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A Second Chance

A 14-year-long circle of life.

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

Sheila and Jan Rosenberg's Briard named Chase was the light of their lives. They had purchased him from Deja-Vu Briard breeders in Cleveland, Ohio when their son Adam was six and their daughter Allie was eight.

A Briard is an ancient breed of French herding dog, known as "a heart of gold wrapped in fur" because they never stray far from their loved ones. They are very

protective, extremely intelligent, easy to train and loyal to their masters.

For 14 and a half years, Chase was a beloved member of the Rosenberg family. When he died April 3, everyone in the family was heartbroken. Chase was buried in a spot overlooking the Potomac River in back of the Rosenberg's Potomac home. "The day we buried him was a sad, sad day," said Sheila Rosenberg.

Two days after they buried Chase, Jan Rosenberg contacted the breeder, Terry Miller, by e-mail to tell her that Chase had passed away peacefully. He wrote, "Chase was a real gift to our entire family and left us with dignity and love till the end." Both

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The Rosenbergs and their new puppy, Chance.



Chase



Chance with Jan Rosenberg



Chance with Sheila Rosenberg

READERS' PETS



Mike Stevens, Gus the family horse and Sam Brey.



This is Stanley Crist of River Falls. He is a 7 and a half year old Goldendoodle (mom was a black and white Standard Poodle and dad a Golden Retriever). His family is Shelley, Olivia and Helena Crist. The poor boy was just too darn hot!



Michael (age 7) and Megan (age 6) Demske with their dogs Newman and Henry. Michael is very happy that Henry is his dog because Henry is very helpful and keeps him company at night. Megan's dog, Newman is very funny. He loves to exercise — especially with a tennis ball.



Katie Killeen of Potomac with her beloved Molly, a Kerry Blue terrier.



Wink says, "I love my brother." Wink is Bob and Elaine Jones' pet.



The foundation being laid at the Animal Services Center.



Allan Cohen at the construction site of Animal Services Center.

New Animal Services Center Construction Underway

Help mcpaw raise funds.

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

“After so many years of waiting, the construction of the new Montgomery County Animal Services Center is on schedule with completion set for delivery in the fall of 2013,” said Bruce Garnant, senior project manager for Coakley Williams Construction. “We are just completing the pouring of the foundation now and starting the steel structure. The heat has made it difficult — but we are working through it.”

The facility is being built at the northwest corner of Muncaster Mill Road and Airpark Drive in Gaithersburg.

No one is looking forward to the new Montgomery County Animal Services and Adoption Center more than Allan S. Cohen of Potomac, chairman of the board of di-



Signs depict the new Montgomery County Animal Services Center.

rectors of mcpaw (Montgomery County Partners for Animal Well-Being — a 501(c)3 organization.) “Our county really needs this new center for the well-being of our animals. Our current shelter is extremely old and does not have the capacity or facilities needed to address today’s growing demands of pets and animals in the county.”

Mcpaw was founded at the request of County Executive Isaiah Leggett working closely with the Montgomery County Coun-

cil. The county has turned to mcpaw as a partner for supportive funding for the facility to house and care for homeless animals while they await “forever” homes. The new facility will also provide animal care services such as a veterinary clinic for spay/neuter services and other veterinary needs of the shelter and county animals.

MCPAW has recently launched a fundraising campaign and will be hosting

events in August as well as all through the fall. Potomac Pizza will be the site of the first event on Aug. 30. From 4-9 p.m., Potomac Pizza will donate 20 percent of the amount of the bill to mcpaw — as long as customers mention mcpaw to their server.

One of the primary fund-raising events is the sale of brick pavers that will be displayed within the entrance plaza of the new adoption center. These pavers can be engraved with a tribute to a beloved pet, a friend, or with a corporate logo and name.

Mcpaw will also honor and recognize individuals who make significant contributions to the new center by providing naming opportunities for wings, clinics or other areas of the center. Some of these naming rights areas include the canine kennel wing, the vet clinic, the horse and small farm animal barn, kitten adoption room, intake lobby and the reflection garden. One can also memorialize a loved one or pet by placing a name or graphic on an outdoor bench or on the Patron Wall.

A RFP for the management contract for the new facility will be put out for competitive bid in the very near future. “No matter how state-of-the-art the new facility is, an efficient professional operator is critical to the successful daily operations of this center and we will need a force of volunteers to help staff the new center to ensure exemplary care to the animals in residence,” said Cohen.

