 Edmonston Drive, Rockville. Call 240-314-8690.

SATURDAY/JUNE 25

Brain Health Blitz Race. 8 a.m. is the 2K Run; 9 a.m. is the 5K Run. Sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association. At Sunrise at Fox Hill, 8300 Burdette Road, Bethesda. For more information or to register, call 703-766-9009, e-mail BrainHealth@alz.org or visit www.alz.org/nca.

JUNE 25 AND 26

Heritage Days. Noon to 4 p.m. Free. Features 36 sites around Montgomery County that are free, focusing on history, outdoor recreation, family activities, music and fun. Many sites will feature distinctive musical performances; programs with a focus on Civil War history; games, crafts and activities for children. Check the Heritage Montgomery website, www.heritagemontgomery.org or call 301-515-0753 for a brochure.

SUNDAY/JUNE 26

Slow Blues and Swing Dance. 8:30 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$17/\$12. With the Big Boy Little Band. Slow blues lesson from 7 to 8:30 p.m.; dancing from 8:30 to 11 p.m. At the Back Room at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo.



SATURDAY/JUNE 25

Evening of Bulgarian Music. 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$15. Featuring "Trio Elitsa", Slaveya and Zharava to benefit the Karin Dom Foundation, a training and resource center for children with special needs in Varna, Bulgaria. At St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, 5450 Massachusetts Avenue, Bethesda. Call 202-714-7434

Best of Serenade. 5 p.m. Free. Washington, D.C.'s Choral Festival featuring six international choral groups. Ensembles performing in the concert are the Cordana Youth Choir of Indonesia, expressing their culture by combining traditional folks songs with vibrant dance and costume; Konevets Quartet of Russia singing sacred music and folk songs; the Grammy-winning Pacific Boychoir from California performing Mozart to Cole Porter, Bach cantatas and American spirituals; the Wits Choir of South Africa performing African music; the Los Angeles Children's Chorus of California singing popular song to commemorate its 25th anniversary season; and the eclectic all-male quartet Cadence from Canada. At the Music Center at Strathmore. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

Medicinal Plant Walk. 9 to 10:30 a.m. Join Potomac Conservancy for the annual medicinal plant walk led by Randa Steblez. Learn about the history and folklore of common trees, weeds, and wildflowers along the C&O Canal whose beauty and medicinal qualities are often overlooked. No registration necessary. At the River Center at Lock 8, 7906 Riverside Drive, Cabin John. Visit www.potomac.org/site/river-center-events/index.php.

MONDAY/JUNE 27

Town Hall Forum. 7:30 p.m. Free. Ohr Kodesh Congregation will present a town hall forum on The Arab Spring: Impact on Israel, its Neighbors, and U.S. Policy. At Ohr Kodesh Congregation, 8300 Meadowbrook Lane, Chevy Chase. The panelists will include: Ambassador Stuart Eizenstat (Partner, Covington and Burling, LLP), Dr. Ken Pollack (Director, Saban Center for Middle East Policy at The Brookings Institution), Ambassador Noam Katz (Minister of Public Diplomacy, Israel Embassy), and Ms. Dina Guirguis (Keston Family Research Fellow, Washington Institute for Near East Policy). The panel will be moderated by Nadine Epstein, editor and publisher of Moment Magazine.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29

Rafi Malkiel Quintet. 7 p.m., Gudelsky Concert Gazebo. Strathmore Free Outdoor Summer Concert Series. Composer, trombonist and euphonium player Rafi Malkiel, from Israel, has delighted audiences around the world. He brings a jazz sound infused with Klezmer, Latin and Caribbean influences. At 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. Call 301-581-5100 or www.strathmore.org.

Family Fun Night. 6:30 - 8 p.m. Come to Har Shalom for an evening of family fun and learning. A great introduction to the religious school. Open to the community. Invite friends and neighbors. No fee. Learn to make challah and create a silk painted challah cover. At 11510 Falls Road, Potomac. Email Rabbi Deborah Cohen at rabbicohen@harshalom.org.

