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Potomac Village Welcomes Focus Fine Photography

Making photos as expressive as possible.

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

“P hotography is our passion. We don’t call it a job — it’s art.” This is the philosophy of both Parmiss Akbari and Naz Refaat — owners of Focus Fine Photography Studio which recently opened in Potomac Village.

“When choosing a photographer for a special occasion, you want to be certain that the photographer is innovative, creative and passionate about their work — and dedicated to telling the story in the best possible way. This is why we love our work. Even if we are working 14 hours a day, we love it because we are enthusiastic and thrilled to be photographing lifetime memories,” said Refaat.

Focus Fine Photography is a professional social events photography company, specializing in wedding and engagement photography, and Bar/Bat Mitzvahs. The two photographers combine posed photography with a natural photojournalistic style and fine art to keep photos as expressive as possible.



Naz Refaat and Parmiss Akbari have brought Focus Fine Photography to Potomac.

“We have been perfecting our techniques and artistic vision, photographing hundreds of weddings and other social events. We have a strong passion and unique eye for artistic imagery,” said Akbari.

Refaat and Akbari met through a mutual friend — and the day after their introduction, they decided to launch their own photography business. They found they had much in common; both had graduated from college with degrees in photography and art, each had experience working with other local photographers and they had similar

philosophies and artistic abilities. They opened their first studio in Rockville — and now have moved to Potomac in a home located just steps from Potomac Village at 10020 Falls Road. They are sharing the space with Exclusively Entertainment also new to Potomac. The two businesses complement one another — when planning an event, one can book the music, lighting, event planning and more at Exclusively Entertainment — and then conveniently step downstairs to Focus Fine Photography to book their photographer too.

The two are headed off to Mexico soon to shoot a destination wedding. “We do hundreds of weddings each year,” said Akbari. “Sometimes we have to study the customs of different cultures so that we know exactly how it should be shot. We also combine psychology with photography. We want the bride to be calm and to get the best out of her day — and we want all the other guests to feel special too.”

They are also kept busy with corporate events. “When we do professional head shots for a corporation, we approach each one differently. We go to the corporation and make certain that their company space is attractively featured in the photos. We love to shoot outside and bring nature into the photos. We have worked with banks, construction companies, dentists, hotels, wineries and many more firms,” said Refaat.

Family photography is another one of their specialties. They love to connect with the children and make the photo session fun for everyone. “Most of the time, we like to be outdoors where everyone feels comfortable,” said Refaat. “It’s a special time to gather the entire family together to capture a once-in-a-lifetime memory.”

Check out Focus Fine Photography at www.focusfinephotography.com or call Parmiss Akbari at 301-938-8330 or Naz Refaat at 301-370-1866 to make an appointment.



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Retiring Churchill High School teacher Gayle Jones directs parents up the stairs for seating at the 2014 graduation.

A Farewell to Churchill

The Class of 2014 at Winston Churchill High School gathered for graduation on Tuesday, May 27, at D.A.R. Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C.



Family and friends of the graduating students stand and wave as they enter the hall.



Dilan Hettiarachchi, Bryan Mackie, Kamron Zand, Zachary Raizon and Brandon Levenson.

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Winston Churchill High School alumni Ashwani Jain addresses the graduating class. U.S. Rep. Chris Van Hollin also addressed the students.



Sarah Ayvazov, Senior Class MCR Rep. Kiana Givpoor and Senior Class Historian Amy Wang.

Julia Taladay, Alexa Trost and Alexis Tanenbaum.



Women's Club of Potomac To Host Art Show

Sale to raise funds for charity.

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

One hundred Montgomery County artists, more than 400 original art works, 35 local businesses and the Women's Club of Potomac are joining together to host a juried art exhibition on June 7 and June 8.

The second annual WCP Art Show and Sale will be held at the Potomac United Methodist Church and the proceeds from the artists' show entry fees will benefit Montgomery Hospice and the WCP Benevolence Fund for local charities. The show will run from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. both days and an artists' reception and awards ceremony will be held on Sunday, June 8 from 2-4 pm. Admission to the show is free.

The exhibit by local artists, including many from Potomac, will feature works in various painting media, photography, sculpture, jewelry, fine crafts and prints. Some of the artists who will be displaying their works are Allen Ett, Jorge Bernal, Julie Smith, Pat Bacon, Terri Cunningham, Tova Shpantzer, Sheryl Winanas and more. There will be eight categories of artwork, and prizes for each category: Landscape, still life, people, abstract, animals, photography, rendering, and miniature painting.



Women's Club of Potomac Art Show artists presenting their work at a club include artist Julie Smith (left); Pat Choquette (center), show curator/artist/ interior designer with painting, "Secret Refuge," and Allen Ett (right), historical ship artist with donated painting for the benefit, "The Susan Constant" which carried colonists to Virginia in the early 1600s.

Montgomery County artist-interior designer Pat Choquette, curator of the exhibition, is thrilled by the variety and number of local artists who are participating in the show.

"This show is a wonderful opportunity for artists to display their work. It gives Potomac residents and their families the

chance to view and purchase original works of art — and to have the opportunity to meet the artists. It really helps when one is purchasing art to have that special connection with the artist and to understand the story behind the art," Choquette said,

She is responsible for the organization of the show and for notifying and registering



Tova Shpantzer's Turquoise Reef, a glass enamel pendant.

the artists and their artwork. She brought new interest to the show by inviting the accomplished artist Glen Kessler to jury the art for awards and prizes. Besides being known nationally and internationally, Kessler is a renowned instructor at Washington ArtWorks and the Yellow Barn.

Jewelry designer Pat Bacon will display her natural creations at the show. "The show is a win-win for everyone — the artists, merchants, restaurants and community. It is a family event. So often, children are not exposed to art and this gives them insight into art and the multiplicity of styles and artists. It is a wonderful chance for children to meet artists and to enjoy their work in a comfortable setting. The artists also love

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Fisher Ortiz Leads Tennis Fundraiser for OI Research

He's a "Kids Play for Good" ambassador.

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

Six-year-old Fisher Ortiz loves hitting baseballs, smacking tennis balls, and climbing high on a jungle gym. However, if he swings too hard, or misses a rung on a ladder, he could break an arm or leg because he was born with a rare disease called Osteogenesis Imperfecta (OI), also known as "brittle bone disease." OI is a rare collagen mutation that causes pulmonary and digestive problems, hearing loss, and thin fragile bones. Because of OI, Fisher has had more than 35 fractures in his young life. Right now, he is patiently waiting for his broken leg to mend.

Fisher is a kindergarten student at Potomac Elementary School. He is a student in the Chinese Immersion program; his favorite subjects are the specials, "Art, PE and Media Center" and he and his big brother Alfie just recently performed their magic show in the "Potomac Idol" contest at their school. He lost two teeth at the same time last week and now he is wondering "what the tooth fairy will leave since both teeth will be under my pillow at the same time."

Fisher was born with broken legs, arms

and ribs — but also with an unbreakable spirit. He was recently chosen as the youngest-ever "Kids Play for Good" ambassador and will host his first annual "Fisher's Tennis Fest" on Saturday, June 7 to raise funds for OI research to find better treatments, and hopefully one day, to find a cure.

The event will take place from noon-2 p.m. at the Pauline Betz Addie Tennis Center in Bethesda. Children ages 5-10 are invited to join Fisher on the court for fun games, obstacle courses, balloon tennis, a juggler, music and more. The cost is \$15 per player and all proceeds will benefit OI research through the Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation www.oif.org.

This tennis event is wheelchair and mobility-device friendly.

Fisher's mom, Erin, grew up in a tennis family and still plays at a competitive level. She is thrilled that children will be coming to "bash some balls for better bones. Movement and activity are so important for people with OI. Movement makes muscles stronger and muscles support the bones. Since Fisher was born, we have strategized how to approach activities — it's always a gamble but it's worth it when he is successfully tries new endeavors. Fisher is very

determined and doesn't give up. Our family always tries really hard to find Fisher's way to participate in activities."

"Kids Play for Good (KPGF) is the first charitable network of tennis kids who are making a difference by leading on-court and on-line fundraisers in their communities," said Lynn Morrell, founder of KPGF. "We believe that enabling kids and giving them the skills with this virtual hub where their collective voices and talents are featured is the foundation for positive change in the world."

Children who love tennis become ambassadors and then set up tennis fundraising events in their community to support their cause, whatever it may be. The youngsters who participate enjoy being a part of the organization and playing tennis while helping others. They gain leadership skills, organizational skills and learn how they can make a difference. KPGF supports them through all stages of the event.

Fisher is excited about his first "Fisher Tennis Fest" and hopes the community will come out to support the event. "It's going to be so much fun," he said. "My friends and family as well as a lot of other kids will show up and have a fun time playing a lot of different games. And I bet the juggler will juggle tennis balls."

Children wishing to participate in Fisher



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Fisher Ortiz and mom Erin with his bear friend Polar.

