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Officer Cleared In Shooting

Montgomery County police officer won't be prosecuted for shooting unarmed man

By Neal Earley
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The Howard County State's Attorney's Office this week cleared Montgomery County police officer Anand Badgujar of any wrongdoing in the June 11th shooting that killed an unarmed Silver Spring man, 41-year-old Robert Lawrence White.

In a letter to Montgomery County Police, Howard County State's Attorney Dario Broccolino said that his office will not press charges against Badgujar, 32, who shot and killed White, an unarmed

African-American man after an afternoon confrontation in a parking lot.

"After reviewing all of the pertinent evidence and after a thorough review of the law, by myself and the members of our Senior Staff, we have, unanimously, concluded that Officer Badgujar's actions were justified under the circumstances. As a result, no further action will be taken by this office," Broccolino wrote to Montgomery County Police Chief Tom Manger.

According to a source close to the investigation, the confronta-

tion between Badgujar and White began when Badgujar approached White near the 9200 block of Three Oaks Drive in Silver Spring. After Badgujar approached White, White charged and attempted to hit Badgujar, but White's punch did not land. That led to Badgujar's attempt to pepper spray White, but he missed. According to police, the situation escalated from there, as Badgujar requested backup, and went to turn off the ignition to his police cruiser. While Badgujar was going to turn off the ignition, White then ran at Badgujar, knocking him down. As

Badgujar fell, he discharged his weapon. At this point, White also fell, got up, stood over Badgujar and began to assault him. Badgujar then fired multiple shots at White, killing him.

Public information officers from Montgomery County Police said that the body-camera footage from Badgujar, along with body-camera footage from another officer and video from a bystander who witnessed some of the con-

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Cardinal McCarrick resigns after allegations

By Kathleen Stubbs
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Pope Francis on Saturday accepted a cardinal's letter of resignation from the College of Cardinals following a child sexual-abuse allegation.

It is unclear at press time as to whether or not the Cardinal will face criminal charges.

The pope suspended Archdiocese of Washington Cardinal Emeritus Theodore McCarrick from ministering in public and ordered him to pray and do penance until his canonical trial is completed.

"Pope Francis accepted his resignation from the cardinalate and



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Cardinal Theodore McCarrick.

has ordered his suspension from the exercise of any public ministry, together with the obligation to remain in a house yet to be indicated to

him, for a life of prayer and penance until the accusations made against him are examined in a regular canonical trial," the Vatican press office said Saturday.

McCarrick, a retired Catholic cardinal, said in a letter that he heard from Archbishop Timothy Dolan of the Archdiocese of New York that there were allegations of McCarrick sexually abusing a minor while he was a priest in New York.

A Montgomery County resident who is a former parishioner of the Archdiocese of Newark said she remembers McCarrick as a welcoming and friendly man.

"He was the type of priest that you would want to talk to," the woman said, later adding, "He wasn't a standoffish type of priest, not the kind that would make you feel like 'Don't bother me because I'm better than you' type of thing."

The woman, age 75, said she did not want to give her name. She said she was sad to hear about the allegations.

"I felt terrible," she said, later adding, "What you thought you knew, was just wrong."

The Rev. John Beal, a Canon law professor at Catholic Universi-

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Man dies after being shot by Montgomery County police officer

By Neal Earley
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The man that police said threatened his estranged girlfriend and three-year-old son died last week after a Montgomery County Police officer shot him in a Silver Spring home.

According to police, John Carlos Natera-Perez, also known as "Jean Perez," threatened his estranged girlfriend with a knife and barricaded himself inside a Silver Spring home, before police entered and shot him. Paramedics transported Natera-Perez to a nearby trauma center, where he was in critical condition until his death hours later. Po-

lice say Natera-Perez was approximately 30 years old.

According to Montgomery County Police, officers responded to a 911 call from 2800 block of Mozart Drive in Silver Spring, where a woman was screaming over the phone, and a man in the background could be heard saying "I will kill you," before the call was disconnected.

Police arrived at the scene at about 7:57 p.m. on Monday, with Natera-Perez, his estranged girlfriend, their three-year-old son and the woman's current boyfriend, who police did not identify, inside the residence.

While Natera-Perez's estranged

girlfriend and her boyfriend fled the home, Natera-Perez remained inside the Silver Spring home with his son when police arrived.

According to police, Natera-Perez barricaded himself inside the home, using furniture to block the doors and windows to the home. At about 8:08 p.m., police called in the Emergency Response Team, to the scene, as officers attempted to negotiate with Natera-Perez in both Spanish and English for more than an hour.

Then Natera-Perez started to light clothes on fire and throw them out of the second-story window from the room where they believed the boy was. In addition, police said

they could hear the screams of the child, along with the sounds of smoke alarms going off, causing the tactical team to enter the home in order to protect the welfare of the child.

After police entered the home, an officer shot Natera-Perez, and found a knife with blood on it. The child was unharmed according to police.

Police have identified Edward Cochran as the officer who shot Natera-Perez. Cochran is an eight-year veteran of Montgomery County Police and has been placed on administrative leave, per the usual protocol, as investigation of the shooting takes place

REFLECTIONS

February 27, 1986

Breast cancer deaths rise in Montgomery County

Each week the Sentinel visits a memorable story from its archives.

White females in Montgomery County have more than a 25 percent greater chance of dying from breast cancer than the national average, according to a study of cancer deaths in Maryland conducted by the National Cancer Institute (NCI) in Bethesda.

Two of the NIC's cancer statisticians studied a five-year period and found that for every 100,000 white females in the country, an average 36.1 die of breast cancer each year. The national average mortality rate from breast cancer is 28.2 deaths per 100,000 white females.

What these numbers mean is that, on average, 24 more women a

year die from breast cancer here than if the mortality rate was at the national average. For example, 116 women died from breast cancer in the county in 1983. However, only 84 women died in the average U.S. country of the same size as Montgomery County. The study examined 1976 through 1980.

Science does not have an answer as to why a greater number of Montgomery County women die of breast cancer each year than any other county in Maryland. All the experts can do is make educated guesses.

"This is only a guess, but the population in Montgomery County is affluent, and white women of a high socio-economic status are at a higher risk for breast cancer," said

John Horm, one of the two authors of the study.

The Montgomery unit of the American Cancer Society said the higher county rate is not reason to panic because if women give themselves monthly self breast examinations, the chance of developing breast cancer and eventually dying from it decrease dramatically.

"It's important to realize that women should not be afraid to examine themselves and have their doctor check into anything unusual," said Sandy Walker, who teaches and organizes classes for the Cancer Society on breast self-examination.

"Most lumps are benign and if a cancer is detected early before it

has spread from the breast the survival rate is 88 percent," she said.

Horm said one of the reasons affluent women are in a higher risk group for breast cancer may be that their diets are high in animal protein and fat, one of the suspected culprits of encouraging the development of breast cancer.

Also, Jewish and Italian women tend to be high risk groups for breast cancer possibly because of their diets also, Horm said.

Dr. Vincent DeVita, the NCI's director, believes that cancer could be a preventable disease if Americans would, among other steps, stop smoking and improve their diets. It is the NCI's goal to reduce the number of cancer cases by 50 percent by the year 2000.

NEWS

Maryland awarded opioid assistance grant

By Neal Earley
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In hopes of easing the impacts of the opioid crisis in the state, the U.S. Department of Labor awarded Maryland \$1,975,085 grant fund to help former addicts find employment.

Maryland, along with six other states, is receiving a combined \$22 million in grant money, as part of the federal government plan to help less the effects of the opioid crisis.

The funding will help people affected by the opioid crisis, often through addiction or a close relative that has become addicted, find employment through training and education and help match prospective employees to employers.

"Maryland is one of six states that received funding to develop programs within the state to directly address the opioid epidemic. Skills training for peer recovery specialists is critical to the ongoing care necessary for a full recovery, as well as reemployment efforts for those looking to reenter the workforce," said

Secretary Kelly M. Schulz, Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation in a statement.

While the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, which trains and educates people to help them reenter the workforce began under the Obama administration, the program is now being used as part of the Trump administration's attempt to tackle the opioid crisis. Last year, President Donald J. Trump declared the opioid crisis to be a national emergency and promised to dedicate more federal resources to dealing with the issue.

"President Trump is fully committed to fighting the opioid epidemic, which has devastated lives, families, and communities across the nation," U.S. Secretary of Labor Alexander Acosta said in a statement. "A family-sustaining job is a critical step toward long-term recovery and healing from opioid misuse and abuse. These grants will provide services to help Americans impacted by opioids rejoin the workforce."

Like President Trump, Gov.

Larry Hogan (R) has also declared a state of emergency over the opioid crisis. In June Hogan's administration announced \$40 million in funding for prevention, treatment and law enforcement.

But while Hogan has said the opioid crisis is a top priority for his administration, overdose deaths are continuing to increase. According to a report released by the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, opioid deaths continued to increase in 2017 with 2,009 opioid overdose deaths in Maryland compared to the 1856 overdose death in 2016.

Hogan's political opponents used the reports data showing increased overdose deaths as evidence that the governor's policies related to addiction treatment are not working.

"The opioid epidemic is one of the most challenging public health crises of our time and it is clear that Larry Hogan's incremental steps are not getting the job done," said Maryland Democratic Party spokesperson Fabion Seaton.

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NEWS

Elrich and Ficker begin fall campaign for Exec

By Neal Earley
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Democratic and Republican nominees for Montgomery County Executive, as well as a potential independent candidate have begun campaigning for November's General Election.

Republican candidate Robin Ficker, an attorney and political activist from Boyds, has begun a social media push that takes aim at bringing awareness to something he calls the "Takoma Park Trapezoid."

Ficker, who was born in Takoma Park and grew up in Silver Spring, said that the southeastern portion of the County, which includes Takoma Park and Silver Spring has too much influence, citing that three of the four Democratic nominees for County Council at-large are from either Takoma Park or

Silver Spring. In addition, Ficker's opponent for County Executive, Council member Marc Elrich (D-at large), lives in Takoma Park.

