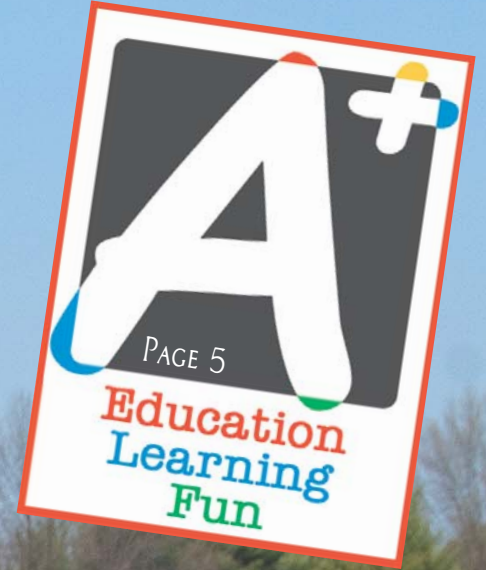


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Sophia Maravell shows volunteers some hen's breath and chickweed that grows naturally on the educational portion of the organic farm on Brickyard Road during Brickyard Educational Farm Volunteer Day.



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## News



Vermut and Brodkowitz families, donors, with Karen Berger from Magen David Adom.

## Israeli Ambulance Dedicated at Synagogue

An ambulance, manufactured in Indiana and bound for Israel, made a stop at Congregation Har Shalom in Potomac, on Sunday, March 18. The ambulance was donated to American Friends of Magen David Adom by congregants at Har Shalom.

The children at the Har Shalom religious school had a chance to climb in and explore the ambulance before it was formally dedicated at the congregation. Karen Berger, from American Friends of Magen David Adom, explained to the students about the ambulance's important work.

The ambulance was donated by Madeline and Robert Vermut, and their children Nicole and Michael Vermut, and

Jill and Kenneth Brodkowitz. It honors the memory of their parents and grandparents, Miriam and Burt Roper and Frieda and Julius Vermut.

Rabbi Adam Raskin of Har Shalom described the visit: "It was incredibly inspiring to learn about the lifesaving work of Magen David Adom in Israel. Providing critical emergency care to Israelis and Palestinians; Jews, Muslims, and Christians alike, MDA is a bulwark of hope and reminder of the State of Israel's commitment to the absolute holiness of all human life. The dedication of the ambulance in the presence of three generations of the Vermut and Brodkowitz families made a deep impact on everyone in attendance."

## A Day To Embrace Change

**Bullis' "Beyond The Books" Day explores diversity.**

BY SUSAN BELFORD  
THE ALMANAC

March 15 began for Bullis Upper School students with a surprise announcement by Guidance Counselor Lisa Gray. "Get comfortable, loosen your ties, put away your notebooks and books — and get ready for 'Beyond the Books — 2012.'" Students learned they would have a day far different from their usual world of English and American literature, science labs, math problems, exams and electives. This year's program was designed to help students better understand diversity and tolerance and to embrace the changes which occur every day in their lives.

This year, the National Coalition Building Institute led morning workshops and then, comedian Judson Laipply addressed

the students about "Life is Change."

Both students and faculty spoke positively about the day and what they gained from it. Mike Reidy, Bullis' Assistant Head of School said, "It's good for kids to have the opportunity to reflect on these topics — because they are issues that they will face in the real world. This day will generate a lot of discussion."

In their workshops, students and faculty were given the assignment to self-identify and then group themselves according to how they identified themselves. Next, they were to discuss and list things they never wanted to hear about their group again.

Among the groups they broke into were the artists, teachers, jocks, scientists, ex-pats and others. Each group expressed a number of comments that they felt were unacceptable. The jocks stated they never wanted to hear people say they only got where they were because of their athletic ability or that they were dumb. The teachers said that they can't stand it when people say they have a part-time job because they get the summers off. The ex-pats explained

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**Brickyard Educational Farm Volunteer Day** was held Saturday, March 17 at Nick Maravell's organic farm. Volunteers came to tour the organic farm on Brickyard Road and hear about organic farming from Maravell (back with suspenders).



**Volunteer Ling Tan** samples the corn bread and fresh greens salad during the tour of the organic farm.

## Emergency Legislation Could Impact Brickyard

County executive and council authority on land disposition to be discussed at Tuesday's public hearing.

BY KEN MOORE  
THE ALMANAC

**C**ouncil President Roger Berliner faced more than 100 angry citizens in January, the day before County Executive Isiah "Ike" Leggett and the county issued a request for proposals to build soccer fields on Brickyard Road.

Dennis Kelleher asked Berliner what he would do to help. "Here we are trying to fight the county executive on our own, and what you're telling us is you don't have the ability to help us with anything," Kelleher said. "We'd like to know anything, anything that our representative is going to do to help us stop this."

Berliner told West Montgomery County Citizens Association in January that the County Executive had the legal authority to proceed forward with his intentions.

"That was a community I represent, and my community said, 'Councilmember Berliner, what can you do about this?' I said, 'I can't do anything about it. The County Executive has that authority,'" Berliner said at Council headquarters Monday, March 19.

"At the end of the day, I looked at myself in the mirror and I wasn't happy with that conversation," he said.

**BERLINER AND FIVE** other councilmembers introduced emergency legislation last week that would require the Council to approve any sale or lease of County property be

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## Brickyard Educational Farm Volunteer Day



**Nick Maravell**, long-time renter of the farm on Brickyard Road, talks with his daughter **Sophia Maravell** who recently returned to the farm after college where she studied agriculture.



**Dea Keen**, farm manager of the Brickyard Educational section of the organic farm, holds up a sprig of broccoli raab that she picked on the educational portion of the organic farm.

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**Elizabeth Levien**, a volunteer and a teacher at Blair High School in Silver Spring, takes notes during the tour.

BY KEN MOORE  
THE ALMANAC

Also, the judge disallows the Board's motion to quash subpoenas for seven school board members to be witnesses at trial.

**Nov. 3, 2011:** Montgomery County Board of Education files its motion to have case dismissed.

**July 22, 2011:** Nick's Organic Farm files lawsuit against Montgomery County Board of Education, alleging that school board violated the Open Meetings Act. The suit sought to void the lease from the Board of Education to the County for the land.

**June 9, 2011:** Meeting on Brickyard Road Soccer Fields Request for Proposal at Potomac Community Center Social Hall. More than 300 attend the meeting.

**April 19, 2011:** The lease between the County and the Board of Education signed. See March 8, 2011.

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## Brickyard Timeline

**March 20, 2012:** Public hearing scheduled (after Almanac press deadline) on Emergency Bill 11-12 that would require the Council to approve any sale or lease of county property before it becomes final. The County's Attorney says that is a function of the County Executive, and that the bill violates the County Charter.

**March 13, 2012:** Council President Roger Berliner and five other councilmembers introduce emergency Bill 11-12 that would require the Council to approve any sale or lease of county property before it becomes final.

**March 8, 2012:** The Brickyard Coalition, with more than 400 members and civic organizations, filed legal notice with the Montgomery State Treasurer of a possible \$40 million monetary claim against the Montgomery County Board of Education for leasing the Brickyard Road property to the county. The notice is required if citizens want to sue and seek monetary damages from the school board or any officials.

**March 1, 2012:** Proposal submission date for request for proposals, with selection of a developer possibly by summer 2012.

**Jan. 10, 2012:** County issues its request for qualifications and development proposals for the development, construction and maintenance and operation of soccer fields at Brickyard Road.

**Dec. 15, 2011:** Nick's Organic Farm lawsuit against Montgomery County Board of Education scheduled in Montgomery County Circuit Court; cancelled because of settlement the previous day.

**Dec. 14, 2011:** Settlement reached between Montgomery County and Nick Maravell. Maravell drops his lawsuit and his license to operate the farm on Brickyard Road is extended until at least Aug. 15, 2012.

**Dec. 8, 2011:** Montgomery County Circuit Court Judge Richard E. Jordan denies Board of Education's motion for summary judgment, which would have allowed the Board to avoid trial.

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# Learning To Become Authors

## Holy Child students learn ins and outs of writing.

BY SUSAN BELFORD  
THE ALMANAC

**H**oly Child eighth grade students Caroline Holmes and Emily Travis aspire to become authors. Both started writing short stories and novels when they were much younger — and one day hope to become published. Holmes and Travis, along with their 60 Holy Child middle school classmates, had the opportunity to welcome young adult fiction writers Rachel Hawkins and Ally Carter to the Holy Child campus on Tuesday, March 13.