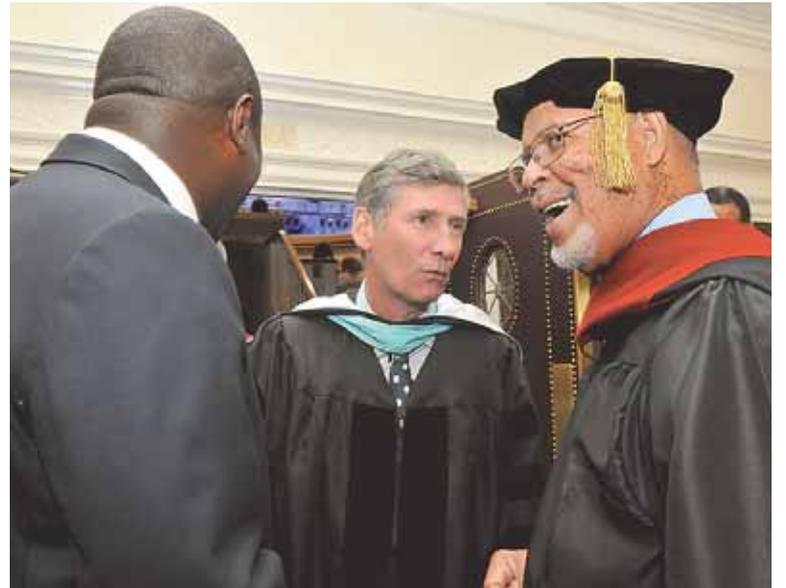
Fest and anyone wishing to contribute are invited to register and donate at the direct link: <http://formsmarts.com/form/1fbc> or visit www.kidsplayforgood.org, click on Featured Ambassador (Fisher Ortiz) and then sign up or donate. Only the first 100 children will be accepted.



Senior Class Secretary Jackson Pierce greets classmate Abigail Croker.



Wootton High School instructor Suzanne Pykosh receives a warm farewell from a group of her students.



U.S. Ambassador James A. Joseph and school principal Dr. Michael Doran greet parents before the start of the graduation ceremony. Ambassador Joseph gave the Commencement Address.

Wootton Graduates Look to the Future



Family, friends and graduates of Thomas S. Wootton High School's Class of 2014 gather outside of Constitution Hall before the commencement ceremony on Wednesday, May 28.



The Honor Guard presents the colors as the Wootton Chamber Singers, directed by Carla Ingram, sing the National Anthem.



Classmates Heather Chen, Cara Chao, Hannah Hwong, Aishwarya Iyer and Caroline Larkin pose for photographs outside the hall.



Robert Hoff, Class Treasurer Mackenzie Allen, Amanda Hindman and Class Vice President Sophie Lehrenbaum.



Senior Class President Lydia Han relaxes a bit before the processional begins.

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Traffic at Tuckerman.

**Tuckerman Light:
Enough Is Enough**

To the Editor:

On May 30, I contacted Bruce Magnum, manager, Transportation Systems Engineering, at MCDOT to follow up about the Tuckerman traffic light during the hours of 2 to 7 p.m. I have been calling several times each year.

We have attempted to get some action on

change during these afternoon hours with very few cars on Tuckerman.

Interesting to note that they never have back-ups or delays at the Bells Mill light or Glen Road light.

The waste in energy, manpower and just plain inconvenience for no apparent reason does not make sense. On May 31, I called Councilman Roger Berliner, who has noted his efforts in improved signalization and he is taking on the challenge to get some action.

Tale of the Lost Ring (or Three Days in May)

BY FRED GLASER
POTOMAC RESIDENT

Last Monday I received a message from my alma mater, New York University, to inform me that someone was trying to contact me about a lost school class ring. They also sent me a photograph of the ring showing my name inscribed on the inside. Yes, I had indeed lost my class ring ... but that was in 1965, 49 years ago.

Let me see if I can reconstruct that distant memory of how the ring was lost. I was born in The Bronx and lived there 'til after I graduated college in 1964. Upon graduation, I gave the girl I was dating at the time my school ring.

It was to indicate that we were "going steady." I know that term dates me because I don't believe anyone uses that phrase anymore. It was to signify that we had agreed to date each other exclusively.

One pleasant summer day we drove along the Bronx River Parkway in New York to look for a quiet park area to spread a blanket and enjoy the afternoon together. I can't remember exactly where we stopped but I remember it being a large open grassy field. She wore the ring on her necklace. When we noticed it was missing, we thoroughly searched the area around where we had been sitting but to no avail. The ring was gone forever, or so we thought.

Anyway the ring was soon forgotten and life went on. I must have eventually forgiven that girl for losing it because two years later, immediately upon returning from a tour of duty in Vietnam, we got married. During the intervening years, we lived first in Connecticut and then, in 1974, moved to Maryland. We've lived in Montgomery County now for 40 years and



Forty-nine years later, a ring reappears.

have been in Potomac for the past 32 years. Our two children and four grandchildren just helped us celebrate our 47th wedding anniversary. So I guess even an unfortunate event like losing a ring can still have a happy ending.

Now back to the ring. Apparently it stayed lost somewhere in that field, undisturbed, for eight years until a man named Tony, who enjoyed exploring for things with his metal detector, located it about 1973. Unbelievable! Tony did try to find me but was not successful. Remember this was way before the internet made people searches a lot easier. In addition, my alma mater, NYU's College of Science & Engineering, no longer existed. Its Bronx campus was sold, along with its engineering programs, to the Polytechnic Institute of New York (which eventually morphed into the current NYU Polytechnic School of Engineering in Brooklyn, N.Y.). That made finding me even more difficult.

So Tony tossed the ring into a tin box where he put all the other items he had unearthed over the years. He passed away seven years ago. Recently his widow, Ann, combed through the pile of pins, crosses and buttons in that tin box, retrieved the ring, and vowed to try again

this for over two years and nothing is happening. Bruce again said he would have someone look at it.

In the meantime, thousands of Potomac and Montgomery County residents coming from Potomac Village sit in traffic waiting at the light at Tuckerman to

He also admits that he has been caught in this unreasonable traffic jam also. I wished I had contacted him earlier. I would love to see some County DOT staff stand at the intersection and see what goes on.

I am also copying Art Holmes, DOT director, to see if his staff have ever informed him of our concerns.

Allan S. Cohen
Potomac

**Opinion
Vs News**

To the Editor:

With all due respect please permit me to remind you that Journalism 101 teaches that there is a difference between fact and opinion.

The sub-headline to the May 28 article on Democrats vying for their party's nomination ("Three Battle for County Executive") offers opinion: "... almost certainly, the primary winners will win in November."

The fact is that the primary winner will face Republican Jim Shalleck in November.

Neil Currie
Potomac

to locate its owner.

With the help of her niece, Maria, and Maria's husband, Carey, the search led them to the current NYU Alumni Office, and then eventually to me. It took only three days from that first call 'til, after 49 years, I had the ring back.

During those three days, by exchanging numerous e-mails and letters, I learned a lot about Carey and his family.

He and his wife are raising two children, one who coincidentally is graduating high school and ordering his first school ring now too. Like many families their days are filled with things like Boy Scouts, preparing for a new dog, long commutes and arduous work schedules. I learned that he was a Marine, an EMT on the streets of New York and is now an ER nurse working 24-hour shifts. In those three days I was introduced to a close, caring family that truly was thrilled to be able to return the ring to me. They took great pride in accomplishing this mission.

Just being afforded this very brief glimpse into the life of a complete stranger and his family, showed me how really terrific, inspiring and empathetic people can be. Bottom line is, I got a lot more than an old ring back.

Father's Day Photos

Father's Day is June 15, and as in years past, The Almanac will publish a gallery of photos of fathers, grandfathers, great-grandfathers and sons and daughters. Send your photos, including names of everyone in the photo, ages of children, town of residence and a brief description of what is happening to almanac@connectionnewspapers.com.

NEWS



The Difference A Week Makes

Photo at left is the view of Great Falls on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 11. Photo at right is the exact same view one week later on Sunday, May 18. The heavy rain overnight Thursday, May 15 led to high river levels, closing many of the trails at Great Falls Park. Note the difference in the rocks visible in the Falls in the first photo, completely covered by water in the second.



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Beth Daly

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: I have more than 20 years of experience working on progressive issues and campaigns. After I graduated from Miami University with a degree in political science, I accepted my first position as staff aide for U.S. Sen. Howard Metzenbaum (D-Ohio). In 1992, as advertising director on the Clinton-Gore campaign (for which I received a "Media All-Star" award from Media Week magazine in 1993), I supervised a staff of 40 and had a \$75 million budget. As a media professional who managed multi-million dollar advertising budgets for national campaigns and most recently for the Spanish language television network, Telemundo, I am careful about spending clients' money and accounting for every penny. As a county councilmember, I will do the same for Montgomery County residents and taxpayers.



Beth Daly

CIVIC EXPERIENCE: I have lived in Montgomery County for 24 years, with my husband Steve Seeger, including 10 years in downcounty – first in an apartment in Bethesda, then as a mother of two young boys in Kensington; and now for 14 years upcounty in the Agricultural Reserve. I am legislative director of the Sugarloaf Citizens Association; was appointed by County Executive Ike Leggett to the Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board where I am land use chair; and served as a community leader on the regional Transportation Planning Board. I am a founding member of the Save Ten Mile Creek Coalition.

I want to change the way the Montgomery County Council does business – especially on land use issues and transparency. Citizens must be listened to, must be included in decisions, and must be treated with respect. This is endemic in other branches of county government too: Issues such as the Brickyard controversy could have been avoided with more back-and-forth with the community. Brickyard is just one of many examples I am hearing from around the county. I will listen, talk with all stakeholders in my deliberations, and lead on the issues I care about.

