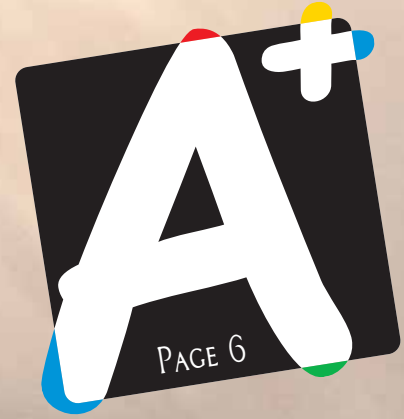


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**Arlene Reles, 15, addresses the audience. She is surrounded by her family and Janice Goldwater, founder of Adoptions Together.**

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THE ALMANAC

# New Venue; New Vibes

## Taste of Potomac raises funds for Adoptions Together.

BY SUSAN BELFORD  
THE ALMANAC

A courageous 15-year-old, Arlene Reles, addressed an audience of more than 300 at the 2013 Taste of Potomac benefit for Adoptions Together on Saturday, June 8. The teen told the story of her life before adoption and how it felt to be in foster care.

But now, Arlene and her brother Andreas finally have doting parents. They were adopted four years ago by Lora and Michael Reles of Round Hill, Va. Now 15 and 14, they are active at their high school; Arlene is a cheerleader and Andreas is a soccer player. Everyone in the family is a sports enthusiast, and they can be found either playing sports or attending sporting events together. The siblings are smiling and self-assured — thrilled that they finally have found an important relationship in life. They have what every child deserves — a loving forever family.

The Taste of Potomac was held this year at the Julia Bindeman Suburban Center. The room was transformed into a Studio 54 Disco scene with bright lights, glittery tables and iridescent lights.

Gourmet tastings from 25 Potomac area restaurants were a highlight, as were the many silent auctions and raffle items.

The Masters of Ceremonies, Leon Harris and Steve Buckhantz, kept everyone entertained as they introduced the honoree of the evening, Marty Janis, Janice Goldwater, founder and executive director of Adoptions Together, and the honored guests of the evening, the Reles family. Chris Martens served as “auctioneer extraordinaire” and music and dancing was provided by DJ Extreme.

Marty Janis, president and CEO of Atlantic Services Group, was honored for supporting Adoptions Together for the past six years. Janis is active in community and philanthropic causes, working with both D.C. Foster Children and Training Grounds to provide brighter futures for underserved children and adults. His mantra is “Get involved: You will get back more than you can ever give.”

Many of the attendees have found their “forever families” through the support of Adoptions Together. Laura and John Elsey of Bethesda adopted their son Ray with the help of the agency. They already had three birth children (Polly, Jake and Millie) but Laura had always wanted to adopt a child. After they moved to the U.S. from England, they decided the time was right and they would adopt through the U.S. foster care system. They researched adoption agencies and found that Adoptions Together offered everything they needed. Laura Elsey explained why they chose it: “Adoptions Together is a very unique agency, as

they don't just help you identify a child and then leave you to it — many adoptions are disrupted when families find that they can't cope with some of the issues that surround adopting an older child, which equates to another heart-break and loss for a child. When you adopt, you need to give your new family the very best chance to survive as a unit and be happy and successful.

“We took one look at the photograph and film of our son, Ray — we call him our Ray of Sunshine — and fell in love. Have there been bumps in the road? Sure, but then, there are bumps on the road for every parent, whether your child is your birth child or your adopted child. Ray moved in with us on Nov. 6, 2009 — a day we called



**Laura Elsey's children, Polly, 21; Jake, 19; Ray, 14, and Millie 12.**

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## Seeking To Preserve Local Agricultural Heritage

### Fundraising event supports Brickyard Educational Farm.

BY KEN MOORE  
THE ALMANAC

**G**ov. Martin O'Malley's words greeted supporters at the Brickyard Educational Farm event at Glenview Mansion in Rockville on Friday, June 14.

"Brickyard Educational Farm aims to teach students about local and sustainable food and agriculture, and to show them how the food they eat is grown. The farm's vision is to supply organic produce for school lunches and to offer field trips, a Beginning Farmer Program, apprenticeships and internships to students in neighboring schools," wrote O'Malley.

"The vital connection between our farms, the food we eat and our children's future has never been more important than it is right now. On behalf of the State of Maryland, please accept my wishes for a successful event."

Approximately 200 people attended. "Tonight is not just a fundraiser, it is a celebration," said Carissa Lovelace, the campaign director for Save This Soil. Although Brickyard Education Farm isn't able to farm on the site right now, "it is a big victory because the farm hasn't been bulldozed," she said.

"Together we have saved this soil from being destroyed, and now we must ensure that the land is used for educational purposes. Help us save this soil for the children of Montgomery County," she said.

More than two years ago in March 2011, Nick Maravell, neighbors and civic organizations in Potomac learned that County Executive Ike Leggett had already decided to take control of the 20-acre school property on Brickyard Road to turn it over to a private organization for development into



**Gordon Clark of Montgomery Victory Gardens with Nick Maravell (right) at Friday's gala.**



**Carissa Lovelace, director of Save the Soil.**



**Hannah Janzen, 7, examines the basil plants that will be given away at the end of the fundraiser.**



**Wenonah Hauter, author of 'Foodopoly' and executive director of Food and Water Watch.**

soccer fields. Maravell, who had leased the 20-acre site from the Montgomery County School Board for more than 30 years, operated an organic farm but was forced off the property in February 2013. Maravell's daughter, Sophia Maravell, ran the Brickyard Educational Farm on the site as well. After protests and court challenges, the county gave up the plans for soccer and the

lease, but MCPS has not allowed the Maravells to continue farming.