“Before meeting these authors, I had no idea how many drafts it took to write the perfect book,” said Caroline Holmes. “I want to be a writer, so I really enjoyed hearing what Rachel Hawkins and Ally Carter had to say.”

Emily Travis was thrilled to meet real published authors. “I was fascinated to learn that it takes them a long time to write a book. I have lots of story ideas, but it's very frustrating trying to finish a long story. These writers were very inspiring.”

“Author Author” was arranged by Holy Child librarian Sarah Stonesifer and held on campus in the McShain Library. Hawkins and Carter discussed their career paths, how they come up with ideas for their novel series, how they develop plot and characters — and then led a question-and-answer dialogue with the students.

Carter is the author of the Gallagher Girls series which feature Cammie Morgan who attends an all-girls boarding school for “especially gifted students” — talented students who are training to be spies. The first novel of the series was “Heist Society” (2009), followed by “Uncommon Criminals” (2011). The fifth book of the series, “Out of Sight, Out of Time” was released on March 13, the same day as the presentation at Holy Child.

Hawkins is the author of the Hex Hall series — the story of teen witch Sophia Mercer who is sent to a reform school for super-natural characters. “Spell Bound” and “Hex Hall” are two of her books. “It takes me about nine months to complete a book,” said Hawkins. “I get my ideas from everywhere. When I was little, I used to make up incredible stories with a multi-plot line when I played with my Barbie Dolls. I wrote my first book at age 5 about a unicorn. I was an English teacher and noticed that my students were



**Holy Child 8th grade students Emily Travis and Caroline Holmes.**

reading some incredible books — and I decided I needed to write one.”

Born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Carter said she was leading a “practical life as an agricultural economist.” However, one day she decided to stop thinking about becoming a writer — and actually do it. Carter said, “I kept sending story ideas to my agent who kept telling me to forget it. Then one day, she suggested that I should write teen stories — because I was so immature. I developed some story ideas and finally she thought one was possible. I wrote the book — and quit my day job. I am so glad I am able to follow my dream and do what I want to do. It's wonderful to work all day on my books — and never change out of my PJ's.”

The students queried the novelists on such topics as: “How do you know at which point to start the story?” “How is the cover created?” “Do you have a favorite of all your novels?” “How old were you when you knew you wanted to be a writer?”

The authors advised the young women that if they want to be writers, they need original ideas, they should read a lot to understand what is going on in the world and they should never judge their first efforts against completed books.

“It's your first draft being judged against someone else's final draft.” Carter said, “It's like turning on a hose that has been sitting there for six months. You've got to let the water run for awhile before you get clean water. At first, it is murky, tainted and pretty nasty. Your first drafts are the dirty part that first comes out of the hose. After you write and re-write and continue to revise, your story will become fresh, sparkling and pure. You are never really finished re-writing — until you know that you have done your best and that's all you can do.”



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**Students from The Heights School Men's Chorus, Symphonic Band, and Wind Ensemble perform during a Christmas concert. Dr. Kevin Strogher, the school's Head of Music says musical activities build social skills and encourage analytical thinking.**

## Does Music Make Children Smarter?

**During Music In Our Schools Month, musicians raise awareness of music's impact on students.**

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE ALMANAC

**C**an playing the piano strengthen a child's reading and math skills? Can joining a school band be a catalyst for building self-confidence? Does one develop strong analytical abilities by taking violin lessons? Some music experts say yes.

"Every minute that you're engaged in music, you're applying more than one concept or one knowledge," said Dr. Kevin Strogher, Head of Music at The Heights School in Potomac. "Music develops analytical thinking because it requires students to be creative. They don't just regurgitate memorized facts. They have to apply those facts."

March is Music in Our Schools Month and some music aficionados are trying to raise awareness about impact of music education on the lives of students. The National Association of Music Education in Reston cites a strong body of evidence which shows that participation in musical activities can enhance a student's education. "For today's students to succeed tomorrow, they need a comprehensive education that includes music taught by exemplary music educators," said Elizabeth Lasko, assistant executive director, NAME. "Music In Our Schools Month gives music teachers the

chance to ... let everyone know how learning music benefits kids, and how it contributes to their growth and development both as students and as future adult citizens."

Instructors say playing music can boost brain power. "Music helps build and develop cognitive skills because you have to do three or four things at the same time to perform music," said Holly Vesilind, music instructor at Westgate Elementary School in Falls Church, Va. and a private flute instructor in Fairfax, Va. "It builds math skills because it involves counting and fractions."

Experts say music activities can affect social development. "Music ensembles work much like team sports, students learn the necessity of teamwork and collaboration," said Dr. James Criswell, director of the Middle School advanced band and Upper School wind ensemble and orchestra at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School in Alexandria, Va.

Strogher dispels the notion that the discipline attracts social misfits. "It is not just the choir geeks or the band nerds," he said. "When [The Heights Men's Chorus] was performing in Austria recently, we had the [school's] best lacrosse player with us, we had baseball players, basketball players. In fact, most of our top athletes are also in the music program. It is actually a cool thing to be in music."

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fore it becomes final.

“The purpose of this requirement is to avoid a situation where [a County] Executive gains approval to dispose of a property and then modifies the term in a way that ... might not be in the County’s best interest,” according to Michael Faden, the Council’s senior legislative attorney.

The proposal was filed the week of the one-year anniversary of the Board of Education’s vote on March 8, 2011 to lease the 20-acre property to Montgomery County.

County Executive Ike Leggett wants to rent the land to Montgomery Soccer Incorporated or another soccer club to construct soccer fields on the property that has been leased to Nick Maravell to operate an organic farm there the last 30 years.

The County Executive has that authority and function, says the County Attorney, Marc P. Hansen.

“The negotiation and execution of agreements and legal instruments disposing of County-owned interests in real property is an executive function. The County Charter vests executive functions in the County Executive,” according to Hansen.

## Brickyard Timeline

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**April 4, 2011:** More than 200 people attend first public meeting on what the county calls “Brickyard soccer project.”

**April 1, 2011:** Montgomery Countryside Alliance and other groups propose that the organic farm serve as an anchor for agricultural education as a part of a Food and Agricultural Policy Council in Montgomery County.

**March 8, 2011:** The Montgomery County Board of Education voted 5-2 to lease the 20-acre field for 10 years to the County to convert it into soccer fields. David Dice, head of general services for the county, says the site could hold four soccer fields and that parking would likely be the constraining factor. Planners say they often require 70 spaces for one soccer field.

**March 3, 2011:** First public announcement of proposal for soccer fields on future Brickyard Road Middle School site. Montgomery County Board of Education released documents showing it would vote to lease the Brickyard Road Middle School site to the county to contract with a private athletic organization to construct and operate private soccer fields.

**Feb. 18, 2011:** County Executive staff emails dated Feb. 18, 2011, obtained by the Brickyard Road Coalition via the Freedom of Information Act, reveal the County Executive had been planning for years to deliver the 20 acres for soccer field development. “This is a huge priority for the Executive. I know your staff is stretched very thin but I need to ask that you help push this particular issue forward so it can be before the School Board on the 8<sup>th</sup>,” according to County Executive staff emails.

The School Board voiced reservations. One email between county officials said that the School Board would be unlikely to sign a lease “until there has been some kind of public notice process of our intent to do this project. They’re concerned about public reaction and don’t want to be caught in the middle.”

Eleven days later: “They really do have a concern that we haven’t notified the community yet. I think they believe the outcry will be so overwhelming that we won’t proceed.”

**Oct. 19, 2010:** MSI Executive Committee Minutes, “Field Development Report — Future public-private partnerships to develop new soccer fields in the county were discussed. The county still has not released the RFP for field development

**THE EXPEDITED BILL** would modify the procedures for disposition of county property and would require the Council to approve disposition of certain properties.

“Specifically, Bill 11-12 would modify County Code by: tightening up the current property disposition process (which includes an opportunity for Council comments but not approval) so as to preclude the broad exemptions found in current County regulations,” according to documents filed with the bill.

Currently, Council legal staff and the County Attorney disagree over the Council’s ability to approve terms of land disposition, according to council documents.

According to the County Attorney, the expedited bill violates the County Charter by “authorizing the County Council to unilaterally veto a disposition of property.”

A public hearing was held Tuesday, March 20, after the Almanac’s press deadline.

**THERE IS ROOM** for negotiation, according to both sides.

“Although we conclude that Bill 11-12 violates the separation of powers mandated by the County Charter, we do not mean to imply that the Council is without the au-

thority to exert control over how the Executive effects a disposition of County-owned property,” according to the County Attorney.

Monday, Berliner said both parties should enter a partnership where neither has unilateral decision-making authority.