Road improvements and public transit cannot be an afterthought. Intersection improvements, road fixes and public transit are tools to ending the traffic crisis in the county. From Chevy Chase to Clarksburg, White Flint to White Oak, our growth is outpacing infrastructure. With the planned increase in density countywide, and with our already overburdened streets and intersections, we need accurate third-party traffic analysis and increased mass transit for our economic growth and quality of life.

Portables are emblematic of our county's irresponsible choice to prioritize growth over our children's education. It's simple: Before we approve large-scale density, we must ensure that infrastructure keeps pace and that our schools have the capacity to handle the growth. If you watch my campaign video www.bethdaly.org/why-im-running, you'll know my concern about the proliferation of portable classrooms. Portables should be an emergency/temporary – not permanent – solution to student population growth. I know Bells Mill Elementary School fought hard to get its portables replaced, after students and staff developed nosebleeds, headaches and nausea. Potomac Elementary School also had to fight for new portables, and is still waiting to replace its 1949 facility. I also will work with our Annapolis delegation for more school construction funding.

Our open spaces and green spaces, our streams and tree canopy, must be saved before it's too late. Better land use planning still is our best tool to preserve green spaces. As a founding member of the Save Ten Mile Creek Coalition, I am working to save the last pristine creek in the county – a region-wide emergency drinking water source. I testified against a bill that would have quadrupled the pavement at the sensitive headwaters of the creek. Creating and preserving parks is also a priority, and I will work tirelessly to protect our mature tree canopy. I will push for publishing online any proposed exemptions to stormwater and forest conservation laws, so that the affected residents are alerted and can get engaged before the bulldozers forever change the landscape.

My website has more detail about my positions on these and other important issues. Visit bethdaly.org

Campaign Chair Diana Conway, a Potomac resident, also is hosting an event in her home on River Road on June 13. For more information on that and other events, please contact Ellen Letourneau at rspv@bethdaly.org.

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Marc Elrich

BIO: Marc has lived in Montgomery County since 1960 and attended Montgomery County Public Schools. He has a BA degree in history from the University of Maryland and an MA degree in teaching from Johns Hopkins University. Before being elected to his first of two terms on the County Council in 2006, he was a teacher at Rolling Terrace Elementary School for 17 years and served 10 terms (19 years) on the Takoma Park City Council from 1987-2006. Since his election to Council, he has served on the Planning, Housing, and Economic Development Committee and the Public Safety Committee.



Marc Elrich

As a member of the County Council his goal has been to promote policies that continue to offer real opportunities for an increasingly diverse population, including housing and job opportunities, libraries and recreation programs, an improved transit system, and a robust social services safety net, all of which directly affect the quality of life for Montgomery County residents. His proposal for a countywide Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system was recently added to the County's master plan of highways and transitways. He introduced legislation to increase the minimum wage and led the successful effort that resulted in its adoption. He was also a leader in the fight to save Ten Mile Creek, one of the County's last best streams.

In seven years on the Council I've been committed to making government more efficient and more effective. I worked with the Executive and my colleagues to make tough decisions that helped us weather the Recession and emerge with the ability to start restoring lost services. As a former teacher, I recognize the importance of investing in our schools. I listen to and advocate for residents who expect us to protect our quality of life: whether pressing for more and better transit options, successfully passing an increase in the minimum wage or making sure, to the extent I can, that our planning decisions reflect the views of the communities we say we are planning for.

While we will inevitably grow, how we grow matters. I have felt that my colleagues on the Council have focused too much on plans for people who will move here in 2040, while not taking seriously the concerns of people who live here today. As an example, the recently approved Chevy Chase Lake Plan was opposed by every community association that we were ostensibly planning for. I voted against that plan, and others, where I felt that community input was ignored. We cannot continue to approve plans knowing that we don't have the road capacity, or the school capacity and where we have not required that new developments provide the necessary infrastructure. Community groups around the County know that I'm one member on the Council they can count on to listen and to work with them. I have led on important issues. When I first came on the Council, I proposed landmark legislation that restricted building along the view shed of the C&O Canal. Faced with traffic projections that showed future growth creating massive gridlock, I studied transit projects around the country and the world before proposing a Rapid Transit Network that was incorporated into the Countywide Transit Corridors Functional Master Plan last November. I also proposed the County's minimum wage law and initiated a successful regional approach by engaging the Prince George's County and Washington D.C. councils.

I've led on environmental issues, proposing changes to our Forest Conservation Law which led to new tree canopy and roadside tree protection laws. My involvement in the successful fight to preserve Ten Mile Creek began five years ago. And when the Planning Board floated its first version of the new zoning code that would have allowed major increases in density in single-family neighborhoods, I worked with our community leaders to remove those recommendations.

You'll find me accessible, ready to listen and ready to help. What attracts people to this County are our schools and our neighborhoods and I want to be sure that we don't jeopardize our best assets.

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Nancy Floreen

Since 2002, Nancy Floreen has been at-large member of the Montgomery County Council, serving as Council President in 2010. She chaired the Council's Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee (T&E) until 2010 when she became chair of the Planning, Housing and Economic Development Committee (PHED).



Nancy Floreen

A Democrat, Nancy brings to the Council a wealth of experience and expertise based on more than three decades of service in local, state and federal government, including leadership as Mayor of the Town of Garrett Park.

In 1986, Nancy was appointed a Commissioner on the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, where she served until 1994. As a member of the County Planning Board, she was involved in the development of master plans across the county and on balancing the need for growth with preservation of open space and protection of existing county neighborhoods.

Throughout her tenure on the County Council, Nancy has been a tireless advocate for better transportation and transit options, expanded affordable housing, enhanced environmental protections and improved access to jobs and economic development.

She introduced and championed revisions to the County Road Code to make new residential streets friendlier, safer for pedestrians and better for the environment. She has sponsored a Job Search Workshop and Information Fair to help unemployed and underemployed residents get back to work, a workshop for building contractor issues, a town hall on homeowners association matters, and an in-depth cable TV program on Montgomery County poverty. As Council President, she presided over the unanimous passage of the Great Seneca Science Corridor Master Plan and the White Flint Sector Plan, both of which will generate new, high-quality jobs in the county. Also as Council president, she introduced a requirement that the Council include in its budgeting process a six-year projection. This fiscal plan remains an important part of the Council's work each year and helps to protect against future budget gaps and lessen the impact of severe economic downturns. As chair of the Planning committee, she managed the Council's review and adoption of a new zoning ordinance, which adds transparency, predictability and clarity to complex land use rules, as well as the Council's review and approval of master plans in Ten Mile Creek, Glenmont, Long Branch, Chevy Chase Lake, Wheaton, Kensington and Takoma-Langley Park.

Nancy earned a Bachelor of Arts from Smith College and a law degree from Rutgers University. She is married to attorney/writer David O. Stewart and has three adult children, and a beautiful red-headed granddaughter.

This is a great time for Montgomery County and I want to continue to move us forward, particularly in improving our economic development climate. I bring a unique perspective to the Council based on 30 years of involvement in Montgomery County community problem solving. I offer a lifetime of commitment to school funding, protection of the environment and support for the agricultural community.

www.nancyfloreen.org

George Leventhal

Councilmember Leventhal currently serves as Vice President of the County Council. His colleagues previously elected him Council President in 2006 and Vice President in 2005. From 1995 to 2002, George Leventhal was employed as Senior Federal Relations Officer for the Association of American Universities (AAU). Prior to working at the AAU, he served as legislative director and legislative assistant for U.S. Sen. Barbara A. Mikulski of Maryland, and as a research assistant on the tax staff of the Senate Finance Committee under its then-chairman Lloyd Bentsen of Texas. From 1996 to 2001, Leventhal served as chairman of the Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee. He played a leading role in many other political and community activities in the Takoma Park-Silver Spring area and throughout Montgomery County.



George Leventhal

He is also active in the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG), and served in 2011-2012 as the chair of COG's Human Services and Public Safety Policy Committee. George also served on the Greater Washington 2050 Committee, a regional initiative to improve the quality of life for Washington area residents.

George Leventhal received a Master's degree in public administration from the Johns Hopkins University and a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from the University of California at Berkeley. In addition, he completed The Academy for Excellence in Local Governance; a voluntary certificate program administered by the University of Maryland to help local officials meet the challenges of their roles.

George's family first moved to Montgomery County in 1964 when he was two-years old. He grew up here and has spent the majority of his adult life living and working in the area. Today, George and his wife, Soraia P. Leventhal, live in Takoma Park, where they have resided since 1985. They have two sons, Daniel and Francisco. George is a member of Shirat HaNefesh synagogue.

I first moved to Montgomery County with my parents in 1964. Since that time, I have seen tremendous changes in the demographics, economy and transportation network of the county. In my opinion, most of these changes have been positive (although the traffic is enervating).

Since I was first elected in 2002, I have brought passion, honesty and integrity to the County Council. I work hard, and I respond quickly to our constituents' needs.