Mcpaw encourages Montgomery County residents to learn more about the new facility and to consider contributing and get involved. Many more pets can be saved and can find loving homes. For more information, contact: www.mcpaw.org or Cohen at 240-462-5000.

Donation checks can be made on line at www.mcpaw.org, or mailed to 9613 Eldwick Way, Potomac MD 20854. Donations are tax deductible as allowable by law.



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Home for Adoptable Animals
The current Montgomery County Animal Shelter.



Cris Bombaugh, the president and CEO of the Montgomery County Humane Society holds Stitch, a 7-year-old brown tabby Bengal.



Dogs, cats, and many other pets are available for adoption through mcpaw.

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NEWS

Master Plan Bows Before Art

Sewer extension paves way for “one of the world’s most important collections of art” to expand in Potomac.

BY KEN MOORE
THE ALMANAC

Glenstone, a 150-acre estate in Potomac that is home to one of the world’s most important collections of contemporary art, will get its own sewer line.

Montgomery County Council ignored the recommendation of the Montgomery County Planning Board on Tuesday, July 24 in approving — without any additional comment, with all council members present — a nearly mile-long sewer for the museum owned by the Rales family.

The approval came as part of a consent calendar that also included approval of a change for a Hindu Temple in the eastern part of the county.

The County Executive has 10 days to comment, and then the amendments to the water and sewer plan go to the Maryland Department of the Environment for review. MDE has 90 days to review the changes, and will receive input from the Maryland Department of Planning during that time.

If MDE were to deny the changes, the county could, and likely would, request reconsideration, said Keith Levchenko, senior legislative analyst with Montgomery County Council, who added that it is hard to predict what the Maryland Department of the Environment will do in the case of large institutional uses. Some previous changes have been denied by the state at first, then approved after a request for reconsideration, he said.

County Executive Ike Leggett had urged the council to approve the sewer.

“I can tell you that the further development of Glenstone deserves wholehearted encouragement from Montgomery County,” said Earl “Rusty” A. Powell III, director of National Gallery of Art, in a letter in support of the action. “Glenstone has assembled one of the world’s most important collections of art from the period after World War II — a collection that continues to grow. Any museum in the world — including the National Gallery of Art — would be eager to have the Glenstone collection for itself.”

The applicant won approval for sewer service for five contiguous



Aerial photos show the location of the existing and proposed museums.

Glenstone Mission

“Glenstone seamlessly integrates art, architecture and landscape into a serene and contemplative environment to form a unique connection between art and visitor. It assembles and presents post-World War II art of the highest quality in a series of refined architectural and outdoor spaces. These settings exist to exhibit works of art — created from 1945 through the present — that represents the greatest historical shifts in how art is seen and experienced.”

Source: Glenstone.org

properties on 127 acres located on Glen Road, a rustic road, which is outside the approved sewer service envelope.

The Rales propose constructing a 3,000-foot pressure sewer to

serve an existing museum on one property and a proposed new and larger museum on an adjacent property.

The Planning Board recommended against allowing the extension because it does not meet the requirements of the Potomac Master Plan or the county’s guidelines for the sewer envelope.

According to the sewer service policy, extensions to sewer service can be considered if properties: 1) abut existing or proposed sewer mains; 2) mains could be constructed within the public right of way, and 3) mains avoid disruption to streams and their undisturbed buffers.

“Glenstone meets none of these criteria,” say Planning Board docu-

ments.

WEST MONTGOMERY County Citizens Association, Montgomery Countryside Alliance, Sugarloaf Citizens’ Association and the Audubon Naturalist Society opposed the sewer extension for environmental reasons and out of concern for the precedent the exception will set for other large institutions.

The groups argued that wastewater should be treated onsite at Glenstone, and that the expansion could still go forward with a state-of-the-art approach to septic.

The sewer extension will cross the Greenbriar Branch stream valley and flood plain, and Glenstone’s own engineers admit that they cannot guarantee against the possibility of leaking raw sewage into the stream valley, according to Planning Board documents.

“As the county builds out, your decisions regarding water and sewer changes will be even more critical in nature,” said Adrienne Nicosia of the Audubon Naturalist Society.

“While we applaud the concept of the Glenstone Museum and art collection, county staff indicate that the museum can be built using an on-site [treatment] system.