Safe Driving for Seniors. 1 to 2 p.m. A talk by Dr. Maryanne Scottino, associate chief of the Medical Advisory Board, Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration. At Leisure World Clubhouse I, 3700 Rossmoor Blvd. Cost is \$6. Part of Coming of



SUNDAY/JUNE 26

Cello Concert. 7 p.m. Miron Yampolsky, who has studied under renown cellist Mstislav Rostropovich, will give a free concert. Potluck dinner at 5:30 p.m. At Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 7730 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda. Call 301-365-5733.

Age. For ages 60 and older. Call 301-348-3832.

THURSDAY/JUNE 30

Music Inspired by Shakespeare. 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25 to \$150. With Maestro Lorin Maazel, Dame Helen Mirren, Jeremy Irons, The Castleton Festival Orchestra and Castleton Festival Chorus. At the Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. Visit www.strathmore.org or ticket office at 301-581-5100.

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JULY 2 - 31

"The Fifth Element: Stories in Wearable Art" Exhibition. Thursdays-Sundays, 12 p.m. - 6 p.m. in the Popcorn Gallery. The Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture and Silverworks present the exhibition "The Fifth Element: Stories in Wearable Art," the artwork of silversmith Blair Anderson. An Opening Reception will be held on Saturday, July 2 from 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. Visit



TUESDAY/JUNE 28

Folk and Blues singer Danielle Miraglia. 8 p.m. Tickets are \$18/door; \$15/advance. At the Unitarian Universalist Church of Rockville, 100 Welsh Park Drive, Rockville. Visit www.FocusMusic.org. Contact David Spitzer at focusrockville@earthlink.net or 301-275-7459.

www.silverworksglenechopark.com or call 301-634-5385.

JULY 2, 9

The Magic of Music "Percussion Party" 3 p.m. Washington Conservatory of Music presents a new series of family music and magic shows. The Magic of Music, a fun introduction to music for the young (and the young at heart!), features Musico the Magnificent - aka Drew Owen, cellist and WCM faculty member - and musical guest artists. In Washington Conservatory's recital hall. Tickets are \$10 at www.WashingtonConservatory.org. Call 301-320-2770.

MONDAY/JULY 4

Autism Speaks 5K Run and One-Mile Walk. 7:30 a.m. Sponsored by BOWA. Meet at the Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac. Pre-race activities include food, music, prizes and fun activities. Visit www.autismspeaks5k.org. Online registration will close at 12 midnight on Saturday, July 2, but late registration will be available until Monday, July 4 between 6:30 - 7:30 a.m. There is an entry fee of \$30 for adults and \$15 for children under 14. Volunteers are needed and should contact autismspeaks5k@autismspeaks.org.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6

Chopteeth Afrofunk Big Band. 7 p.m., Gudelsky Concert Gazebo. This 14-piece orchestra based in D.C. combines West African music styles with American pop beats - hear modern jazz, Yoruba tribal music and Afrobeat all in one movement. At 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. Call 301-581-5100 or www.strathmore.org.

THURSDAY, JULY 7

Sin Miedo. 9:30 and 11:30 a.m., Strathmore Backyard Theater Stage. "Sin Miedo is a truly international group that makes the Afro Cuban rhythms of Salsa jump into your blood stream and move your hips around. At 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. Call 301-581-5100 or www.strathmore.org.

Summer Concert Series: "Nobody's Business." 7:30 p.m. Free. Enjoy free music in the Park during the Summer Concert Series in the Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo Park. Call 301-634-2222.

FRIDAY/JULY 8

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Swing Dancing. 9 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$15. With the band, Blair Carman and the Belleview Boys. Drop-in beginner swing lesson from 8 to 9 p.m. At the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo.

THEATER

NOW THROUGH JUNE 26

"That 60's Play" and "The Good, The Bad and The Money." Written, choreographed and scored by ArtStream's Gaithersburg Inclusive Theatre Company. Show times are Friday, June 24 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, June 25 at 2:30 p.m.; Sunday, June 26 at 2:30 p.m. At Asbury Methodist Village, Rosborough Theatre, 201 Russell Ave., in Gaithersburg.