Ficker has used the fact that a select group of politicians lives in portion of the County as part of his messaging, as Ficker turns his campaign toward the general election.

"There needs to be some fairness in representation in Montgomery County, and the way things are set up there now, all the power is going to be in the Takoma Park trapezoid," Ficker said.

Ficker is using Facebook and Twitter posts to promote a map his campaign made, showing the locations of where the four at-large Democratic nominees live and his two opponents for County Executive — Elrich and prospective independent candidate and at-large Council member Nancy Floreen. County co

Ficker's map shows that Elrich and County Council President Hans Riemer live in Takoma Park, while Council at-large candidates Evan Glass and Will Jawando both live in Silver Spring; Gabe Alborno lives in Kensington; and Floreen lives in Garrett Park. The dots of their homes on a map of the County are then connected with lines, making the shape of a trapezoid, proof that one portion of the County has too much power, Ficker said.

"That's why I need to be in the County Executive's office, to give some fair representation outside the Takoma Park trapezoid," Ficker said.

Ficker has labeled both Elrich and Floreen as "tax-increase specialist," who the voters have already rejected through a 2016 term-limit referendum campaign that Ficker led. Ficker said he is banking his cam-

paigned the fact that he believes voters are tired with Elrich and Floreen.

Elrich spent Saturday campaigning with Democratic nominee for governor Ben Jealous, along with other Democrats, touring Downtown Silver Spring and talking to business owners. For Elrich, it is the beginning of a general election campaign push after winning a contentious primary election by 79 votes.

While previous Democratic nominees for Montgomery County Executive have won handedly in the general election in the past, with the potential entry of Floreen into the race as an independent candidate, Elrich said that Floreen's entry into the race changes the dynamics, and he is not assuming his election as County Executive is secured.

"It's definitely possible she

could split the Democratic vote," Elrich said of Floreen.

While Floreen said in a statement that the race for County Executive could use an alternative voice after a low voter turnout Democratic Primary, Elrich said his and Floreen's record on the County Council is mostly the same, except on one issue — development.

While Floreen has pushed for more development on the County Council, Elrich has run his campaign on promising to make developers pay more to finance schools and roads. Elrich said his campaign is working against big money interests, which includes developers, which have corrupted local politics.

"I believe there's too much influence of big money in politics, and politics has become too much of a game of what you can buy and what you can influence," Elrich said.

Takoma approves junction

By Nickolai Sukharev
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TAKOMA PARK — After nearly four years of debate, the Takoma Park City Council approved the Takoma Junction site plan in a 5-2 vote in the early hours of Thursday morning.

"The vote last Wednesday on the resolution allows the draft site to move forward to the county planning board as well as the [State Highway Administration] for review," said Takoma Park Mayor Kate Stewart. "We're looking forward to working on this project and [with] residents across the city to ensure that this project is one that reflects Takoma Park."

In a meeting that adjourned at 1:20 a.m. after over three hours of public comments, Council members Jarrett Smith (Ward 5) and Peter Kovar (Ward 1) cast the only votes against the site plan, which now moves to the County for approval.

The site plan, drafted by Neighborhood Development Company (NDC), a Washington, D.C.-based architectural firm that received the RFP for the project in 2014, involves redeveloping a city-owned parking lot located at the intersections of Grant, Philadelphia, and Ethan Allen Avenues between the Takoma Park Silver Spring Co-op and Healey Surgeons into a two-story building for office and retail space with an underground garage.

During the meeting, the City

Council voted down two amendments by Council members Jarrett Smith (Ward 5) and Peter Kovar (Ward 1).

Smith, who cast the sole vote for his own amendment in a 6-1 vote, called for the Council to delay the vote until a mediation process resolves delivery-accommodation issues between the co-op and NDC. Kovar's amendment, which was defeated 5-2, with Smith being the other supporting vote, called for increased public space in the site plan.

Byrne Kelly, a Ward 3 resident who opposes the site plan, called the vote a "somewhat callous act of denial of majority rule" and a "travesty of democracy."

"All we were asking for was to postpone the vote until after the mediation between the Co-op and [NDC] came through," he added.

Kelly, who works as a licensed site planner and presented alternative plans of his own outside council chambers, said the vote provides more momentum to his effort to recall Mayor Kate Stewart and six of the Council members.

Carter Dougherty, a Ward 1 resident who supports the site plan, said he was "pretty happy that we ... have this vote behind us."

"... we can start doing the progressive things that city officials have built into this project: interesting tenants, smarter traffic flow, nicer facade, and, of course, getting rid of an ugly surface parking lot," he added.

Ashman backs a second term for Hogan

By Peter Rouleau
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GAITHERSBURG — Mayor Jud Ashman has endorsed Governor Larry Hogan in his bid for reelection this fall.

While Gaithersburg, like many other Maryland municipalities, has nonpartisan elections, Ashman is a registered Democrat.

Formerly a Republican, Ashman switched his party affiliation in the mid-2000s.

"I was disenchanted by the policies of the George W. Bush administration," Ashman said. "I started voting Democratic, even before I changed my registration. I believe the last Republican I voted for was [former Representative] Connie Morella. Whether I've been registered as a Republican or a Democrat, I've always been a centrist."

Ashman said he is appalled by the policies of President Donald J. Trump.

"The national Republican Party and the Trump administration are absolutely abhorrent," Ashman said. "I have nothing good to say about

Trump, Mitch McConnell or Paul Ryan."

Ashman said his decision to endorse Hogan was based on the governor's efforts to promote economic growth and his moderate stance on social issues.

"Governor Hogan has done a lot to tackle what I think is the most important issue facing our state, which is making Maryland a better place to do business," said Ashman, who is himself a small-business owner. "He has embraced policies that are close to my heart, such as being pro-choice, pro-marriage equality, and supporting sensible gun laws. He has made an effort to distance himself from Trump and the national GOP and groups like the National Rifle Association."

Ashman said he felt that electing moderate Republicans at the state level could help counteract the national party's policies.

"I completely understand why some people might feel, given the train wreck of the Trump administration, that they couldn't stomach voting for any Republican at any level," Ashman said. "But I think electing

people like Hogan, who have rejected these policies, shows that there's public support for Republicans who declare their independence."

In early 2016, Ashman and the City Council clashed with the Hogan administration after the latter scaled back construction funding for the I-270 Interchange, a project city officials feel is essential to the economic growth of upper Montgomery County. Ashman said that this episode did not play a role in his decision.

"That ended well, and we got the full interchange," Ashman said.

Ashman also said he thought he and the city would be able to work with Democratic nominee Ben Jealous if he were to defeat Hogan in November.

"I don't know Ben Jealous very well, though I have met him," Ashman said. "I have sat down and talked with his running mate, Susan Turnbull, whom I like very much. I have nothing bad to say about Ben Jealous. I'm supporting Governor Hogan because he has a proven record of working on issues that are important to me."

Takoma Park cop injured in D.C. shooting

By Justin Fitzgerald
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Takoma Park police Sgt. Charles Hoetzel is on administrative leave after being injured in a shootout that also left a suspect injured.

The shooting occurred in Washington D.C. after Hoetzel began chasing 19-year-old Kenneth Carroll of northeast D.C. on July 25th around seven p.m.

Police say Carroll pulled out a

gun and fired at Hoetzel and the officer fired back, hitting Carroll. The chase began in Maryland and the officer pursued Carroll into Washington DC, where he was arrested and charged with assault on a police officer while armed and carrying a pistol without a license. Both Carroll and the officer were taken to the hospital for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries.

Hoetzel has been released from the hospital, but Takoma Park police department spokesperson Ron Hardy

did not know whether Carroll had been released. Hoetzel is a 10-year veteran of the force and was named Supervisor of the Year by the Takoma Park Police Department last year. He was named department police officer of the year in 2008 and 2009.

Carroll was previously arrested on Sept. 28 for multiple drug and gun related charges, including possession of marijuana and possession of a firearm. He was indicted on those charges on Dec. 19 and is currently awaiting trial.

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OPINIONS & VIEWS

You've got to be kidding

Editor's Notebook

by Brian J. Karem

Somewhere Hunter Thompson and Bill Hicks are laughing over a tab of LSD and wondering if our reality is their drug-induced nightmare.

Or something like that.

The phone call was hilarious, if not touched.

"Your entire problem is that you are a hack Democrat who doesn't understand how great the president is," I was told.

"Your problem," I responded, "Is that you think I care what you think?"

"Just like a liberal."

"For the record, I am an equal opportunity offender and I firmly believe the only way to look at a politician is down."

"Prove it," I was told.

"Read what I write," I responded.

"Fine," the caller said and I was happy to sign him up for a subscription. Afterward he asked me where I was during the Clinton administration. "Covering crime for America's Most Wanted," I explained.

After that I pointed him to a couple of online places to purchase America's Most Wanted paraphernalia.

After we arranged that I heard a long-winded explanation of how I'm a communist, and a horrible human being who probably endorses killing babies in the womb.

I was told the problem with the press is we don't listen to people. And as I listened to him continue his rant, I confess I became more and more amused.

The caller again threatened me and told me I would "Go to Hell," for my intolerance to his particular mindset - whatever that was.

"I firmly believe that you may disagree with people and still get along with them," I explained. "You know, I disagree with what you say, but defend to death your right to say it," I explained.

"That's just bullshit," I was told. "You don't believe that. You won't even listen."

"I'm listening now," I explained.

"No. You're not." He said.

"What would you like to say that I haven't listened to, please let me know."

"You are not listening. The President is draining the swamp. He cares for us and all you do is point out when he makes one little mistake."

"How do I do that?" I asked.

"You ask him questions. You're rude and don't listen."

"Are you telling me that asking questions is rude?" I asked.

"See. That's rude. You're insulting me. That's not a question. That's a statement."

"How is that a statement?" I asked.

"You're doing it again."

"Forgive me, but how is asking a question making a statement and why is that being rude?"

"That's why people call you the fake media. You are the enemy of the people. The president is right."

"How does that make me the enemy of the people? Which people? All people?"