Montgomery County is a dynamic, diverse, affluent and sophisticated community and I have been proud to work with the residents of Potomac to ensure it remains an exceptional place to live and to be educated. Potomac Elementary School is woefully overcrowded. The Board of Education has proposed that a modernization be completed by 2019 with design beginning in 2016, and I support that proposal.

We must continue to provide honest government that is technologically cutting-edge and efficient. We must continue to provide services that meet the wide range of our residents' needs, including in multiple languages. We should take pride in our status as an International Gateway and market ourselves as a place where business can be conducted in every language, with a highly-skilled workforce that contains more foreign-born residents than any other jurisdiction in Maryland. Having grown up here, having worked for Maryland's U.S. Sen. Barbara Mikulski, chaired the county's Democratic Party for five years and represented the entire county as an At-Large Councilmember for 12 years, I believe I have a profound understanding of the county's needs and its future challenges and opportunities. Website, www.georgeleventhal.com.

The Primary Election for Montgomery County state and local offices, plus members of Congress, is Tuesday, June 24. If you want some choice in who will represent you on County Council, as County Executive, in the Maryland General Assembly, now is the time to engage. If you think it doesn't matter much, these are the people who make land use decisions, decide what to do with county property, who set tax rates, who decide how much money will go to schools, who control services that affect traffic and many other things that affect quality of life more than anything that happens at a national level.

Currently, all of Montgomery County is represented by Democrats at all levels. In previous weeks, the Almanac printed coverage of County Council District 1 and County Executive. This week, it features County Council at-large.

Candidates responded to requests for information about why their candidacy matters, and why in Potomac in particular. Candidates also provided a short bio. These responses have been edited for length, but are in the candidates' own words.

In coming weeks, we will publish responses from candidates for State Senate and Delegate from Districts 15 and 16. There are nine members of the County Council, five district members and four at-

Vivian Malloy

Vivian Malloy is a Democratic Candidate for the Montgomery County Council At-Large. She is an elected official of the Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee and currently serving her second term as the At-Large Representative for the Legislative District 14. She is a graduate of University of Maryland School of Nursing and was commissioned as a military officer in the Army Nurse Corps. She retired from her military career of 21 years at the rank of Major and her last assignment was at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington D.C. She received several awards during her Army career for distinguished military service with the highest decoration being the Meritorious Service Medal.



Vivian Malloy

As a professional nurse, Vivian has utilized her clinical expertise and leadership skills to support her local community and political affiliations, in addition to faith-based programs.

She has been an active grassroots supporter and a community organizer for the local Democratic Party since 1994. Vivian has served in various leadership roles in civic, political and religious organizations for the past 20 years in Montgomery County. As a community organizer she has held the following positions: Chairman of the Precinct Organization for Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee, both President and Vice President of the District 14 Democratic Club, Board Member of the African American Health Program Executive Committee, County Council District 2 Representative on the African American Democratic Club and a Community Organizer for the Presidential Campaign 2008 and 2012, Obama for America (OFA).

Vivian resides in Olney, Md., with her husband Wilbur and they have three adult sons; Michael, Jonathan and Kenneth. She continues to work as a clinical nurse specialist in the health care insurance industry as a senior medical review nurse. She has dedicated her life to public service. Vivian has demonstrated her passion for service through her career, being an active grassroots supporter and a community organizer. She is committed to help make our community stronger.

About my Candidacy and Positions

I am running as a candidate because I care about the citizens of this great county and I understand the concerns that impact our daily lives. The focus of my campaign is caring for people and building a stronger future without leaving anyone behind. My campaign message is my motto "She Cares" which addresses those key issues that are dear to my heart.

Each letter represents a specific key issue: **S** is Safety Services; **H** is Health Care Access; **E** is Education; **C** is Creating Jobs; **A** is Affordable Housing; **R** is Rapid Transit Access; **E** is Economic Development; **S** is for Supporting Seniors and our Veterans.

It is my desire to advocate for the residents of this county and to promote the interest of working families by being responsive and responsible for our county's support and operational services that will result in improving the quality of life for our residents.

In addressing our Potomac residents, I like you to know that public safety is a major campaign concern with the focus on ensuring rapid emergency response for fire and rescue services, reduction in crime and increased police presence in the neighborhoods.

I am committed to the county's vision to protect our communities while maximizing on SMART Growth modeling to accommodate an increased in population and sustainable communities. This initiative promotes a friendly eco-living environment and better storm water management. In accommodating population growth we must also limit harm to our environment.

Attention towards environmental protection and education must be provided to our residents and shared sacrifices must be stressed that it is a community responsibility to be good stream stewards for the protection of our watersheds to keep our water clean.

Hans Riemer

Hans Riemer, elected to an At-large seat on the Montgomery County Council in 2010, represents more than one million residents in a thriving and diverse community with a history of responsible government. Hans' passion for change comes from his roots in Oakland, Calif., a city of tremendous disparities, and a deep commitment to social justice that he learned from his family. As a Councilmember, he works towards his vision by advocating to fund public education and public transportation, early childhood programs, libraries, recreation, human services, housing and economic development. Thanks to countless hours spent in the outdoors, on foot and on bike, Hans is also a dedicated environmentalist.

Hans was a senior advisor for AARP before joining the County Council, an organization that he has worked closely with throughout his career. A nationally recognized leader on Social Security, Hans played a pivotal role organizing the Democratic coalition that stopped President Bush from privatizing Social Security.

Hans may be best known, however, for his work as National Youth Vote Director for Obama for America, where he was a key early staffer on President Obama's 2007 primary election campaign. In the 2004 election, Hans served as political director for Rock the Vote, as the group registered nearly a million young voters and broke new ground in online political engagement.

Hans serves on the Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy & Environment Committee as well as the Government Operations & Fiscal Policy Committee. He also serves as the council's Lead for Digital Government.

Hans and his wife Angela, along with their young sons, Henry and Travis, live in Takoma Park, and are members of the MCCPTA. They love the community life that years of citizen engagement and great government has made possible in Montgomery County.

Hans graduated from the University of California at Santa Cruz in 1995.

Candidacy Statement

When I walk into Potomac classrooms, I see kids from all corners of the world, of every religious background, and of every ethnicity. Potomac boasts nationally acclaimed public schools that exemplify how a diverse community can be strong and forward thinking. As an involved MCPS parent and Councilmember, this is the success I strive for throughout the county. I know that the best way to prepare our youth for college and successful careers is through our commitment to pre K-12 education. MCPS enrollment is growing at the equivalent of one high school per year. Many new students have special needs, including some who do not speak English as their first language. In order to fund our great schools at the level our children deserve, we have to have a vibrant tax base. That means we must pursue economic development.

Prior to my taking office, Montgomery County had a Department of Economic Development (DED) but it had no real strategy to guide its activities. Therefore, I drafted and passed a bill with Councilmember Berliner to require the county to adopt an economic development strategy with concrete measures on job creation, private sector compensation and benefits, target industries, target geographic areas, workforce education and training, growth in tax base, economic opportunity for residents, encouragement of entrepreneurs and small business, land use, and other actions necessary to promote economic development.

Protecting the environment must go hand in hand with economic development. We need to protect streams and tree canopy. That is why I voted to safeguard 10 Mile Creek.

Economic development not only helps children and youth by funding schools, but also funds needed services for the elderly. Our county is aging fast; by 2020, senior citizens will be 14 percent of the population. I have spent much of my career on issues that are important seniors and this work continues on the Council. I have worked for AARP on retirement security policy and I also worked with AARP to design a national community service campaign. I have been recognized as a national leader on the fight to protect Social Security for future generations, because I helped stop the Republicans and President George Bush from privatizing that important program.

Mobility and transportation is key to independence for seniors. I worked with the County Executive to hire a Mobility Management Administrator to oversee and coordinate senior transportation programs in the county.

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Hans Riemer



KEEN Sports Fest 2014

The sports festival, an annual afternoon of activities and games hosted by KEEN Greater DC (Kids Enjoy Exercise Now) was held at Hadley's Park on June 1. Volunteers team up with KEEN athletes in a variety of games. This day celebrates 22 years that KEEN has provided free exercise and recreation programs for young people with developmental and/or physical disabilities. See www.KEENGreaterDC.org.



From left are Bianca Aquirre, Samed and Sofia Arbeen. Samed is an emotional support dog; she has a disability and can't walk.

Jerry Carroll, Jr. has been participating in KEEN events for 10 years. He is with his mom Bonnie Linen Carroll.



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Theater Performances Target Young Audiences

Bravo presents "Annie Kids" and "Into The Woods Jr."

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

Give youngsters an opportunity to experience live theater by taking them to Bravo Productions' performance of "Annie Kids" at the Randolph Road Theater. June 7 at 7:30 p.m. is the final class presentation of a 30-minute version with Orphan Annie. Free tickets to the performance are available at the box office 90 minutes before the show on a first-come, first-serve basis.

"This is a perfect first production for young musical theatre patrons," said Director Laurie Levy Issembert.

"Annie Kids" stars Ella Coulson as Annie with a cast of 27 other young actors in grades 1-6. Coulson is also cast as Amaryllis in Rockville Musical Theatre's upcoming production of "The Music Man" in July. The show is choreographed by award-winning director/choreographer Darnell Morris, and the music is directed by Laura Brady.