JUNE 9 - JULY 17

"The Great Dinosaur Mystery". 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 performance, June 26 at 1 p.m. The Puppet Co. presents "The Great Dinosaur Mystery." Recommended for PreK - Grade 4. Running time is 50 minutes. Tickets \$10, group rates available. Call 301-634-5380 or visit: www.thepuppetco.org.

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Hyla Matthews Heyniger as Calypso and Rex Daugherty as Jack in "Aquarium."

JULY 9 TO 31

"Aquarium." 10:30 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. Appropriate for ages 1 to 5; tickets are \$10, with a \$5 lap seat for children under 12 months. At Imagination Stage's Christopher and Dana Reeve Studio Theater, 4908 Auburn Ave., Bethesda. Tickets may be purchased online at www.imaginationstage.org, at the Imagination Stage box office, or via phone at 301-280-1660.

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For Habitat for Humanity

For the ninth year, Hopkins & Porter Construction sponsored the June 19 Bethesda Big Train baseball game as a fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County. Guy and Dana Semmes hosted a Father's Day cookout at their home prior to the game.

John Paukstis, executive director for Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County, throws out the first ball.



Staff and business associates of Hopkins & Porter Construction gather at the baseball field for the presentation of the check to Habitat for Humanity. Since its creation 12 years ago, Hopkins & Porter has volunteered for the Bethesda Big Train by designing, building, and maintaining the hand-operated scoreboard, bat and helmet storage, the dugout benches, the pitchers' viewing platforms, and the trophy case. In 2007 Hopkins & Porter created an on-site radio and TV studio to broadcast the Big Train games via internet and cable. This year it is helping turn the men's room at the field into a "greener" bathroom using waterless fixtures.

West Point Graduate

Emily Bobenrieth graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point on May 21 and then joined the Medical Service Corps. She is a 2007 graduate from Winston Churchill High



School. After graduation, she will be marrying Erik Phillips (2009 USMA grad) and then go to Ft. Sam Houston, Texas for training, and then to Ft. Benning, Ga. to attend Airborne School. She will then be stationed at Ft. Bragg, N.C. She was captain of the West Point Crew Team and received the Robert A. Whitfield Memorial Award for leadership last year.

Fair Benefits Childhood Center

A Fun Fair and Silent Auction was held Sunday, May 22 at the Washington Hebrew Congregation's Julia Bindeman Suburban Center



in Potomac. The event raised funds to benefit the Rabbi Joseph Weinberg Early Childhood Center. Phyllis Shankman, director of early childhood programs for the Hebrew community, with her granddaughter Evie Namath, and her daughter Susan Shankman Namath. The three generations enjoy the carnival.

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On the 18th fairway of the TPC at Avenel, 9721 Beman Woods Way is for sale for \$1,998,000. The million-dollar renovation of this home includes fully loaded kitchen, high ceilings and a guest suite. The entertainment spaces all have magnificent views of the wrap around multi-level deck, pool and the 18th fairway.

HOME SALES

In May 2011, 52 Potomac homes sold between \$2,283,593-\$415,000. This week's list represents those homes sold in the \$2,283,593-\$800,000 range. For the complete list, visit www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

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8001 COACH ST	4	3	1	POTOMAC	\$1,010,000	Detached	0.35		RIVER FALLS
8325 TURNBERRY CT	4	3	1	POTOMAC	\$920,000	Townhouse	0.08		AVENEL
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Law & Order: Ocala, the Day Of



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I thought it odd that I couldn't access my bank account online, though I had done so successfully many times before, despite this operator's likely error in doing so. But after receiving the same "Invalid Password" message multiple times, even though I carefully re-typed it, I grew a bit more curious, perhaps even a bit anxious. I then went to plan "B" online, which is "Forget Your Password" in an attempt to circumvent/reset my password by answering personal questions to re-authorize my access. Again I was met with a computer denial. Now I was beyond curious/anxious and on to scared/potentially victimized so I called my bank's customer service number to speak with a "live person" about these repeated denials.