"Real Americans." He said.

"Can you define real Americans?"

"Your kind probably wouldn't even know," I was told.

"What is my kind?" I asked. "Reporters?"

"How do you spell your last name?" He asked.

"What? Why do you ask?"

"See you don't like it when the shoe's on the other foot. Answer the question." He hissed.

"Okay. Karem is a last name."

"What kind of last name?" He shouted.

"The kind that comes after my first name. Why are you asking?"

"Is that some kind of racial taunt you're making at me?" He asked.

"No sir. Just asking a question," I replied.

"No you're not. Now you're calling me stupid."

"Never crossed my mind. Why would you say that?" I asked.

"You think I don't know what a last name is? You think you're the only one who is so high and mighty to figure that out?"

I sighed. Now I was getting bored. I sold the guy a subscription, told him how he could find America's Most Wanted memorabilia and all he really wanted to do was rant and rave against someone he didn't like.

"You think the president is stupid and that's why you ask all those questions," he finally said.

And there it was. Finally.

So for those who think that and many more who believe it: Who are you kidding?

I ask questions because it is my job. I seek answers because I'm curious and I have no idea, really, if the president is stupid.

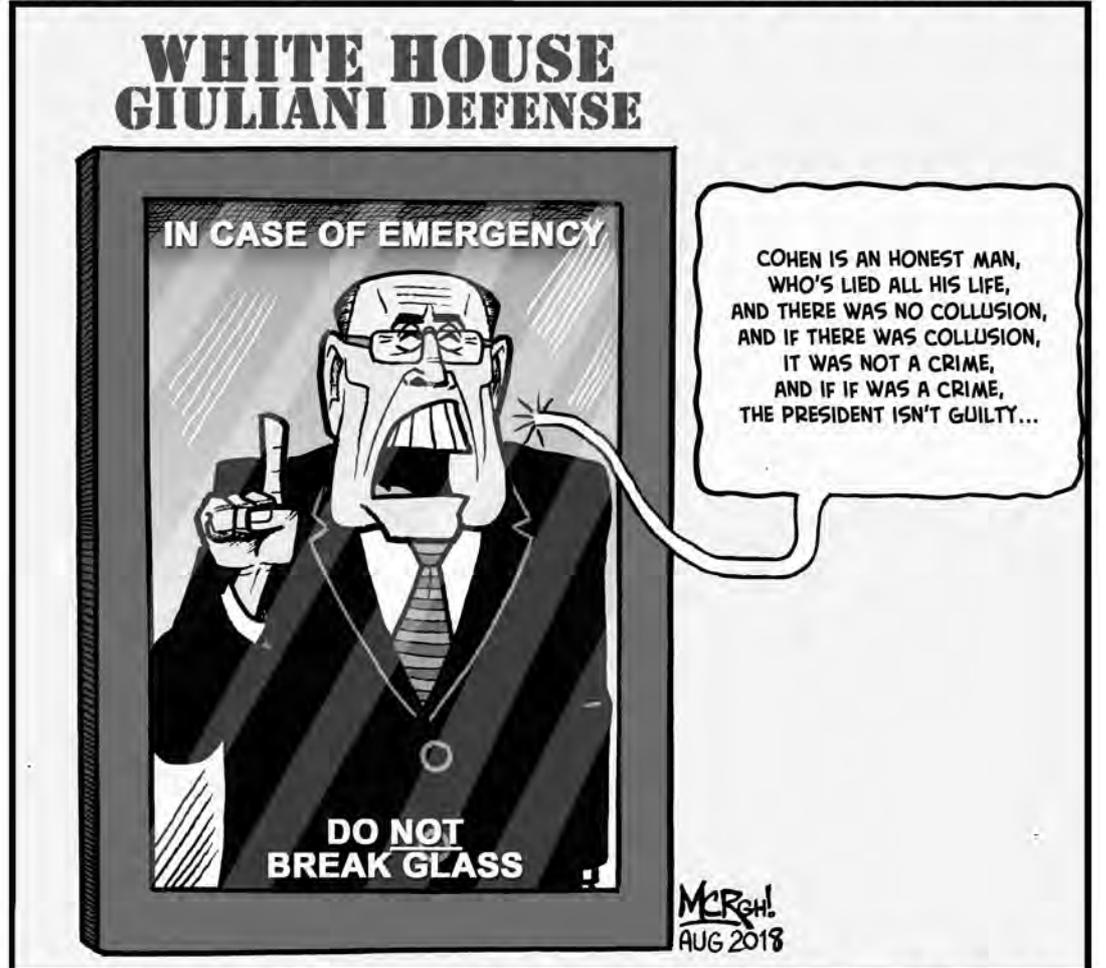
I know he has lied to me. I know he doesn't care if he lies to me and I know - as a country - we're better off knowing what our president is doing and thinking on our behalf.

If I have to ask loudly - then I will. If I have to put up with threats I will. But for the love of all that is holy, please spare me the sanctimony and the long telephone calls.

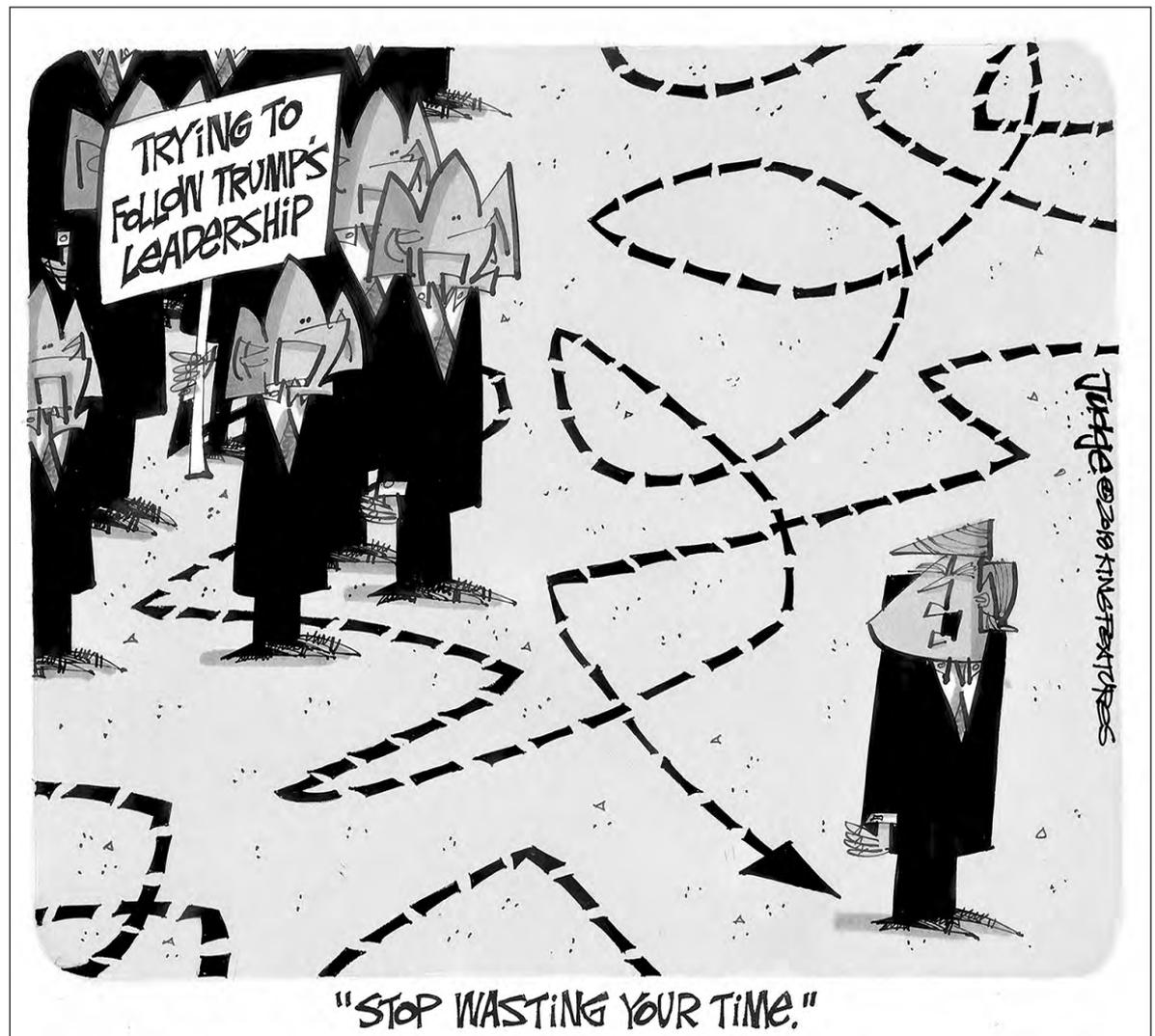
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"STOP WASTING YOUR TIME."

LETTERS

What man in the sky do you mean?

To the editor;

The Mayflower pilgrims in Heaven, would be astonished, at American's present-day attitude towards God, the Word of God, and his precious Son Jesus.

Their strong beliefs in God and Christianity were expressed in the Mayflower Compact. In that Compact, they said they did it, "for the glory of God and advancement of the Christian Faith," and signed "in the presence of God."

Over half of those pilgrims who landed on the western side of Cape Cod Bay in mid-December, 1620, died that winter, because of poor nutrition and harsh living conditions. Because of their faith in God and Jesus they went to Heaven.

But Hell is where most present-day Americans are headed, because of their gross disobedience of God, and their unbelief.

Almost daily, we see elected officials and other well-known individuals, show their defiance towards God, when they proudly defend the indefensible. They seem to have no idea that there is a righteous God who created them, and that He set rules and Laws by which they are to live by.

Mankind will be judged by those laws and by the Word of God.

America erred greatly when it started its separation from God. His commandment to teach the children diligently all about him, including to keep his commandments, statutes, and judgments, was forgotten by the Supreme Court and the other branches of government.

We took God out of America, so we should not be surprised when there seems to be more hate than love in America.