The following weekend of June 13-15, six performances of "Into the Woods" will be presented by Bravo Productions. The Stephen Sondheim show includes well-known fairytale characters, Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, Jack (and his beanstalk) a Witch and the Baker Man and his Wife.



Annie (Ella Coulson), with Daddy Warbucks (Benny Rushfield) and Singing Sandy (Emily Ashman).

All want a wish to come true as the narrator begins with "Once Upon a Time ..."

The show will feature 20 individual characters.

Darnell Morris is the director/choreographer who has created an artistic design especially for middle school children.

"Several of the female roles are double-cast because of the deep talent in the Bravo community and our commitment to instruct and feature as many young artists as possible. Bravo is delighted to welcome back Music Director Brigitte Franklin," said Issembert.

Josie Weinberg, an 8th grade student at



The Baker (Sam Nasar) with his double cast wives (Annie Coulson and Tobi Baisburd)

Herbert Hoover Middle School, will play one of the Cinderellas. "Into the Woods" is unique because it teaches many valuable lessons to children and parents alike about growing up, finding your purpose and making good decisions," she said.

"I like playing Cinderella because she's different than the Cinderella we have all grown up with. She's feisty and funny and isn't sure she wants to accept the first prince that comes along."

Ethan Miller, also a student at Hoover Middle School, has been with Bravo Productions since its founding. "This is my fourth year working under the direction of

director Darnell Morris and producer Laurie Issembert. During each show I learn something new. My character is Cinderella's Prince — he has somewhat of an attitude. I like playing this part because it's new for me. I have enjoyed working with the entire cast. I just finished working with Mr. Morris on 'Les Miserables' where I was double cast as Gavroche. Darnell Morris has taught me so much over the years about how to become my character so I can give my best performance," he said.

Bravo Productions is a local theatre program for young artists that attracts talent from all around the D.C.-metropolitan area. The organization was founded by Issembert. She is currently developing projects for Broadway, Off-Broadway and abroad and divides her time between Washington and New York City. As the founder of Bravo, her first love is working with the students and seeing them develop.

The 2014-2015 season has already been announced and includes productions of "Hairspray Jr." (grades 6 – high school) and "Aladdin Kids" (grades 1 – 6). Sign up Genius Links are available by logging on to the site with email bravo22bix@gmail.com. Bravo Productions is offering two complimentary fall audition workshops as well. For more information, visit www.bravoproductions.org.

"Into the Woods" will take place at Randolph Road Theatre, 4010 Randolph Road, Silver Spring. Tickets are \$18 and may be purchased "pre-show" at www.showtix4u.com or \$20 at the door (cash or check only.)

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Revels Strikes Chord in Potomac

Guests join in the music.

BY CAROLE FUNGER
THE ALMANAC

Saturday night, May 10, saw the arrival of a band of spirited musical performers, all from Washington Revels, to Bill and Diana Conway's Potomac farmhouse residence. More than 60 guests and supporters welcomed the group, lifting their voices in song.

Washington Revels is a cultural institution best known for its annual show performed at Washington D.C.'s Lisner Auditorium in celebration of the winter solstice. The professionally staged production, held in December, draws more than 10,000 attendees. The Revels is dedicated to reviving and celebrating cultural traditions through music, dance, storytelling and ritual. Each year, it chooses a different culture on which to focus, studying the origins of the musical traditions, the rituals and the dance that accompany it. The concert is in effect a holiday celebration, including elaborate pageantry and more than 100 participants, ages 8-85, all performing in the native language as well as English.

For thousands of DC area families, the Revels' production has become a holiday tradition. Audience participation is a hallmark of the event. Participants get to sing along and even dance in the aisles.

There is more to the Revels, however, than their annual holiday production, and Saturday night's event provided a venue to introduce some newer aspects of the group. Members of four ensemble groups performed live throughout the evening, popping up at various intervals from among the partygoers to sing songs drawn from old American traditions. As guests drank punch made up from an old American recipe, members of the ensemble Gallery Voices rose to perform an a capella medley of early American hymns and lively folk songs. Heritage Voices, a multicultural ensemble, was next to perform with a medley of songs dating from the Civil War era. The Roustabout String Band, playing banjo, guitar and fiddle, accompanied them.

The Maritime Voices, comprised of six mostly



The Washington Revels

bearded men, performed several sea shanties, or songs that celebrate the sea and sailors. The ensemble members belted out such tavern classics as "Fathom the Bowl" and "Haul Away, Joe."

Revels board chair and dinner host, Bill Conway welcomed longtime supporters and old friends of the Revels as well as those hearing them for the first time. "We want to show you what this is all about," said Conway. Quoting from the Latin, "Res Ipsa Loquitur," he added, "The thing speaks for itself."

After dinner, the Jubilee Voices, which specialize in African American songs, rose to perform. Arranging themselves in a loose ring as they sang, the group swayed to the music. The melodies drew guests to their feet as they clapped to the beats and tunes of the spirituals, including "Steal Away" and "Old Ship of Zion." Eighty-four year old James Harkless sang one of the solos. Harkless joined the Revels in 1986, upon being invited by one of the Revels' members at a Harvard Glee Club reunion.

"The Revels are a community devoted to a celebration of life through music and dance, that's what it's all about. We speak the music of peace, joy and love," he said.

Board member and chorus participant, Pete Behr, explained that the Revels are unusual in that they try to recreate families and communities on stage during their annual holiday production as well as promote a sense of community for its members all year long. For example, during the holiday performance, the entire chorus is organized into "stage families," consisting of adults, teens and kids of all ages who all perform together. "If you're in a show, you'll have a stage husband and kids. The director

will say to you 'go find your mother,'" said Behr. "I've had a number of wives in my years with the Revels," he added with a grin.

Revels' productions reflect a mix of professional and nonprofessional singers, musicians and actors, all under professional direction. The adult, teen and children choruses — the heart of the Revels — are talented nonprofessionals. To become part of the holiday production, chorus members have to try out every year. "Sometimes you get in and other times, no," said Behr. "It is very competitive." Once selected, the atmosphere is fun and congenial, with everyone getting a chance to sing. "It's a renewal of hope each year when the days are shortest," Behr said.

Peter Noone, chorus member and grandson of Behr, was serving cocktails at the bar. He elaborated that he first became entranced by the Revels when, at age 5, he heard his grandfather sing in a performance. "The best thing about the Revels is the community-aspect. I and my little brother and sister have been in the chorus now for a number of years," he said. And, like a number of other Revelers, he met his girlfriend there, too.

Jim Clement, another member who met his wife through the Revels, explained that he was driving in Silver Spring years ago when he saw a sign on a building proclaiming "The Washington Revels." He said, to himself, "What the heck?" Years later all four of Clements' children are involved with Revels' productions and after-school workshops. Like most Revelers, he got involved in the chorus for the community aspect. "We sing, we dance and we do musicals," he said. "It's a lot of fun."

Washington Revels have been performing in the greater Washington area for 30 years. They are dedicated to reviving and celebrating cultural traditions that have bound communities together over the ages and across the globe. All told, there are now a total of 125 individual events, year round.

"In a world that is increasingly torn apart by differences, the Revels bring things together. It speaks to the heart," said Conway in closing.

For more information on Washington Revels, their performances and how to get involved, go to www.revelsdc.org.

Art Sale To Raise Funds for Charity

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coming together and meeting other artists as well as sharing their artwork with the community," he said.

Mary Jane Nol, president of the Women's Club of Potomac said, "This show has been growing by leaps and bounds. All the women of our club are pitching in and it has now become one of the biggest art shows in our area. We expect to donate more than \$4,000 to our charities. One of our member's husbands, Al Ett, is giving us a painting and 100 percent of his donation will go to our charity efforts. Another experienced artist, Jorge Bernal also donated the full sale proceeds of a painting. We will have a silent auction which will include paintings donated by the artists, gift cer-

tificates for many favorite restaurants including the Tavern at River Falls, Normandy Farm, Tower Oaks, Potomac Pizza, Gregorios Trattoria, Brooklyn Deli and many more, spa treatments, gift certificates from local merchants and much more.

"Our club is over 40 years old," said Nol, "and we have donated a total of more than \$200,000 to local charities over the 40 years. Some of the charities which have benefited are Shephard's Table, Montgomery College Summer Dinner Theater Scholarship Fund, Fisher House Foundation, St. Martin's Soup Kitchen, Casey House (part of Montgomery Hospice) and others. We have a room at the Casey House that is named for our club, since we donated funds to help pay for facility. Casey House is the first independent

homecare/hospice organizations licensed in Maryland. Several of our members volunteer with Hospice and others have benefited from the caring services provided by Hospice. By holding this show, the 50 current members of the WCP remain true to their original vision and purpose — community service and education."

For information about the show and artwork, contact the curator, Choquette, at CustomInteriors@ChoquetteInteriorDesign.com or call her at 301-633-6173. The show will take place on Saturday, June 7 and Sunday, June 8 at the Potomac United Methodist Church Parish Hall, 9908 South Glen Road in Potomac. For information about the Women's Club of Potomac, email Nol at marjano@comcast.net or call her at 240-558-3707.