“It is well outside the water/sewer envelop and violates clear language in the Potomac Subregion Master Plan crafted to pro-



The likely path of the new sewer line.

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tect the fragile network of water resources such as the Greenbriar Branch.”

West Montgomery County Citizens Association supported the concept of expanding the museum, but still argued against the sewer extension.

“Mr. Rales does not need sewer to build Glenstone II and we are convinced that he has the flexibility to locate six acres of septic on 127-plus acres since he continues to buy surrounding properties,” said Ginny Barnes of West Montgomery. “The arguments being made for using sewer undermine the very premise of the Potomac Subregion Master Plan and threaten our highly prized Agricultural Reserve.”

BUT THE ALLURE of the growing estate and art collection was more than the council could resist.

“We have spent the last 20 years building the art collection. Currently in our existing facility, only 10 percent of the collection can be shown at any given time. By expanding our exhibition space, we can allow a much greater percent-

age of the collection to be seen,” said Mitchell Rales. “With time, we hope to have every high school student in Montgomery County visit Glenstone at least once before graduation. ... Art is a key component in allowing young people to jumpstart their creativity and unleash the imagination.”

The Rales have been buying adjacent property for some time to make way for the expansion and outdoor sculpture.

“It is extraordinary that a collection of Glenstone’s exceptional quality should now reside in Potomac, where the public can visit it entirely for free, in a museum building and a beautifully designed landscape made expressly for these works,” said Powell of the National Gallery.

Advocates of the arts could not contain their excitement about the project.

“This is a unique gift to Montgomery County, pure and simple,” wrote Eliot Pfanstiehl, CEO of Strathmore.

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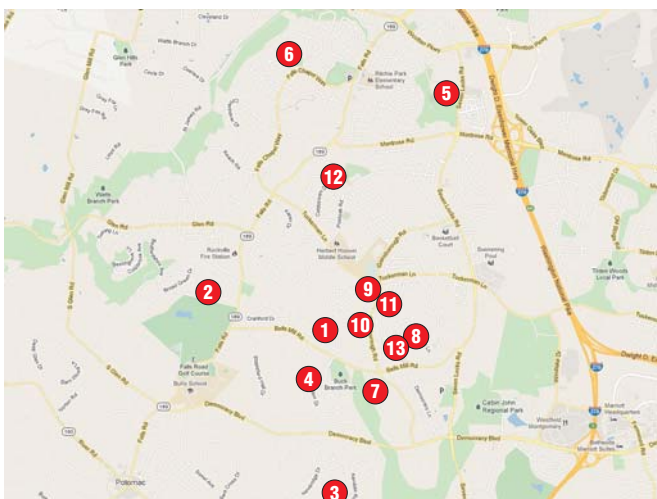
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Montgomery County Humane Society Competes in ASPCA Challenge

The weekend of Aug. 3-5 kicks off the Montgomery County Humane Society's Home Run Adoption Challenge, as MCHS competes in the 2012 ASPCA Rachael Ray \$100K Challenge.

Pet lovers who adopt a dog or cat this year during the months of August, September or October will not only give a loving home to a homeless pet, they will ultimately help MCHS save more lives.

MCHS is one of 50 shelters around the country — and the only one in the D.C. region — that made it through the online qualifying heat

earlier this year.

The goal is for each competing shelter to find homes for at least 300 more cats and dogs than during the same period in 2011.

Hours will be extended as follows: Friday, Aug. 3, noon-7 p.m.; Saturday, Aug. 4, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., and Sunday, Aug. 5, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Prospective adopters should bring:

- ❖ A government issued ID and proof of address if current address is not on the ID.

- ❖ If you rent your home, bring proof of your landlord's approval to have a pet.

- ❖ Collars, leashes, and cat carriers will be available for purchase, or you may bring your own if you like.

- ❖ Adoption fees will be waived Aug. 3-4-5 except for the county license required for Montgomery County residents. The license fee must be paid by check or money order.

- ❖ Bring all family members to choose the new pet.

- ❖ Fill out an adoption application and meet with staff to help ensure a good match.

For more information about MCHS, visit www.mchumane.org.

PETS FOR ADOPTION

To learn more about Partnership for Animal Welfare, the pets shown, volunteer, or make a much-needed, tax-deductible donation contact PAW at www.paw-rescue.org, call 301-572-4729, or write P.A.W., P.O. Box 1074, Greenbelt, MD 20768.



