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Chapstick, the Healing Cat

BY CAROLE FUNGER

The mysteries of life are all around us. Some times the most inexplicable things happen. So it goes with the story of the sudden death of a beloved child and the unexpected appearance of a starving cat. While neither could ever be replacement for the other, the synchronicity of these two events cannot fail to inspire. Life is infinitely bigger than we can possibly grasp. So the story goes.

A long time ago there was a young girl named Katie. She was beautiful and blond with bright blue eyes and a joyful zest for living. While she didn't have a traditional job like her other teen friends, she came to work in a house where there were three little girls who were looking for someone just like her. In no time the group developed a bond like no other.

Katie and her three little charges loved to take walks in the woods at Katie's grandmother's farm and eat spaghetti with her parents. They spent lots of time at the mall snacking on ice cream, looking in store windows and playing with pet store animals. On Halloween, they visited the haunted forest; Katie driving in her beat-up old station wagon with the peeling wooden strips on the side, strips that the youngest of the three little girls loved to peel when Katie wasn't looking.

Their older "sister" Katie showered the little girls with many gifts, including little stuffed animals and especially chapsticks in every color and flavor imaginable. Katie carried a large satchel bag with her everywhere on their outings filled with the tiny lip-glosses for the girls. She always stored her bag on a special chair in their home.

Then suddenly one day Katie was gone. A phone call came one afternoon, shattering the lives of the little girls. There would be no more visits to their home by their older "sister."

Soon after this horrible day, an emaciated cat arrived at the door of the girls' home. He had black and white fur, large green-toned eyes and a penetrating stare. He hid by the back door behind a row of bushes, refusing to go away. Although he was scared



Carole Fungar with Chapstick.

and appeared unfriendly, when the little girls offered him some food, he ate from their hands as if he had known them all along.

The starving cat helped to lift the little girls' spirits. Surely, they cried, this must be a sign from Katie, come to tell them she was OK? After a few days, the cat had taken up permanent residence by the back door, patiently waiting each day for the girls to come outside and play. The little girls lost no time in convincing their parents to keep him. The little cat had found a home.

No sooner had the cat entered the home, than he ran directly to the special chair where Katie had kept her bag. He nestled deep into the cushion where the satchel full of chapsticks had always laid, curling himself tightly into a little ball. During those first weeks, he left the chair only to eat or play briefly with the little girls.

There could be no doubt as to his name. The girls named the cat Chapstick. People who knew the story came to see him and were comforted by his presence. He lived for 20 years with the family, holding on patiently to life until the last little girl left for college.

While we will never know if he was truly sent by their older "sister," Chapstick's timely appearance helped to soothe the three little girls' wounds and provide furry comfort throughout their growing years. With his wondrous arrival, he reaffirmed the continuous nature of all living things.

Squeals on Wheels

The Squeals on Wheels mobile petting zoo in Potomac has two new baby piglets (below) that were born on July 10. At right, Magpie, a rare Crested Miniature Call Duck, is nose to bill with Brandy the St. Bernard. For more information on Squeals on Wheels, visit www.squealsonwheels.us/.



Clyde, a two-year-old Newfie, is pictured here with Caitlin Grant of Potomac. Clyde loves playing in the snow and sleeping in the shade. Despite his intimidating size, he is the friendliest and most lovable dog out there.



My Jack Rascal, who had a wonderful fun-filled 18 years, was named "Auggie," or sometimes "Auggie Doggie." Whenever you asked Auggie a question, he would tilt his head to the side, and listen very attentively. He had amazing tricks: He could jump high, grab an interior, round door handle in his mouth, twist, and open the door on his own.

— JOHN POBIAK

This is my sweet dog which I rescued on the island of Cozumel, Mexico. I was on a scuba diving trip. Each morning she would show up at the dock. She was a very sickly street dog. She was all skin and bones and barely surviving. I would feed her a nice helping of sausage and eggs. Later, when the boat pulled into the dock she would be waiting for more treats. After several days of this, I decided to take her home with me. Since I discovered her on the beach, I named her "Arena," the Spanish word for "sand," and nicknamed her "Rainy."

— JOHN POBIAK





PET ALMANAC

Addressing Pet Overpopulation in the County

How the county and McPaw are helping, and how residents can make a difference.

BY MATT KIMM
THE ALMANAC

If interested in adding a new pet to the family or if simply just like animals, consider making the drive to Derwood to visit the Montgomery County Animal Services and Adoption Center.

If not a dog or cat person, fear not — there are plenty of other animals to choose from. Birds, ferrets, hamsters, guinea pigs, rabbits, lizards, iguanas, fish, and even livestock are just some of the many other species that reside in the adoption center, which currently holds more than 350 animals.

While many of these animals were strays, many of them were surrendered by their own owners. As far as animal shelters go, the Montgomery County Animal Services and Adoption Center is state of the art. The multi-million dollar facility is a 49,160-square-foot, eco-friendly building. There are four corridors in which people can visit, and sometimes even feed, each dog, cat, reptile, bird, fish, or rodent currently residing in the shelter. Out back, there is an outdoor area with a walking trail for staff and volunteers to walk the animals, as well as a barn for the livestock residing at the shelter.

The facility employs animal care professionals including volunteers, animal trainers, veterinarians, and adoption counselors who can assist potential owners with the process of bringing a rescue animal home.

A portion of the funding for the facility and its programs comes from its official county partner, McPaw, a Montgomery County non-profit that has two primary goals: to fund the facilities and the programs of the adoption center, and to develop programs aimed to stop animals from coming into the shelter in the first place.

“If we did our job right, the shelter would be empty — but you know that will never happen,” said Allan Cohen, chairman of McPaw. To combat the issue of pet overpopulation, McPaw is coordinating a program called Spay it Forward that aims to provide free spaying and neutering services to Montgomery County. In the first six months of 2015, McPaw has been in contact with 98 veterinary clinics and helped spay or neuter 187 feral cats to prevent an estimated 798 homeless, feral kittens from being born.

To support McPaw and the adoption center, visit mcpaw.org to donate or browse volunteering opportunities. Despite the modern facilities and dedicated staff at the center, these diverse and loving animals are in need of a home. On the wall of the adoption center is this quote: “To the world, you are just another rescue pet owner; to a rescue pet, you are the world.”

The Montgomery County Animal Services and Adoption Center is located at 7315 Muncaster Mill Road, Derwood, MD 20855. To browse available animals online, visit montgomerycountymd.gov/animalservices/.

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**— Allan Cohen,
chairman, McPaw**



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A 4-year-old Labrador retriever mix, Sarahbeth's eyes light up at the sight of people.



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Aggie, a 4-year-old iguana, is just one of many reptiles at the adoption center in need of a home.
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McPaw's Role

McPaw is proud to be the nonprofit partner to the new Montgomery County Animal Services and Adoption Center. As partner, McPaw strives to augment programs and services to assist animals find loving homes. McPaw's programs such as Purple Care and the new Amber Care provide incentives for the adoption of senior cats and dogs. Additionally, McPaw assists in providing needed equipment and supplies for the benefit of the animals in residence at the adoption center.