LET'S TALK Real Estate



by Michael Matese

The Privacy of the Client

High-profile clients require a Realtor® who is well-versed in issues regarding privacy, discretion and efficiency. An agent who is skilled in the purchase or sale of a luxury home is in themselves a treasure; to secure a Realtor® who is skilled in transactions while maintaining professional discretion and protecting the privacy of high-profile clients is an achievement that is truly worth its weight in gold! Knowing and understanding the specialized needs of the client is first and foremost, as well as having a strong game plan in place as to how to achieve the goals of the client. Specialized circumstances call for customized action plans. With high-profile clients, in addition to meeting with the buyer or seller, it is often necessary to meet with handlers, design teams and decorators to establish guidelines that will facilitate a successful venture. In these circumstances, networking is of the utmost importance, as is prudence and discretion in the networking chain-of-command. It is not uncommon in high-profile transactions for the Realtor® to pre-screen properties, often under the direction of decorators, designers and handlers, in order to offer a limited amount of options to then present to the client as a showcase. From there, if the gallery meets the client's criteria, the Realtor® often arranges for private showings of the properties, with co-operative work between the client's team and the Realtor® being the strongest point of the transaction. Here again, discretion and prudence are essential elements to the success of the endeavor. For high-profile clients, the safeguarding of their privacy and their transaction are of the utmost importance—for luxury home Realtors®, these clients may require a revamped action model, but to facilitate the needs of these clients, while maintaining professional discretion can be a feather in the cap of even the most experienced, skilled Realtor®, opening up a whole new level of clients who place their confidence in the security that their privacy is in good hands.

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SPORTS



Infielder Ryne Willard is the Big Train's lone returning all-league player.



Bethesda Big Train first baseman Johnny Cole, a senior at Coastal Carolina University, hit a home run during an exhibition game against the Gaithersburg Giants on May 31.



Bethesda Big Train pitcher Ray Lambert pitches during an exhibition game against the Gaithersburg Giants on May 31.

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Bethesda Big Train To Open 2014 Season at Rockville

The Bethesda Big Train will open the 2014 season on the road against the Rockville Express at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 4. The Big Train's first home game is at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, June 6 against the Vienna Riverdogs.

The Big Train recently played a pair of exhibition games, beating the Gaithersburg Giants 15-1 on May 31 and defeating the BCC Stars 1-0 on May 2.

Bethesda won the Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League regular-season title last

year, but lost to the Baltimore Redbirds in the League Championship Series for the second straight season. The Big Train and Redbirds have played for the league title in each of the last five seasons.

Infielder Ryne Willard, a junior at North

Carolina State, is the Big Train's lone returning all-league player.

Left-handed pitcher Henry Sisson is a local — born in Bethesda, he pitched for St. Albans School, and now plays for the University of North Carolina.

BULLETIN BOARD

Email announcements to almanac@connectionnewspapers.com. Include date, time, location, description and contact for event: phone, email and/or website. Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

ELECTION JUDGES NEEDED

The Montgomery Board of Elections needs election judges with basic IT and customer service skills to serve during the June 24 primary and Nov. 4 general elections. The board is in particular need of judges who are bilingual in Spanish and English and those who are registered as Republican or not affiliated. Part-time and full-time positions are available, and training is provided. To apply or for more information, call the Board of Elections at 240-777-8533 or visit www.777vote.org.

SCHOOL IMMUNIZATIONS

There are new school immunization requirements for the 2014-2015 school year for students entering kindergarten and seventh grade. Students who do not show proof of the required immunizations will be excluded from attending school. Students entering kindergarten must have two varicella vaccinations. Students entering seventh grade must have one Tdap (tetanus-diphtheria-attenuated pertussis) and one meningococcal (MCV4) vaccination before beginning seventh grade. Free Tdap and MCV4 immunizations will be offered to incoming seventh-grade students on Friday, June 13, 1-4 p.m., at Julius West Middle School, 651 Great Falls

Road, Rockville. In addition, a vaccination clinic for eligible children will be held on Saturday, Aug. 23, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., at Montgomery County Public Schools' Carver Educational Center, 850 Hungerford Drive, Rockville. Appointments are required and can be made online at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Resident/vaccination.html or by calling 311.

THURSDAY/JUNE 5

The Montgomery County Commission for Women is offering a seminar on a woman's guide to money matters from 7-9 p.m., at Rockville Memorial Library, suite 330. Topics will include taking control of finances in five easy steps; setting specific, realistic, achievable and measurable financial goals; developing a strategy to help achieve goals, preparing for retirement now, paying for a child's or grandchild's education, and understanding investments and investment strategies and developing strategies. Early registration fee is \$10, or \$15 at the door. Cash or check only. Call 240-777-8300.

SATURDAY/JUNE 7

Car Wash Fundraiser. Mr. Wash Silver Spring, 7996 Georgia Ave. Mr. Wash is donating a portion of every sale to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation through "Wash to Save the Bay" day. Pay what you want donation. Visit www.mccarwash.org for more.

SUNDAY/JUNE 8

Lecture. Bethesda Jewish Congregation (BJC) continues its powerful 2014

Great Names Community Lecture Series on Sunday, June 8 with a presentation by The Washington Post editor Steve Luxenberg, author of "Annie's Ghost: A Journey Into A Family Secret." The event is set for 3-5 p.m. and includes a Q&A session plus an opportunity to meet the author and purchase a signed copy of his book. The lecture is open to the community, free of charge and located at BJC, 6601 Bradley Boulevard, Bethesda. To RSVP, call 301-469-8636 or email admin@bethesdajewish.org.

MONDAY/JUNE 9

Civic Federation Meeting. 7:45-10 p.m. at the County Council Office Building, 100 Maryland Ave., Rockville. Topic is transportation. Dan Wilhelm, transportation chair, will present updates and answer questions. Visit www.montgomerycivic.org.

THURSDAY-THURSDAY/JUNE 12-19

Early Voting. Early voting in Montgomery County primary elections. Visit www.777vote.org or call 240-777-VOTE.

SATURDAY/JUNE 14

Montgomery County is co-sponsoring the efforts of Chapter 641 of the **Vietnam Veterans of America** to collect American flags that are no longer usable or that residents wish to have properly retired. Flags can be deposited in the large wooden collection box in the lobby of the Executive Office Building at 101 Monroe Street in Rockville. Chapter 641 will conduct a ceremonial American flag disposal ceremony on

Flag Day, June 14, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., at Battery Cycles, 7830 Airpark Road, Gaithersburg. The event is open to the public.

TUESDAY/JUNE 24

Election Day. Montgomery County primary elections. Visit www.777vote.org or call 240-777-VOTE.

Workshop on Networking and Interviewing. 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at 12320 Parklawn Drive, Rockville. Intensive workshop for job-seekers age 50 and older by the Jewish Council for the Aging. \$100 includes lunch. Registration required. Contact Ellen Greenberg at 301-255-4215 or JCAUniversity@AccessJCA.org.

FRIDAY/AUG. 22

Nomination Deadline. The Montgomery County Office of Human Rights is accepting nominations for its Human Rights Hall of Fame. This year's theme is advancing new strategies for human and civil rights. Nominations should be individuals — either living or deceased — whose ongoing work, service and contributions have had a positive effect on human and civil rights in the county. Nomination forms are available online at www.montgomerycountymd.gov or by calling the Office of Human Rights at 240-777-8456.

PUBLIC INPUT WANTED

Health Education Curriculum. The Montgomery County Board of Education is providing an opportunity for public comment on changes to the Secondary Comprehensive Health Education

Curriculum Framework. All feedback must be provided in writing no later than Friday, June 13. The framework identifies what content areas are covered during health education courses in each middle school grade and as part of the graduation requirement health course in high school. Montgomery County citizens and MCPS parents are invited to review the proposed framework and provide feedback. The framework is posted at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/health. Comments can be sent in using the form on the website or can be sent by mail to Health Education Framework Feedback, Montgomery County Public Schools, 850 Hungerford Drive, Rockville, Maryland 20850.

Bethesda Farm Women's

Cooperative Market. The market, which has been at its current location at 7155 Wisconsin Ave. since the Great Depression, is taking a survey to find out from its customers how it can be even better; e.g., different vendors, different hours of operation. Take the survey at www.farmwomensmarket.com/customer-survey.html.

GUIDE DOG FOSTERS NEEDED

Guiding Eyes for the Blind — Montgomery Region is looking for volunteers to foster and train future guide dogs. Volunteers will foster a specially bred guide dog for 14 months, attend bi-monthly training classes, and teach the pup house manners, people skills and socialization within the community. Dog crates, training equipment and monthly medications are provided. Contact Margie Coccodrilli at 301-869-2216 or gebraiser@comcast.net or visit www.guidingeyes-md.org.

WELLBEING

Healthy Cooking with Children

Local foodies say cooking with children can establish a lifetime of healthy habits.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE ALMANAC

From creating dough for freshly baked bread to squeezing lemons for a neighborhood lemonade stand, Michael Roll enjoys spending time in the kitchen with his children transforming ordinary food into nutritious culinary creations, particularly during the summer. He says that when parents cook healthy meals with their children they model behavior that can last a lifetime. “The more ‘from scratch’ and processing raw food at home a child can see through their parents, the better understanding the child can develop in terms of what makes food healthy and unhealthy and where our food comes from,” said Roll, director, Department of Culinary Arts and Food and Beverage Management at The Art Institute of Washington in Arlington. “These are fundamental things that can easily be lost in our very time-crunched worlds and long grocery store aisles of prepared and over-processed foods.”