AXEL (Dog)- M, 9 years, 61lbs., neutered, Husky mix — Axel is a wonderful, neglected mature boy that never lost his sweet temperament in spite of poor treatment by his humans. He loves people, walks, and will do about anything for a treat. Axel would be a great dog for an older family who could take leisurely strolls with this sweet boy.



SMUDGE (Cat)- M, 3 months, neutered, DSH kitten — Smudge is a small but active boy that is full of play and doesn't mind small dogs. His name comes from the dark patch on his white nose and is very friendly with people. Smudge is close to the perfect kitten and wants to amuse you with his antics as he grows into a great cat.

READERS' PETS



Milo in his favorite box. Milo was rescued the day before he was going to be euthanized because he had been at the shelter for over a month.



Z the dog, rescued from the shelter at 12 years of age.

PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY ANDI CLEARY

SCHOOL NOTES

The following local students graduated from University of Vermont on May 20:

- ❖ **Jillian C. Catoe** of Potomac received a bachelor of arts in communication science.

- ❖ **Stephen M. Kent** of Potomac received a bachelor of arts in history.

- ❖ **Harris S. Middel** of Potomac received a bachelor of arts in business administration.

Bucknell University has conferred bachelor's and master's degrees to the following local students on May 20:

- ❖ **Katherine A. Brown**, Potomac, daughter of Russell and Barbara Brown of Potomac, and a 2008 graduate of Winston Churchill High school, graduated cum laude with a bachelor of arts in history and departmental honors in

history

- ❖ **Hannah L. Davis**, Potomac, daughter of Joseph and Sarah Davis of Potomac, and a 2008 graduate of Saint Andrews Episcopal School, graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor of arts in economics and Spanish.

- ❖ **Emily C. Fiuzat**, Potomac, daughter of Homer and Cynthia Fiuzat of Potomac, and a 2008 graduate of Saint Andrew's Episcopal School, graduated with a bachelor of science in neuroscience.

- ❖ **Cynthia A. Iselin**, Potomac, daughter of Amy Iselin of Potomac, and Richard Iselin of Reston, and a 2008 graduate of Winston Churchill High School, graduated cum laude with a bachelor of arts in psychology and education.

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LET'S TALK Real Estate



by **Michael Matese**

The Luxury Home Community

Modern luxury home buyers are looking for more than just a spacious floor plan and world class amenities inside the home—today's luxury is defined by the lifestyle and values, not just the home's construction and its rooms! Country clubs and golf communities are two choices that have remained enduringly popular for the luxury homeowner—but the 21st century has given homeowners a diverse range of choices in defining what means luxury to the individual buyer, their lifestyle, recreation and values. Contemporary living, forward-thinking options—here's just a sampling of the luxury lifestyle communities available for prospective home buyers to choose from:

- **Equestrian.** Steadily gaining popularity, equestrians and horse enthusiasts are delighting in the return of the gentleman's farm to the luxury home market. In this type of lifestyle community, elegance meets functionality in developments with riding trails and stables that carry on a noble tradition.

- **Vintage Luxury Homes.** These communities fuse modern convenience, technological upgrades to historic constructions, blending yesterday's charm with today's modern amenities to perfectly balance family values, unique architecture and sumptuous living.

- **Aviation.** Piloting communities are one of the newest types of luxury communities, with aviation enthusiasts enjoying access to private landing strips and hangars in the privacy and convenience of their own backyards.

- **Marinas.** For those to whom the sea calls, marina communities offer boat slips, docks and wharf access to navigable bodies of water, offering homeowners the ultimate in luxury—waterfront living and the convenience of a marina without surplus fees or excess travel time.

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Big Train Answers Manager's Challenge

Bethesda closing in on postseason, shot at fourth straight CRCBL title.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE ALMANAC

The three-time defending Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League champion Bethesda Big Train were 3-9 and in last place on June 18 when manager Sal Colangelo told his players to "perform or quit." More than a month later, it's clear members of the Big Train chose the former.

Bethesda won 19 of its next 23 games and appears on its way back to the postseason. Back-to-back losses, including a 10-7 defeat against the D.C. Grays on July 23, dropped the Big Train's record to 22-15, but the team is still one of the league's best as the regular season winds down. Bethesda was in third place after Monday's loss, 5 1/2 games behind first-place Rockville. The top six teams in the league make the playoffs.