An integral part of McPaw's mission is to address the primary reasons that animals end up in shelters. McPaw's new Spay It Forward initiative focuses on solutions to the issues of pet overpopulation and the reasons the adoption center approaches capacity. With an immense influx of kittens in the spring, Spay it Forward is working to bring solutions to the feral cat issue and has begun a TNR (trap, neuter, return) effort. Spay it Forward has developed a “Charter Colony” program that is working with feral colony managers to improve conditions, supply needed food and shelters and effect zero



Jaanu is a “Purple Care” senior cat. McPaw will cover the adoption fee as well as some pet essentials like toys and litter boxes.

growth of the colony. The Spay it Forward Pet Food Pantry has supplied thousands of pounds of cat and dog food to ensure no pet goes hungry in Montgomery County.

McPaw's programs and efforts are strategically designed to make a significant difference for pets. McPaw invites the community to become a partner and supporter in any initiative McPaw is undertaking for the benefit of animals in Montgomery County.

OPINION

What's Special about Potomac?

Share tips in upcoming Newcomers and Community Guide.

The Almanac's annual Newcomers and Community Guide will publish Aug. 26.

A bevy of interns, plus staff writers and editors, are preparing this year's edition, but we need help from our readers.

What tips do you have for someone getting to know the community?

We're hoping to share special places, activities, events, organizations and volunteer opportunities. What should someone new to your neighborhood know about? Events that should not be missed? Organizations that do a great

job? Places to volunteer? Tips for navigating your PTA or your school's front office? A great place to see the sunset? We'd love to have your photos to go along with your suggestions.

EDITORIAL

Faith organizations, nonprofit organizations, clubs, environmental groups, advocacy groups, youth sports teams and others who offer events open to the public are invited to send a paragraph about the organization and how to get involved.

We will publish a selection of local tips along with a plethora of information useful to newcomers and long-time residents alike, includ-

ing our award-winning Insiders Guide to the Parks, information on how to vote and more.

See last year's community guides by going to www.connectionnewspapers.com/PDFs/ and scrolling down to Newcomers.

Email tips and photos to almanac@connectionnewspapers.com or send as a letter to the editor via the website at <http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/contact/letter/>. Send in your Insider's Tips by Friday, Aug. 14.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Real Problems Vs. Assumed Problems

To the Editor:

Ever heard the old joke about the definition of an HOA? A group of nervous ne'er-do-wells scared to death that somebody in their community is about to do something useful.

With all due respect, that's what the writers of "Opposing Application for a Country Inn" (Almanac, July 15-21, 2015) sound like to me.

I've lived in Potomac for many years and I've known Mark Reges and his family for longer than that. Mark is a man of vision and integrity. He and his OAI have given us a beautiful restaurant venue right here in Potomac for decades and have supported and raised substantial funds for causes and charities greatly benefiting our community.

I have attended those functions at OAI and have always found them to be well attended, elegant and orderly. Would you writers of "Opposing Application for a Country Inn" have Mark stop those well attended charity events as well, for the sake of some generality, some ethereal and unsubstantiated fear of noise or congestion? I think not.

And on that subject, as I am writing this on my deck at my house along Falls Road this early morning, I'm not bothered by the minimal noise that might come from an occasional wedding reception at OAI, but I'm enormously

bothered by the constant noise of the constant stream of low flying jets that zoom over Potomac every day and every night, on their way to Reagan National. Hey HOA activists, how about jumping on that real and substantiated noise pollution problem!

Don't harp on a dignified gentleman, a neighbor and excellent restaurateur trying to build something really nice and really useful. Instead, why not join Congresswoman E. H. Norton who is pushing to have the constant jet traffic scaled back. Use your energy for real problems.

By the way, been on the C&O Canal towpath lately? I've never heard a sound from OAI, nor do I believe that Mark's carefully crafted proposal will cause any. But my bucolic bliss there is constantly interrupted by the noise of those low-flying jets along the river.

Add to that the existing danger and noise of the intolerably high volume, morning and evening rush hour traffic on Falls Road which has increased dramatically in recent years, on your watches I might add, you HOA's. You could have afforded much greater effort to have the master plan divert that traffic from Potomac. But no, I don't see any multi-signature opinion letters about that. Do something substantial about existing problems, i.e. Falls Road used as an alternative 495 and constant low-

flying jets over our neighborhood. Please raise hell about those tangible things, and let Mr. Reges build his country inn.

Real problems, nothing. Assumed problems, uprising. Once again, scared somebody is about to do something useful. You also proclaim "there are many existing venues for wedding receptions and banquets in or near Potomac." Really? Name one. I don't see any. I'd love and I know my neighbors would love to have the availability of Mark's country inn right here in Potomac, with the now nonexistent chance to hold a nice function here or have out-of-town guests stay right here, close by.

OAI is an integral part of Potomac. You might even say it is Potomac. Mark just wants to make it better. It makes perfect sense to me that noise and congestion (big problems that already exist here from the stated other sources) will not increase by Mark's well crafted proposal, particularly when 80 more parking spaces and no outdoor entertaining facilities are a concrete part of it. As a long standing Potomac resident I believe Mark has a great idea, one that will provide a much needed and elegant asset to our neighborhood. I say bring it!

Michael Anestos
Potomac

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WEDNESDAY/JULY 22

Public Forum. 6-9 p.m. at Council Office Building, 100 Maryland Ave., Rockville. The Montgomery County Council's Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee will host a forum to discuss the current challenges facing the Metrorail system in Montgomery County. Visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov.

TUESDAY/JULY 28

Seminar for Divorcing Parents. 7-9 p.m. at Rockville Memorial Library, 21 Maryland Ave., Suite 331, Rockville. The Montgomery County Commission for Women will present a seminar on the legal process of

custody and child support covering financial, property and practical issues that divorcing parents need to consider: parental responsibilities; child custody; visitation access; child support; use and possession of property; and the role of the court. Advance registration fee is \$10, \$15 at the door (if space permits). Register at www.eventbrite.com/e/custody-and-divorce-part-2-tickets-17752242435 or over the phone at 240-777-8333.

TUESDAY/AUG. 4

Writing a Successful Business Plan. 9 a.m.-noon at Maryland Women's Business Center, 51 Monroe St. Plaza East 20, Rockville. Attend an interactive workshop about the

principles of a business plan. \$35. Visit www.marylandwbc.org.

THURSDAY/AUG. 6

Stay Healthy on Vacation. 6:30-8 p.m. at the Sweet Life Wellness Clinic, 60 Market St., Suite 206, Gaithersburg. Seminar on travel tips focused on wellness and weight loss. Free. Visit www.sweetlifewellness.com.

SATURDAY/AUG. 29

College Planning Program. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Davis Library, 6300 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda. The program, led by educational consultant M. Ann Goode, M.Ed., will address many questions students and

parents have about academic achievement and college preparation. Free. Visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov or call 240-777-0922.

PUBLIC INPUT WANTED

Planners to Present Concepts on Downtown Bethesda. On Thursday, Dec. 11, county planners will present their concepts to the Montgomery County planning board on the future of downtown Bethesda. Will be available online. The feedback loop will be up Dec. 8-19 and accessible 24/7 via computer, mobile device or laptop. Visit www.montgomeryplanning.org.