Next steps for the 20-acre property on Brickyard Road are uncertain.

"What can be more important than teaching young people" the connection between land and their food supply, said Wenonah Hauter, executive director of Food and Water Watch and author of "Foodopoly."

Barnes and Noble donated 35 percent of book sales to the Brickyard Educational Farm. A silent auction offered art work, restaurant meals, boxes of vegetables from the farm, Potomac flags and more.

Hauter and Sophia Maravell, co-founder of Brickyard Educational Farm, both grew up on a farm. "I'm passionate about sharing this land with students of Montgomery County," said Maravell.

Maravell highlighted her vision of continuing farm field trips where children learn by planting their favorite vegetables and becoming environmental stewards.

"The 2,000 students we reached last year were eager to learn how they can be part of a more sustainable world. This year our goal is to reach 5,000 students and create a community of young people that are committed to preserving our local agricultural heritage, and, in turn, our planet," said Maravell.

Maravell also shared her vision to teach the next generation of farmers, to offer organic produce to local schools, and to generate a seed program, passing on the seeds from her father's farm that has operated for more than three decades on the Montgomery County Public School site. The Brickyard Educational Farm has continued to operate on a smaller piece of property adjacent to the Brickyard site.

Attendees were given seed packets of heirloom corn grown on the site as well as basil plants to take home and grow.

The Brickyard Education Farm also announced its Honorary Committee, which includes Councilmember Valerie Ervin, Councilmember Marc Elrich, Councilmember George Leventhal, Sen. Brian Frosh, Sen. Jamie Raskin, Del. Bill Frick, Del. Bonnie Cullison, Del. Susan Lee, Del. Sheila Hixson, Del. Kirill Reznik, Del. Brian Feldman, Del. Ariana Kelly, Del. Luiz Simmons, Del. Aruna Miller, Del. Anne Kaiser, Del. Jeff Waldstreicher, Del. Kathleen Dumais, Del. Tom Hucker, Del. Shane Robinson, many of whom attended the event.

## 'Autism Speaks' 5k Run/1 Mile Walk Returns July 4

### Event raises awareness and funding.

BY SUSAN BELFORD  
THE ALMANAC

**B**efore watching the July 4 fireworks or chowing down on some mouth-watering barbeque, make it a mission to run or walk in the 13th annual "Autism Speaks" 5K/1 Mile Fun Run. Each year, the Potomac Library is the gathering place for this race which attracts more than 1,400 runners and walkers — all to raise awareness of the plight of children affected with autism and their families, as well as to raise funds to support research and programs for autistic children and loved ones.

The Autism Speaks 5K Run – 1 Mile Walk

will begin at 7:30 a.m. with a pre-race warm-up. Runners in the 5K road race will take off at 8 a.m. and the 1-mile walk will begin at 8:05 a.m. Runners in the 5K race course will have the opportunity to dash through residential neighborhood streets and finish with a long downhill. Music and food will be provided immediately after the race. The meeting place is the Potomac Village Library parking lot, 10101 Glenolden Drive, Potomac and parking is available in surrounding neighborhoods.

Anne and Ed Nuttal are the co-chairs of this year's event. They have participated in the race for 8 years as a personal commitment.

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**Anne and Ed Nuttal formed the team, Owen's Turn, to support "Autism Speaks."**



## OBITUARY

### Joseph R. Gunn, III

On June 5, 2013, Joseph R. Gunn, III, (Joe), 84, died at Suburban Hospital in Bethesda. Mr. Gunn was a retired economist and senior vice president with Nathan Associates, an international economic consulting firm, based in Washington, D.C.



Mr. Gunn and his wife lived in Potomac, since he joined Nathan Associates in 1967 and was with the firm until his death. Most recently he served as a retired senior vice president of the firm, and director and treasurer of the Robert R. Nathan Memorial Foundation.

He served on the Nathan Associates board of directors since 1986 and was chairman from 2001-2008. While at Nathan Associates, Mr. Gunn directed many of the firm's activities, and frequently served as an expert economist in matters in litigation or before federal regulatory agencies. He had extensive domestic and international experience in development economics, industrial organization, international trade, and petroleum economics. He had private corporate as well as consulting experience. In addition to his resident service as an economic advisor in Afghanistan, he spent two years as a resident senior economic advisor

in Thailand.

He retired in 1994 as a senior vice president at Nathan and Associates, but continued to work for the firm as an economic expert in litigation cases and before federal regulatory agencies. He also remained active in overseas consulting, traveling to Russia as part of a World Bank team of U.S. and European antitrust economists and attorneys to advise regional antimonopoly committees.

From 1961-1966, Mr. Gunn was employed by the Asia Foundation in San Francisco, Calif., to serve as economic analyst and adviser to the Minister of Commerce of the Royal Government of Afghanistan. In that capacity, he had primary responsibility for the development of Afghanistan's foreign trade statistics and the analysis of the country's trade and payments flows and balances. He was instrumental in creating the Afghan Insurance Company, the first insurance company in the country, and in the development of modern processing equipment for use in Afghanistan's dried fruit and nut export industry.

Between 1954 and 1961, Mr. Gunn was engaged as an economic analyst and statistician with Standard Oil of California in San Francisco. He was primarily concerned with examining petroleum product markets, forecasting general economic business activity, and analyzing global energy balances and flows.

Mr. Gunn spoke Afghan Dari and Thai, and had professional expertise in the economies of Afghanistan, Argentina, Bolivia, Guam, Egypt, Jamaica, Kenya, Malaysia, Mexico, Paraguay, Sri Lanka, and Thailand.