"They've responded well," Colangelo said about the team's turnaround from a 3-9 start, "we just went flat the last two games."

On Monday, Bethesda took the lead with a four-

run fourth inning and led 6-3 entering the bottom of the fifth at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. The Grays tied the game in the bottom half on a three-run home run by John Beaubien, and took the lead for good with a two-run homer by Zach Lopes the following inning.

Bethesda's Hunter Renfroe finished the game 0 for 5, but still led the league in home runs (14) and RBIs (45), and was eighth in batting average (.350). Brendan Hendriks went 2 for 5 with two RBIs and was fourth in the league in hitting at .385. Tucker Tobin was 2 for 3.

Pitching-wise, Bethesda's Cameron Cuneo led the league in ERA at 2.03 and Bo Logan was third in wins with five.

Tobin said the team has a different feel to it this season than it did last year, when the Big Train went 33-9 in the regular season and finished the year ranked No. 1 in the nation by Perfect Game USA.

"Last year, we went into every game [with] the confidence that we were definitely going to win the game," Tobin said. "I think right now we're a little unsure. It's kind of game to game. I think we just need to come out better and have a better attitude overall."

Bethesda will travel to face the Baltimore Redbirds at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 25 and will conclude the regular season with a home game against the Vienna River Dogs at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 26.



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Avondre Bollar slides in safe at home earlier this season as Hunter Renfroe watches.



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Dominique Williams was part of a 2011-12 Churchill boys' basketball team that was recognized for its sportsmanship.

Churchill Boys' Basketball Wins Sportsmanship Award

The Churchill boys' basketball program received the Montgomery County Public Schools Sportsmanship Award for its actions during the 2011-12 season. It was the second consecutive year Churchill won the sportsmanship award for boys' basketball.

Positive behavior of players, coaches and spectators factored into the Bulldogs winning the award.

"I am very proud that we have won this award for the second consecutive year," Churchill head coach Matt Miller said in a press release. "It shows that we can be successful on the court while at the same time promoting a positive atmosphere for spectators, play-

ers and officials. Since I have been here we have constantly stressed character and sportsmanship and it's nice to see that our efforts have been recognized by the Montgomery County Public Schools."

Churchill finished the season with a 19-6 record and reached the 4A West Region final, where the Bulldogs lost to eventual state champion Magruder, 57-39. It was Churchill's first region final appearance in 33 years.

The Bulldogs graduated seven seniors from the region runner-up team, including leading scorer Sam Edens, who was the only Bulldog to average double figures. Churchill's top returning athlete figures to be rising senior Dominique Williams.

SPORTS BRIEF

MCSL All-Stars To Be This Weekend

The Montgomery County Swim League relay All-Star meet and individual All-Star meet will be held this weekend at the Rockville Municipal Swim Center.

The relay meet will be held on Saturday, July 28. Divisions A-G will begin at 7 a.m. Divisions H-O will swim at 10 a.m.

The individual meet will be held on Sunday, July 29 at the same location. Competition begins at 8 a.m.

SCHOOL NOTES

Email announcements to almanac@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday at noon. Photos are welcome.

The following local students graduated from the University of Hartford in May:

Matthew McElroy graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

Alana Zaret graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in cinema.

Jordan DeLisser, John Jankosky, Colleen Krizan, Celia Lichtman, and Neffetara Morris have been named to the dean's list at Frostburg State University in recognition of outstanding academic achievement for the spring 2012 semester.

Julie Fainberg was named to the dean's list at the Florida Institute of Technology for the spring semester of 2012.

Jason M. Fish, Melissa M. Guzowski, and Meraz S. Mostafa were named to the dean's list for the spring 2012 semester at the University of Vermont.

Sean Tate graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University with a bachelor of arts degree on May 13.

Alysha Howar, a sophomore, was named to the dean's list at University of Mary Washington for the spring semester (2012).

Stefani Chow made the dean's list at DePaul University for the winter quarter of 2012.

PET ALMANAC

A Second Chance

FROM PAGE 2

Sheila and Jan Rosenberg were overwhelmed by Terry's reply. In addition to her condolences, she wrote, "Ironically we had a litter today from our Briard female named Chase. The synchronicity of the universe I guess. One Chase leaves the planet and one Chase adds 12 new lives to it."