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NEWS

Hoeber Launches Exploratory Committee

Republican Amie Hoeber of Potomac announced Monday, July 20, the creation of an exploratory committee to examine running for Congress in Maryland's 6th District. "While we're all in agreement that



Amie Hoeber

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we face problems as a nation, there is also a tremendous opportunity to overcome these obstacles and improve our great country," said Hoeber. "From national security to the widespread over-regulation of businesses in this country, we have to address these problems with new ideas and active solutions. With my unique background as a businesswoman, national defense expert and women's advocate, I believe I have the ideas and the leadership experience to help turn around our state and our nation." Appointed Deputy Under Secretary of the Army by President Reagan, Hoeber worked with the White House and Congress to strengthen

America's defense. As one of the highest-ranking women in the Pentagon in the 1980s, she was a leader in advancing opportunities for women in the military. After continuing her service under President George H.W. Bush as representative to the Joint Commission on the Environment of the United States and Panama,

Hoeber started her own company, AMH Consulting, in 1992 to advise the government and private industry on defense, homeland security, protection against terrorism, and environmental cleanup programs. She is a board member of the House of Ruth Maryland, an organization that supports women and children impacted by domestic violence. She and Mark Epstein live in Potomac and are members of the B'nai Tzedek synagogue. She has one son, two stepsons, and four grandchildren. The sixth congressional district is currently represented by U.S. Rep. John K. Delaney (D).

Detectives Arrest Private School Teacher

Montgomery County Police Special Victims Investigations Division detectives have been investigating the report of inappropriate sexual contact between a private school teacher and two students that occurred to one student beginning in 2012 and to the other student

beginning in 2015.

On July 14, 2015, a teenage female victim disclosed that a male teacher at her school, Connelly School of the Holy Child, located at 9029 Bradley Boulevard in Potomac, had initiated and then maintained

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ONGOING

Children's Storytime. Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 4801 Bethesda Ave., Bethesda Listen to employees read children's stories. Free. Visit www.store-locator.barnesandnoble.com/event/4824850-21.

Adult Single Night. Saturdays, 9 p.m. at at Benny's Bar & Grill, 7747 Tuckerman Lane, Potomac. Find a DJ, open dance floor, and other singles. No cover charge. Visit www.bennysbargrill.com.

Creative Crafts Council 30th Biennial Exhibit. Through July 26, during gallery hours at The Strathmore Mansion, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. The Creative Crafts Council presents an exhibit of useful art. Free. Visit www.creativecraftscouncil.org.

"The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas." Through July 26, Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m.; Sundays, 2 p.m. at Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive, Rockville. Rockville Musical Stages the The Larry King and Carol Hall musical comedy. Tickets are \$20-22. Visit www.r-m-t.org for more.

Backyard Theater for Children. Through July 30, Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. at Outdoor Backyard Theater Stage at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, Rockville. Entertaining and educational concerts occur twice a day. Tickets are \$8. Visit www.strathmore.org.

"Off the Wall" Through July 31, gallery hours at Washington ArtWorks, 12276 Wilkins Ave., Rockville. Purchase art work for less than \$500 from an open call sponsored by the Washington School of Photography. Free to attend. Visit www.washingtonartworks.com.

"Benthos." Through Aug. 1, Tuesday-Saturday 12-6 p.m. at Waverly Street Gallery, 4600 East-West Highway, Bethesda. Artist Nikki O'Neill uses glass, raw mineral compounds, metals, salts, and oxides to explore her visual interpretations of the origin of life. Free. Visit www.waverlystreetgallery.com for more.

Abstraction II." Through Aug. 1, Wednesday-Saturday, 12-6 p.m. at Gallery B, 7700 Wisconsin Ave., Suite E, Bethesda. Painter and printmaker Michael Gross works in Abstract Expressionism. Free. Visit www.bethesda.org.

"Rust Sun Bible Corn." Through Aug. 16, gallery hours at Gibbs Street Gallery at VisArts Rockville, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. Photographer Kim Llerena has documented rural towns for this exhibit. Free. Visit www.visartsrockville.org for more.

The Bethesda Big Train. Through August. Shirley Povich Field in Cabin John Regional Park, 10600 Westlake Drive. The collegiate league baseball team The Big Train plays in the Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League, a wooden-bat collegiate league that has sent athletes to Major League Baseball. Visit www.bigtrain.org for more.

Bugs Bunny Programs. Aug. 1-16, Saturday and Sunday, at 11:30 a.m. at the AFI Silver Theatre, 8633 Colesville Road. Bugs Bunny programs presented by AFI. Tickets are \$5. To view show schedule, visit www.afi.com/silver/.

D.B. Stovall: Photographs of the American Vernacular Exhibit.

Through Aug. 16, during gallery hours at Gibbs Street Gallery, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. Take in the photography of D.B. Stovall and Kim Llerena. Their work focuses on of the American landscape and environment from specific conceptual and physical vantage points. Free. Contact the VisArts at Rockville at 301-315-8200 or www.visartsatrockville.org for more.

Bobby Coleman Art Exhibit. Through Aug. 16, during gallery hours at Common Ground Gallery, 155 Gibbs St., Rockville. View Bobby Colemans art exhibit, which will feature paintings of deconstructed objects, colors and symbols found within an urban landscape. Free. Contact VisArts at Rockville at 301-315-8200.

"Garfield, The Musical With Cattitude." Various times and days through Aug. 23 at Adventure Theatre, Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Garfield the Cat sings and dances in a child-friendly production. Tickets are \$19.50 for children 1 and up. Visit www.adventuretheatre-mtc.org.

JULY 21-25

Bethesda Outdoor Movies. 9 p.m. at the corner of Norfolk and Auburn avenues. Each night one of the following movies will play: "Sixteen Candles," "Chef," "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part I," "Mrs. Doubtfire" and "Imitation Game." Free. Visit www.bethesda.org.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 22

Swim Meet. 3-8 p.m. at Seven Locks Pool, 9929 Seven Locks Road, Bethesda. Montgomery County Dive league 12 and under All Stars will be competing at the Seven Locks Swim and Tennis Club. This is a family friendly event that showcases some of the best divers in the county. Free. Visit www.mcdiving.org/.

Behind the BARN. 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Founding Farmers, 12505 Park Potomac Ave., Potomac. "Behind the BARN" is an exclusive symposium to learn more about bar offerings at Founding Farmers. Beverage Director, Jon Arroyo, will be leading a discussion. Tickets \$45. Visit www.tikitails.bpt.me.

NRBQ Concert. 7:30 p.m. at Bethesda Blues & Jazz Supper Club, 7719 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda. Listen to jazz, blues and rock music performed by NRBQ. Tickets are \$20. Visit <http://bethesdbluesjazz.com/>.