Foolish America has said, there is no God, has become morally corrupt, doing abominable things, and most do bad things instead of good.

In Jesus name stop the baby killing.

Manuel Ybarra

editor's note: I have no idea what you're on about. But the evangelicals seem to love Trump if that helps you.

And another country heard from

To the editor;

Your so-called communist columnist Paul Schwartz shows his disrespect for Governor Larry Hogan every time he writes his swill.

Hogan is the best governor we've ever had. He's a red Republican leading a Blue State.

He isn't Donald Trump. He's a real politician. Ben Jealous is dangerous and can't even get Ike Leggett's support because he wants to abuse us in Montgomery County.

When will Paul Schwartz write about that? I'm thinking never.

Gerald Schoen

Not on our watch I suppose

To the editor;

Will you ever stop making fun of President Trump. Mark Robinson is a traitor to free speech by constantly making fun of our president who only wants to Make America Great Again.

Thomas Clifton

editor's note: You can't be a traitor to free speech by exercising it. Just saying . . .

Mom, come on give me a break . . .

To the editor;

This newspaper doesn't care anything about the facts. The communists who've run this abomination have been systematically destroying Maryland and turning it into a socialist state since the early 60s when I first started reading the paper.

I am a subscriber and I read it today and vomit. Your editor Mr. Brian Karem is a well known communist sympathizer who only makes fun of people he can't possibly hold a candle to.

The President is a good man. Your editor is jealous of him because he could never be Donald Trump.

The Kapiloffs will never be Donald Trump.

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Just grow up and get with the program.

Jay Schneider

editor's note: I'm glad to see you're a subscriber. Please keep reading. I have no intention of holding a candle to Mr. Trump or holding anything else to him. I promise you. No one I know wants to be Trump.

The Sentinel will never be Mar A Lago. That's true. That's because The Sentinel is a newspaper and not a real estate property.

Checking in with the credibility expert



Maryland's Criminal Procedure statutes provides for immunity from arrest or criminal sanction when a call is made for medical assistance because of a suspected drug overdose.

Whether that immunity extends to a person who has overdosed when someone else calls 911 was explored in a reported opinion last week from Maryland's intermediate appellate Court in a case called Christopher Noble v. State of Maryland.

The opinion indicates that paramedics responded to a 911 call from the Defendant's girlfriend for "an unresponsive person thought to be in cardiac arrest." They found the Defendant lying on the floor of the bathroom unconscious with shallow breathing, concluded that he was suffering from an opiate overdose and

administered medication that roused him to consciousness. The Defendant later told police that he had taken several Percocet.

Noble had previously pled guilty to possession pled guilty to conspiracy to possess narcotics with intent to distribute, had received a suspended jail sentence and was placed on probation.

One of the conditions of probation was that he not possess or use any illegal substance or engage in abusive use of an prescription drug.

Based on the 911 call, Defendant's probation agent filed for violation of his probation. Defense counsel asserted that Noble could not be violated, because evidence arose from the call about his overdose, but the trial judge disagreed, found him in violation and imposed jail time arising from the original conviction.

The appellate Court discussed this history of this immunity provision, noting that in its original form it was designed to encourage people to call for help when they suspected an overdose in response to the opioid epidemic.

The State relied on the part of

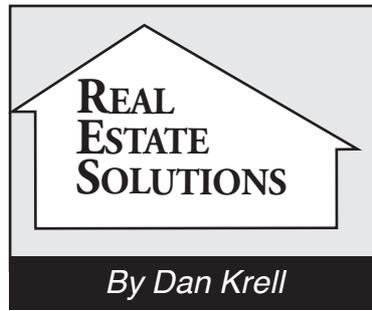
the statute that says that "a person who seeks, provides or assists with the provision of medical assistance" to a person who is overdosing may not be sanctioned, so that the law would only protect some like a girlfriend who called for Assistance.

However, the Court held that the law also means a person who reasonably believes that the person is experiencing a medical emergency from drugs is immune from sanction if the evidence was obtained from that person receiving assistance.

In reversing the finding of a probation violation, the Court held "to hold that a person is not entitled to the protection of the statute because someone else called for medical assistance after the person overdoses is inconsistent with the General Assembly's state goal of saving lives by encouraging people to call for help."

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Suffering from "buyer fatigue" is a real thing



Although home prices remain strong, the volume of home sales has dropped off during June. This is causing some in the media to exhibit "housing derangement syndrome" by reporting a pending housing collapse. However, there is a more sensible answer and that may be "home buyer fatigue." Buyer fatigue is not solely used in real estate, rather it's a term to describe consumers who do not engage in a market sector for a short duration for various reasons. Home buyer fatigue has occurred multiple times since 2013 after a period of sustained home price increases.

Let's look at the facts. The National Association Realtors (nar.realtor) reported in a July 23rd press release that the total existing home sales for June decreased 0.6 percent, and is down 2.2 percent from the same time last year. Home sales in Montgomery County have also been retreating. The Greater Capital Area Association of Realtors (gcaar.com) reported sales declines for single-family and condos during June (-3.4 percent and -13.9 percent respective-

ly). Year-to-date sales are also below last year's transactions for the same time period.

NAR chief economist Lawrence Yun observed in the press release, "There continues to be a mismatch since the spring between the growing level of homebuyer demand in most of the country in relation to the actual pace of home sales, which are declining."

However, his explanation for the home sales retreat sounds like home buyer fatigue, "The root cause is without a doubt the severe housing shortage that is not releasing its grip on the nation's housing market. What is for sale in most areas is going under contract very fast and in many cases, has multiple offers. This dynamic is keeping home price growth elevated, pricing out would-be buyers and ultimately slowing sales."

Although national home prices are increasing, the gains remain steady. The latest S&P CoreLogic Case-Shiller U.S. National Home Price NSA Index reported on July 31st (spice-indices.com) indicated a 6.4 percent annual gain during May, which is the same as the previous month. However, the 20 City Index showed a slight decline to 6.5 percent (from 6.7 percent). Seattle, Las Vegas and San Francisco continue to lead the nation with double digit gains (13.6, 12.6 and 10.9 percent respectively). The Washington DC region, however, showed a modest annual home price growth of 3.06 percent.

As home sales decline, many contribute home buyer fatigue to increasing home prices and mortgage interest rates. A few have already begun to ring the warning bells of bubble popping home price deflation citing Seattle and San Francisco's housing woes. However, those exhibiting housing derangement syndrome need to take a deep breath and look at the facts.

Most of the country's home values are increasing at a sustainable rate. Additionally, contrary to reports of inventory surpluses, home sale inventory continues to be low in most of the country (Montgomery County single-family and condo listings are below last year's level by -9.3 and -12.8 percent respectively).

It's also important to look deeper into what may be driving those overheated housing markets to experience the sharp price spikes and recent sale declines.

For example, Seattle's housing juggernaut may be tied to Amazon's nine years of a seemingly hiring frenzy. According to reporting by Matt Day for The Seattle Times (Amazon's employee count declines for first time since 2009; seattletimes.com; April 26, 2018), Amazon begun corporate layoffs, as well as a possible hiring freeze, earlier this year.

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NEWS ANALYSIS

The basic lessons need to be remembered

Paul's View

By
Paul Schwartz

Despite the best efforts of Congressional Republicans to call for an investigation into the "Hillary Clinton Administration," the reality is that there is no Hillary Clinton Administration.

Hillary Clinton was not elected president on November 8, 2016. Hillary Clinton, to the detriment of America and its ideals, lost the election and Donald J. Trump sits in the Oval Office of the White House. I am made eminently aware of this sad fact every time I attend the daily White House press briefings and, at times, witness Trump attempting to read from the teleprompters at a ridiculously embarrassing third-grade reading level.

His reading level, though, is the least important of all of the embarrassments he brings to the presidency. Our descent from the world stage and the loss of status as the leader of the free world along with the loss of respect by our allies is quite a bit higher on the embarrassment list.

So how do we fix this catastrophe? How do we learn, or rather re-learn, the lessons of the 2016 presidential election as we approach the 2018 midterm elections and the 2020 presidential election?

Let's start with something we learned in the two elections of Barack Obama as president of the United States: "If all minorities band together and vote, they become the majority."

That, of course, did not happen in the 2016 presidential election. Hillary Clinton was consistently portrayed as representing a "third term of Obama," yet the black vote did not come out in sufficient numbers, especially in Milwaukee, Detroit and Philadelphia, resulting in Clinton's loss of three key battleground states, Wisconsin, Michigan and Pennsylvania.

This turned out to be the difference of the less than 80,000 votes that turned the election to Trump.

This dynamic was the key to that somewhat historic vote in Alabama and the election of Democrat Doug Jones as senator. Yes, Alabama derailed the Trump train, but it wasn't all Alabama voters; it was the black vote in Alabama that changed the course of politics in that reddest of red states.

In that state white men account for 35 percent of voters and 74 percent of that vote went to Republican Roy Moore. White women account for 30 percent of voters in that state and 65 percent of their vote also went to Republican Roy Moore despite all of the credible (make that incredible)

information outing him as a pedophile.

How, then, did Doug Jones defeat Roy Moore, considering these numbers? It was the turnout of the black vote which accounted for 30 percent of the vote. In that 30 percent, black men account for 12 percent of the overall vote and 92 percent voted for Doug Jones. Black women accounted for 18 percent of the overall Alabama vote and 97 percent of them voted for Doug Jones. What did not occur in America in the 2016 presidential election, occurred in Alabama on December 12, 2017 and the result was of historic proportions. Lesson re-learned.

Another lesson that needed to be re-learned from the results of the 2016 election was a lesson learned during the 1992 and 2000 elections. Voting for third-party candidates, while they have no chance of being elected, do impact the results of the election.

Just as the candidacies of Ross Perot in 1992 and Ralph Nader in 2000 had direct impact on the elections of Bill Clinton and George W. Bush, so, too, did the votes that went to Jill Stein and Gary Johnson in 2016.

Even though Hillary Clinton won the popular vote by some three million votes, it was, once again, the narrow margin of victory of less than 80,000 votes by Trump in Wisconsin, Michigan and Pennsylvania that turned the election.