After confirming to this customer-server who I was and why I was calling, I learned that my bank account information – e-mail address, user name and password, had all been changed – without my knowledge or authorization. Moreover, after accessing my account information through their system, it indicated that \$3,500 of my hard-earned and cancer-related claim dollars had been withdrawn from a branch in OCALA, FL. the day before. Given that my wife and I both live in Maryland and work locally and exclusively – in No. Va., and hadn't traveled to Florida on this particular Monday (the day of the withdrawal) – or at all, it became fraudulently clear that someone else had changed our online access codes as a way of preventing me from noticing this illegal transaction. (Ironically, it was that inability to access to my account that alerted me to the activity.)

Immediately we closed the account. Then I was transferred to the Fraud Division where I provided additional information to further safeguard the account. I was then advised to go to my local branch to complete the necessary paperwork to file a claim and sign an affidavit affirming our non-complicity in this withdrawal – and to set up a new account as well with new e-mail address, user name and password, which I did. There I was assured that if the bank's investigation confirmed our story – and innocence, the money would be replaced within a few days with very few additional questions asked and our exposure would thus be limited to time and inconvenience. In addition, any fees, bounced check charges, etc., resulting from insufficient funds caused by the fraudulent transaction, directly or indirectly, would also be waived/reimbursed; and moving forward, the Fraud Division would be monitoring my account to prevent further unauthorized activity. As a result, I left the bank with changes to make – to protect our assets, privacy and security, but confident in their handling of the whole situation. However, what remained unspoken – and unknown at that point, was whether this illegal activity was in fact the beginning of an Identity Theft nightmare, the likes of which would not soon be forgotten and often one that is life-changing, maybe even life-ruining.

After I returned home and reviewed the financial procedures which had, and had not occurred, I began to wonder why the bank hadn't simply called me – the account holder, in the first place when an online attempt was being made to change my user codes. If that call was made – to confirm that I was indeed responsible for the changing of the codes, I obviously would have said, "No!" And my saying so possibly, presumably, would have prevented this fraudulent withdrawal by "red-flagging" the account. But that wasn't done. And though my bank – and my local branch have been exceeding helpful and understanding during this entire process, there is a part of me which remains unconvinced that any of it really matters – to them.

Next week: "Law & Order: Ocala, the Day After," what matters to me.

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Big Train Beats Aces, Improves to 11-3

After suffering back-to-back losses and dropping three of four, the Bethesda Big Train got back to its winning ways with a 6-2 victory over the Herndon Braves on June 19 and a 15-2 win against the Alexandria Aces on June 20.

The Big Train started the Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League season 8-0 before losing to Youse's Orioles, 1-0, on June 15. After beating the Vienna River Dogs, 2-1, the following night, Bethesda dropped back-to-back contests against the Southern Maryland Nationals (2-0, June 17) and Rockville Express (11-4, June 18) before beating Herndon.

Against the Braves, Bethesda catcher Hunter Renfroe (Mississippi State) went 3 for 3 with a two doubles and a pair of RBIs. Shortstop Michael Aldrete (San Jose State) and first baseman Adam Barry (Cal State Northridge) each had two hits. Barry had two RBIs and Aldrete had one. Second baseman Michael Bass (UNC-Wilmington) also had a hit and an RBI.

Pitcher Michael Frank (Bowling Green) earned the victory for Bethesda, pitching two innings of one-hit relief. Frank struck out four and lowered his ERA to 1.50. Starter Ryan Garton (Florida Atlantic) pitched four innings, allowing one earned run and three hits while walking two and striking out four.

Against Alexandria, Bass went 4 for 6 with a double and two RBIs. Brenden Kalfus (St. Mary's) finished 4 for 5 with two doubles and an RBI and Barry went 3 for 5 with an RBI. Renfroe and Alex Hudak (Florida Atlantic) each hit a home run.