“When we talk about a county asset, it seems as if the Council has a role to play,” he said.

In its memorandum, the County Attorney suggested ways the Council could share in legal power.

“The Council could enact legislation to require the Executive to provide the Council with an opportunity to comment on the

at GXS, Brickyard, Potomac, Cabin John and Wheaton Regional Park. As soon as the RFPs are released, MSI will prepare and submit a bid where appropriate.”

**October 2010:** U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack appoints Nick Maravell to a five-year term as one of four farmers on the 15-member National Organic Standard Board, which recommends standards for the definition of “certified organic.”

**Thursday, Sept. 30, 2010, 5:02 p.m.:** David E. Dise, director of County’s General Services, e-mails Kassahun Seyoum, capital projects manager of county’s division of building design and construction. “I met with Roger Berliner this afternoon who asked that we postpone the Brickyard Road component until he has time to prep residents. I’ll have to run that past the County Executive to see if he wants to delay. Berliner did recommend we have some realistic handle on traffic flow in and out of Brickyard before meeting with the community.”

**June 15, 2010:** MSI Executive Committee Minutes — “Field Development Report — We anticipate the county will release an RFP for field development at GXS and possibly Brickyard later this summer/fall. In addition, we are looking at field development opportunities at Cabin John and Wheaton Regional Park.”

**April 13, 2010:** MSI Executive Committee Minutes — “The Field development Task Force is prepared to develop and submit a bid for soccer field development at GXS and Brick Yard [sic] when the RFPs are requested by the county.”

**Jan. 31, 2010:** MSI Board of Directors Meeting Minutes — Field Development Update — Lobbyist and consultant “Jerry Pasternak reports that of the nine possible sites under consideration only two have any realistic chance for development over the next 1-3 years. Cabin John may be achievable with a tentative availability for the fall 2011/spring 2012 seasons. No contracts or formal agreements have been signed, but MSI continues to work with various governmental agencies to create possible field development opportunities in the future.”

**Dec. 23, 2009:** Letter to County Executive Isiah Leggett from Patricia B. O’Neill, president of the Board of Education — “This is in response to your letter regarding a proposal for the County to lease the future Brickyard Road Middle School site in Potomac from the Board of



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**Roger Berliner faced angry residents at a January meeting in Potomac.**

Education for Recreational purposes.” Letter states that a meeting is scheduled between County Executive’s staff and MCPS staff.

**Nov. 10, 2009:** Leggett letter to Shirley Brandman, Board of Education — “I have been encouraged by the partnership formed between the County and MCPS staff in expanding and coordinating after school programs — especially for those most at risk. É “I believe one of our vacant school sites provides a unique opportunity for us to provide additional recreational opportunities for many of our youth without sacrificing the intent of preserving future school sites É I understand that the 20-acre Brickyard Road site is largely vacant and underutilized. “I would ask that MCPS lease this property to the County so we may provide additional ball fields to the County’s youth teams.”

**August 25, 2009:** MSI Board of Directors Meeting Minutes — “Field Development. The Task Force is working closely with our professional consultant to develop solutions to the shortage of soccer fields in Montgomery County. We are currently working on a public-private partnership proposal with the county government and MCPS to develop viable soccer field development opportunities.”

**May 19, 2009:** MSI Executive Committee Minutes — “Field Development. A report on the Task Forces efforts to develop soccer fields. The following sites are being investigated: Sligo Creek Golf Course, Brickyard Road, Julius West, John Hopkins, and White Flint Mall.”

**March 23, 2009:** MSI Board of Directors Special Meeting Minutes — “The Task Force members have met with and hired TDL consultants and have identified three priority properties to focus on for future soccer fields. The priority areas to focus on are Laytonia, Sligo Creek and Brickyard. The task force is scheduling meetings with county council members, planning board members and other key officials in the county to develop a soccer field development partnership.”

**Feb. 23, 2009:** Lobbyist and consultant Jerry Pasternak registers with Montgomery County Ethics Commission to lobby on behalf of Montgomery Soccer Inc. for youth recreation and ball fields with compensation of \$30,000.

**Feb. 17, 2009:** MSI Executive Committee Minutes — “The Field Development and Legislative Task Force proposes allocating from our designated funds for field development, the initial sum of \$350,000 towards MSI’s field development

terms of any proposed property disposition, including the sale price,” according to Hansen. “The Council could require that the Executive must dispose of surplus property at fair market value. Finally, the Council could require the Executive to obtain Council approval before declaring County-owned property as surplus.”

**LOCAL RESIDENTS** learned about the Executive’s intent to lease the Brickyard Road farm to a soccer organization in March 2011, just a few days before the Board of Education voted to turn the land over to the county for soccer fields.

At January’s West Montgomery County Citizens Association meeting, Ginny Barnes asked for the process to be rewound, restarted and redone, with transparency this time around.

“The fact is there was no transparent process and all we have been asking all along is that we back up and rewind the tape and start over with a process that includes the community. The real issue is a transparent process that we were promised when Mr. Leggett ran for office.”

At the meeting at Potomac Presbyterian Church, Berliner told Barnes, “I couldn’t agree with you more.”

goals. ... We feel it is imperative to embark on a significant campaign utilizing lobbyists, land use attorneys, designers, and other professional consultants as may be required to facilitate the securing of land to be used for premium quality fields in a private public partnership with the local governments. It should be viewed that this significant expenditure is in place of land acquisition costs.”

**Spring, 2004:** Board of Education declines to surplus Brickyard or other school sites. Board member Pat O’Neill said she doubted the likelihood of the board being able to leverage any value from the Brickyard property. “I also happen to think that the people in Potomac will fight this tooth and nail, and we will not see any money for years,” she said, predicting a protracted court battle.

**February, 2004:** County Council identified undeveloped school sites, including parcels on Brickyard Road and Kendale Road in Potomac and one on Edson Lane in Rockville, as possible sites for affordable housing.

**October, 2003:** County Executive Doug Duncan sends a letter to MCPS Superintendent Jerry Weast asking that the board declare three parcels of land, originally planned for schools, as surplus. Two of these parcels — 20 acres on Brickyard Road and 10 acres on Kendale Road — are in Potomac.

**2002:** Potomac Master Plan Approved — Page 135 — “Surplus and future school sites offer potential for fulfilling some of the recreation needs of the Potomac Subregion. All schoolsites not otherwise recommended in the plan for environmental conservation should be considered for other public uses, including park use, if they are declared as surplus. “The Brickyard Junior High School, Kendall Elementary School and Churchill Elementary School could be developed as local parks with ballfields or other recreational uses. (Recreational uses should be evaluated along with other public uses identified elsewhere in this plan to determine the priority use for each available site.) Any site acquired for parkland should be evaluated to determine whether it is appropriate for recreational opportunities (e.g. trails, ballfields, etc.)

**March 23, 1980:** Maravell first leases land on Brickyard Road from the Montgomery County Board of Education, and begins to farm it organically. He has farmed the site continuously since then.

# BULLETIN BOARD

## ONGOING

**The City of Rockville** invites creators of original crafts to participate in the Market Place Craft Festival during Hometown Holidays, May 26 through 27. More than 60,000 people attend Hometown Holidays each year. The Market Place Craft Festival jury will select artists to fill approximately 70 available booths for this event. The application deadline is Friday, April 6. All original crafts are eligible, including, but not limited to glass, fiber and fabric, pottery, and jewelry. Applications are available to download at [www.rockvillemd.gov/events/hth](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/events/hth). Accepted applicants will be notified Friday,

April 13. Crafters may apply for a 10' by 10' booth or a 10' by 20' booth. Booth fees are \$300 and \$500 respectively; electricity in the booth requires an additional fee of \$50. Contact Caitlin Conville at [cconville@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:cconville@rockvillemd.gov) or 240-314-8604.

**Montgomery County** will open five Early Voting Centers from March 24 - 29, from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. (Sunday hours noon - 6 p.m.) Voters are able to vote on the same voting equipment used on Election Day, but at a time that is more convenient. Early Voting Centers are located at:

❖ Bauer Drive Community Recreation Center, 14625 Bauer Drive, Rockville;

❖ Germantown Recreation Center, 18905 Kingsview Road, Germantown;

❖ Marilyn J. Praisner Community Recreation Center, 14906 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville;

❖ Montgomery County Executive Office Building, 101 Monroe Street, Rockville;

❖ Silver Spring Civic Building, One Veteran's Plaza, Silver Spring.

Voters are encouraged to visit [www.777vote.org](http://www.777vote.org) - to view information on the Early Voting Centers. During Early Voting hours, the website will display a scroll bar which will provide wait times of each of the five Centers, updated hourly. Call 240-777-VOTE (8683).