Farmers markets can offer a goldmine of inspiration for creating nutritious summer meals. “[They] bring us seasonal, fresh produce, grown close to home,” said Christine Wisniewski, an instructor at Culinary Cooking School in Vienna. “In contrast to the mad dash into the supermarket the rest of the year, the more relaxed summer schedule also gives us the chance to really look around and broaden our food horizons.”

Offering children a wide selection of fresh food and a chance to make their own selections broadens their culinary horizons. “In my experience, kids are more willing to try something new if they are given the opportunity to choose that new item themselves,” said Wisniewski. “Challenge them to choose one new thing a week. “One week have them look for the most beautiful fruit or vegetable they can find at the mar-

ket, next week have them find the ugliest. You might all be surprised with how that experiment plays out. The kids will gain exposure and you will gain experience. You were always curious about kohlrabi anyway, right?”

Roll encourages parents to approach cooking with an attitude of enthusiasm. “Baking chocolate chip cookies, even with my 6 year olds was fun because measuring flour, sugar, learning how to crack an egg were all exciting things for them,” he said. “Licking raw batter and tasting warm cookies didn’t hurt, but at 11, my son could probably make passable cookies without any help. My family’s passion for cookies is why.”

COOKING TECHNIQUES and the tasks children undertake in the kitchen should be age appropriate, said Roll. “For the really young, nothing beats funny shapes, layering yogurt and fruit and granola in a clear glass is magical to a child,” he said. “For the older, make baking a chemistry lesson on baking soda [or] why flour in bread makes such a different product than flour in pancakes.”

Roll added, “I think that starting simple helps, too. Chicken broth, chicken, carrots, celery and pasta, with some seasoning still makes the best cold remedy there is. A child can peel a carrot. A child can test the doneness of pasta, a child can learn that a little salt is great, no salt is bland, and too much salt is a disaster.”

With a little planning, parents can create delicious and healthy fare with their children that is hands-on, but safe. “Letting kids help cut fresh fruit for fruit salads is a great summer dish, said Beth Szymanski of Tiny Chefs, a culinary academy with locations in Fairfax, Arlington, Alexandria, Sterling, Ashburn, Reston, Herndon, Centerville, Va., and Potomac, Md. “Kids love to help cut food and having them use lettuce knives lets them really help out in the kitchen while keeping them safe.”

Szymanski adds that there are simple shortcuts to create substantial, low-maintenance meals. “Use an already cooked rotisserie chicken to create a chicken salad or pasta salad in the summer time to keep the kitchen cool without having to turn on the oven, plus the kids love to help shred and cut up the chicken,” she said.

“The more ‘from scratch’ and processing raw food at home a child can see through their parents, the better understanding the child can develop in terms of what makes food healthy and unhealthy.”

— Michael Roll

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Team On Going



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

In anticipation of my next face-to-face appointment with my oncologist, the first in three months (as per usual) and considering a breathing issue I've been experiencing the last month or so, my wife, Dina (original Team Lourie member) asked if I wanted my brother, Richard (the other original Team Lourie member), to attend. Not that he wouldn't attend if asked (he's local); it's more that I'm wondering if he really needs to attend, as in whether there will be life-changing, cancer-related decisions where all hands need to be on deck. Of course, a week before the appointment I have no legitimate clue – nor have I received any suggestions from my oncologist – that anything of substance/recent changes that have occurred (I have also recently completed my quarterly diagnostic scans and am awaiting those results as well) will be discussed; and that's the point of this column: how frequently, how/when does the patient/survivor know when team members should be present at these appointments?

Initially, at the very first meeting with your oncologist (see last week's column: "Team Up"), team members' presence, inclusion, participation, etc., is mandatory. It's the subsequent appointments, however, when their presence may not be necessary; that is, the discussions with the oncologist are more mundane, (at least they have been for me anyway, mostly) and matter-of-fact and not as serious as they were at the beginning, when I was advised to take that trip I had always dreamed of because my prognosis was not that good: "13 months to two years." Now, I feel that if I bring along the entire team, I'm tempting fate somehow; thinking negatively when thinking positively is the anecdotal solution to what ails me. Trouble has already found me. I don't need to look for it.

And by trouble, I mean: the current treatment is no longer maintaining the tumor's status quo and there's been some spread and/or growth or some additional kidney/liver damage, manifestation of which would likely stop treatment. Given that I'm presently taking the last drug my oncologist feels comfortable recommending I take (given the previous organ damage I've already experienced and knowing that most chemotherapy drugs are filtered through one or two of these organs), my next choices are: other chemotherapy drugs with a 10 percent chance of positively affecting the tumors (vs. doing nothing), a clinical trial at either N.I.H. or Johns Hopkins, or doing nothing and living my life – what there is of it, and trying in turn not to not focus or anticipate when the other shoe will drop off – figuratively speaking, and/or maybe even literally, too. And therein lies my dilemma: if this is in fact where I am, the need for a calm and reasoned perspective to help consider these alternatives would be most welcome and appreciated. Still, I can't help being reminded of the old joke about the not-too-bright person questioning how the Thermos knows to keep the cold water cold and the hot water hot. How do I know my future fate? I don't. I'd like to believe in karma, but sometimes, maybe most of the time, the die is cast.

If the substance of the conversation with my oncologist is to be serious, I want the team there. If it's not, I don't want them there as a presumptive buffer to bad news that I might not even receive. I don't want to waste their support for an appointment that doesn't really warrant it, if you know what I mean? But the problem is, I'll never know until it's too late, and too early is subject to reinterpretation, as I wrote about previously in a column titled: "Whew!" So now I'll be waiting even longer for information/an assessment and knowing even less in the interim (because we've sort of learned our lesson) – and therefore we likely won't know anything until the actual appointment.

Perhaps I'm writing around in circles here, but having cancer isn't exactly a by-the-numbers kind of existence, and there's certainly no handbook or racing-type form to direct you on the various facts/feelings to consider in your everyday living-with-cancer life. (I wish there were; gosh, that would make it so much easier.) Moreover, what seems like simple choices for those of you outside these battle lines become somewhat muddled to those of us on the inside. I'll manage, though. I'm still alive five years and three months after receiving my diagnosis/prognosis in late February, 2009, a heck of a lot longer than I was originally given; and as I'm extremely fond of saying: "I'd be crazy to complain," and I'm not complaining, I'm just trying to sort out yet another cancer conundrum.

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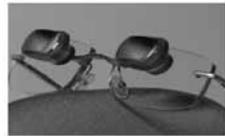
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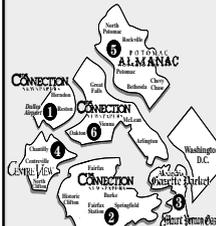
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ONGOING

Art Exhibit. Bringing Bossa Nova to the United States, May 31-June 15 at the Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. Free. Radio broadcaster Felix Grant was a familiar voice to Washington, D.C. listeners for nearly 50 years. His early interest in Brazilian culture and music played a pivotal role in introducing bossa nova to the United States. This multimedia exhibit includes photographs, concert programs, awards and interviews to provide a glimpse into Brazilian music. Part of Strathmore's Jazz Samba Project. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

Blue Star Museums. The National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense, and more than 2,000 museums across America have collaborated to offer free admission to the nation's active duty military personnel, including National Guard and Reserve and their families, from Memorial Day through Labor Day 2014. The complete list of participating museums is available at <http://arts.gov/national/blue-star-museums> for more.

Weekly Blues Dance. Thursdays 8:15-11:30 p.m. in the Back Room Annex at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Capital Blues presents rotating DJs and instructors with beginner workshop 8:15-9 p.m., no partner necessary. \$8 for all. Visit <http://capitalblues.org>.

Argentine Tango with Lessons. Most Sundays, 6:30-11 p.m. in the Back Room Annex at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Tango Brillante DC offers Argentine Tango lessons followed by a Milonga most Sunday evenings. Beginner lesson 6:30-7:30 p.m. and intermediate lesson 7:30-8:30 p.m. Cost is \$15/lesson and includes the Milonga that follows. For dancers who wish to attend just the Milonga, cost is \$10 and the open dance with DJ runs 8:30-11 p.m. No partner required. Visit www.glenchopark.org or call 301-634-2222.

Contra and Square Dance. Sundays, 7-10:30 p.m. in the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. The Folklore Society of Greater Washington presents traditional American contra dancing. The evening can include square dances, mixers, waltzes and other couple dances. All Contras and Square dances are taught, no partner is necessary. There is a lesson at 7 p.m., followed by the called dance with live music starting at 7:30. \$13 nonmembers, \$10 FSGW members, \$5 ages 17 and under. Visit www.glenchopark.org or call 301-634-2222.

Late Night Comedy. Fridays (open mic night) and Saturdays (established comedians) at Benny's Bar & Grill, 7747 Tuckerman Lane, Potomac. Benny's is open 8 a.m.-1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Visit www.BennysBarGrill.com.

Mommy & Me (& Daddy, Too). Third Tuesday each month. 10 a.m. at Rockville Town Square. Meet for a morning out with active learning and creative play with lunch specials, story time, arts and crafts, sing-alongs, prizes and more. Visit rockvilletownsquare.com/events/mommy-and-me.