The votes that went to Johnson and Stein very well could have and more than likely would have kept a totally unfit president out of the White House. "Believe me, believe me!" Hear that, Nancy Floreen? Lesson re-learned.

Controlling the narrative is another very important lesson that we seemed to have forgotten during the 2016 election.

That lesson should have been well learned during the 2004 election when Democratic candidate John Kerry allowed Republicans to control the narrative by creating the "swift boat" controversy.

John Kerry was a war hero who served honorably in Vietnam. Upon his return he testified before Congress about what he perceived was an unjustified war. You can agree or disagree with his position, but I, personally, found anti-war sentiment a great deal more credible coming from someone who served in Vietnam than from someone who did not.

George W. Bush, his Republican candidate and the incumbent, you may recall, served during Vietnam in the Georgia National Guard even though he was a resident of Texas. Ah, the benefit of daddy's influence. I, fortunately, had a high draft number and didn't have to ask Bush senior for any help.

To minimize the glaring differences between the service of the two

candidates, the Republicans came up with the "swift boat" controversy to tarnish Kerry's war record by questioning details of Kerry's military service and the awarding of his many combat medals. Although completely discredited by all of his former crewmates, the distraction created by this concocted controversy did serve the Republican cause well and negated the comparison of both candidates' war records.

Now jump to 2016 and the Democrats, once again, allowed the Republicans to seize control of the narrative. This time around it was all about email management.

Why Democrats weren't better prepared to counter Republican efforts to focus on email management and, thereby, take the spotlight off all of the enumerable Trump controversies, too numerous to list here, including the Russian influence in the outcome of our presidential election, is mind-boggling.

Yet, this is one lesson that better be learned, or re-learned, prior to 2020 if not 2018 because that tactic will be used no matter who the Democratic candidate turns out to be. When no longer held accountable for truth, there are no longer any rules. Lesson re-learned.

How to address the constant glut of Trump daily lies?

How about a daily fact-checking press briefing on the floor of Congress at a specified time each day for a Democrat to counter/fact-check the Trump lies from the previous day?

This does not have to be only Chuck Schumer or Nancy Pelosi but could be any Congressional Democrat as long as the session is held at the same time and place daily.

Relying on cable news, alone, to perform the fact-checking is not enough since not all voters are CNN or MSNBC addicts. If voters hear lies over and over again the

lie becomes credible even if not true. Each and every lie from Trump must be exposed on a daily basis just to keep track of all the incessant lies coming from the Trump administration. Since the vast number of lies is so immense, capturing the daily lies in a database for use during the upcoming campaigns will be invaluable.

Moreover, it will expose the lies before they become too entrenched in the minds of voters. (Fox News viewers will just have to be written off as too brainwashed to be saved from themselves.)

Final lesson to be learned: elections have consequences. Voters must take those consequences seriously to prevent placing another unfit individual in the highest office in the land. Votes matter and turnout determines elections. A 77 vote victory by Marc Elrich in the Democratic primary for Montgomery County Executive is clear evidence of that fact. VOTE!

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COVER STORY

Police officer not charged in shooting unarmed man

“Officer,”
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frontation, confirms their accounts of the events. While police have not released any of the body-camera footage, the police body-camera videos from the event will likely be made publicly available sometime this week, according to police.

The shooting stirred controversy among many county residents, who see White's death as another killing of an unarmed African-American male by a po-

lice officer.

“It remains unclear why the officer stopped a man out for a walk in his own neighborhood and how a situation materialized in which the officer chose to shoot Mr. White instead of engaging in de-escalation actions that would have brought about a peaceful resolution,” said Sue Udry, from the a coalition of social justice advocacy groups that have met with Manger about the shooting. Udry said she is demanding the police release all evidence and information related to the shooting, including the report

that Howard County prosecutors made when they investigated the shooting. For some residents, the shooting was especially egregious, as many believed White to be suffering from some sort of mental illness.

While White's neighbors said that White had a mental illness or psychological disorder, they could not confirm the type. In November 2015, a Montgomery County District Court judge committed White to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene for “examination as to competency to stand trial” in a misdemeanor

trespassing case. The court found “good cause to believe the defendant may be incompetent to stand trial” per an evaluation by the pretrial supervision unit.

While Badgujar will not be charged with a crime, he could still face disciplinary action from Montgomery County Police, as an internal review of the incident begins. As per the police department's policy, internal affairs investigations can start only after a criminal investigation into the officer's actions is over.

For Udry and other activists, the shooting is part of a nation-

wide phenomenon of police killings, in which an officer shot and killed an unarmed African-American man.

“Black people like Mr. White are more likely to be stopped, frisked, and arrested in this country, and they are more likely to face violence at the hands of police officers than white people. Black people who have disabilities face a double jeopardy,” Udry said. “Montgomery County is not an exception to this troubling pattern. The residents of our county and Mr. White's family deserve better.”

Cardinal McCarrick resigns following sex crime allegations

“Cardinal,”
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ty of America, said resignation from the College of Cardinals means McCarrick is automatically returned to his previous title, archbishop, and is no longer a cardinal. McCarrick is still a priest, although he may not practice ministry publicly for the present.

The alleged crime is a sin against the Sixth Commandment, “whose prosecution is reserved to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith,” Beal said, later adding, “Only the Pope can judge a bishop, although he normally delegates to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.”

A violation of the Sixth Commandment could include penetration or masturbation, Beal said. The Catholic Church can punish a

priest for it, if the Congregation determines the priest is guilty. Pope Francis would decide what punishments McCarrick would receive if the Congregation were to find him guilty.

In June, Cardinal Donald Wuerl of the Archdiocese of Washington confirmed that the Archdiocese of New York investigated the claim against McCarrick and determined the claim was credible. Investigation by the Archdiocese of New York is the church equivalent of a grand jury, Beal said.

“We must now wait for a final determination of this case to be made in Rome,” Wuerl said last month. “In matters such as this, our first priority as a Church is to continue to offer spiritual and pastoral support for the survivors of abuse and their families, and to provide assistance to help them heal and find peace. The abuse of

children is a terrible tragedy, and the Church, even as we offer profound apologies, can never express enough our deep sorrow and contrition.”

Wuerl encouraged any other survivors of abuse to come forward, so the Archdiocese can provide spiritual and pastoral support to bring healing and peace.

McCarrick created a Child Protection Advisory Board within his first few years as cardinal, part of a commitment he made in July 2002 to enhance child protection measures and amend the policy. The board would review and assist with child protection efforts in the archdiocese of Washington.

One change to the Child Protection Policy was additional accountability measures, to “restore the trust and confidence of victims, parishioners, all Catholics and the public at large in the Church's abil-

ity to prevent child abuse and identify and heal those who have been abused,” the Board reported in 2004.

Starting in 2004, the board published an annual report to inform Catholics in the Archdiocese about child protection activities, including trainings and training material distribution and counts of allegations of priests abusing children. The report also included allegations of child abuse against church staff and Catholic school staff and volunteers.

Montgomery County Police Chief Thomas Manger has been a member of the Child Protection Advisory Board for about 10 years. Although the board was not involved in investigating the New York allegation against McCarrick, Manger said members met since Wuerl sent his June letter.

McCarrick was Archbishop of

the Archdiocese of Washington 2001 to 2006, Archdiocese of Washington spokesperson Chieko Noguchi confirmed. The Rev. Pope John Paul II made McCarrick cardinal of the archdiocese in February 2001.

Beal said if the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith determines McCarrick is guilty, he will likely face one of two consequences.

“One is that he could be dismissed from the clergy, cease to be able to present himself as a Catholic clergyman,” Beal said. “Or, if they think because of his age and his health” they could order him to live in a monastery or a secluded location and pray and do penance.

A penance may consist of “fasting, prayer, doing other things to atone for his offenses,” Beal said.

Man sentenced to life for murder of two high school students

By Neal Earley
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ROCKVILLE — A Montgomery County Circuit Court judge sentenced Jose Canales-Yanez Tuesday to life in prison without the possibility of parole on Monday for the first degree murder of two Northwest High School students.

In January, a jury found Canales-Yanez guilty on two counts of first-degree murder in the deaths of Shadi Adi Najjar, 17, and Artem Ziberov, 18, both students at Northwest High School who were set to

graduate the next day. Montgomery County Circuit Court Judge David A. Boynton sentenced Canales-Yanez to the maximum sentence under Maryland law — two separate life sentences without parole for each murder charge.

“This was a designed conspiracy to kill Shadi,” said State's Attorney for Montgomery County John McCarthy.

Najjar and Ziberov were murdered in June 2017, a day before graduation in what Montgomery County Police called a setup revenge killing. In addition to

Canales-Yanez, a grand jury has indicted Roger Garcia, Edgar Garcia-Gaona and Rony Alexander Galicia on murder charges for Najjar and Ziberov's deaths.

According to police, on June 5, Najjar and Ziberov planned to meet Roger Garcia to sell him a ticket to Northwest High School's graduation, which was to take place the next day.

Later that night police found Najjar and Ziberov suffering from multiple gunshot wounds inside a blue Honda Civic parked in the 8200 block of Gallery Court in

Montgomery Village with .40 caliber shell casings around the vehicle. Najjar and Ziberov died on the scene before emergency service personnel could transport them to a hospital. A few days later the chief medical examiner ruled Najjar and Ziberov's deaths as homicides.

According to police, a witness told them that Najjar was rumored to have committed a drug-related robbery in December or January. Manger said Najjar allegedly robbed Kara Yanez, the then-girlfriend and now wife of Jose Ovilson Canales-Yanez, and that Najjar's

murder was retaliation for the robbery.

According to McCarthy, Ziberov just happened to be in the car at the time of the planned killing, and was not a target by Canales-Yanez or any of his co-defendants.

“The setup that brought these boys to this isolated neighborhood was a scam,” McCarthy said.

Adi Najjar, father of Shadi Najjar, said his family was satisfied with Boynton's sentence.