Karen Briggs. 8 p.m. at the AMP by Strathmore, 11810 Grand Park Ave., North Bethesda. Gospel meets fiddle with this live performance by Karen Briggs. Doors open 90 minutes prior to show. Tickets \$25-35. Visit www.ampbystrathmore.com/live-



Book-Signing And Art Exhibition

Iranian American artist Nasser Ovissi will hold a book signing and art exhibition on Saturday, July 25. The event will be 4-7:30 p.m. at the Exhibit9 Gallery, 10116 Lloyd Road, Potomac. Visit www.exhibit9gallery.com.



shows.

Open Mic Night hosted by Brian Weber. 8-11 p.m. at Villain & Saint, 7141 Wisconsin Ave, Bethesda. Sign up to perform at this rock 'n' roll music hall or sit back and enjoy listening to undiscovered talent. Free admission. Visit www.villainandsaint.com/shows/.

Rob Bell. 8:30 p.m. at The Fillmore, 8656 Colesville Road, Silver Spring. Christian artist Rob Bell makes a stop on his "Everything is Spiritual" tour. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$25. Visit www.fillmoresilverspring.com.

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D-Erania and Friends Concert. 7:30 p.m. at Bethesda Blues & Jazz Supper Club, 7719 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda. Watch a live performance by saxophonist D-Erania, with support from her band. Tickets range from \$10 - \$20. Visit <http://bethesdbluesjazz.com/>.

Hackensaw Boys. 8 p.m. at the AMP by Strathmore, 11810 Grand Park Ave., North Bethesda. A live bluegrass performance by a Charlottesville-based band. Doors open 90 minutes prior to show. Tickets \$25-35. Visit www.ampbystrathmore.com/live-shows.

Waka Flocka Flame. 8 p.m. at The Fillmore, 8656 Colesville Road, Silver

Spring. Rap artist Waka Flocka Flame performs live. Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets start at \$30. Visit www.fillmoresilverspring.com.

HuSBAND. 8 p.m. at Villain & Saint, 7141 Wisconsin Ave, Bethesda. Listen to the Americana sound of indie-rocker Michael Paolino. Doors open at 6 p.m. \$5 admission. Visit www.villainandsaint.com/shows/.

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Jowell y Randy. 8 p.m. at The Fillmore, 8656 Colesville Road, Silver Spring. Puerto Rican reggaeton duo perform. Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets start at \$48. Visit www.fillmoresilverspring.com.

Gerardo Contino y Los Habaneros Concert/Dance Night. 8 p.m. at Bethesda Blues & Jazz Supper Club, 7719 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda. Find a live performance by the celebrated Cuban artist Gerardo Contino and his band. Tickets are \$25 (\$35 day of the show). Visit <http://bethesdbluesjazz.com/>.

Better Off Dead. 9 p.m. at Villain & Saint, 7141 Wisconsin Ave, Bethesda. Ages 21 and over are welcome to enjoy the dark sound of this classic rock band. Doors open at 6 p.m. \$10 admission. Visit www.villainandsaint.com/shows/.

JULY 24-AUG. 16

Adventure Theatre MTC Presents: "Oliver." Fridays at 7 p.m.; Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Sundays at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. at Round House Theatre, 4545 East-West Hwy, Bethesda. Based on the classic Charles Dickens' story, "Oliver" chronicles the life of a young orphan in 19th century London. Tickets are \$35 for students and \$45 for adults. Visit www.adventuretheatre-mtc.org or call the box office at 301-634-2270.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/JULY 25-26

Sidewalk Tasting Menu. 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at Jaleo, 7271 Woodmont Ave., Bethesda. During this year's Bethesda Row Sidewalk Sale, taste select dishes and drinks. \$25. Visit www.jaleo.com/bethesda.

SATURDAY/JULY 25

Sculpting in Clay: The Brain. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at National Museum of Health and Medicine, 2500 Linden Lane, Silver Spring. Sculpt a clay brain. Free. Call 301-319-3303 for reservations.

Performance of "The Sword in the Stone." 1-2 p.m. at Davis Library, 6400 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda. The Rainbow Company Interactive Theater will be performing. The

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event is sponsored by The Friends of the Library, Davis Chapter. Free. Visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library/branches/davis.html or contact sonha.mason@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Nasser Ovissi Book Signing. 4-7:30 p.m. at Exhibit9 Gallery, 10116 Lloyd Road. Meet with Iranian American artist Nasser Ovissi. Free. RSVP by email is preferred at Exhibit9Gallery@gmail.com. Visit www.exhibit9gallery.com for more information.

The Nighthawks Concert/Dance Night. 8 p.m. at Bethesda Blues & Jazz Supper Club, 7719 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda. Live performance from The Nighthawks blues band. Tickets are \$20. Visit www.bethesdabluesjazz.com.

The Thangs. 9 p.m. at Villain & Saint, 7141 Wisconsin Ave, Bethesda. Synthetic tracks by '80s-influenced band. Door open at 7 p.m. \$10 admission. Visit www.villainandsaint.com/shows/.

SUNDAY/JULY 26

Federal Poets Reading. 2-4 p.m. at The Writer's Center, 4508 Walsh St. Jacqueline Jules, Judith McCombs, Don Illich, Michael H. Levin, among other members of the Federal Poets read their work. Reception and signing will follow. Free. Visit www.writer.org.

MONDAY/JULY 27

The Vamps. 7 p.m. at The Fillmore, 8656 Colesville Road, Silver Spring. British pop band hop the pond and perform live. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets start at \$33. Visit www.fillmoresilverspring.com.

Dan Montgomery. 8 p.m. at Villain & Saint, 7141 Wisconsin Ave, Bethesda. Americana folk music of singer/songwriter Dan Montgomery. Doors open at 6 p.m. \$5 admission. Visit www.villainandsaint.com/shows/.

TUESDAY/JULY 28

"Women at War." 6-7 p.m. at the National Museum of Health and Medicine, 2500 Linden Lane, Silver Spring. Learn about the challenges of addressing women's health in battlezones. Free. Visit www.medicalmuseum.mil.

The Purple Xperience Concert. 8 p.m. at Bethesda Blues & Jazz Supper Club, 7719 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda. The Purple Xperience is a Prince tribute band led by Doctor Fink. Tickets are \$30. Visit www.bethesdabluesjazz.com/.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 29

AFI Theatre Presents "Cheatin'." 7 p.m. at the AFI Silver Theatre, 8633 Colesville Road. Animated film by

Bill Plympton about love, adultery, and revenge. General Admission \$12, Senior \$10, Child \$7. Visit www.silver.afi.com.

VMA's Faculty and Alumni Band Concert. 7:30 p.m. at Bethesda Blues & Jazz Supper Club, 7719 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda. Enjoy a night of jazz with the Virginia Music Adventure's faculty/alumni band and their special guest, The Doc Dikeman Band. Tickets are \$15. Visit <http://bethesdabluesjazz.com/>.

Rise Against. 8 p.m. at The Fillmore, 8656 Colesville Road, Silver Spring. Melodic hardcore band from Chicago perform live. Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets start at \$38. Visit www.fillmoresilverspring.com.

Open Mic Night hosted by Brian Weber. 8-11 p.m. at Villain & Saint, 7141 Wisconsin Ave, Bethesda. Sign up to perform at this rock 'n' roll music hall or sit back and enjoy listening to undiscovered talent. Free admission. Visit www.villainandsaint.com/shows/.