**Montgomery County's Board of Elections** is seeking individuals to serve as election judges at polling places for the Presidential Elections to be held on April 3, and Nov. 6, 2012.

To apply, or for more information, visit [www.777vote.org](http://www.777vote.org) and select the Election Judge Program link.

## THURSDAY/MARCH 29

**Kindergarten Info Session.** 9:30 a.m. At Potomac Elementary School. Do you have an incoming kindergartner for next Fall? Come meet the Potomac Elementary School Principal, teachers, and members of the PTA. There will be a short presentation about the school and its

extracurricular programs. Also a chance to meet other new kindergarten families. Call 301-469-1042.

## WEDNESDAY/APRIL 4

**Support Group — DBSA** 7:30 p.m. (Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance National Capital Area) Family Support Group. At the Parish Hall of St. Raphael's Church at 1513 Dunster Road (Falls Road and Dunster Road) in Rockville. The meeting is for the families and friends of people who have been diagnosed with depression or bipolar illness. Free. Call 301-299-4255 or 301-570-9065. Internet: [www.dbsanca-family.org](http://www.dbsanca-family.org)



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# ENTERTAINMENT

## SUNDAYS THROUGH APRIL Children's Handchime Choir.

11:15 a.m. Elementary-age children are invited to participate in a handchime choir at River Road Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Bethesda. Directed by master bell ringer Brent Keith, the group will meet Sundays at 11:15 a.m. at RRUUC in Room 25. (Teens interested in assisting are encouraged to inquire.) Participants will learn to play the chimes, perform as part of an ensemble, and participate in musical group activities. Contact Ann Richards at 301-229-0400, arichards@rruuc.org. The Unitarian Universalist Congregation is located at 6301 River Road, Bethesda. Visit [www.rruuc.org](http://www.rruuc.org).

**Zumba at Village Yoga.** Are you ready to party yourself into shape? That's exactly what the Zumba program is all about. It's an exhilarating, effective, easy-to-follow, Latin-inspired, calorie-burning dance fitness-party that's moving millions of people toward joy and health. Come join the fun at Village Yoga! Classes are held on Tuesday nights, 7:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m., and Saturday mornings 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Village Yoga, 10154 River Road, Potomac. Call 301-299-1948.

**Beginner's Yoga Classes at Village Yoga.** Village Yoga is adding a new Beginner's Yoga Class on Mondays, 8-9 p.m. Continues our Thursday, 7:30-8:45 p.m. Beginner's Gentle Flow class as well. For all new local students - \$10 for the entire first week. Must be used on your first visit to the studio. Special for all yogis this month - 4-pack of classes for \$48. Village Yoga, 10154 River Road, Potomac. 301-299-1948. [www.villageyogayogi.com](http://www.villageyogayogi.com).

## WEDNESDAY/MARCH 21

**Design and Remodeling Seminar.** 6 to 8 p.m. "How to Fall in Love With Your Home Again." This seminar will include a complimentary supper with an opportunity to discuss one's own project with professional staff. This workshop will provide informal no-obligation discussions with Hopkins & Porter designers. Space is limited to 15 participants per session, so RSVPs are a must. Call Debbie at 301-840-9121, #27, to reserve a space or email her at [debbie@hopksinandporter.com](mailto:debbie@hopksinandporter.com). At the offices of Hopkins & Porter, 12944-C Travilah Road, #204, Potomac.

**Adult Book Club Book Discussion.** 1 p.m. Will be discussing "Beatrice and Virgil" by Yann Martel. No registration required. Meets at the Potomac Library. New members welcome.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 22

**BSO Classical Concert: Tchaikovsky's Fifth.** 8 p.m. Tickets are \$33 to \$93. With Marin Alsop, conductor; Colin Currie, percussion. At the Music Center at Strathmore. Call 410-783-8000 or [BSOmusic.org](http://BSOmusic.org).

**Preschool Storytime.** 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs and rhymes for 3-to-6 year olds and their caregivers. No registration required. At the Potomac Library.

**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. 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](mailto:info@CapitalBlues.org) or [www.CapitalBlues.org](http://www.CapitalBlues.org).

## MARCH 23 TO MARCH 25

**"Spotlight on Broadway."** The Musical Theater Center will present a "Spotlight on Broadway" Friday, March 23, at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, March 24, at 2 and 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, March 25, at 2 p.m. Tickets will go on sale,



## MARCH 30 TO 31

**Patti LaBelle.** Friday, March 30 and Saturday, March 31 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$35 to \$120. At the Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. Visit [www.strathmore.org](http://www.strathmore.org) or call 301-581-5100.

Tuesday, Feb 21. At the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre at the Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive, Rockville. For tickets, visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre) or by phone 240-314-8690.

## FRIDAY/MARCH 23

**Ethan Bortnick and His Musical Time Machine.** 8 p.m. Tickets: \$18-\$38 (Stars Price \$16.20-\$34.20). At the Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. Visit [www.strathmore.org](http://www.strathmore.org) or call 301-581-5100.

**Primitivity.** Doors at 8 p.m., concert at 8:30 p.m. With opener The New Media. Tickets are \$10/advance; \$12/door. Part of Friday Night Eclectic at the Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, Rockville. For further information or tickets, call (301) 581-5100 or visit [www.strathmore.org](http://www.strathmore.org).

## NOW THROUGH MARCH 24

**When Irish Eyes are Dying.** Treat yourself to dinner and an interactive murder mystery, with hilarious and unpredictable results. Friday and Saturday nights. Buffet begins at 6:30 p.m. with show following the buffet. Cost is \$49.99. At Blair Mansion Restaurant, 7711 Eastern Ave., Silver Spring. For reservations, call 301-588-1688. Visit [www.dodmystery.com](http://www.dodmystery.com).

## MARCH 24 TO 28

**Amazing Change-Over Days.** 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (except Sunday 12-4 p.m.) Everything half price except in the Specialty Shop. On Thursday, March 29, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., fill a bag of merchandise for \$3. On Friday, March 30, 9:30 a.m., the shop reopens with all new spring and summer merchandise. At Montgomery County Thrift Shop, 7125 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda. Call 301-654-0063 or visit [www.MoCoThrift.org](http://www.MoCoThrift.org).

## SATURDAY/MARCH 24

**English Language Conversation Club.** 3 p.m. Join in practicing and improving your spoken English with the help of volunteers leading discussions. 2 hours. Free. Drop-in. No registration required. At the Potomac Library.

**Puccini's "La Rondine."** 7 p.m. Presented by the American Center for Puccini Studies. The performance will be sung in Italian and printed translations will be available. At Rockville Christian Church, 301 Adclare Road, Rockville. Tickets are \$40 for priority Café Bullier seating; \$20/general admission. Reservations can be made by calling 301-602-4389.

Visit [PucciniAmerica.org](http://PucciniAmerica.org).

**Japan Fair.** 1 to 5 p.m. Free. Montgomery County Recreation and Sakura Educational Exchange USA will co-host a student-presented "Japan Fair." The event is presented by students from Yokohama Hayato High School in Yokohama, Japan, who will demonstrate and teach various Japanese arts, games and customs. At the Bauer Drive Community Center, 14625 Bauer Drive, Rockville.

**All Mozart.** 8 p.m. With conductor Victoria Gau. At the Music Center at Strathmore. A free pre-concert lecture by National Philharmonic Music Director & Conductor Piotr Gajewski will be offered at 6:45 p.m. in the Concert Hall at the Music Center at Strathmore. To purchase tickets to the All Mozart concert, visit [nationalphilharmonic.org](http://nationalphilharmonic.org) or call the Strathmore box office at (301) 581-5100. Tickets are \$28-\$81.

**Swing Dancing.** 9 p.m. til midnight. Admission is \$15. One-hour lesson from 8 to 9 p.m. With the Tom Cunningham Orchestra. At Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Visit [www.tomcunningham.com/calendar](http://www.tomcunningham.com/calendar).

**Zydeco Dance Party.** 9 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$18. With the Leroy Thomas and the Zydeco Roadrunners Band. Introductory Zydeco lesson at 8:30 p.m.; dancing from 9 p.m. to midnight. At the Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Call Michael Hart at 301-762-6730 or go to [www.DancingbytheBayou.com](http://www.DancingbytheBayou.com).

**Learning About Your New Dog.** Free workshop. 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. For anyone who has recently adopted a dog or who is considering adoption. Please leave your dog at home. At Your Dog's Friend Training Facility in Rockville. See [www.yourdogsfriend.info](http://www.yourdogsfriend.info). Email [register@yourdogsfriend.info](mailto:register@yourdogsfriend.info) or call 301-983-5913. Next workshop dates: April 21 and May 19.