A few weeks later, during a sleepless night, Shelia Rosenberg started writing a story in her brain. "I had always thought it was silly to get the same kind of dog that we had before — and I knew we could never replace Chase. But then I started thinking that we were getting a second chance by adopting one of these puppies from their Chase. I also thought that situation was just too uncanny and we surely had to adopt one of these puppies to honor our Chase. So we did it! And, of course, we named him Chance."

The same threesome that brought Chase home 14 years before went to pick up Chance. On June 18, Adam, Jan and Jan's father Max brought the 9-week-old puppy home — and everyone instantly fell in love with him. He is everything they wanted in a dog — smart, easy to train, good-natured and loving. Jan Rosenberg has already trained him to sit, roll over, fetch the paper and go through an obstacle course. He has plans to prepare him to become a therapy dog — and also to show him. "Chance has brought us so much happiness. We miss Chase and could never replace him, but Chance has really given us a second chance," said Jan Rosenberg.



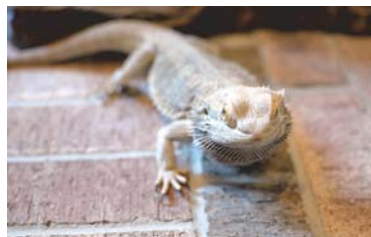
Adam, Jan Rosenberg and Jan's father Max.



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Exotic Pet

Kevin Goral, 21, of Woodrock, with Fidget, his Australian bearded dragon.



Fidget is over 1 foot in length and is over 8 years old. The bearded dragon is classified as an exotic pet and this is mostly due to the unique care required for owning them. Veterinary services needed for exotic pets are not common.

This is Tom. He belongs Carole, Haley, Celeste and Amanda Fungler. A close friend rescued Tom and his brother Bradley when their owner died and the house flooded.

Unfortunately the friend already had seven cats and while Tom's brother Bradley joined the gang, Tom freaked out and had to be sequestered on the family porch for the summer.

With autumn coming, it was obvious that Tom would need a new home. Now he lives with the Funglers, as king of the castle where he excels in striking many poses including his official portrait pictured at left.



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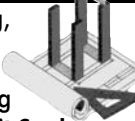
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A Life Worth Living, Still



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

It might be my age (as in getting older), or it might be the fact that I have cancer (you think?), but my brain and the related physical and mental tasks it coordinates are not exactly working at peak efficiency. Don't get me wrong, I'm not exactly "Forrest, Forrest Gump," but plans are not easily made and when they are made, not so easily or successfully carried out. Whether it's a drive to an unfamiliar destination, time spent with semi-unsuspecting (about me) acquaintances, or overnights away from home (and out of my routine: alkaline water, pills, asparagus, baking soda, apple cider vinegar, etc.) as a few examples, what once seemed like ordinary and manageable acts of everyday-type life now present previously unfamiliar hurdles. Talk about making something out of nothing. Everything is something, even if it's nothing. And that's a change – for the worse.

Unfortunately, knowing this – and accepting it, hasn't lessened the burden and inevitability of living with it. I'm always relieved when whatever, wherever, however, we (meaning me) finish what we're doing: get to where we're going/solve the problem we're needing to solve/arrange the schedule we're attempting to arrange, and complete our miscellaneous activities. I can then settle back into what's familiar and relatively uncomplicated. If I've been there and am accustomed to doing it, it gets done, without much ado. However, if I haven't been there – literally and figuratively, getting there – and back, becomes increasingly more difficult. I don't necessarily want to blame this behavior on my age or my underlying problem ("NSCLC"), but at least if I blame it on something that makes sense – to me, I can live with the consequences of this preferred inaction. And the more I understand the reasons for certain "inaction," the less stress I'll feel. And the less stress I feel, the better off I'll be; as a cancer patient, first, and as a reasonably intelligent adult second (no comments from the peanut gallery, please).