Mr. Gunn was a member of the Cosmos Club, and served as president from 2005-2006; he was a member Kenwood Golf and Country Club; the American Economic Association, the National Association of Business Economists, the National Economists' Club, The Washington International Trade Association and the Asia Society. Mr. Gunn lectured on economic development, multinational trade, and intraregional trade settlements at Oxford University. He was an invaluable source for "The Best Made Plans: Robert R. Nathan and 20th Century Liberalism," a biography of Robert Nathan, the founder of Nathan and Associates, to be published this summer. He is a member of St. Francis Episcopal Church, Potomac.

Mr. Gunn was born on Nov. 28, 1928, in Ross, Calif. In 1947, he graduated from Tamalpais High School, Mill Valley, Calif. He went on to the University of California at Berkeley where he earned a B.S. in business administration in 1954 and a master's in economics in 1958.

He was predeceased by his father, Joseph R. Gunn, Jr.; mother, Melvine Longley Gunn, and grandson, David Lawrence Gunn Shirley.

Mr. Gunn is survived by his wife of 62

years, Marie Thurlow Gunn, Potomac; Dana Gunn Winslow, daughter and Peter H. Winslow, son-in-law, Washington, D.C.; Anita Gunn Shirley, daughter and Larry E. Shirley, Jr., son-in-law, Chapel Hill, N.C.; Janice Gunn Smeallie, daughter and Shawn H. Smeallie, son-in-law, Alexandria, Va. Grandchildren: Christopher Gunn Shirley, Berkeley, Calif.; Marie Smeallie, James Smeallie, Eleanor Smeallie, and Catherine Smeallie, all of Alexandria, Va.

### Correction

In "Understanding Frustrations, Challenges," Potomac Almanac, June 12, 2013, the article should have said: Hope Connections for Cancer Support was the dream of Bernie and Bonnie Kogod, who after losing a daughter to cancer, started a family foundation in her name (The Michele Susan Kogod Memorial Fund) which provided a \$50,000 seed grant to create a cancer support center. In 2004, the Kogods teamed up with Paula Rothenberg, who had just lost her father to cancer, to begin the process of creating a place where people affected by cancer could come together as a community to connect with and support each other.

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# 'Autism Speaks' 5k Run/1 Mile Walk Returns

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ment as well as to celebrate the growth and accomplishments of their son Owen, who is autistic. When they joined the race, they formed a small team named "Owen's Turn" which has now become a band of 50 dedicated runners and walkers who raised more than \$12,000 last year.

"Owen turns 14 this year. He is growing into an amazing young man and strives to be more independent in his daily life. Owen wants to help, he wants to contribute to a conversation, he wants to participate in social activities with his peers and adults — Owen wants to be accepted and included. He may not be able to tell you that with words, but his compassionate spirit, his warm smile, and his enthusiastic laughter leave no question about his importance in the world. Owen and so many other children like him are leaving their mark on the world and we are each better, kinder, and more accepting of each other because we are lucky enough to know and love these children," said Ed Nuttal.

Those with plans to be out of town on July 4 can still participate in Autism Speaks run by registering for the "Virtual 5K." Register via the website, receive the performance shirt in advance and run or walk on July 4 — wherever. Build a team, coerce beach buddies, or get one's family up and

running. Last year, virtual runners from all over the world participated. The Virtual 5K deadline to receive the shirt before July 4 is June 24. Those who register later will still receive a shirt, but it will be delivered after July 4. Susan Pereles, director of Field Development for Autism Speaks, National Capital Area, and the founder of the race, states that research and advocacy are priorities of the organization. "However, adult care options for employment and residential living are also major concerns," she said. "Our country does not have a plan to deal with the number of autistic children who will be reaching adulthood. We need to set up education, employment and living arrangements for these disabled adults. We must train them to be contributing citizens of our society. Another major priority is early identification of autism. If autism is identified in a child as early as 18 months to 2 years old, then applied behavioral therapy will make a difference in the child's life."

Churchill's track and field coach Dave Warren has volunteered for many years; this year, he is helping to set the course and manage the volunteers. Teams are a priority, and he is trying to help them with fundraising and increasing their size. Every year he leads a Churchill running team for the race. "I just hope that the kids get involved in their own community and try to do some

good in the world," he said.

Pereles added, "We are trying to encourage teams to promote the event with their friends and families to bring more people out. It's a wonderful way to come together with other family members and friends for a common cause." One hundred teams have participated in many of the past years. Prizes are awarded for the largest team, the team that fundraises the most, the top school team (dollars raised), top swim team

(dollars raised), and best team t-shirt. Sponsor Potomac Pizza donates a pizza party to the MCSL pool team that raises the most money. The entry fee for adults participating in the 5K run and 1-mile walk is \$35 (\$40 on July 3 and 4) and \$15 for children ages 14 and under. Race t-shirts are only guaranteed for those who register prior to race day.

For more information, to register or to donate, visit [www.AutismSpeaks5k.org](http://www.AutismSpeaks5k.org).

## Taste of Potomac

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"Forever Friday" — and the adoption was finalized in May 2010. Ray is a lovely lad and is thriving — he just joined Boy Scouts, is a happy student at the British School of Washington and is also working towards his black belt at Tae Kwon Do, under the mentorship of Master Coles. If we hit any bumps, it's very comforting to know that we can pick up the phone and get advice and help from the team at Adoptions Together."

"We were actually planning on adopting a younger girl but, as Janice Goldwater, founder of Adoptions Together, always says,

"In the end, you get the child you were meant to have."