## SUNDAY/MARCH 25

**Renewable Energy & Green Services/Products Expo.** 10:15 a.m. and 12:15 p.m., River Road Unitarian Universalist Congregation (RRUUC) will hold a Renewable Energy & Green Services/Products Expo featuring representatives from Green Savings Co-op, Clean Currents, and Solar City. Susan Marinelli of Montgomery County will discuss the county's website guide to living green, MyGreenMontgomery. Pepco will provide information on its smart meter program. A nourishing soup will be served for \$2. At River Road Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 6301 River Road, Bethesda. Visit [www.rruuc.org](http://www.rruuc.org), or call 301-229-0400.

**Songs of Chivalry and Love.** 3 p.m. Music from the French court of the 16th and 17th centuries with mezzo-soprano Barbara Hollinshead and lutenist Howard Bass. Suggested donation: \$15, \$10 seniors/students. At Bradley Hills Presbyterian, 6601 Bradley Blvd, Bethesda. Call 301-365-2850.

**Shrimp and Oyster Feast.** 1 to 5 p.m. The Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad Alumni Association will hold a shrimp and oyster feast fundraiser in the Anastasi Room at the Rescue Squad. Tickets cost \$40 per person for all-you-can-eat steamed shrimp, fresh shucked and fried oysters, potato salad, apple sauce, sliced ham, baked beans, rolls, beer, and soft drinks. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Call 301-977-6634. At 5020 Battery Lane (at Old Georgetown Road), Bethesda. Visit [www.bccrs.org](http://www.bccrs.org)

## TUESDAY/MARCH 27

**Holocaust Commemoration Ceremony.** 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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[WWW.CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM](http://WWW.CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM)

# ENTERTAINMENT

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Features a panel discussion with Professor Kenneth Jassie and Montgomery County Holocaust survivors Emanuel Mandel and Edith Lowy. At the Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center, Rockville Campus, 51 Mannakee St., Rockville. RSVP is recommended, but not required. RSVP to 240-567-7417 or e-mail [ruthann.willbraham@montgomerycollege.edu](mailto:ruthann.willbraham@montgomerycollege.edu).

## WEDNESDAY/MARCH 28

**Fashion Show.** 6 to 8 p.m. View the Gerard Darel Spring/Summer collection at Bloomingdale's. Enjoy a fabulous fashion presentation, refreshments, and raffle for a chance to win a designer handbag. 10 percent of Gerard Darel sales go to Montgomery County Partners for Animal Well-Being (mcpaw) [www.mcpaw.org](http://www.mcpaw.org). To be held at Bloomingdale's, 2nd Floor, 6300 Western Ave., Chevy Chase. Reservations at [mcpawsvp@gmail.com](mailto:mcpawsvp@gmail.com).

## Red Star Red Army Chorus. 8

p.m. A company of 70 singers, dancers and musicians will transport audiences back to old Russia. Tickets are \$25 to \$65. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 301-581-5100 or visit [www.strathmore.org](http://www.strathmore.org). At the Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda.

## Musician Nate Foley. 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$12. At the Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. Call 301-581-5100 or visit [www.strathmore.org](http://www.strathmore.org).

## THURSDAY/MARCH 29

**Slow Blues and Swing Dance.** 9 to 11:30 p.m. Admission is \$8. With DJ Mike Marcotte and Guests. Slow Blues



## TUESDAY/MARCH 27

**Roots/Americana Artist Greg Trooper.** 8 p.m. Tickets are \$18/door; \$15/advance. At the Unitarian Universalist Church of Rockville. Visit [www.focusmusic.org](http://www.focusmusic.org). Contact David Spitzer at [focusrockville@earthlink.net](mailto:focusrockville@earthlink.net) or 301-275-7459.

lesson from 8:15 to 9 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](mailto:info@CapitalBlues.org) or [www.CapitalBlues.org](http://www.CapitalBlues.org).

## FRIDAY/MARCH 30

**Elikeh.** Doors at 8 p.m., concert at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$10/advance; \$12/door. Part of Friday Night Eclectic at the Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, Rockville. Call 301-581-5100 or visit [www.strathmore.org](http://www.strathmore.org).

## SATURDAY/MARCH 31

**One Piano, Four Hands Concert.** 8 p.m. Free-will donation. With Michael Adcock and Jose Ramos-Santana. At Westmoreland Congregational Church, One Westmoreland Circle, Bethesda. Presented by the Washington Conservatory of Music. Visit [www.washingtonconservatory.org](http://www.washingtonconservatory.org).

## SUNDAY/APRIL 1

**"Defending 'Terrorists.'" 10:25 a.m.** Kenneth P. Troccoli will discuss "Defending 'Terrorists'" at River Road Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Bethesda. Troccoli is an Assistant Federal Public Defender in the Eastern District of Virginia. His office represents indigent defendants charged with criminal offenses in federal court in Alexandria. At River Road Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 6301 River Road, Bethesda. Call 301-229-0400; [www.rruuc.org](http://www.rruuc.org)

**Waltz Dance.** 3:30 to 6 p.m. Admission is \$10. With the band, Destino da Rosa. Introductory waltz workshop from 2:45 to 3:30 p.m.; dancing from 3:30 to 6 p.m. Call Joan Koury at 202-238-0230 or Glen Echo Park at 301-634-2222, go to [www.WaltzTimeDances.org](http://www.WaltzTimeDances.org) or e-mail [info@WaltzTimeDances.org](mailto:info@WaltzTimeDances.org). At the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo.

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## FINE ARTS

## MARCH 24 - 25

**Command-Shift-3.** Artwork by Glen Kessler. Will present his latest body of artworks at The Yellow Barn Gallery in Glen Echo Park. The Gallery is open to the public from 12 - 5 p.m. daily. An Artist's Reception, also open to the public, is scheduled for Saturday, March 24 from 5 - 9 p.m. Visit [www.GlenKessler.com](http://www.GlenKessler.com) or contact Glen Kessler at [GlenKessler@hotmail.com](mailto:GlenKessler@hotmail.com) or 973-634-0526.

## NOW THROUGH APRIL 9

**Forces of Nature.** Photoworks Gallery at Glen Echo Park presents Forces of Nature, an exhibition of black and white photography. The show's images record the visual beauty of the forces of nature on the natural and man-made worlds. Saturdays, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.; Sundays & Mondays, 1 p.m. - 8 p.m. Artist Talk, March 24, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. Visit [www.glenechophotoworks.org](http://www.glenechophotoworks.org) or email [gaylesue@me.com](mailto:gaylesue@me.com).

## NOW THROUGH MARCH 30

**Artist Cam Ha Nguyen.** Her paintings feature the play of light and shadow on flowers, gourds, and plants in gardens, conservatories, living rooms, backyards, and parks. Hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. At River Road Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 6301 River Road, Bethesda. Visit [www.rruuc.org](http://www.rruuc.org) or call 301-229-0400.

## NOW THROUGH MARCH 31

**Artists-In-Residence.** Featuring Vian Shamounki Borchert, Perry Fowler, Gregory Lambert, Daniel Wise and Deborah Jaffe. The five artists will be painting, creating artwork and giving demonstrations during the month of March. At the Yellow Barn Studio Tower, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Visit: [www.yellowbarnstudio.com](http://www.yellowbarnstudio.com).



## NOW THROUGH APRIL 7

**Excavations and Negotiations in Clay.** Ceramic vessels by Michael Poness and New Work by Gallery Artists. An artist's talk will be held Saturday, March 17 from 4 to 6 p.m. At Waverly Street Gallery, 4600 East-West Highway, Bethesda. Call 301-951-9441. Visit [www.waverlystreetgallery.com](http://www.waverlystreetgallery.com)

## NOW THROUGH APRIL 1

**Emerging Glass Artists.** Works by artists Bryan Avila, Ana B. Chepelinsky, Sarah Gilliam-Kincaid, Margaret Halpin, Katherine Siena Hubley and Karen Lerohl Wilson. At the Art Glass Center at Glen Echo, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Reception is March 17 from 4 to 6 p.m. Call 301-634-2273 or visit [www.artglasscenteratglenecho.org](http://www.artglasscenteratglenecho.org)

## NOW THROUGH APRIL 1

**Artist's Journey.** Art Glass Center at Glen Echo Park presents Artist's Journey, an exhibition including pieces brought to life from the sketchbooks of

six talented glass students. Open Fridays, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., and Sundays, 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. Artist talk and reception, March 17, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Call 301-634-2273 or visit [www.artglasscenteratglenecho.org](http://www.artglasscenteratglenecho.org).