“We are happy for the judge's decision,” Adi Najjar said.



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Benefit raises 10K for Capital Gazette survivors

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The music was upbeat, but the cause was anything but at a Sunday fundraiser for the family members of the survivors of the Capital Gazette shooting that cut short the lives of five newspaper employees.

Supporters contributed in excess of \$10,000 at the event at Fado Irish Pub in Annapolis. Besides money collected from the entrance fee and silent auction, the money raised included a \$2,500 contribution from Anthony Scaramucci, former White House communications director.

Denisa Protami, reader rewards manager for the Baltimore Sun, put the event together.

"When this happened," she said of the shooting, "it was hard for everybody. We own the Capital Gazette. We work with them all. They are family."

Rather than sit back, Protami did what she knows best. She began contacting the people she knew through her work with the reader rewards program and put together a silent auction with 30 items. She found a few bands to perform, and then asked the owners of Fados if she could hold the fundraiser at their restaurant and bar. They agreed and donated 20 percent of their day's proceeds to the Capital Gazette

Family Fund.

"I had to do something," she said. "It's my hometown. It's people I know."

The shooting didn't have to happen, she said. "The most heart-breaking thing is that it wasn't a surprise. The President of the United States is calling us the enemy."

People "are just waiting. I think the whole country is just waiting" for the next mass shooting, she said.

Many of the people attending the event worked at a Maryland newspaper and continue to process how Jarrod Ramos, of Laurel, was able to blast his way through the newsroom. Earlier this week, he entered a not guilty plea to five counts of first-degree murder.

"Things are kind of tough for me. There is a huge hole in my heart. We are family," said Paul Gillespie, a photographer at the Capital Gazette.

"I love that everyone is coming out to support us," said Gillespie, who wore a Press On T-shirt. The Gazette presses are still rolling, he said.

Megan Shenton, 29, a former Gazette employee, attended the event to support both the newspaper and her former employer.

"It was devastating," said Shenton. "It was honestly one of the hardest things I've dealt with in recent years just because I didn't know how, so it was heartbreaking."

Shenton's replacement in her former job as a sales assistant was Rebecca Smith, one of the victims.

Shenton wanted people to know she appreciated how the community came together. "Obviously it's a tragedy, and it's terrible, but hopefully some good can come for it," she said.

Darlene Szczepanik, 42, volunteered to help with the silent auction. "Hopefully there's a lot of people who turn out to support the cause but more than that, hopefully this will raise awareness of what needs to be done to avoid this from happening in the future," she said.

The Baltimore resident said she personally feels like better health care could avoid another mass shooting.

"It takes a truly troubled mind to commit an act that's so heinous and so graphic and so harmful," said Szczepanik "It was shocking that something had happened so close to home," she added.

"Especially where this happened, it struck not only the families of the people that were murdered, but the community as a whole. They feel not safe anymore," said Szczepanik.

Before Sentinel Editor Brian Karem sang with his band, the Rhythm Bandits, he told the crowd, "Remember one thing as you go forward. We are not the enemy of the people. We are the people."

Metro continues plan to subway car safety

by Kathleen Stubbs
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Chief safety officer reported to the federal transit administration that the railcar barriers between the new 7000 series railcar will be installed on all 7000 series trains by May 2019.

In May this year, a woman with vision impairment used her cane to search for the doorway on a train that was a 7000 series, but mistook the space between the railcars for the doorway and fell onto the tracks. Instead of chains between the railcars, which FTA and Metro call between-car barriers, the 7000 series railcars have rubber panels attached to the ends railcars alternating with the chains. FTA Acting Administrator Henrika Buchanan wrote in June the woman's fall indicated the alternate between-car-barriers are unsafe for riders with vision impairments and ordered their replacement with the chain-like barriers.

It was after Buchanan's letter to WMATA – which included other requirements, such as demonstrating how WMATA is informing the public about the hazard – that Metro added its "this is a 7000-se-

ries train" announcements to advise blind passengers, WMATA wrote.

Buchanan ordered Metro General Manager Paul Wiedefeld in June to ensure all between-car barriers of the 7000-series trains are the same as those of the previous series by Dec. 31. If he does not comply, the Federal Transit Administration may withhold funding, Buchanan has written. Also, Wiedefeld must remove the 7000-series trains from service to protect vision impaired riders and FTA may withhold Metro funding until Wiedefeld has the between-car barriers replaced.

"If WMATA fails to comply with the required actions stated herein, FTA has the authority under Federal public transportation safety law to, among other possible responses withhold up to 25 percent of WMATA's Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula funds until the requirements have been met," Buchanan wrote.

Metro Board member Michael Goldman, who represents Montgomery County, said he does not believe the FTA will require Metro to floor the 7000-series portion of the fleet.

"I'm still confident [FTA] is

not going to take any action requiring taking the 7000-series trains out of the fleet because the 7000-series cars are essential to WMATA's operations," Goldman said Wednesday.

Goldman said other transit systems in the U.S., like WMATA, have more than one type of between-car barriers, yet WMATA is the only public transit system or commuter rail system which FTA has given an immediate action for replacement.

Metro in its updated plan to fix the problem requested for an extension to the FTA's deadline.

Chief safety officer Pat Lavin had said removing the 7000 series railcars from service would require Metro to have more minutes between trains during rush hour.

Buchanan wrote that the alternate form of barriers between the railcars was 9 inches farther away from riders standing on the platform and therefore harder for blind and low vision riders to find it.

Last month, riders began to hear announcements in all stations advising riders with vision impairments to "find the floor," make sure there is floor in front of them before they step off the platform

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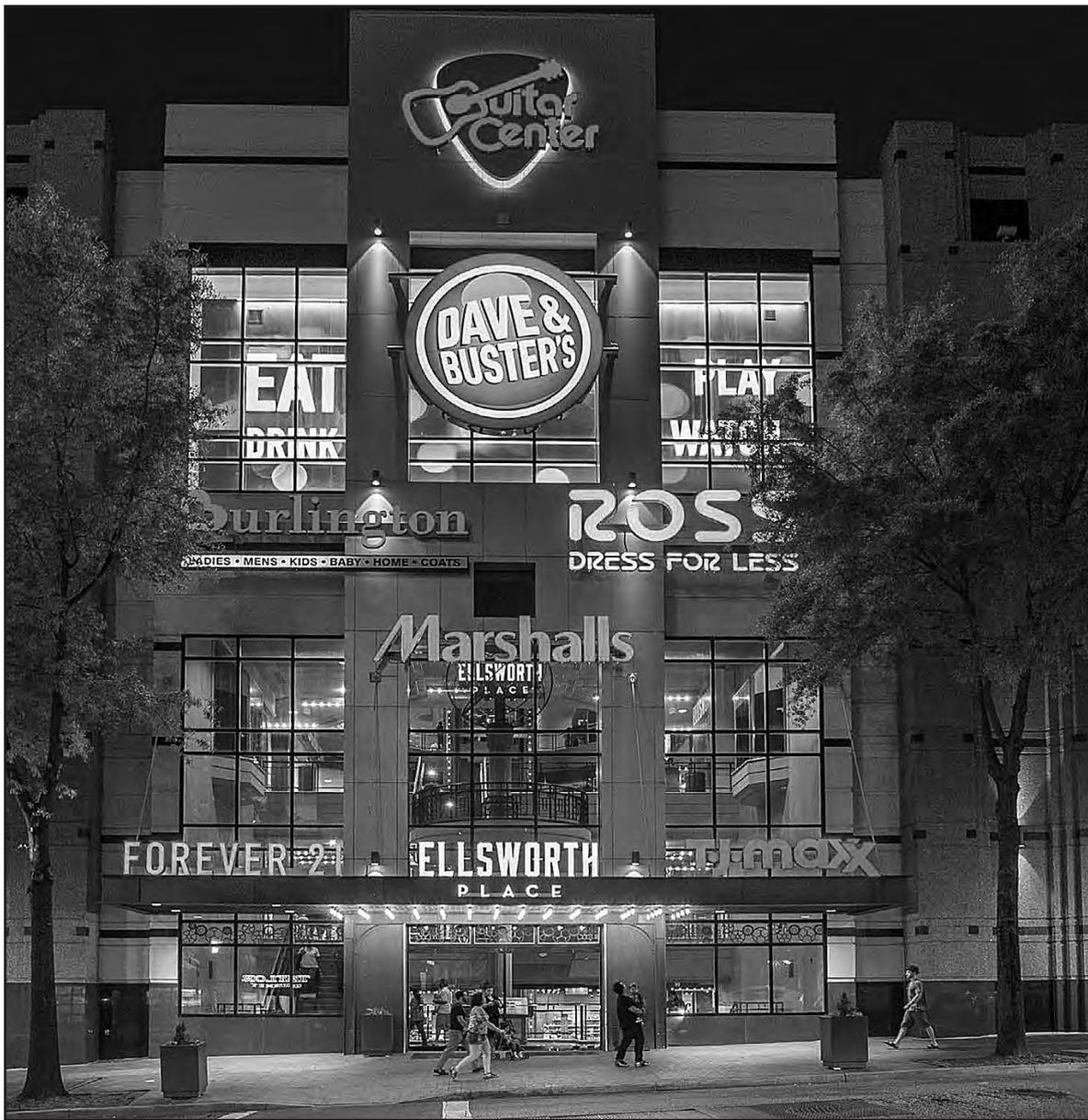


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The Ellsworth Place Mall in Silver Spring.

Developer buys Ellsworth Place Mall in S.S.

By Suzanne Pollak
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A commercial development and investment company in Tennessee recently purchased Ellsworth Place in downtown Silver Spring for \$92 million.

GBT Realty Corporation acquired the five-story mall, which is located at Fenton Street, Ellsworth Drive and Colesville Road. Ellsworth Place is across from Regal Majestic Stadium movie theater and the Silver Spring Civic Center.

Besides the retail center, which features such stores as Burlington Coat Factory, Dave and Busters, Ross Dress for Less, Guitar Center, Michaels, Ben & Jerry's and many low-end retailers, the sale also included air rights to potentially build 250,000 square feet of office space atop the stores.