Adoptions Together offers a number of family support services. Their guiding principle is "no child in need of a family will be turned away and families will have the support and guidance they need to thrive." Adoptions Together is seeking families who would like the opportunity to change the life of a child by becoming a "forever family." Mature adults of all races, religions and family structures can make excellent parents. Opportunities are also available to serve in a volunteer capacity. Call Adoptions Together at 301-439-2900 or visit [www.adoptionstogether.org](http://www.adoptionstogether.org).

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# Talking to Children About Race

Local experts  
offer advice.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE CONNECTION

**R**ene Todd says the subject of race first came up for discussion in her family when her elementary school-aged son Parker began to notice mixed-race families at his school. "We had an honest conversation about racial and ethnic differences," said Todd, who lives in Bethesda, Md. "Our community is very diverse so we are exposed to people of many backgrounds."

Local experts say this approach is important because as children enter elementary school, and sometimes even earlier, they begin to notice skin color and other physical characteristics. The way their parents respond is critical to the attitudes that children develop about race.

"In early childhood, children are so egocentric that they think everybody is like them," said Linda Gulyn, Ph.D., a professor of psychology at Marymount University in Arlington. "Around elementary school, they make cognitive shift developments."

As children's cognitive abilities develop, they begin to ask questions about skin color, eye shape and hair texture. They also categorize people and place value judgments on these traits.

"Even as young as three, children notice race," said Potomac, Md., based child psychiatrist Bruce P. Pfeffer. "Differences in appearance should be acknowledged because a child sees it. The most important thing that should be emphasized by parents is individual qualities of the person. See people as people and not focus on racial differences. This way children will learn to value people for what they stand for."

Fred Bemak, Ed.D., a professor in the Counseling and Development Program at George



PHOTO BY MARILYN CAMPBELL/THE CONNECTION

**Rene Todd believes in having honest conversations about race with her elementary school-aged son Parker.**

Mason University in Fairfax, and also founder and director of the school's Diversity Research and Action Center, says one of the biggest mistakes parents can make is to avoid a discussion of race. "It is critical that we have those discussions with children," he said. "One myth is that if we raise the issue [of race] we're go-

saying honest conversations about race and ethnicity don't equal racism. "I think some parents mistake racial comments for racist comments and avoid talking about race completely in an effort not to be racist. In fact, color blindness — or color muteness — is not the opposite of racism, antiracism is."

Antiracism, said Swallow, "includes both celebrating and welcoming diversity as well as engaging with kids about inequalities and injustices."

As with other sensitive topics, experts advise having an open dialogue about race with children early and often.

"Embarrassment or silence gives your child the impression that the topic is off-limits," said Bemak. He pointed to a 2006 study published in the Journal of Marriage and Family that showed white parents are three times less likely to talk with their children about race than par-

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**"I think some parents mistake racial comments for racist comments and avoid talking about race completely in an effort not to be racist."**

— Katy Swallow, Ph.D., George Mason University

ing to create bias. All the research says that it is not true. We know that long-term kids carry negative attitudes toward race when it is not discussed openly and appropriately."

Katy Swallow, Ph.D., an assistant professor in the College of Education and Human Development at George Mason University, agrees,

## Summer Camps from Montgomery Parks

Montgomery Parks, part of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission is offering a variety of camps this summer for tots to teens — and some for parents and grandparents to participate — at all skill levels and at locations across the county. Details about all Montgomery Parks camps are available online at [www.MontgomeryParks.org/Camps](http://www.MontgomeryParks.org/Camps) where visitors can search offerings by age, location, camp type and weeks.

To register, visit [www.ParkPASS.org](http://www.ParkPASS.org) where camp searches may be filtered by age, location and key words.

Here are some examples being offered.

**Beginning and Advanced Fishing Camps:** For ages 11 – 15 years old, and 12 – 17 years old respectively. Beginners learn the basics of how, where and when to catch fresh water fish, and

the latest techniques related to tackle, live bait, artificial lure selection and more. Campers in the advanced program build upon these skills and gain a better understanding of fish behavior and fishing strategies. Both camps are based at Black Hill Regional Park.

**Park Police Junior Ranger Camps:** For ages 8 – 12 years old. Learn what it's like to be a park ranger by exploring the outdoors at Little Bennett Regional Park. Campers will hike nature trails, interact with live animals, go on a scavenger hunt and more.

**River Adventures Kayak Camp:** For ages 12 – 17 years old. This beginning kayak camp taught by certified instructors teaches proper equipment use, safety, basic strokes, boat control, water rescues and more. Participants kayak Little Seneca Lake as well as local rivers including the Potomac and

Monocacy. Camp is based at Black Hill Regional Park.

**Summer Fun Ice Skating Camps:** For ages 6 – 12 years old, all skill levels. Learn the ins and outs of ice skating at Cabin John Ice Rink. Days consist of a daily 30-minute lesson with a professional coach, open skate time to practice, arts and crafts projects, outdoor activities and more.

**Summer Skateboard Camps:** For ages 6 – 13 years old. Learn or improve skating skills and have some extreme fun at Olney Manor Skate Park. Professional instructors from American Inline Skating teach beginner through advanced skaters to push, ride, tack turn, ollie, kick flip, grind, stall, drop in and get air.

**Tennis and Ice Skating Camps:** For ages 8 – 13 years old, all skill levels. Master the fundamentals of two great

sports in one week with direction from professional coaches and through interactive games and lessons at Cabin John Regional Park.

**Tennis and So Much More Camps:** For ages 6 – 12 years old, all skill levels. This camp at Wheaton Indoor Tennis has something for everyone including tennis and ice skating instruction from professional coaches, a trip to the South Germantown Splash Park and Miniature Golf course and outdoor games.

**Week in the Park Camps:** For ages 6 – 12 years old. Based out of Wheaton Ice Arena, this camp features a diverse line-up of activities and outings including tennis, ice skating, a field trip to South Germantown Splash Park and Mini Golf, nature walks, a ride on the miniature train and carousel and more.