## MARCH 31 TO APRIL 1

**Paintings by Kathy Byrnes.** The Yellow Barn Studio, Glen Echo Park's resident painting and drawing studio, presents works by Kathy Byrnes in the Yellow Barn Gallery. Saturdays and Sundays, 12 p.m. - 5 p.m. Call 301-371-5593 or visit [www.yellowbarnstudio.com](http://www.yellowbarnstudio.com).

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# News



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## Learning about Organic Farming

The Friends of Travilah Oak hosted “Principles of Organic Farming” on Saturday, March 17 at the Travilah Oak Market, led by local organic farmers Mark Israel of Query Mill Hill Farm and Shawn Eubank, co-founder of Rocklands Farm.

## HOME SALES

In February 2012, 22 Potomac homes sold between \$1,950,000-\$380,000.

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11701 CENTURION WAY .....	7	..	8	.	3	.....	POTOMAC	.....	\$1,950,000	.....	Detached	.....	2.00	.....	20854	.....	PALATINE
9721 THE CORRAL DR .....	4	..	5	.	1	.....	POTOMAC	.....	\$1,950,000	.....	Detached	.....	2.08	.....	20854	.....	POTOMAC MANOR
12529 SYCAMORE VIEW DR .....	6	..	6	.	2	.....	POTOMAC	.....	\$1,675,000	.....	Detached	.....	2.00	.....	20854	.....	STONEY CREEK FARM
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9730 CLAGETT FARM DR .....	6	..	5	.	0	.....	POTOMAC	.....	\$1,105,000	.....	Detached	.....	0.24	.....	20854	.....	CLAGETT FARM
11904 TALLWOOD CT .....	4	..	4	.	1	.....	POTOMAC	.....	\$1,030,000	.....	Detached	.....	0.37	.....	20854	.....	GLEN OAKS
9920 KENTSDALE DR .....	4	..	3	.	1	.....	POTOMAC	.....	\$995,000	.....	Detached	.....	0.46	.....	20854	.....	FALCONHURST
10408 WINDSOR VIEW DR .....	5	..	2	.	3	.....	POTOMAC	.....	\$799,000	.....	Detached	.....	0.37	.....	20854	.....	WINDSOR HILLS
12404 GOLDFINCH CT .....	4	..	3	.	1	.....	POTOMAC	.....	\$790,000	.....	Detached	.....	0.29	.....	20854	.....	COPENHAVER
8445 BELLS RIDGE TER .....	3	..	3	.	1	.....	POTOMAC	.....	\$725,000	.....	Townhouse	.....	0.06	.....	20854	.....	POTOMAC REGENCY
11250 GLEN RD .....	3	..	1	.	1	.....	POTOMAC	.....	\$650,000	.....	Detached	.....	2.01	.....	20854	.....	POTOMAC OUTSIDE
7851 ORACLE PL .....	3	..	2	.	2	.....	ROCKVILLE	.....	\$650,000	.....	Townhouse	.....	0.05	.....	20854	.....	BELLS MILL SPRINGS
8400 AQUEDUCT RD .....	4	..	2	.	1	.....	POTOMAC	.....	\$620,000	.....	Detached	.....	0.21	.....	20854	.....	MONTGOMERY SQUARE
10945 WHITERIM DR .....	3	..	3	.	1	.....	POTOMAC	.....	\$620,000	.....	Townhouse	.....	0.04	.....	20854	.....	FAWSETT FARMS MANOR
11709 CASTLEWOOD CT .....	5	..	3	.	1	.....	POTOMAC	.....	\$590,000	.....	Detached	.....	0.21	.....	20854	.....	REGENCY ESTATES
8714 LIBERTY LN .....	4	..	2	.	1	.....	POTOMAC	.....	\$582,000	.....	Detached	.....	0.22	.....	20854	.....	HIGHLAND STONE
8825 TUCKERMAN LN .....	4	..	2	.	1	.....	POTOMAC	.....	\$560,000	.....	Detached	.....	0.26	.....	20854	.....	HIGHLAND STONE
8500 VICTORY LN .....	4	..	2	.	0	.....	POTOMAC	.....	\$560,000	.....	Detached	.....	0.24	.....	20854	.....	HIGHLAND STONE
7861 HEATHERTON LN .....	3	..	2	.	2	.....	POTOMAC	.....	\$519,000	.....	Townhouse	.....	0.05	.....	20854	.....	INVERNESS KNOLLS
7836 HEATHERTON LN .....	3	..	3	.	1	.....	POTOMAC	.....	\$500,000	.....	Townhouse	.....	0.05	.....	20854	.....	INVERNESS KNOLLS
11207 GAINSBOROUGH RD .....	3	..	2	.	0	.....	POTOMAC	.....	\$499,000	.....	Detached	.....	0.22	.....	20854	.....	REGENCY ESTATES
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## BUSINESS NOTES

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**Managed Care Advisors Inc. (MCA)**, a woman-owned small business specializing in workers’ compensation case management services, employee benefits and disability management consulting, announced the appointment of Kevin McGovern as director of business development. This appointment strengthens MCA’s sales efforts and enhances the reach of the company’s range of products and services in the design, implementation and management of employee health, welfare and workers’ compensation programs.

**Goldberg’s Bagels** has opened at Cabin John Shopping Center in Potomac. Goldberg’s Bagels will have breakfast and lunch selections; specialty baked goods and spreads, as well as low-fat and vegetarian options. Hours of operation will be 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday – Thursday, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, and closed for business on Saturdays. Cabin John Shopping Center is located

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New loan officers have been named for Mortgage Lender Embrace Home Loans’ Rockville and Frederick offices. ♦ **Scott Jacobs of Potomac** brings nearly 25 years of experience in the mortgage industry to his position with Embrace. He has worked in both retail and wholesale mortgage lending, originating over \$400 million in loan volume and receiving numerous awards.

♦ **Chad Freeman of Potomac** has spent almost a decade in the mortgage field. Prior to joining Embrace, he worked for Wells Fargo as a home mortgage consultant and earned top producer honors for three consecutive years.

**Matthew D. Alegi** was promoted to shareholder at the law firm of Shulman, Rogers, Gandal, Pordy & Ecker, P.A. Alegi is chair of the firm’s Residential Real Estate Practice Group and his experience spans a wide range of real estate and finance related areas. He facilitates residential real estate settlements, advises local banks and assists companies and individuals involved in complex commercial transactions and title insurance disputes.

**Linda A. Dawkins**, with over 25 years of banking experience, has joined OBA Bank as vice president and senior relationship manager for Montgomery County. She is responsible for the business development efforts of the Montgomery County branches, partnering with small-to-medium sized businesses and professionals, offering solutions to their day-to-day banking needs.

**The Potomac law firm of Shulman, Rogers, Gandal, Pordy & Ecker** announces the promotion of associates Geoffrey S. Platnick, Alexander C. Vincent, Kristin E. Draper and John D. Sadler to shareholders, effective January 1, 2012.

**Potomac resident Jeremy Rabinovitz** and Alexander Hecht of ML Strategies, an affiliate of Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C., will be honored by the Small Business Technology Council for their work to reauthorize the Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer programs. These small business job creation programs have been reauthorized for six years as part of the National Defense Authorization Act, which President Obama recently signed into law.

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11409 Falls.....\$1,699,000.....Sat 1-4.....Norman Domingo .....Xrealty.NET..888-838-9044  
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9220 Scott Dr.....\$1,250,000.....Sun 1-4.....Seth Shapero.....Long & Foster..301-251-3040  
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Churchill head coach James Collins called junior shortstop Katie Jenkins “one of the top players in the county.”



Churchill second baseman Kinsey Linton is the lone freshman on the varsity roster.



Churchill senior Sarah Adams makes the move from second base to catcher this season.

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## Churchill Softball Enters Season with Revamped Confidence

Last year's winning record was Bulldogs' first since 2000.

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE ALMANAC

Churchill head softball coach James Collins stood near the third base dugout during a recent practice and answered questions about the Bulldogs' 2012 season outlook. When asked about last year's winning record and how long it had been since the program accomplished such a feat, Collins turned to assistant Mike Northridge for verification.

“Mike,” said Collins, getting the attention of Northridge, who was hitting balls to Churchill position players. “Last year was the first winning season since '04?”

“Since 2000,” Northridge replied, adding four years of feel good to the achievement.

After clarification, more than one Bulldog player responded with “Woool!” while another pointed out the team had snapped a drought of “10 years.”