Cameron Love (San Francisco) earned the victory, allowing one earned run and six hits over seven innings while walking three and striking out nine.

Through 14 games, Barry leads Bethesda players with more than 20 at bats in batting average with a .407 clip. Tucker Tobin is hitting .389 and Kalfus is batting .387. Drew Farber (.333), Bass (.306) and Quiery (.302) are also hitting better than .300.

The Big Train is in second place through 14 games, trailing undefeated Southern Maryland (11-0) by a game and a half.

Bethesda will host a doubleheader against the Silver Spring-Takoma Thunderbolts on June 22 starting at 5 p.m.

MCSL Results

The Montgomery County Swim League



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Bethesda Big Train first baseman Adam Barry, leads the team in batting average with more than 20 at bats.



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Bethesda Big Train second baseman Michael Bass had four hits in a victory against Alexandria on June 20.

started its dual meet schedule on June 18. In Division A, Rockville defeated Bethesda, 416-374, Stonegate beat Mill Creek Towne, 448-343, and Tilden Woods defeated Upper County, 418-374.

In Division B, Westleigh (403.5-388.5 over Quince Orchard), Potomac Glen (450-339 over Potomac Woods) and Woodley Gardens (412-380 over Manchester Farm) each won their respective meets.

Division C winners were: Flower Valley, Potomac and Darnestown.

Division D winners were: Tallyho, Connecticut Belair and Old Georgetown.

In Division E, Country Glen, Woodcliffe and Garrett Park won their respective meets.

Division F winners were: Kentlands, Daleview and Chevy Chase Rec. Association.

In Division G, Robin Hood, Regency Estates and Olney Mill came out on top.

Lakelands, Northwest Branch and Palisades won in Division H.

Other winners: (Division I) Inverness Forest, North Chevy Chase, Lake Marion, (Di-

vision J) Calverton, Whetstone, Eldwick, (Division K) Old Farm, Manor Woods, Quail Valley, (Division L) North Creek, James Creek, Clopper's Mill (Division M) Forest Knolls, Long Branch, Glenmont (Division N) East Gate, West Hillandale, Diamond Farm and (Division O) Tanglewood.

Week 2 of dual meets will on June 25.

Fall Tryouts

Fall tryouts for Churchill and Wootton sports begin Saturday, Aug. 13.

Eighth Annual Bulldog Golf Classic

The Eighth Annual Bulldog Golf Classic, an event organized by the Winston Churchill High School Athletic Booster Club, will be held Aug. 10 at Whiskey Creek Golf Club at 4804 Whiskey Court in Ijamsville. The event is open to the community.

American Legion Baseball Players Wanted

The Montgomery College Rockville baseball team is looking for American Legion or showcase-quality players for the fall 2011 and spring 2012 seasons. The Rockville Express of the Cal Ripken League plays their home games at MC Rockville. Contact Coach Rick Price at 240-447-6948 for more information.

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SCHOOL NOTES

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North Potomac resident Andy Rampp was commissioned into the U.S. Army as a 2nd Lieutenant from the ROTC program at the Col-

lege of William and Mary. He also graduated with a Kinesiology degree. Andy graduated from Wootton High School in 2007, and was a 215-pound All-Gazette, All-Examiner and Post All-Met Wrestler and an All-Gazette, All-Met and All-State football player while at Wootton. In addition to being a student and ROTC cadet, Andy also played for the W&M Tribe football team for three years as a defensive lineman.

Shota Ona of North Potomac participated in the Chinese Bridge U.S. High School Student Chinese Speech Contest at the University of Massachusetts Boston on Saturday, May 21. Ona attends Orchard High School. More than 20 high school students from across the country participated in the contest.

James Pickle of Potomac earned dean's list status and honor roll status for the winter term at Washington and Lee University.

Gabrielle E. Equale of Potomac received a BA in political science from the University of Vermont during commencement ceremonies on May 22.

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