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**Calvin C. LaRoche delivers the commencement speech at Norwood School.**



**Graduating Norwood eighth graders listen during commencement address (from left): Marcel Wiedmaier, Dilan Prasad and Jennifer Clogg.**

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## LaRoche Addresses Norwood Students

Potomac resident and businessman Calvin C. LaRoche addressed 53 eighth graders as they graduated from Norwood School on June 11.

LaRoche is a founding partner of DC Ventures and Associates, LLC, which focuses on private investing in early stage technology companies. During his 35-year career, Mr. LaRoche has served as chief operating officer at The Orkand Corporation, senior vice president at SkyTel Communications, and director of strategic development for IBM. LaRoche is chairman of the board of trust-

ees at Norwood and is father to two Norwood students.

Paraphrasing an old fable, he ended his speech with: "Three people were working on a building site. When asked what they were doing, the first person answered, 'I am laying bricks.' The second said, 'I am making a wall.'

The third replied, 'I am building a cathedral.' I conclude my remarks with a question: when it comes to your vision of your future, are you laying bricks, making a wall, or building a cathedral?"

## Talking to Children About Race

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ents of color.

**PARENTS SHOULD REMEMBER** that they serve as their children's most influential role models. Pfeffer suggests "inviting people of different backgrounds into your home. [Model] to your child that people who may look different can also be loving and intelligent, and that you as parents enjoy them."

While Gulyn said that it's important to let children express what they're thinking, if you're silent after a bigoted remark, your child can interpret that comment as acceptable or accurate. "Probe a little bit," said Gulyn. "If a child says something like 'that black girl,' it is OK to jump in and say 'Wait, what is her name?' Always say that there are other dimensions to people than skin color. Recognize that skin color is important but that people are multidimensional."

This goes for parents as well. "Avoid identifying people by race, as if it is the most important characteristic of someone," said Gulyn. "Parents should catch themselves describing someone by their skin color when it is not relevant."

"Children will learn from your actions as well as your words, even in subtle ways," Gulyn said. "A good place to start is for parents to examine their own belief systems or attitudes."

In fact, parents should not only openly acknowledge different backgrounds, but celebrate them, according to Pfeffer. "It is important to construct fun activities and explore things such as Chinese New Year or Cinco de Mayo and have fun with children so they can experience the culture in a way that they understand," he said. "Children learn much better when they have fun."

Gulyn discourages parents from over emphasizing race, however. "Try to catch yourself saying things

like kids from El Salvador are really good at soccer," she said. "Being overly positive is called reverse racism. People are complex and not only defined by their skin color."

Swalwell said parents can send children subtle messages about race, such as the way adults of different races interact with one another, or the types of dolls, books and toys they expose their children to. "The most powerful work can be done with really young kids," she said. "There are actions beyond the talk: The dolls that you have in your house, that they don't just represent your family's race. The books that you check out from the library, make sure they have representatives of different kids of people. ... If you only saw books of only white kids, over time that really shapes [the] subconscious ways in which you really think about the world."

Gulyn says parents of biracial children or parents who adopt children who are of a different race might have an extra layer of complexity. "Those kids have a tougher time with identity," she said. "It is important for parents to acknowledge to a child that there is a racial difference."

This might be particularly noticeable in middle school when children are naturally developing a sense of identity. "Kids will have extra struggles with identity development, especially in middle school, but parents are really instrumental in it," Gulyn said. "Biracial parents have the responsibility to acknowledge that this is going to be an issue for the child. A child might be asked, 'Are you really so-and-so's kids? You look black but you have a white mom.'"

How should a parent handle such a situation? "Acknowledge the racial differences, but talk about it with a sense of pride: 'This is who I am,'" Gulyn said. "You are great parts of both parents, not just skin color."