The Bulldogs enter the 2012 season with a revamped confidence stemming from a year of winning softball. The Bulldogs produced a 9-7 regular-season record in 2011 before falling to Walter Johnson in the open-

ing round of the 4A West Region playoffs. Junior shortstop Katie Jenkins said earning the program's first better-than-.500 season since 2000 changes the team's mentality.

“[Our outlook is] we're really not that bad,” she said. “We're actually good and we can have a winning season and it should be normal. It boosts our confidence.”

Jenkins transferred from Holy Cross prior to her sophomore season. She's one of the better athletes on the team and her softball IQ helps with her leadership ability.

“She's just one of the top players in county and therefore she's a great asset to have for me,” Collins said. “If I'm having trouble explaining something to a girl exactly how I want it done, Katie can model it. ... She's just a good leader. She leads by example: this is how you do it, this is how it should be done, this is the right way to do it. She'll even come to me in practice with something I might not see if I'm working with a couple girls. She'll be like,

‘You might want to take her aside because she's palming the ball’ or something — little things that she picks up on being out in the field that others don't.”

Adams played second base last year but volunteered to move to catcher for her senior season.

“She's really good,” Collins said. “I'm talking all-county good.”

Adams, who will bat lead-off, said transitioning to catcher has been a new challenge.

“It's definitely really different,” she said. “I don't want to say you control the game, but you

always have to be on your toes. There's never a play that you're not in.”

While Jenkins and Adams are two key players with varsity experience, Churchill will also receive an influx of young talent from last year's JV team, which finished 12-2. The Churchill roster is composed of two seniors, two juniors, seven sophomores and one freshman.

“It's a group that's used to winning, that

knows how to work hard and what it takes to win,” Collins said of last year's JV players now on varsity, “and they're willing to do it.”

In the pitching circle will be sophomore Nora Cleary. What Cleary lacks in velocity she makes up for in accuracy, which is fine by Collins.

“She's not going to blow it by anybody yet, but she's got two more years to get that,” Collins said. “Right now, I'm happy with accuracy — accuracy over velocity.”

Sophomore Rachel Casper will start at third base, freshman Kinsey Linton will be the second baseman and senior Liz Berriman will start the season at first base until sophomore Dana Harris returns from injury. When Harris comes back, Berriman will likely share time with Casper at third.

Sophomore Alexis Tannenbaum will start in left field, sophomore Alex Votaw will start in center field and junior Sara Gallagher will be in right field.

Churchill will open the season at Northwest at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 21.

“[Last season's winning record] changes the expectations,” Collins said. “We want to go from being a bottom-of-the-pack team to a middle-to-top-of-the-pack team and then keep building on that until we get to be a top-of-the-pack team. We want to be able to compete with the powerhouses in the county, and the way that we do that is we have girls ... working to get better year-round.”

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— Churchill softball coach James Collins

## SPORTS



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**Potomac Pride:** First row (from left) are Jacob Goldberg, Adam Birnbaum, Christopher Yazdani, Josh Robinson, Dylan Hsu and Jonnie Goldberg. Back row: Shawn Berdia, Ziad Bandak, Vinay Durbhakula and Coach Walter Hsu.

### SPORTS BRIEFS

## Bullis Names Hairston As Girls' Basketball Coach

Bullis School named Rod Hairston as head girls' basketball coach, replacing Kira Orr, who stepped down to focus on her academic and administrative duties as dean of Bullis Middle School, according to a press release.

"Kira had tremendous success with the basketball program, as evidenced by this season's tremendous 20-7 record," said Dr. Gerald L. Boarman, head of school. "She leaves big shoes to fill in the athletic program, but we are confident that Rod's success demonstrates that he is up for the charge."

Hairston won five consecutive 4A state championships with Eleanor Roosevelt from 2005-2009, becoming the first coach to accomplish such a feat. He was most recently at Northwestern High School.

"I look forward to this tremendous opportunity to continue the rich tradition of student-athletes at Bullis," Hairston said. "Bullis students are known to be sound academically and of strong character, and all of them have the desire to be successful in basketball and beyond. I'm honored to be joining this

program, and to helping these athletes realize their goals and dreams, whether to move on to college basketball or simply have the best high school basketball career possible."

## Potomac Pride Wins County Title

On Sunday, March 10, the Potomac Pride took the title of County Champions for its division at the Montgomery County Recreational Department Basketball Tournament. The tournament was played on the first day at three different locations throughout the county, while the playoffs were held on Sunday at Ritchie Park Elementary School in Potomac. The Pride defeated teams from Damascus, Olney, Bethesda, Silver Spring and White Oak, finishing with a record of 6-0 in the two-day tournament.

The Potomac Pride, previously known as the Mustangs, is composed of team members from Potomac Elementary School. For the past three years, they have been coached by Walter Hsu in the Montgomery County Recreation Department's Winter Basketball Program.

### SCHOOL NOTES

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**Rebecca Anne Friedland**, a member of the Class of 2013 at Colgate University, is among 26 rising seniors to be selected for membership in the university's Konosioni Senior Honor Society. Friedland is a resident of Potomac and the daughter of Dr. Robert B. Friedland and Dr. Melissa B. Friedland.

The following local residents were named to the Dean's List at Ithaca College for the fall 2011 semester.

**Matthew Greenblatt**, son of Lonnie and Helene Greenblatt of North Potomac, a freshman Athletic Training

major, was named to the Dean's List at Ithaca College's School of Health Sciences and Human Performance.

**Stephanie Faigen of Potomac**, a senior Sociology major, has been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2011 semester in the College of Liberal Arts, Education, and Sciences at Rider University.

Berklee College of Music announces that various students have earned placement on the Dean's List for the fall semester of the 2011 academic year. The following students earned placement on the 2011 Fall Dean's list:

- ❖ Rachel Hubshman of Potomac;
- ❖ Elizabeth Scher of Potomac.

**Christine Tran of Potomac** has

graduated from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wis. Tran earned a Master of Science in Speech Language Pathology. Tran was one of more than 450 undergraduate and graduate students who received their diplomas Dec. 18, 2011, at the Bradley Center in Milwaukee.

**Julianna Bond**, a resident of North Potomac and a first year at Southern Methodist University, was named to the honor roll with distinction, which includes students in the top 10 percentile.

**Michelle Marriott**, a resident of Potomac and a first year at Southern Methodist University, was named to the honor roll with high distinction, which includes students in the top 5 percentile.

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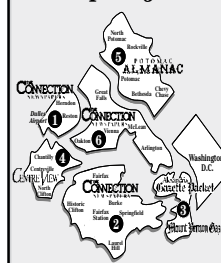
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## "Here, There And Everywhere"



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

The Beatles sang it on their "Revolver" album back in the mid 60s. My wife and I danced to it in the late 70s when we selected it as "first song as husband and wife" – in 1978. And recently we felt it, three years after my stage IV lung cancer diagnosis, as our reaction/assessment to the many similarly diagnosed individuals who've shared their lung cancer stories with us. Who knew? All of a sudden – or so it seems, people with whom we thought we had little in common – and even less of a connection, have selflessly offered up their lung cancer experiences, journeys, associations, etc. One-hundred, sixty-thousand deaths per year attributed to lung cancer, the leading cause of cancer-related deaths in this country – by far, is reason enough for what initially seemed like a random coincidence but now feels more like an inevitability. Apparently, where there are overwhelming numbers, so too is there an overwhelming capacity for empathy and understanding.

Any lung cancer story I hear is more evidence and reinforcement to boost my own survival. Not that any experiences of what other cancer patients have endured/survived is necessarily related to my survival, still; it beats the alternative, as I like to say. Living is its own reward and surviving lung cancer is exponentially more rewarding than anything else I do. It's the first thing I think of when I wake in the morning and the last thing I think before I fall asleep at night. And on those many nights when I'm unable to fall asleep, or sleep soundly – or enough, you can be sure the culprit is cancer. Certainly, I have physical challenges related to my diagnosis, but mostly the problem I face is mental: how do you not obsess on the thing that is most likely killing you and one for which you have minimal control or defense? My solution, or rather an attempt at a solution: I try to compartmentalize – and/or pretend, but cancer is insidious and tricky: an enemy of the people if there ever was one.

More specifically, trying to make the best of a bad situation is what I do best. When you're characterized as "terminal" at age 54 and a half – not even three months after you buried your widowed mother at age 86 – of a disease for which there was no immediate-family history, combined with the fact that you were a lifelong non-smoker (85 percent of lung cancer patients have been smokers), the breaks don't exactly feel as if they're going your way. Nevertheless, dwelling on that fact or feeling sorry for myself or "woeing" is me is not reflective of the positive mental attitude that my parents instilled in me. I saw how they lived their lives and more importantly, I observed their dignity and perseverance when their health deteriorated. Somehow, they never made it about them, it was more about others.