I guess what I'm trying to do is what Jerry, Elaine, George and Kramer were competing to do years ago on a particularly memorable "Seinfeld" episode: master my own domain; trying to control the uncontrollable. However, if any set of circumstances is likely uncontrollable, it is the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual effects one experiences after receiving a terminal diagnosis. You're either ready for its demands or you're not. It's not like – at least for me, there was really any preparation or expectation that your life – as you knew it, was over. I suppose there's a handbook somewhere. (Maybe there's even some training or a class – Cancer 101, you can attend.) And though I can certainly appreciate the benefit and power of the written – and read word, a terminal diagnosis with a "13-month to two-year" prognosis requires – in my opinion, a more personal touch, one with a one-to-one/face-to-face-type connection. When the diagnosis is stage IV-serious, it's best to leave nothing to chance and/or misinterpretation. As much as you – as the patient/"diagnosee" think you're hearing and/or reading what's being said or handed to you concerning the facts of your case, the shock of what you're learning will not only cloud your judgment, but rewire your brain, emotionally speaking. It's hardly another day at the office. In fact, it's like no other day you've ever had at your office or any other office. The assimilation – or rather the attempted assimilation of your diagnosis, prognosis, treatment options, schedule of diagnostic scans and doctor appointments, best and worst case scenarios, will forever change the way you process information and plan your future.

What I'm finding out is, the longer I survive, it's the emotions I feel about having cancer more than the facts of having cancer that are causing me the most problems. One I can live with, the other is living with me. And it's not of my own choosing, either.

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Potomac Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.

ENTERTAINMENT

Email community entertainment events to almanac@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday at noon. Photos and artwork encouraged.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 25

Lyndsey Highlander. 7 p.m. Part of Strathmore's Free Summer Outdoor Concert Series. At the Gudelsky Concert Pavilion at the Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. Call 301- 581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

THURSDAY/JULY 26

"Moona Luna." 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$8. Part of Strathmore's Backyard Theater for Children. At the Mansion at Strathmore (Backyard Theater Stage), 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. Visit www.strathmore.org or call 301-581-5100.

Potomac Toddlers. Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Dr. 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs and rhymes for toddlers and their caregivers. No registration required.

FRIDAY/JULY 27

Swing Dance. 'Hot Buttered Nuggets', a show of Eclectic musicians performing an eclectic vintage variety, will be at the Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo Park. Music includes Rockabilly, Swing, and Jazz. Drop-in beginner swing dancing lessons are from 8:30-9 p.m. and the music goes from 9-11:30 p.m. Admission is \$15. Glen Echo Park is located at 7300 MacArthur Blvd.

SATURDAY/JULY 28

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.

Potomac Islands Project. Tenfoot and Sharpshin Islands. Working trip to two islands in the Potomac River. Build and improve trails on the island(s), install fire rings and clean up campsites. Camping overnight is optional. Bring your own boat and be ready for a day of hard work. Email larsen@potomac.org. Limit of 15 people.

MONDAY/JULY 30

Montgomery County Agricultural

Fair. Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive. 6 p.m. A Montgomery County Agricultural Fair Teen Prince and Princess will visit the library to tell kids and their families about the Fair. There will be a surprise visit by a farm animal. No registration required. Free.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 1

The Bachata Legends: Joan Soriano. 7 p.m. Part of Strathmore's Free Summer Outdoor Concert Series. At the Gudelsky Concert Pavilion at the Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. Call 301- 581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

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SUNDAY/AUG. 5

Waltz. In the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park for an Introductory Waltz Workshop from 2:45-3:30 p.m. and then at 3:30-6 p.m. for a dance. Avant Gardeners will provide live music.

TUESDAY/AUG. 7

Chinese Language Book Club. Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Dr. 6 p.m. Chinese book discussion in Chinese language. "For One More Day" by Mitch Albom. Ask for the books at the Circulation Desk. 2 hours. No registration required.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 8

Marti Brom. 7 p.m. Part of Strathmore's Free Summer Outdoor Concert Series. At the Gudelsky Concert Pavilion at the Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. Call 301- 581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

THURSDAY/AUG. 9

Potomac Cuddleups. Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Dr. 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs and rhymes for babies from birth to 11 months and their caregivers. No registration required.

Dinner Theatre are \$46.50 for adults and \$34.50 for children ages 12 and under. Prices include the performance and a full dinner buffet. At Theatre Arts Arena on the College's Rockville Campus, located at 51 Mannakee Street. Visit www.montgomerycollege.edu/sdt or call 240-567-7676.

THROUGH AUG. 3

Fun All Summer Long. 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. \$350 for six weeks. Activities are well planned, supervised and cool for hot days. Play with old friends and make new ones. Summer Fun Center keeps things hopping with creative/fun crafts, sports, games, drama, music and special events. At the Clara Barton Summer Fun Center, 7425 MacArthur Blvd., Cabin John. Call 301-229-0010.