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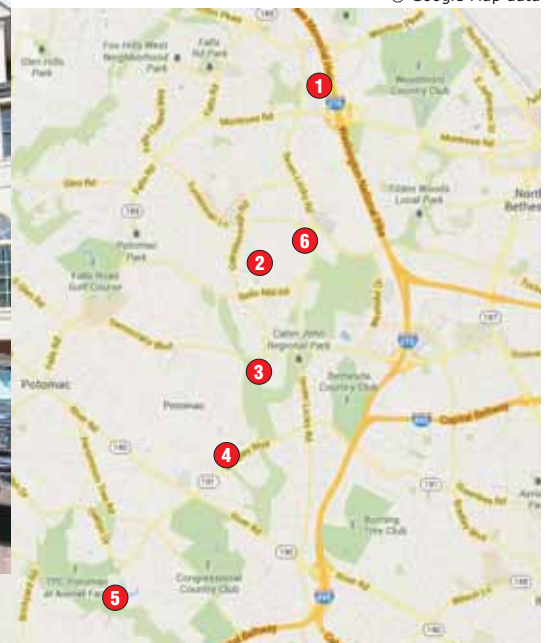
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13 PURCELL CT .....	7	6	2	POTOMAC	\$2,850,000	Detached	0.69	20854	MCAULEY PARK
9705 THE CORRAL DR .....	6	5	2	POTOMAC	\$2,542,500	Detached	2.01	20854	POTOMAC FALLS
8502 PIERCE POINT CT .....	6	5	1	POTOMAC	\$2,275,000	Detached	0.55	20854	AVENEL
10736 ARDNAME PL .....	5	6	2	POTOMAC	\$2,050,000	Detached	2.00	20854	POTOMAC OUTSIDE
9755 AVENEL FARM DR .....	7	7	2	POTOMAC	\$1,800,000	Detached	1.32	20854	AVENEL
10601 RIVER RD .....	6	4	0	POTOMAC	\$1,700,000	Detached	4.05	20854	POTOMAC OUTSIDE
12 SANDALFOOT CT .....	5	4	2	POTOMAC	\$1,395,000	Detached	0.23	20854	AVENEL
10007 HEMSWELL LN .....	4	3	1	POTOMAC	\$1,375,000	Detached	0.51	20854	MCAULEY PARK
9704 AVENEL FARM DR .....	4	4	1	POTOMAC	\$1,355,000	Detached	0.46	20854	AVENEL
13438 BISSEL LN .....	5	5	1	POTOMAC	\$1,345,800	Detached	2.01	20854	STONEY CREEK ESTATES
29 BEMAN WOODS CT .....	5	4	1	POTOMAC	\$1,277,000	Detached	0.20	20854	AVENEL
13149 BRUSHWOOD WAY .....	5	4	1	POTOMAC	\$1,275,000	Detached	2.46	20854	TRAVILAH MEADOWS
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8500 WARDE TER .....	5	3	1	POTOMAC	\$1,160,000	Detached	0.51	20854	MCAULEY PARK
13208 MAPLECREST DR .....	4	4	1	POTOMAC	\$1,150,000	Detached	0.35	20854	PINEY GLEN VILLAGE
7501 MASTERS DR .....	6	5	1	POTOMAC	\$1,135,000	Detached	0.34	20854	RIVER FALLS
8109 COACH ST .....	4	2	2	POTOMAC	\$1,125,000	Detached	0.35	20854	RIVER FALLS
13636 MAIDSTONE LN .....	6	4	1	POTOMAC	\$1,100,000	Detached	1.52	20854	RIVERS EDGE
10601 UNITY LN .....	5	5	0	POTOMAC	\$1,099,900	Detached	2.09	20854	POTOMAC OUTSIDE
10000 BETTAKER LN .....	5	3	1	POTOMAC	\$1,036,000	Detached	0.93	20854	HOLLINRIDGE
7525 HACKAMORE DR .....	4	3	1	POTOMAC	\$1,030,000	Detached	0.35	20854	RIVER FALLS
10521 STABLE LN .....	6	4	1	POTOMAC	\$1,030,000	Detached	0.35	20854	RIVER FALLS
9413 KENTSDALE DR .....	4	3	1	POTOMAC	\$985,100	Detached	0.46	20854	MCAULEY PARK
9829 KORMAN CT .....	4	3	1	ROCKVILLE	\$985,000	Detached	0.28	20854	BEDFORDSHIRE
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11612 KAREN DR .....	6	4	0	POTOMAC	\$870,000	Detached	0.55	20854	LAKE NORMANDY ESTS
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9418 LOST TRAIL WAY .....	4	3	1	POTOMAC	\$843,000	Townhouse	0.17	20854	BEDFORDSHIRE
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10205 LLOYD RD .....	4	2	0	POTOMAC	\$730,000	Detached	2.07	20854	HOLLINRIDGE
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8833 TUCKERMAN LN .....	4	2	1	POTOMAC	\$715,000	Detached	0.19	20854	HIGHLAND STONE
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1997 MILBORO DR .....	4	3	1	ROCKVILLE	\$690,000	Detached	0.41	20854	POTOMAC WOODS
11820 CHAREN LN .....	4	2	1	POTOMAC	\$655,000	Detached	0.32	20854	REGENCY ESTATES
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**Marjorie "Marge" Van Egmond** died Friday, May 31, 2013 in Arlington, VA. Born October 28, 1922 in Holland, MI to the late Cornelius and Cornelia Steketee, the second of four children, she was raised in Holland and was a graduate of Holland H.S. Class of 1940. She met her husband, the late Dr. Elmer Van Egmond while he was attending Hope College. His career took the family to Lexington, MA, then to Bloomington/Normal, IL.

The pair moved to Little Rock in the 80's where she and her husband were very involved at Second Presbyterian Church. She was a deacon, served as President of the Presbyterian Women and was active in mission work and Pastoral Care. Marge was also a Master Gardener and Past President of Greater Little Rock Council of Garden Clubs. After her husband's death in 1996, she moved to the Washington, DC area to be with her adult children.

Mrs. Van Egmond is survived by her three children Alan Van Egmond of Potomac, MD, Tim Van Egmond of Montague, MA and Coralee Van Egmond of Arlington, VA; five grandchildren and three great grandsons. In addition to her beloved husband, she was preceded in death by two of her siblings, Cornelius Steketee, Jr and Vivian Goodman; her brother, Kenneth Steketee of Grosse Pointe Farms, MI survives her.

A Memorial Service will be held at Potomac Presbyterian Church, 10301 River Road, Potomac, Maryland 20854 on Saturday, July 6 at 10 a.m. Private burial will occur at Pilgrim Home Cemetery in Holland, Michigan at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Marge's name to Potomac Presbyterian Church at the above address Habitat for Humanity, 121 Habitat Street, Americas, GA 31209-3498 or the Presbyterian Women Thank Offering, 100 Witherspoon St, Louisville, KY 40202

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# ENTERTAINMENT

Email community entertainment events to [almanac@connectionnews.com](mailto:almanac@connectionnews.com). Deadline is Thursday at noon. Photos and artwork encouraged.

## THURSDAY/JUNE 20

**Books are a Blast.** 11 a.m. at Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive. Families can enjoy a magic show about reading. Free. Visit [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/libraries](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/libraries) or 240-777-0690.

**Free Thursday Concerts.** 6-8 p.m. at Veterans Park, corner of Woodmont and Norfolk Avenues, Bethesda. Hear music by Blue Funk. Visit [www.bethesda.org](http://www.bethesda.org) or 301-215-6660.