THURSDAY/JULY 30

Jason Masi Band. 8 p.m. at Villain & Saint, 7141 Wisconsin Ave, Bethesda. Ages 21 and over are welcome to the folk-rock sound of singer/songwriter Jason Masi. Doors open at 6 p.m. \$12 admission. Visit www.villainandsaint.com/shows/.

FRIDAY/JULY 31

The Songs of Johnny Mercer. 8 p.m. at the AMP by Strathmore, 11810 Grand Park Ave., North Bethesda. Linda Purl from "The Office" and award-winning recording artist Lee Lessack sing their way through the music of Johnny Mercer. Doors open 90 minutes prior to show. Tickets \$35-45. Visit www.ampbystrathmore.com/live-shows.

The Skip Castro Band Concert. 8 p.m. at Bethesda Blues & Jazz Supper Club, 7719 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda. Enjoy a night of swing, blues and rock n' roll with celebrated blues artists The Skip Castro Band. Tickets are \$15. Visit <http://bethesdabluesjazz.com/>.

Deftones. 9 p.m. at The Fillmore, 8656 Colesville Road, Silver Spring. Doors open at 8 p.m. Sacramento-based alternative metal band perform live. Tickets start at \$47.50. Visit www.fillmoresilverspring.com.

Johnny and the Head Hunters. 9 p.m. at Villain & Saint, 7141 Wisconsin Ave, Bethesda. Ages 21 and over are welcome to spend the evening listening to bluesy rock 'n' roll. Doors open at 6 p.m. \$7 admission. Visit www.villainandsaint.com/shows/.

SATURDAY/AUG. 1

Pottery Sale. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School, 4301 East-West Highway, Bethesda. Clearance sale from Kiln Club of Washington. Cash, checks, and credit cards accepted. Free. Visit www.kilnclubwdc.com.

Storytelling by Janice Curtis Greene. 1-2 p.m. at Davis Library, 6400 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda. Janice Curtis Greene is an accomplished storyteller who tells African, African American and Multicultural stories. The event is sponsored by The Friends of the Library, Davis Chapter. Free. Visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library/branches/davis.html or contact sonha.mason@montgomerycountymd.gov.

"Little Patuxent Review" Launch. 7-9 p.m. at The Writer's Center, 4508 Walsh St. Editors and writers published in Little Patuxent Review celebrate the release of the new issue. Readings will be followed by a reception. Free. Visit www.writer.org.

AUG. 1-SEPT. 30

Seasonal Walk. 7 a.m.-7 p.m. at Safeway, Downtown Silver Spring, 909 Thayer Ave. Walk the sidewalk trails through residential and retail areas of Silver Spring and into Takoma Park. Follow either the 5 km or the 10 km routes. Trails suitable for wheelchairs and strollers. Free. Register at www.sugarloafers.org.

SUNDAY/AUG. 2

Geared Up Benefit Concert & Fashion Show. 1 p.m. at The Fillmore, 8656 Colesville Road, Silver Spring. \$13 admission. Visit www.fillmoresilverspring.com.

Waltz Dance. 2:45-3:30 p.m. (workshop), 3:30-6 p.m. (dance) at Spanish Ballroom, 7300 MacArthur Blvd, Glen Echo. Music performed by Mountain Air. No partner required. Admission is \$10. Visit www.WaltzTimeDances.org or contact Joan Koury at 301-634-2222.

Bone Thugs-N-Harmony. 8 p.m. at The Fillmore, 8656 Colesville Road, Silver Spring. Listen to '90s hip-hop music. \$38 admission. Visit www.fillmoresilverspring.com.

Performance of "Closer Than Ever." 8-9:30 p.m. at Walt Whitman High School, 7100 Whittier Blvd., Bethesda. Produced by Ophiuchus Rising, a pre-professional theater company comprised of students from Walt Whitman. Tickets for adults are \$15 and tickets for students are \$10. Visit www.whitmandrama.com or email whitmandrama@gmail.com.

MONDAY-FRIDAY/AUG. 3-7

ExtendYoga Kids Camp: World Yoga Tour. 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at

extendYoga, 12106 Wilkins Ave., Bethesda. Kids ages 5-9 will have the opportunity to learn yoga and about other cultures. \$200 per child. Visit www.extendyoga.com, email info@extendyoga.com or call 301-881-3320.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 5

Open Mic Night hosted by Chris Brooks. 8-11 p.m. at Villain & Saint, 7141 Wisconsin Ave, Bethesda. Sign up to perform at this rock 'n' roll music hall or sit back and enjoy listening to undiscovered talent. Free admission. Visit www.villainandsaint.com/shows/.

THURSDAY/AUG. 6

Celebration of Clash by Night.

7:30-9:30 p.m. at The Writer's Center, 4508 Walsh Street. Hear readings from a poetry anthology inspired by The Clash's "London Calling" album. Free. Visit www.writer.org.

Oxymorons. 8 p.m. at Villain & Saint, 7141 Wisconsin Ave, Bethesda. Classic rock band with bluesy, New Orleans sound. Doors open at 6 p.m. \$7 admission. Visit www.villainandsaint.com/shows/for-more.

Machine Gun Kelly. 8 p.m. at The Fillmore, 8656 Colesville Road, Silver Spring. Rapper and songwriter MGK performs. \$33 admission. Visit www.fillmoresilverspring.com for more.

The Gibson Brothers. 8 p.m. at AMP by Strathmore, 11810 Grand Park Ave., North Bethesda. The five-member Gibson Brothers band will perform bluegrass classics and original pieces. Tickets are \$35. Visit www.ampbystrathmore.com for more.

FRIDAY/AUG. 7

Evening Stream Splash and Campfire. 6-7:30 p.m. at Locust Grove Nature Center, 7777 Democracy Blvd. Bring your own hot dogs to the campfire. S'mores are provided. Wear closed-toe shoes to explore the stream. Ages 4 and up. \$6 per person. Visit www.LocustGroveNature.org.

Fine Artists in Residence Class of 2015 Exhibition Opening Reception. 7-9 p.m. at The Mansion at Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda. Featured artists will include painters, sculptors, printmakers and photographers. Free. Visit www.strathmore.org.