Art Classes. Classes are taught year-round for beginner, intermediate and advanced students. Fridays 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and

Sundays noon-4 p.m. at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Call 301-634-2273 or visit www.artglasscenter.atglencho.org.

CAMPS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Summer Science and Engineering Camp. The county recreation department is holding half- and full-day science and education camps this summer for children ages 6-12. Topics include Lego engineering, crime solving, chemistry and space. The camps are held at elementary schools and recreation centers. To register or for more information visit <http://therecord-mcr.blogspot.com/2014/03/science-and-engineering-summer-camp-so.html>.

Summer Camp Registration. Montgomery Parks, part of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, is offering 88 summer camps in 2014 spanning a variety of interests including ice skating, tennis, golf, gardening, outdoor adventure, nature, and more. Summer camps are available for tots to teens at all skill levels and at hundreds of locations across the county. A \$25 discount is being offered for early registration for a select group of camps. Registration is open at www.ParkPASS.org. A complete list can be found at www.MontgomeryParks.org/camps, where camp searches may be filtered by age, location and key words. The 2014 Summer Camps guide is available online at www.MontgomeryParks.org/guide. Print copies may be found at select Montgomery Parks' facilities, Montgomery County Recreation centers, government buildings and libraries while supplies last.

Summer Camp Registration. Photoworks at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., has summer camps for age 7 and up. Visit www.ssreg.com/glenchopark/ classes for a full listing.

Garden Crafts Camp. Explore a tiny, imaginative world: make fairy and gnome gardens, learn about flowers and fun plant lore, make crafts and play games. For ages 6-8. Runs June 16-20, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Fee \$290. Course #259493, registration required at ParkPASS.org. Extended care available, 3:30-5:30 p.m., \$70; course #259494. Call 301-962-1451 or visit www.brooksidegardens.org for more.

Kids Gardening Camp. Explore the children's garden "classrooms" to discover how math, science, reading, art, music, and even lunch/recess connect to gardening and the natural world. Participate in hands-on gardening activities, games and crafts. Plant and grow a container garden. For ages 9-11. Runs June 23-27, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. \$290. Course #263399, registration required at ParkPASS.org. Extended care available, 3:30-5:30 p.m., \$70; course #263449. Call 301-962-1451 or visit www.brooksidegardens.org for more.

Art Camps. VisArts Rockville offers a variety of camps for children 5-12 in multiple sessions June 16-Aug. 15. \$300 and up, scholarships available. Before camp and extended care also available. Visit www.visartsatrockville.org/summer-camp.

Financial Boot Camp for Girls. Girls from age 11-17 can learn money and budgeting skills from an array of experts during the week-long free financial boot camp for girls at the Bethesda Library, 7400 Arlington Road. July 7-11, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. daily. Hosted by the Financial Literacy Organization for Women and Girls and the Montgomery County Public Libraries. Topics will include budgeting, financial responsibility and decision-making, investing, identity theft and consumer

FOOD & DRINK

Potomac Village Farmers Market. Thursdays, 2-6:30 p.m. at Potomac United Methodist Church, at Falls Road and Democracy Boulevard. Visit www.potomacvillagefarmersmarket.net for more.

Bethesda Farm Women's Market. Year-round, every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 7 a.m.-4 p.m., at 7155 Wisconsin Ave. Visit www.farmwomensmarket.com for more.

Rockville Farmers Market. Through Nov. 22, Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in Rockville Town Center. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/events/farmers.htm for more.

Wednesday Market at Dawson's. Through Sept. 24, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., 225 N. Washington St. in front of Dawson's Market. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov for more.

Pike Central Farmers Market. Saturdays, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., near the Shriver Aquatic Center in the bus parking lot at the intersection of Old Georgetown Road and Executive Blvd. (enter on Executive Blvd.). Visit www.centralfarmmarkets.com/ for more.

Kensington Farmers Market. Year-round on Saturdays, 8 a.m.-noon. at Kensington train station parking lot on Howard Avenue. Visit <http://tok.md.gov/events/farmers-market> for more.

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THURSDAY/JUNE 5

Outdoor Concert. 6-8 p.m. at Veterans Park, at the corner of Woodmont and Norfolk Avenues. Arman Ntep plays African. Free. Call 301-215-6660 or visit www.bethesda.org.

Brazilian Jazz Concert. 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. at the Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. Romero Lubambo and Duduka da Fonseca with friends, including Chuck Redd. \$35. Part of Strathmore's Jazz Samba Project. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

Chamber Music. 8 p.m. at the Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. The Evermay Chamber, an ensemble with nine artists from five continents, performing work from Tchaikovsky and Saint-Saëns. \$25. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

Live Music. 8 p.m. at Bethesda Blues & Jazz Supper Club, 7719 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda. Next Big Thing presents: Satisfaction, the international Rolling Stones show. \$15. Visit www.bethesdbluesjazz.com.

FRIDAY/JUNE 6

Concert. 8 p.m. at the Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. Eliane Elias opens and Sergio Mendes performs, juxtaposing original and contemporary bossa nova. Tickets \$30-\$69. Part of Strathmore's Jazz Samba Project. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

Live Music. 8 p.m. at Bethesda Blues & Jazz Supper Club, 7719 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda. Diane Schuur performs. \$25 in advance, \$35 day of. Visit www.bethesdbluesjazz.com.

SATURDAY/JUNE 7

National Trails Day. 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at the River Center at Lock 8, Cabin John. Trail maintenance and stewardship activities 9:30 a.m.-noon, plant identification walk at 12:30, with the River Center open until 2 p.m. RSVP to Rebecca at long@potomac.org or call 301-608-1188, ext. 215. Visit <http://potomac.org/cc-river-center>.

Music Symposium. 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. Symposium: The Jazz Samba Legacy. Three lectures explore bossa nova in the United States. Tickets \$15. Part of Strathmore's Jazz Samba Project. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

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Tennis Festival Fundraiser. Noon-2 p.m. at the Pauline Betz Addie Tennis Center (Cabin John Indoor Tennis), 7801 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda. Fisher's Tennis Fest with Potomac Elementary kindergartener Fisher Ortiz to raise funds for research on osteogenesis imperfecta, also known as brittle bone disease. For kids ages 4-10. \$15 per child. Visit <http://vimeo.com/95402936>. Register at <http://forms.mart.com/form/1fbc>.

Music Education. 1:30-5:30 p.m. at St. Mark Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Road, Rockville. Authentic Brazilian Jazz Styles: Strathmore joins forces with the Maryland Summer Jazz Camp & Festival 10th anniversary celebration for musicians to learn about the various Brazilian styles of music. Tickets \$125+ at www.indepthjazz.com or 410-295-6691.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 7-8

Art Exhibit. At the Yellow Barn Gallery, Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Art by Nicole Fossi. Gallery hours Saturday and Sunday, noon-5 p.m. Reception Saturday 6-8 p.m. Visit www.yellowbarnstudio.com.

SUNDAY/JUNE 8

Strathmore Open House. Noon-5 p.m. at Strathmore Music Center, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. Discover Strathmore: Sounds of Brazil. Annual family-friendly open house features free music and dance performances, workshops, artistic demonstrations and hands-on art activities celebrating the music of Brazil. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. at Bethesda Blues & Jazz Supper Club, 7719 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda. Albare performs. \$20. Visit www.bethesdbluesjazz.com.

MONDAY/JUNE 9

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. at Bethesda Blues & Jazz Supper Club, 7719 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda. Bad Influence with Mary Shaver, part of the Silver Spring Blues Festival. Dance floor available. \$10. Visit www.bethesdbluesjazz.com.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 11

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. at Bethesda Blues & Jazz Supper Club, 7719 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda. Billy Thompson Band with Ron Holloway, part of the Silver Spring Blues Festival. \$10. Visit www.bethesdbluesjazz.com.

THURSDAY/JUNE 12

Outdoor Concert. 6-8 p.m. at Veterans Park, at the corner of Woodmont and Norfolk Avenues. Levi Stephens plays country crossover. Free. Call 301-215-6660 or visit www.bethesda.org.

Leadership Montgomery Celebration. 6 p.m. at the Tower Oaks building, 2000 Tower Oaks Blvd., Rockville. 25th anniversary celebration for organization. 6 p.m. cocktail reception, 7:30 program and dinner. Dancing with music from Marcus Johnson. Black tie optional. RSVP requested by May 30. Visit www.leadershipmontgomerymd.org.

FRIDAY/JUNE 13

Concert. 8 p.m. at the Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. Singer-songwriter John Prine. Tickets \$45-\$65. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 13-15

Art Exhibit. At the Yellow Barn Gallery, Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Students from abstract expressionist classes show their work. Friday 6-8 p.m., Saturday noon-6 p.m., Sunday noon-5 p.m. Reception Saturday 4-6 p.m. Visit www.yellowbarnstudio.com.

SUNDAY/JUNE 15

Waltz Dance. Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo National Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Introductory waltz workshop 2:45-3:30 p.m., social dance 3:30-6 p.m. Featuring the band Waltz Magic. Admission \$10. No partner required. Call Joan Koury at 202-238-0230 or Glen Echo Park at 301-634-2222, go to www.WaltzTimeDances.org or e-mail info@WaltzTimeDances.org.



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