Caroline Peek, of BouncePath Marketing, which represents GBT Realty, said Ellsworth Place was desirable, as residents in the Silver Spring area have "significant buying power." Also, she noted, there is abundant parking nearby and easy access to public transportation.

Ellsworth Place first opened in

1992 as City Place Mall.

Cambridge, Massachusetts-based Equity Resource Investments and Chilean investor Avante Financial Group partnered with GBT Realty to buy the 350,000 square-foot center from former owners Petrie Richardson Ventures and Rockwood Capital.

A spokesperson for Rockwood, which owned the property for six years, acknowledged the sale but refused further comment except to say the company did not lose money.

In a press release, Petrie Richardson Ventures noted that new stores continue to sign leases and that Auntie Anne's, Bump 'n Grind and Twin Fashions will be opening stores in the mall soon.

During the next 20 years, Ellsworth Place is projected to generate \$38.4 million in tax revenues for the County and to support 807 full-time jobs, according to the press release.

"The strength of the Silver Spring market, along with the prominence of Ellsworth Place, significantly increases the overall strength of our Capital Holdings portfolio of value-add and core-plus commercial properties across

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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Highwood's latest show spoofs a theater production run amok

By Barbara Trainin Blank
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If there's anything tougher than comedy, it's pulling together the production of a comedy in two weeks.

Especially one that involves a lot of physical, as well as verbal, comedy.

That's the task that fell to the young performers, in grades 7-12, in Highwood Theatre's Summer Active Intensive program. They're presenting Rick Abbot's "Play On!" Highwood's final production of the season and the only non-musical play the theater is producing this summer.

Rick Abbot is one of several pen names for prolific playwright Jack Sharkey (1931-1992), who published 83 plays under his own name and four others.

The conceit of "Play On!" said artistic director Matthew Nicola, is that while a theater troupe rehearses

for – and later puts on – a comedy, disaster follows. Disaster audiences can laugh at.

"Play On!" found inspiration in Michael Frayn's classic farce "Noises Off," which satirizes life in the theater.

"Play On!" also ties in with our theme for the season which is 'Off Your Rocker,' and is really a fantastic piece," said Nicola.

Pulling together all the humor of the play and the play-within-the-play falls on the shoulders of director Jennie Bissell, who said she has been doing theater her "whole life."

"When I was three, I asked my mom to sign me up for drama lessons," she laughed. "Then, at New York University, I studied musical theater."

Since then, Bissell has obtained a Master of Fine Arts degree in classical acting from George Washington University/Shakespeare Theatre

Company.

This past year she taught a homeschool class as well as after-school classes at Highwood. "Play On!" marks her directorial debut.

The theater chose its productions, including this one, but Bissell is independently fond of "Play On!" "It is a love letter to theater, and especially, community theater," she said.

Because of the age of the actors, Highwood reconceived the play to involve a high-school troupe in the same predicament.

With a high-school troupe, Bissell said, you not only have the strong personalities theater tends to attract but also "people from very different cliques. There are tapes playing at the wrong time, an arrogant playwright constantly rewriting lines, props falling apart, and actors forgetting their lines."

When the author (within the

play) wants to make a speech, that too is cause for humor.

One of the challenges of directing her cast of 10 is that many times, different parts in the play vs. the play within a play go wrong, and the students have to figure out what needs to be consistent and what needs to change," Bissell said.

"I also help them find the differences between their characters of the play within the play and their real characters, so it's clear to the audience who's who," she added. "But the kids have been great at picking this up. A lot have great comic timing."

Another challenge is to prevent eager actors (aren't they all?) from cutting into other actors' lines.

On the other hand, even early in the rehearsal process, Jennie said she was gaining satisfaction from "how close everyone is. The kids are really supportive of each other

and have great ideas. It's really cool."

All of which fits into the underlying lesson behind the shenanigans of "Play On!"

"It's about what the troupe learns – how important it is to make a team," said Bissell.

There can be, even in physical comedy, too much of a good thing.

In addition to Bissell's hands-on direction, Nicola is giving the student-actors a workshop on mastering physical comedy, "to make sure the excesses are authentic."

Comedy, he explained, especially this kind of comedy of "the worst day in the theater," needs a different skill set.

The production of "Play On!" takes place August 3-4 at Highwood Theatre, 914 Silver Spring Avenue, Suite 102, Silver Spring. For more information, visit the theater's website at www.thehighwoodtheatre.org.

'Grandmother of Hip Hop' reflects on ban of her book 'Nappy Hair'

By Matt Hooke
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Takoma Park resident Carolivia Herron, clad all in purple, carefully leans into the microphone at Takoma Radio. One moment the 71-year-old Howard University professor praises the 17th-century writer John Milton; at another, she laments the loss two years earlier to gun violence of young local rapper Douglas Brooks, known by his stage name "Swipecy."

Unfortunately, this year is a dubious one for Herron, as it marks the 20th anniversary of her children's book "Nappy Hair" being banned by New York City Public Schools.

The ban occurred in 1998, after a white teacher taught the book to her third-grade class. Although the students enjoyed the book, protests broke out, as some considered the book racially insensitive. According to Herron, the majority of parents who complained about the book did not have children in the class.

"They felt a white teacher had no business teaching about black hair," said Herron, "because the word 'nappy' in 'Nappy Hair' is written entirely in call-and-response form," – giving the book a unique rhythm and paying tribute to African-American traditions.

"It's an important issue for black girls and women that many other people don't understand. Peo-

ple who say 'everyone wants to change their hair' ... have no idea what black women go through when it comes to their hair," said Herron. "It's hours of time, lots of money, and, for many people, self-esteem troubles. They don't believe they can get a job if their hair is in a natural state."

Illustrator Joe Cepeda said that much of the discussion around the book's visuals have been based on presumptions. According to Herron, printing presses in the United States have been unable to print dark faces in detail, leading to the characters' taking on a flat, ugly look. When the book became a subject of controversy, Cepeda said he never received any interview requests, even though he designed and created all the visuals himself without much input from Herron.

"I think people make judgments without knowing or reading what the story is about," said Cepeda. "Carolivia wrote a great manuscript about being proud of who you are. It was so funny and well-written that as a creator, I wanted to illustrate it."

Now a major project of Herron's is her radio show, "Epic City," on WOWD-LP Takoma Park. "Epic City" airs on Tuesdays from 4-5 p.m., and features conversations with local artists and writers.

"[Takoma Park] takes a forward-looking stance toward integra-

tion, racism, acceptance of Latinos in particular," said Herron. "I moved here as a teenager in 1961; I thought it was its own free state of acceptance in a very racist world."

A big theme of her show is the intersection between epic literature and different kinds of art. During the 1980s when she worked as a professor at Harvard University, Herron fell in love with hip-hop. The new genre reminded her of ancient oral poetry, like "The Iliad" and "The Odyssey," which she had studied.

"I was saying to myself as a graduate student in the early '80s, if only I could be there when a new form of communication is coming," said Herron. "Then the computer, internet, and hip-hop all occurred around the same time. I could see it coming. I told everybody that this was going to be a big thing, and no one believed me."

As a professor, Herron taught a class on hip-hop. The course proved to be a nurturing environment for people who would later become tastemakers and trend-setters in hip-hop culture.

"The first issue of 'The Source,' the number one hip-hop magazine, was handed to me as a three-page paper in my class," said Herron.

Herron hosted several concerts and lectures bridging the gap be-

tween the classics and hip-hop. At one such event, Queen Latifah and a graduate student shared a stage, with Latifah rapping, while the student recited Greek poetry. Herron would critique artists as well. When she invited legendary rap group Public Enemy to Harvard, Herron confronted rapper Chuck D, asking him "What have Jews done to you?" and "Won't you get a better response if you talk about a specific problem instead of blaming a whole people for something?"

"It was a wonderful conversation, and he said, 'I agree with you.' And if you follow his career, it (anti-Semitism) dropped out after that," Herron said.

Herron is still deeply involved in the rap scene, according to Cardo Lotto Henderson, who co-hosted Epic City for a year. According to Henderson, Herron continued her work in connecting Ancient Greek Epic Poetry and modern hip-hop, reaching out to artists in the D.C. area. She planned to create a version of the epic play "The Fall of Phaeton" with the late D.C. rapper Swipecy as the star. Swipecy had worked with Herron's project Epic-Centering the National Mall before he was shot and killed in 2016 at the age of 18.

"It was more than just music; it was every type of art together. We brought poetry, we brought rap, we

brought illustrations, we brought epics, we brought everything to a cesspool-level event. It was great to see and know it could be done," said Henderson about Epic Centering the National Mall.

Herron's work with Herron proved to be a formative experience. Henderson, who currently works for a non-profit called 100 Fathers, which helps mentor and train fathers to be more present in their children's lives, said his work with Herron marked the first time he had the ability to express himself in the work environment.

"I just feel like there's so much division between people with age ... we would always talk about a lot of different things – getting older people hip to the younger people stuff and younger people hip to the older people stuff," said Henderson. "Everything I ever did with Carolivia got me opportunity; engineering for Carolivia got me my own show DMV underground."

Despite her age and her many projects, Herron is still fighting for the children's book she wrote 21 years ago.

"('Nappy Hair') is still banned in New York City," said Herron. "This is the 20th year of it being banned. Someone needs to write about it; this should be a big deal. Someone needs to take on New York City Public Schools."



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COURTESY PHOTO

Elenilson Ayala (second, left) and members rehearse for 'The Melting Pot.'

Century-old play resonates with today's immigration issues

By Barbara Trainin Blank
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Sometimes a play written decades ago seems contemporary.

That's the case with "The Melting Pot," a play British author Israel Zangwill wrote in 1908 about anti-Semitism and the hatred of immigrants.

It's the inaugural production of a new performing organization, the Jewish Community Theater of Montgomery County, along with the Temple Beth Ami Players.

"There's been no dedicated Jewish theater in the County for like 30 years," said David Fialkoff, director. "And the County has such a large Jewish population."