A Bandhouse Gigs Tribute to Jimi Hendrix. 7:30 p.m. at The Fillmore, 8656 Colesville Road, Silver Spring. Listen to over 40 artists pay tribute to iconic musician Jimi Hendrix. \$30-\$33 admission. Visit

LET'S TALK Real Estate





by Michael Matese

Reach For The Sky(light)

A properly designed skylight in either a commercial or a residential construction can add aesthetic value to living space and contribute significantly to energy savings. The United States Department of Energy's Federal Energy Management Program has estimated that incorporation of day lighting options (skylights, tubular day lighting devices, hybrid solar lighting, etc.)—especially in commercial or industrial constructions—can reduce lighting energy usage by as much as 80%; in terms of cost, by optimal utilization of day lighting, total energy costs can be reduced by up to one-third over time. There are three main design types to consider when installing a skylight: the traditional skylight, the roof lantern, and the oculus. The traditional skylight is a conventional horizontal window, which may be either fixed or operable, that is tilted and placed on the angle of a roof or directly into the roof so that the window allows light to pass straight down into the living area. Fixed skylights do not open, while operable ones, which can be powered either by use of electricity, solar power or manual power, offer the additional attraction of energy efficiency through seasonally appropriate home ventilation and cooling. The roof lantern is much like a cupola; it is multi-paned glass (or other opaque material) structure that sits on top of a typically flat roof, providing natural day lighting to the room beneath. This architectural style may also be referred to as an orangery; in effect, a roof lantern is a type of skylight, though it bears structural similarity to both greenhouses and conservatories. The oculus is a circular or oval window that can be installed above, as a skylight, or on a building's façade to express the presence of a mezzanine. Light tubes, tubular skylights and tubular day lighting devices (TDDs) are also day lighting options available when choosing to install a skylight into a structure. Light tubes, or solar tubes, are placed into the roof of a structure and focus the admission of light to the interior area, often resembling recessed ceiling light fixtures. As light tubes have less surface area than traditional skylights, they do not allow as much heat transfer. Tubular skylights work on the same premise as a light tube, allowing natural sunlight to be directed from the rooftop by means of a tube, but in this case, the tube itself is made of a highly reflective material, diffusing the light at ceiling level. The main attraction of tubular skylights versus a light tube is that tubular skylights capture both direct and ambient light, meaning that even during low-light situations such as overcast days or times at which the sun is low in the sky they provide maximum illumination. Tubular day lighting devices (TDDs) incorporate modern technology into their design, transmitting visible light through opaque walls and roofs of the construction. In a tubular day lighting device, the tube is made up of either a simple reflective interior coating or a light conducting fiber optic bundle, frequently capped with a transparent, roof-mounted dome 'light collector'. A diffuser assembly at the end of the tube then distributes daylight evenly and efficiently to interior spaces. When you've decided to add a skylight into your home, consider these options and designs, engage the services of a licensed contractor to help choose the most optimal style for your home's purposes, and reach for the sky(light)!

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Former Resident Offers Patented Self-Tied Bowties

Bowties witness growing market.

BY COLLEEN HEALY
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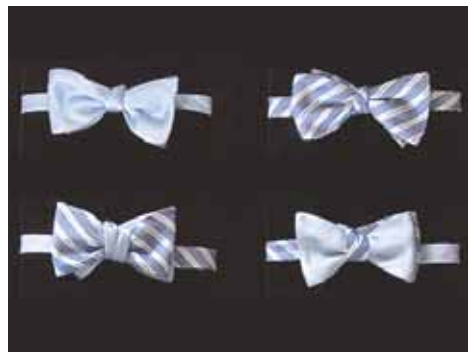
A former Potomac resident and self-described East Coast person at heart, Janice Howard has discovered how to tie a better bowtie.



Janice Howard

Her company, HoraceHugh, has just received a U.S. patent for its self-tied bowtie. This new product is designed to solve a man's angst over self-tying a bowtie. "Long a secret of the retail display community, the easiest way to tie a self-tied bow is around your leg," said Howard, founder and CEO of HoraceHugh, an exclusive brand of unconventional men's shirts and accessories. "If you can tie your tennis shoe, you can tie our bow tie," she said. Just tie it on your leg exactly the way you would tie your shoe."

Based in Coronado, Calif., HoraceHugh patented "The Better Bow" which incorporates a magnetic clasp into the design of the product. This clasp fits under a standard collar and can be monogrammed in sterling silver or 14K gold or adorning the back of a wingtip collar. This slim piece of jewelry allows you to remove the tied bow from around your leg and neatly clasp it around



Bowties at HoraceHugh

your neck in one simple motion.

"As easy as a clip-on but sophisticated, classic and artful because it isn't perfect, the way a hand-tied bow is supposed to look," said Howard. Only a handful of men can self-tie a bow tie, and pre-tied bows stand out as an obvious impostor.

With a history of designing men's fashion, Howard was inspired by her 25 years in the architectural industry to blend function and aesthetics. "I began by running an interior architectural firm. Now I am coming back to do something I fell in love with in high school and college — fashion design. I worked at Garfinckel's and have always enjoyed business. Good design is essential. I love business and being creative and being a successful entrepreneur. I have always been a conservative East Coast person. This product is very preppy and East Coast," she said.

Howard started her company by making luxury formal shirts that sold through Saks Fifth Avenue for three seasons. Her products are made in the USA. "Saks encour-



According to Janice Howard, "If you can tie your tennis shoe, you can tie our bow tie" and "the easiest way to tie a self-tied bow is around your leg,"

aged me to start to make ties that would pair with my shirts. That is how I got into the bowtie business. My sister Sharon gave me the idea to make bow ties out of school uniforms. She had Stone Ridge School skirts from her girls and wanted to make bow ties out of them for their husbands. The company was named after my father (Horace) and my old business partner's dad, (Hugh)," she said.

Bowties are an iconic staple of the men's accessory market and continue to see strong sales year after year. According to Bloomberg Report, bowtie sales represent about 7 percent of the \$850 million U.S. neckwear market last year, up from 4 percent the previous year.

The increased popularity of bowties can be traced back to TV shows such as Glee, Gossip Girl and Two and a Half Men, on which Ashton Kutcher as a nerdy software mogul has played well with young entrepreneurs.

According to Howard, "Bowties are trending. Geek chic, Southern Dandy, East Coast

preppy, the gay community, all are embracing bow ties as a new fashion statement in day wear. Bowtie Tuesday started in Chicago and has now spread across the U.S. office landscape. In addition, wing tip collars are coming back into vogue and bow ties are the only style acceptable with a wing tip collar. Bowties are no longer limited to silk. We make traditional 100 percent silk bows but in addition produce many others. Some of our offerings are: 100 percent woven twill and satin silk, Liberty of London printed silks and cottons which are gorgeous, skinny cotton bows, school uniform bows, bows made from vintage repurposed shirts and matching pet bowties. Bow ties make the perfect groomsman's gift. Forget the monogrammed flasks. We offer monogrammed clasps for groomsman. By taking two tales you can mix and match to create four looks. We also offer custom monograms for corporations and individuals. Also, our holiday bow collection is very cool. We have great holiday plaids." For more information visit www.horacehugh.com.



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Tailor-Made for Potomac

Transplanting a business from Iowa to here.

BY SUSAN BELFORD
THE ALMANAC

Two and a half years ago, Sung Lee and his wife Jung Park hung a sign over their new business — Potomac Custom Tailor, located in the heart of Potomac Village in the townhouses just up the hill from the Giant. With their dedication to providing quality tailoring, their friendly attitudes and joy in helping others, they have built their business "one stitch-at-a-time" through repeat customers, word of mouth and hard work. "It was very very slow at first," said Sung Lee. "But slowly and surely more customers have come and business gets better every year."

Lee and his wife gave up their alteration business in West Des Moines, Iowa to move to Potomac to be closer to their sons. Both learned tailoring and design in their native Korea but immigrated to the U.S. for a better life for their children. They were selected as the best tailors in West Des Moines out of more than 25 companies.