Likewise, as I regularly receive communications from and occasionally meet other cancer survivors, I only hope that I am doing for them what they are doing for me. A cancer diagnosis was not exactly what I had anticipated hearing from my Internal Medicine doctor three years ago when he made "the call" to me. However, now that I've lived the cancer life for three-plus years and met the people I have and read the many stories sent to me, I feel privileged to be part of such a brave and courageous group. Thanks for reaching out to us. Because of you, we've never felt alone.

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# Embracing Change

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that it really bothers them when they are supposed to know everything about the country they came from — and that they are all illegally here in the U.S.

The participants came away from the discussion with a new understanding of others. Bullis student Parker Young said, “I learned that all Chinese students are not experts on their government policies, nor does every Chinese student agree with communism — and I always thought they all were communists.” A faculty member said he would be more understanding about respecting students who come from other countries and their views. Another student said, “I always believed it was cool to describe a black person as ‘African American’ — but I learned that it is not an accurate description of one’s ethnicity. One student publicly stated to the teachers, “We really appreciate what you do.”

In the afternoon, students were treated to Laipply, a comedian and motivational entertainer who kept the students laughing while delivering his message. He spoke about the importance of laughter and humor in one’s life, but then moved on to the many people who, as he put it “ride the strugglebus” everyday. He cited the statistic that 1 in 5 people over 18 take anti-depressants just to get through the day.

His message to the students was to stay off the strugglebus and realize that pills are not a solution. “Life is change. We never stop changing. Some things we have no control over and some things we can control. Worry about the things you can control — and let go of the things you can’t control. We have a power of choice and must decide how to effectively choose what we can control.”

Laipply then stated that “Life is not perfect, but while we are here, we might as well dance” which led into his “Evolution of Dance” which had over two million hits on YouTube. In a few minutes, he performed all the popular dances from 1950 to 2012. The students whipped out cell-phones, recorded his dancing, clapped, cheered — and joined him in the dances from their era. They gave him a standing ovation as he finished dancing and once again stated that “Life is Change — embrace it.”

## NEWS



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## Learning Basketball Tricks

To help promote an April 26 event — “Don’t let your sports injuries ‘spin’ out of control” with Dr. Richard Reff — former Harlem Globe Trotter Mike Wilson taught basketball tricks to children at Cabin John Mall on March 15. The community service event was sponsored by Shoe Train, a children’s shoe store in the mall. At the forum next month, while Wilson entertains children and teaches them basketball tricks, Reff, an orthopedic surgeon in Kensington, will be discussing with parents how to avoid athletic injuries and the importance of well-fitted athletic equipment and protection. The April 26 forum will be held 5:30-7 p.m. at Shoe Train. Learning from Wilson, above, are (from left) Ava Fradlin-Ryan, Joshua Stein and Josie Stein

## SCHOOL NOTES

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**Kathryn A. Glowinski of Potomac** has been selected for inclusion on the Dean’s List for academic achievement during the fall 2011 semester at St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York. Glowinski, a member of the class of 2012, graduated from Walt Whitman High School.

Miami University students who achieved a 3.5 or better grade point average for second semester 2011-2012 have been named to the dean’s list recognizing academic performance.

- ❖ Darlington Taylor Hicks of Potomac.
- ❖ Heather Lauren Allentuck of North Potomac.

The following Washington and Lee students have earned honor roll status for the recently ended fall term.

- ❖ **James Pickle, of Potomac**, a member of the class of 2012.
- ❖ **Brian Roberts, of Potomac**, a member of the class of 2012.

**Colleen Meghan O’Donnell of Potomac** was named to the Miami University president’s list.

**Erika Burns of Potomac** was named to the dean’s list at Loyola University Maryland for the fall 2011.

The following students were named to the Dean’s List for the fall 2011 semester at Washington University in St. Louis.

❖ **Matthew Brent Bisgyer of Potomac** was named to the Dean’s List for the fall 2011 semester. Bisgyer is a graduate of Georgetown Day School in Washington, DC, and is enrolled in the university’s College of Arts & Sciences.

❖ **Molly Dobbins Gott of Potomac** was named to the Dean’s List for the fall 2011 semester. Gott is a graduate of Saint Andrew’s Episcopal School in Potomac, MD, and is enrolled in the university’s College of Arts & Sciences.

❖ **Michael Antal Kovacs of Potomac** was named to the Dean’s List for the fall 2011 semester. Kovacs is a graduate of Winston Churchill High School in Potomac, MD, and is enrolled in the

university’s College of Arts & Sciences.

❖ **William Chase Kovacs of Potomac** was named to the Dean’s List for the fall 2011 semester. Kovacs is a graduate of Winston Churchill High School in Potomac, MD, and is enrolled in the university’s College of Arts & Sciences.

❖ **Maia Leah Lamdany of Potomac** was named to the Dean’s List for the fall 2011 semester. Lamdany is a graduate of Charles E Smith Jewish Day School in Rockville, MD, and is enrolled in the university’s College of Arts & Sciences.

❖ **Seth Michael Margolis of North Potomac** was named to the Dean’s List for the fall 2011 semester. Margolis is a graduate of Thomas Sprigg Wootton High School in Rockville, MD, and is enrolled in the university’s College of Arts & Sciences.

❖ **Brett Grant Mead of Potomac** was named to the Dean’s List for the fall 2011 semester. Mead is a graduate of Winston Churchill High School in Potomac, MD, and is enrolled in the university’s College of Arts & Sciences.

❖ **Justin Christian Muste of Potomac** was named to the Dean’s List for the fall 2011 semester. Muste is a graduate of Thomas Sprigg Wootton High School in Rockville, MD, and is enrolled in the university’s College of Arts & Sciences.

❖ **Christopher Nicholas Pinckert of Potomac** was named to the Dean’s List for the fall 2011 semester. Pinckert is a graduate of Bullis School in Potomac, MD, and is enrolled in the university’s College of Arts & Sciences.

❖ **Alexander Niles Schneider of Potomac** was named to the Dean’s List for the fall 2011 semester. Schneider is a graduate of Maret School in Washington, DC, and is enrolled in the university’s College of Arts & Sciences.

❖ **Sarah Mae Ettinger of Potomac** was named to the Dean’s List for the fall 2011 semester. Ettinger is a graduate of Holton Arms School in Bethesda, MD, and is enrolled in the university’s College of Art in the Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts.

❖ **Andy Lu Lee of Potomac** was named to the Dean’s List for the fall 2011 semester. Lee is a graduate of Winston Churchill High School in Potomac, MD, and is enrolled in the university’s College of Architecture in the Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts.

❖ **Garrett Mason Bourg of Potomac** was named to the Dean’s List for the fall 2011 semester. Bourg is a graduate of Winston Churchill High School in Potomac, MD, and is enrolled in the university’s School of Engineering and Applied Science.

❖ **Victor Z. Irony of Potomac** was named to the Dean’s List for the fall 2011 semester. Irony is a graduate of Charles E Smith Jewish Day School in Rockville, MD, and is enrolled in the university’s School of Engineering and Applied Science.

❖ **Vincent Mark Abad-Santos of Potomac** was named to the Dean’s List for the fall 2011 semester. Abad-Santos is a graduate of Richard Montgomery High School in Rockville, MD, and is enrolled in the university’s Olin Business School.

❖ **Jesse Delan of Potomac** was named to the Dean’s List for the fall 2011 semester. Delan is a graduate of Maret School in Washington, DC, and is enrolled in the university’s Olin Business School.

❖ **Lijia Yu of North Potomac** was named to the Dean’s List for the fall 2011 semester. Yu is a graduate of The Woodlands College Park High School in Conroe, TX, and is enrolled in the university’s Olin Business School.

**Alyssa C. Kogan**, a resident of Potomac, was named to the second honors on the Clark University Dean’s List for the Fall 2011 semester.

**Jared Krichevsky of Potomac** graduated from Rochester Institute of Technology with a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering technology from RIT’s College of Applied Science and Technology in fall 2011.

**Francis X. Gormley, Jr. of Potomac** is the new “Director of Operations Men’s Lacrosse” at the University of Maryland. He also recently received the “Peter Worstell 2011 Comeback Player of the Year” for lacrosse.

**Megan Weis of Potomac** was named to the Dean’s List at Fairfield University for the fall 2011 semester.

**Alysha M. Howar of Potomac** was named to the Dean’s List at the University of Mary Washington for the fall 2011 semester.

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