**Concert.** 7:30-8:30 p.m. at Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Hear music by the Maryland Classic Youth Orchestra. Free. 301-634-2222.

**Blues Dance.** 8:15 p.m. lessons start, dancing from 9-11:30 p.m. in the Ballroom Annex, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. \$8. Capital Blues presents the dances. Visit [www.capitalblues.org](http://www.capitalblues.org).

## FRIDAY/JUNE 21

**Performance.** 8 p.m. see Christine Ferrera's exhibit "Between You and Me" at Gibbs Street Gallery at VisArts, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. The exhibit is a collection of performance work that circuitously contemplates art, humor and feminism. Free. Visit [www.visartscenter.org](http://www.visartscenter.org) or call 301-315-8200.

**Contra Dance.** 7:30 p.m. lessons start; 8:30 -11:30 p.m. dancing at Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Last Exit provides music. \$10/ adult; \$5/17 and under. Visit [www.fridaynightdance.org](http://www.fridaynightdance.org).

**Balboa DJ Dance.** 8:30-11:30 p.m. at Ballroom Annex at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. \$10. Visit [www.americanswing.org](http://www.americanswing.org).

## JUNE 21-SEPT. 2

**Theatre.** Adventure Theatre MTC performances of "Dr. Seuss's Cat in the Hat," based on the book by Dr. Seuss, starring Rick Hammerly and narrated by NPR's Guy Raz. \$19. At Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Visit [www.adventuretheatre-mtc.org](http://www.adventuretheatre-mtc.org) or call 301-634-2270.

## SATURDAY/JUNE 22

**Show.** 10 a.m. or 11 a.m. at Washington Conservatory at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Enjoy a free performance of "The Story of Babar." Visit [www.glenechopark.org](http://www.glenechopark.org) for more.

**Art Exhibit.** See 15 artists present their work in "Painting Under the Influence of Walt Bartman" at Yellow Barn Gallery, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Hours are noon-5 p.m. with a reception from 6-8 p.m. Free. Visit [www.yellowbarnstudio.com](http://www.yellowbarnstudio.com) for more.

**Performance.** 2 p.m. see Christine Ferrera's exhibit "Between You and Me" at Gibbs Street Gallery at VisArts, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. The exhibit is a collection of performance work that circuitously contemplates art, humor and feminism. Free. Visit [www.visartscenter.org](http://www.visartscenter.org) or call 301-315-8200.

**Dog Adopter Workshop.** 11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. at Your Dog's Friend Training Center, 12221 Parklawn Drive, Rockville. Trainers help adopters learn how to deal with common issues, prevent problems, and maintain a strong, trusting relationship. Time to discuss individual concerns.

Repeated monthly. Rescue and shelter foster parents and potential adopters welcome. Please leave dogs at home. To register, go to <http://yourdogsfriend.org/free-workshops/> or call 301-983-5913.

**Swing Dance.** 8 p.m.-midnight in the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Live music from Tom Cunningham Orchestra. \$15. All ages welcome. Visit [www.tomcunningham.com](http://www.tomcunningham.com).

## JUNE 22-AUGUST 17

**Art Exhibit.** See "No Strings Attached," which examines the role of fine arts in the creation of puppets and marionettes, at Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike. The exhibit features photography, sculpture, masks and puppets of every size. Free. Visit [www.strathmore.org](http://www.strathmore.org).

**Puppets Take Strathmore.** Campus-wide summer festival exploring contemporary American puppetry. The festival includes performances, workshops and the fine art exhibition No Strings attached, with activities for adults and for children. Visit [www.strathmore.org](http://www.strathmore.org) for more.

## SUNDAY/JUNE 23

**Art Exhibit.** See 15 artists present their work in "Painting Under the Influence of Walt Bartman" at Yellow Barn Gallery, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Hours are noon-5 p.m. Free. Visit [www.yellowbarnstudio.com](http://www.yellowbarnstudio.com).

**Performance.** 2 p.m. see Christine Ferrera's exhibit "Between You and Me" at Gibbs Street Gallery at VisArts, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. The exhibit is a collection of performance work that circuitously contemplates art, humor and feminism. Free. Visit [www.visartscenter.org](http://www.visartscenter.org) or call 301-315-8200.

**Ballroom Tea Dance.** 3-6 p.m. at Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. \$14. Dance to live music by Hot Society Orchestra of Washington. All ages. Visit [www.waltztimedances.org](http://www.waltztimedances.org).

**Argentine Tango.** 6:30-11 p.m. at Ballroom Annex, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. DJ Rene Davila will mix the music. \$15/person; \$10/dance only. Visit [www.glenechopark.org](http://www.glenechopark.org).

**Contra Dance.** 7-10:30 p.m. at Spanish Ballroom, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. \$13/nonmember; \$10/member; \$5/17 and under. Visit [www.fsgw.org](http://www.fsgw.org) for more.

**Chai Time.** 2-5 p.m. at Potomac Community Center, 11315 Falls Road. Join Pakistani social activists Hasnain Aslam and Dr. Fouzia Saeed as they discuss their work. Saeed's will sign her book "Working with Sharks." RSVP at 301-424-0751.

## MONDAY/JUNE 24

**Cartooning Class.** 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Children and teens ages 11 and older. \$195 for the week includes supplies. To register visit [www.glenecho-park.org](http://www.glenecho-park.org) or 301-634-2226.

**Songwriting 101.** 5 p.m. at Potomac Library, 10101 Glenolden Drive. Teens can learn the basics of writing songs. Free, no registration. Call 240-777-0690.

## MONDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 24-30

**2013 AT&T National.** At Congressional Country Club in Bethesda. Visit [www.usga.org](http://www.usga.org) or [www.tigerwoodsfoundation.org](http://www.tigerwoodsfoundation.org).



## 'Peter Pan and Wendy'

Bethesda becomes Neverland this summer, as Imagination Stage presents "Peter Pan and Wendy," a swashbuckling adventure with audience participation. Directed by Kathryn Chase Bryer, it is a story in which two young heroes must decide if growing up is really all that bad.

"Peter Pan and Wendy" runs in Imagination Stage's Annette M. and Theodore N. Lerner Family Theatre June 26-Aug. 11. Best for ages 4-10, tickets start at \$12, and may be purchased online at [www.imaginationstage.org](http://www.imaginationstage.org), at the Imagination Stage box office, or via phone at 301-280-1660. Group rates are available.

music. \$10/adult; \$5/17 and under. Visit [www.fridaynightdance.org](http://www.fridaynightdance.org).

## FRIDAY/JUNE 28

**Performance.** 8 p.m. see Christine Ferrera's exhibit "Between You and Me" at Gibbs Street Gallery at VisArts, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. The exhibit is a collection of performance work that circuitously contemplates art, humor and feminism. Free. Visit [www.visartscenter.org](http://www.visartscenter.org) or call 301-315-8200.

**Opening Reception.** 6 p.m. Leah Cooper presents "Drawing the Undifferentiated" from June 28 through July 27 at Common Ground Gallery at VisArts, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. Free. Visit [www.visartscenter.org](http://www.visartscenter.org) or call 301-315-8200.

**Cajun/Zydeco Dance.** 8:30 p.m.-midnight at Bumper Car Pavilion, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Mo Mojo will provide the music. \$15. Visit [www.dancingbythebayou.com](http://www.dancingbythebayou.com).

## SATURDAY/JUNE 29

**Reinventing Radio — An Evening with Ira Glass.** 8 p.m. The Music Center at Strathmore 5301 Tuckerman Lane. Visit [www.strathmore.org](http://www.strathmore.org).

**Heritage Days.** Noon-4 p.m. at over 30 sites around Montgomery County, including C&O Canal National Historical Park and Lockhouse 10. All events are free. For detailed information on Heritage Days and The Civil War Comes to Rockville, visit [www.HeritageMontgomery.org](http://www.HeritageMontgomery.org) or call 301-515-0753.

**Civil War Comes to Rockville.** 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Enjoy lectures at Red Brick Courthouse; concerts at Christ Episcopal Church; re-enactments, crafts, music, stories and more. Free. 301-515-0753 or [www.HeritageMontgomery.org](http://www.HeritageMontgomery.org).

**Performance.** 2 p.m. see Christine Ferrera's exhibit "Between You and Me" at Gibbs Street Gallery at VisArts, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. Free. Visit [www.visartscenter.org](http://www.visartscenter.org) or call 301-315-8200.

**Swing Dance.** 8 p.m.-midnight in the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. \$18/ages 18 and above; \$12 ages 11-17; and \$10 ages 10 and below. All ages welcome. Visit [www.glenechopark.org](http://www.glenechopark.org) for more.

**Spanish Ballroom Anniversary.** 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Glen Echo Park Spanish Ballroom, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Celebrate Glen Echo's Spanish Ballroom's 80th anniversary with dance lessons, crafts and tours. Free. 202-634-2222 or [www.glenechopark.org](http://www.glenechopark.org).

## Testing, 1, 2, 3; Testing, 4, 5, 6; Testing 7, 8, 9...



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Different from last week's column on the testing subject, "Full Circle," this week's column addresses another emotional battleground: the unknown. Other than selling computers out of Frank Costanza's house and reaching a "Serenity Now"-type nirvana with each sale, outlets available to yours truly — one of many terminal cancer patients anticipating results from a CT scan of my lungs/upper torso, and in turn awaiting the electronic exchange from my oncologist advising me of said results — are difficult to come by. And even though I'm experienced at this process, four-plus years and counting, literally; and accustomed as well to the "cycle of loom," familiar it has become; easier however, it has not.

In effect, this testing and waiting for the results is its own test: of patience, self-discipline, endurance, forbearance; so I tell myself: "Serenity Now," and hope there's not insanity later, as there was for Lloyd Braun on this most memorable Seinfeld episode.

However much I want to pretend, deny and minimize the significance of these results, the reality is, my life sort of depends on them. Moreover the digital images that will appear on the computer screen in the doctor's office will indeed tell the tale, hopefully not of woe. Yours truly hemming and hawing and being asymptomatic are all irrelevant once the radiologist hits send and the images/results end up in my oncologist's inbox. That's when the rubber will truly hit the road and I will learn if my future is now or later.

So you bet it's a test, and it's no stinkin' multiple guess/multiple choice test either. It's a test of character, of will; you against yourself. And though you'd like the best man to win and for you to be the best man, the reality is: cancer may be the man and you may not be. As much as you try, there's an inevitability to science and medicine and not always does the best man win. Death and taxes are inevitable, as the old joke goes — for a reason!

Unfortunately, in many patients, cancer kills; it's not a feeling, it's a fact. My job as a cancer patient is to resist and not succumb to its devastating devices. Every day is a test, physically and especially emotionally. One's effects I can attempt to semi control, the other, not so much. As I cycle around to my next scan, I am reminded of how challenging this whole cancer trip has been. And though I've been there and been doing it now for nearly four and one half years post-diagnosis, each scan presents new risks. For cancer patients though, these scans are a necessity of life. Unfortunately — and this is our harsh reality, they may also be a precursor of death. Try studying for that.

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