"We didn't realize that here on the East Coast, most



Sung Lee and Jung Park, owners of Potomac Custom Tailors.

of the tailors are associated with dry cleaners. We chose Potomac because it looked as if there was no one to do alterations. We love it here and are so happy that our business has grown. Most of our customers are from the Potomac area, but some drive a long way because they have heard about us," he said.

"It's funny, because in Iowa, I hemmed lots and lots of jeans. In Potomac, it seems to be not so many jeans, but lots of formal wear, suits and dresses. We make alterations on everything — wedding gowns, prom dresses, leather, jeans and household items like draperies and adding trim to pillows."

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By KENNETH B. LOURIE



Hopefully not. But you never know – per last week's column, until you know. And the preferred pattern seems to be that waiting to be spoken to in person, a week or so post-scan, is the best the process can be; or at least, that's the process that suits the doctor/HMO. Certainly I can appreciate how telling a patient bad news in person is a more prudent and professional, fail-safe type of approach than a phone conversation or e-mail which is fraught with potential misinterpretation and possibly even unexpected and adverse consequences – especially for the patient/recipient of the distressing news. However, waiting a week for results is hardly ideal and certainly not the stuff of which dreams are made. In fact, it's exactly the stuff of which nightmares are caused.

Don't get me wrong; I can take it. Waiting is not for everybody, however; unless you like suffering – then it's perfect for you. But why suffer in silence – or suffer at all? You already have, to quote Radar from a M*A*S*H episode: "One foot in the grave and another on a banana peel," so why double-down or even quadruple your odds and make us learn the meaning of the word excruciating? Why fiddle with Rome when our emotions are already burning? We ("terminal" cancer patients) deserve better. Heck, we deserve your best; and a week of talking ourselves in and out of a million scenarios, most of them bad, unnecessarily, is yet another example of cruel and unusual punishment. (Shouldn't we have some Constitutional protections, too?) And punishment for crimes not committed is particularly difficult. Still, I guess I should be thankful I'm not incarcerated (although occasionally, I do feel confined to my home) while waiting. In effect though, I am, emotionally. To set these emotions apart from the everyday or compartmentalize them somehow is much easier theorized than actually accomplished. Nevertheless, I don't suppose nine days (between scan and results) are likely – ultimately – given the progressive nature of my disease, to change the course of history too much. However, it will change the course of the next nine days, and that's all I'm focused on right now. When you're in the same boat as I am, time is all that matters, and wasting any of it (to me that means time lived not knowing results immediately or sooner) is a terrible option/reality. And again, given my original diagnosis/prognosis, options are not necessarily what you feel you have in abundance.

Whether delusional or based on any facts whatsoever, options are still your emotional lifeline. Not having them or receiving them later than you'd prefer adds fuel to the fire that a cancer survivor feels (figuratively speaking). Besides, who knows what soothes the savage beast that lives in all of us "terminal" cancer patients? At least for me, not knowing or knowing after the facts are likely in evidence is somewhere between counter-productive and counter-intuitive. As soon as you know: tell me! What are you waiting for? Godot? Let me get on with what's left of my life. I want to live forward, not worry backward. I'm not looking for control. I'm looking for consideration. If the patient matters so much, then don't be so matter-of-fact about results. Our lives may be shorter than we expected, so why make us wait longer than we want? Time is on your side, not ours.

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News

Teacher Arrested

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a personal relationship with her that began in October of 2014. It began with informal association at social and sporting events, then increased to daily personal communications, and by May of 2015, had escalated to inappropriate sexual touching, according to police.

Through the course of the investigation, police noted a second victim. Victim 2's encounters with the suspect had begun in 2008 when Victim 2 was a teenage student at Connelly. The suspect had cultivated a personal friendship with her, which escalated by 2012 to inappropriate sexual contact, according to police.

The suspect's employment by the school was terminated when the administration became aware of the criminal allegations against him. He was arrested and charged on July 16 with two counts of sexual abuse of a minor and two counts of fourth-degree sexual offense. He was held on a \$35,000 bond.

The Special Victims Investigations Division may be contacted at 240-773-5400.

BULLETIN BOARD

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GUIDE DOG FOSTERS NEEDED

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

SUPPORT GROUPS

Suicide Grief Support Group. At JSSA, 6123 Montrose Road, Rockville. This ongoing bereavement support group is for those who have lost a loved one to suicide. This group meets every first and third Monday. No charge. Pre-registration is required to attend. Call 301-816-2708.

Because I Love You is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting parents of troubled children of any age. The group helps parents deal with drugs, runaways, truancy, verbal abuse, physical abuse, curfew violations and other misbehavior, as well as help parents deal with themselves, to manage and live their own lives without obsessing over their child's behavior. The group meets 7:30-9:30 every Thursday at Bethesda United Methodist Church Room 209, 8300 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda. Visit www.becauseiloveyou.org, email hbrite1@netzero.com or call 301-530-3597.

Adult Bereavement Groups. Dates and times vary depending on group members. Hospice Care, 518 S. Fredrick Ave., Gaithersburg. Peer driven support groups in those in need of support. Free. Contact Penny Gladhill at 301-990-8904, or Pennyng@hospicecaring.org.

Suicide Grief Support Group. Meets every first and third Monday at JSSA, 6123 Montrose Road, Rockville. A bereavement support group for those who have lost a loved one to suicide. Call 302-816-2708 to register and for more.

What's Next? Dates and time are not yet announced. JSSA, 200 Wood Hill Road, Rockville. A co-ed support group for young adults, 18+, with learning disabilities. It will address the emotional and social changes and challenges to occur as a natural sequence of growth, as well as increased freedom and responsibilities. Call 301-610-8382 to register.

Big Train Well Represented at Ripken League All-Star Game

Securing a 3-2 victory.

The Bethesda Big Train were well represented at the Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League all-star game on July 15, with eight players participating and a ninth player out due to injury.

Big Train players suited up for the South All-Stars and helped secure a 3-2 victory over the North All-Stars in the Big Train's home park — Shirley Povich Field in Bethesda.

Big Train pitcher Tim Yandel got the start on the mound and pitched a scoreless first inning. Fellow Bethesda hurlers Walker Sheller (third) and Drew Strotman (fifth) also pitched scoreless innings during the contest.

Zach Kirtley went 2-for-3 and drove in what proved to be a pivotal insurance run with an RBI single in the bottom of the fourth, extending the South All-Stars' lead to 3-0.