THROUGH AUG. 12

Children's Play. Imagination Stage's popular show for the very young: Wake Up, Brother Bear! has been extended. This 40-minute show invites children into world of a young brother and sister bear as they



At the Yellow Barn

Summers Past and Yesteryear by landscape painter Barbara French Pace. Pace's work will be featured at the Yellow Barn Art Gallery in Glen Echo Park Saturday, Aug. 11 and Sunday, Aug. 12. The exhibit is open from noon to 5 p.m. both days. A reception for the artist will be held at 5-7 p.m. Aug. 11. The exhibition is titled **Summertime**. Contact the Yellow Barn Gallery, at 301-371-5593.

SATURDAY/AUG. 11

Book Sale. 10 a.m. Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Dr. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, Potomac Chapter. Most hardbacks \$1 and paperbacks \$.50. 3 hours.

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WEDNESDAY/AUG. 15

UkeFest 2012. 7 p.m. Part of Strathmore's Free Summer Outdoor Concert Series. At the Gudelsky Concert Pavilion at the Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

SATURDAY/AUG. 18

Art Show. The selected works of Turkish watercolorist, Gul Bozacioglu will be featured at the Yellow Barn Art Gallery in Glen Echo Park. The exhibit is open from noon to 5 p.m. A reception for the artist will be held at 5-7 p.m. The exhibition, titled **Istanbul: A Lover's Gaze** will be Bozacioglu's first show in the United

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THROUGH AUG. 22

Movies on the Square. Wednesdays at dusk (around 8:45 p.m.) Schedule: Movies include The Muppets, Footloose, Dolphin Tale, Independence Day, Soul Surfer, Mission Impossible: Protocol, Miracle, Transformers: Dark of the Moon, Cars 2, The Last Lions and Moneyball. At Rockville Town Square, 200 East Middle Lane, Rockville. Visit www.rockvilletownsquare.com.

THROUGH AUG. 23

Wine Down, Music and Wine Series. Every Thursday, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Live music, food and \$5 wine tasting. Bands include Dan Haas Trio (Pop), The Oscillators (Jazz), Tom Principato (Blues), Jeff Carmella Band (Acoustic Rock), Ewabo (Tropical), The Nighthawks (Swing) and more. At Rockville Town Square, 200 East Middle Lane, Rockville. Visit www.rockvilletownsquare.com.

explore the seasons. 10:30 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. Appropriate for ages 1-5, tickets are \$10, with a \$5 lap seat for children under 12 months. Tickets may be purchased online at www.imaginationstage.org, at the Imagination Stage box office, or via phone at 301-280-1660.

THROUGH AUG. 18

Art Show. Strathmore concludes its 2011-2012 exhibition season with **Inform/Re-form**, in which the artists repurpose materials, and sometimes make their own, to create large-scale installation, site-specific works and mixed-media pieces in the Mansion at Strathmore. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

THROUGH AUG. 21

Kids Night. Shows on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Live kids entertainment and children eat free. Shows include Mad Science, The Diggity Dudes (Family Band), Mike's Magic & Comedy Show, Reptiles Alive!, and more. At Rockville Town Square, 200 East Middle Lane, Rockville. Visit

SUNDAY/AUG. 19

Tree Identification Walk. River Center at Lock 8, 7906 Riverside Drive, Cabin John, MD 20818. Go on a walk with tree expert Laura Miller to identify different types of trees. Contact Hannah Larson at larsen@potomac.org.

Wilderness 101. River Center at Lock 8, 7906 Riverside Drive, Cabin John. 1:30-2:30 p.m. Free wilderness outdoor safety class.

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THROUGH SEPT. 2

Snow White. The Puppet Co. presents Snow White and the 7 Dwarves, Thursdays and Fridays at 10 and 11:30 a.m.; Saturdays and Sundays at 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. 40 minutes. Recommended K- Grade 6. \$10 adults and children. Group rates available. Call (301) 634-5380 or visit www.thepuppetco.org.

THROUGH SEPT. 16

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Ongoing

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THROUGH JULY 29

"Hairspray." Part of the Summer Dinner Theater performances. Performances will take place July 13-14, 20-22, 27-29. The June 24, July 1, 22 and 29 shows are Sunday matinees. On Friday and Saturday night performances, the doors will open at 6:30 p.m., with a show time of 8:15 p.m. On Sunday, the doors will open at 12:30 p.m., with a 2:15 p.m. show time. Tickets for Summer

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