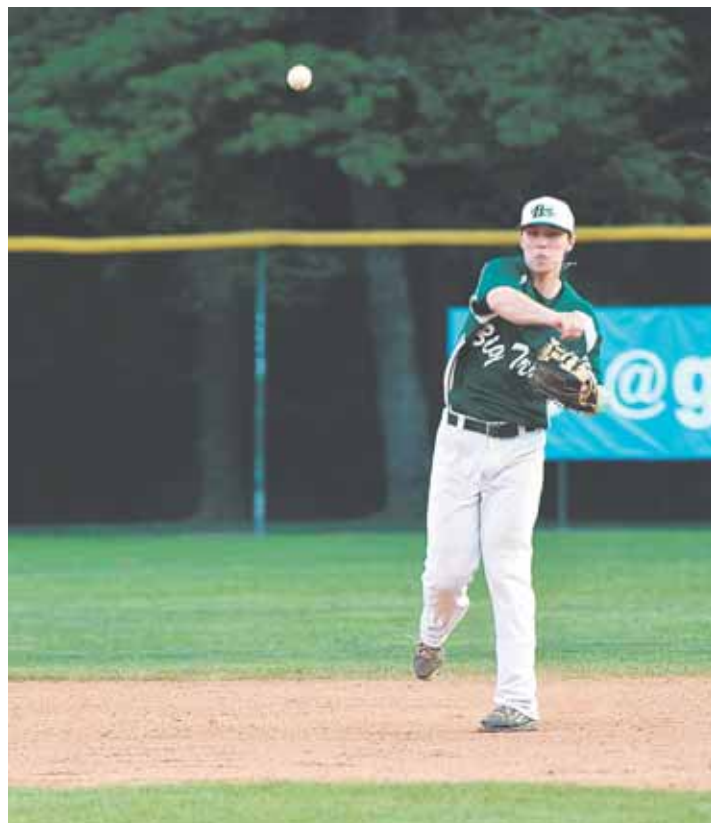
Big Train players Harrison Crawford and Chris Lewis each had one hit. Justin Morris and Cody Brown also saw the field. Logan Farrar missed the game due to injury.

Bethesda, which has already clinched the South division championship, entered Tuesday's action with a 27-9 record, eight games ahead of the second-place Vienna River Dogs. The Big Train were one game ahead of the North division-leading Baltimore Red Birds for the best record in the league.

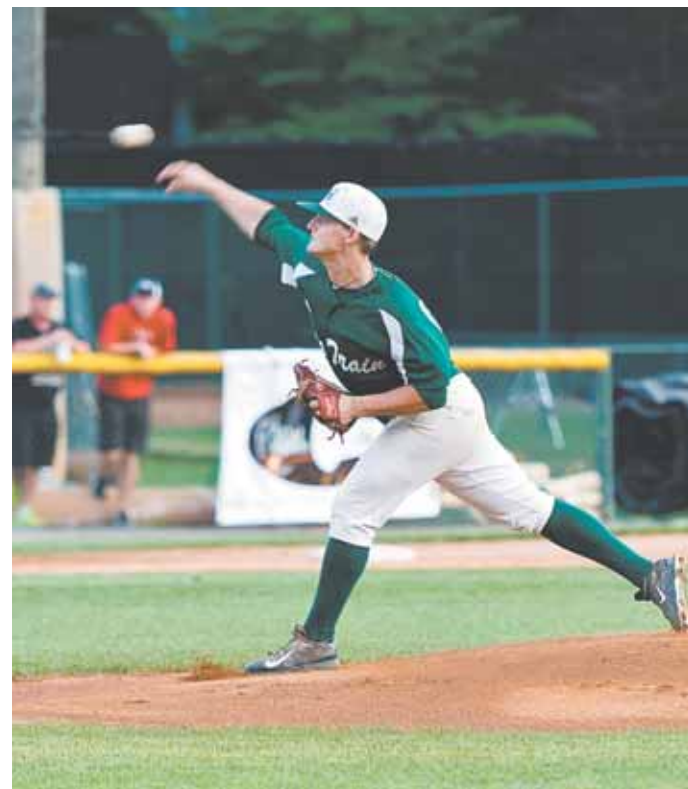
Lewis entered Tuesday's action leading the league with 33 RBIs, 10 more than other player. He was also tied for the league lead with five home runs. Kirtley was fourth in the league with 22 RBIs.

Strotman and Alex Calvert were tied for the second among pitchers with four wins. Yandel had the second-best ERA at 1.09 and was tied for fourth in the league with 36 strikeouts.

The Big Train will travel to face the D.C. Grays at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 22.



Bethesda Big Train infielder and South All-Star Zach Kirtley went 2-for-3 with an RBI at the Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League all-star game on July 15.



Bethesda Big Train pitcher Tim Yandel started on the mound for the South All-Stars during the Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League all-star game on July 15.



Bethesda Big Train infielder and South All-Star Harrison Crawford is tagged out at home plate during the Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League all-star game on July 15 at Shirley Povich Field in Bethesda.

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SCHOOL NOTES

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

The following students have been named to the Colby College (Waterville, Maine) dean's list for spring 2015:

Rachel Bird, a member of the class of 2018. She is the daughter of Edward Bird and Jennifer Gold and attended Walt Whitman High School.

Caroline Dove, a member of the class of 2017. She is the daughter of Robert and Nancy Katherine Dove and attended Potomac School.

Anne Epstein, a member of the class of 2015. She is the daughter of Hal and Carol Epstein and attended Georgetown Day High School.

Churchill High School graduate and Salisbury University (Salisbury, Md.) sophomore **James Harrison** will be spending the summer at the Library of Congress on a paid internship. Harrison is one of 36 junior fellows participating in the institution's 2015 summer internship program.

The following students have received bachelor's degrees from Frostburg State University (Frostburg, Md.): **Celia Lichtman**, chemistry; **Gebriel Tekle**, sociology; and **Jeffrey Bonilla**, exercise and sport science.

The following students have been awarded bachelor's degrees from Miami University of Ohio (Oxford, Ohio): **Rachel Holden**, **Michael LaCivita**, **Travis Lesch**, and **Daniel Levy**.

Brendan Richard graduated from Carleton College (Northfield, Minn.) with a B.A. in cinema and media studies.

Danielle Kloke, **Molly Ledwith**, **Conor Squier**, and **Kathleen Tabb** were named to the dean's list at the University of Dayton (Dayton, Ohio) for the 2015 spring semester.

Meagan Glenn has graduated from the College of Charleston (Charleston, S.C.). She received a Bachelor of Science Degrees in Business Administration and Hospitality and Tourism.

Mark Beasman graduated from Rensselaer

Polytechnic Institute (Troy, N.Y.). He received a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering.

Francis Guzikowski, **William Lewis**, **Beverly Sihsobhon**, **Nicolaas Verbeek**, **Benjamin DiGioia**, **John Lillibridge**, **Kaitlin Marquis**, **Kyle Morris** and **Elizabeth Wells** were named to the dean's list for the spring 2015 semester at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (Troy, N.Y.).

Leemor Banaim Heather Brody, **Daniel Curtin**, **Janavi Dhyani**, **Melinda Futran**, **Sarah Howie**, **Nicholas Janaskie**, **Rachel Jung**, **Sehar Khan**, **Sararose Kresloff**, **Victoria Nadel**, **Elizabeth Omenitsch**, **Laura Sperling** and **Daniel Wilkes** were named to the dean's list for the spring 2015 semester at the University of Delaware (Newark, Del.).

Kyle Morris recently graduated from the Rochester Institute of Technology and received an Associate in Science degree in applied liberal arts from RIT's National Technical Institute for the Deaf (Rochester, N.Y.).

BUSINESS

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