Etlavitch Jewish Community Center's Theater J, a professional Jewish theater, is in Washington, D.C.

"The Melting Pot" concerns a family of Sephardic Jews in Russia. After all the members of his immediate family are killed in a pogrom, the protagonist, David Quixano, immigrates to the United States — where he faces the challenge of starting a new life.

Fialkoff, who was also a founding member of Temple Beth Ami Players, approached the theater organization for permission to use its space for the "Melting Pot" production.

"Our goal is to promote Jewish culture and Jewish people, and secondarily, social justice," said Fialkoff, who believes both goals are

met by "The Melting Pot."

"It was a big Broadway hit, and the longest-running play on Broadway up to that time," he pointed out. "But it doesn't get performed now."

When Fialkoff's wife came upon a copy of the play in a used bookstore, he was "amazed" to find the parallels between it and today's immigrant and refugee situation.

Fialkoff, who is also directing "The Melting Pot," made a bold move that underscored the parallels, by casting the role of David Quixano very "nontraditionally."

There are other non-Jews in the cast, but for the lead role Fialkoff chose Elenilson Ayala, who came to the United States 10 years ago from El Salvador.

Ayala started acting formally in middle school, but before that, had borrowed a uniform from the post office to put one-person show. In the States, he attended the Steuben Center for Visual and Performing Arts and is now graduating from the National Conservatory for Dramatic Arts.

Ayala had some pause about Fialkoff's direction — which was to speak with a Latino accent as a Russian Jew.

It has "always been a challenge" for Ayala to "bely" his El Salvadoran accent and "speak naturally" like the characters he was portraying, he said. Now, suddenly, he's had to "go back and sound Latino."

"You want me to undo 15-plus

years of work," he recalled telling Fialkoff, laughing. "It took a while, but now the cast members are more comfortable; I'm in touch with my old self, old voice. I hope the audience will accept it and get it."

Aside from a shift in accents, Ayala said he connected with the character — not only because of their shared immigrant status.

"David is very cultural; he's the sponge of the family," he said. "Also, he battles with family members who haven't done the crossover [to acculturation]. The grandmother only speaks Yiddish, and his aunt stays only in the Jewish community."

From the perspective of how the immigrants are accepted — or not, the actor said he was "shocked" at first about how history was repeating itself. "First it was the Irish, the Poles, the Jews. People are still afraid of differences between people, of the unknown."

"It's all very old with a new twist. It's a different variety of people telling the story," Ayala continued. "There are lines in the play that refer to immigrants as 'insects' who are taking our jobs. It's a hundred years later, and it's really sad."

"The Melting Pot" has two performances, Saturday, Aug. 11 at 8 p.m., and Sunday, Aug. 12 at 2 p.m., at Temple Beth Ami, 14330 Travilah Road, Rockville. For more information, call 301-340-6818 or visit <https://www.facebook.com/JCTM-Ctheater>.

Miracles on display at Gaithersburg Arts Barn and Mansion

By Matt Hooke
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GAITHERSBURG — A forgotten black-and-white photo intended for the landfill was transformed into a timeless work of beauty at Thursday's reception for "Natural Wonders" and "17 Summers" at the Gaithersburg Arts Barn and the Kentlands Mansion.

The two exhibits featured 120 different pieces by 31 artists. "Natural Wonders" showcased the work of the fall 2018 Arts Barn teaching faculty while "17 Summers" brought in artists from Gallery 322 in Frederick.

Michael Douglass Jones from Gallery 322 takes forgotten scraps and makes them shine. His 3D works resemble letters and postage that make them look like an old family heirloom or a part of an old collection, with a timeless vintage quality. Jones began as a painter but developed his unique style due to the storytelling elements of the medium. His art resembles everyday objects used by real people; they become more relatable to the viewer, and the viewer creates a backstory behind them.

"I rely on the viewer to do a lot of the work for me," said Jones. "I can make all the art that I want, but if no one completes the story, there's no point."

"First Pages," one of Jones's works, had at its centerpiece an old black-and-white photograph of a girl that Jones received from a friend who planned to throw it away. He used the photo for an alphabet and numbers workbook, complete with brown rust fitting to the aged print.

"Even a little thing of rusted metal, if you look at it, can be as beautiful as a flower. I can't go outside my door in the morning without seeing a miracle," said Jones. "Most people have blinders on and don't see anything 'cause they're in a hurry. It takes me a long time get anywhere because I'll see a warped card on the ground and I'll have to pick it up and look at it. There are miracles everywhere."

His other pieces resembled postcards with a bright, vibrant quality, in comparison to the weathered rundown look of a children's book. The postage displayed vibrantly-colored birds, like a naturalist's work-book sketches.

Gallery 322 is an artist-owned co-op in downtown Frederick. The nine artists from the gallery focused in their exhibits on scenes from nature, and the summers that people experience in their youth. Artists ranged from sculptor Homer Yost,

who exhibited playful brass reliefs of dogs, to painter Roberta Staat, whose "Three Graces" poked fun at the original concept, of three beautiful Greek gods, by displaying three cows grazing on grass in all their splendor.

"For my master's, I worked on a farm for three years, painting and drawing; when I got out of grad school I painted this," said Staat. "My grandfather had a dairy farm in Wisconsin, and I spent a lot of time at the farm on holidays. The whole three years I worked on that farm was a very personal interaction with the subject matter. I would be painting what I saw, in the barn or [on] the field. It conjured up memories."

Natalya B. Parris, an artist teaching classes at the Barn, featured her unique "Emotional Counterpoint" style. Her technique is based on creating works out of layers of round dots. Her paintings make heavy use of vibrant bright colors, layered on top of each other to create images and designs. "Dayglow Flower" and "Passages of their Lives" show two different ways to use the technique. The first painting is of a flower, where the dots make the flower appear three-dimensional, while the latter picture is more abstract, with the dots functioning as symbols for human lives.

"This is the story of how people on the roads of their lives cross and then go in a different direction. We are all traveling with our own missions, and, at some stations, we can meet, we can create," said Parris. "We make a circle of friends and live, spread us all around like my dots. They are very colorful and unique cause people are very interesting and different. Life is not just one color."

Jaree Donnelly, the arts education coordinator at the Arts Barn, showcased her own work. Donnelly proved herself to be a "triple threat," with watercolor miniatures of everyday objects, painted under a magnifying glass, framed next to her metal works and massive 48x60 paintings.

"I think as an artist you go through phases. I'm not going to say every artist does, but an awful lot of us do. We go through periods where we want to explore something. Something new, something different," said Donnelly, explaining why she began painting miniatures.

"Natural Wonders" and "17 Summers" continue until September 10 and 14, respectively. Both are open to the public, but the latter exhibit requires an appointment with the mansion, due to frequent rentals of the space for private events.

TRAVEL

The continuing search for the 1000-year-old Buddha Temple Caves



Travel Tales

By

Llewellyn Toulmin

Recently I told you how Jim Thompson, the “Silk King of Thailand,” headed up-country in Thailand, looking for a lost city. According to his unpublished letters, on April 12, 1958, Jim drove a jeep with his friend Joe Huffman, north to “Petchaboon” province, and at “kilometer 113” they turned east “into the jungle.”

After crossing a small river, paddy fields and plowing through virgin jungle, they thought they had been “hoaxed” by their local guides. But “finally the remains of laterite city walls appeared.” They found an artificial lake, a huge brick tower, a large Vishnu figure, and a large Khmer “Golden Mount” – all in the ruined city of Si Thep. An old man there said that Thompson’s jeep “was the first vehicle ever to come in” to the area since another foreigner came decades before “in an ox cart.” This was evidently Quaritch Wales, the original discoverer of the lost city in 1937.

Local villagers also told Jim about “wonderful caves...full of beautiful sculpture” on top of the nearby Khao Amon Rat mountain. Thompson wanted to visit the cave, but was prevented by dense jungle and heavy rains.

Two years passed. In 1960 and ‘61, Jim acquired five beautiful Buddha heads from an art dealer in Bangkok. He paid \$2500 for the five heads, but later told a reporter that they were really worth \$25,000, a fabulous sum. Jim made discreet inquiries about the origin of the heads, and learned that they likely came from a cave near Si Thep. Jim re-read Quaritch Wales’ accounts of the city, and realized that the legendary “mountain cave of the two hermits, Fire-Eye and Ox-Eye” was the same cave he had heard about in 1958. He also realized that no other explorer had ever found this important cave. He knew what to do next.

In February 1962 Jim and two

friends went looking for the sacred, 1000-year-old cave. They used local guides, including a child and some hunters. For a time Jim and his companions got lost on the mountain -- perhaps a foreshadowing of Thompson’s disappearing five years later in the mountains of Malaysia. But then his letters say that, “onward and upward we went” and the guides “shouted ‘There it is!’ – A great opening in the cliff – and there was the body of the great Buddha – but minus its head & hands.”

Jim found “six figures in this cave.” He sketched the cave and documented the stalagmite in the middle, from which the largest Buddha figure was carved. Jim learned from local villagers that members of the Thai police and army had recently come to the cave and, incredibly, had dynamited the opening to make it easier to loot. The police and army then brutally cut off the heads and hands of the Buddhas, to sell in Bangkok. Jim now knew where most of his Buddha heads came from.

But in examining the desecrated, decapitated bodies and recalling his Buddha heads, Jim felt that at least three were different. These three were in “almost full relief,” not flat, and “must have come from another cave.”

Jim then asked their 12-year-old boy guide “if there was another cave on the mountain, and he answered ‘yes,’ but a giant naga [cobra] lived in it and it had been sealed up. At first he and the hunters said they would take us to it...” but then the guides led the foreigners down the mountain instead. Jim did not find the second cave.

During 1962, Jim was awarded the prestigious Order of the White Elephant by the King of Thailand, in recognition of his tremendous work in creating the Thai silk industry, which was employing thousands of workers. Jim was a national hero. It was the high point of his life. But within a few months things started to go wrong.

In October 1962 the Director-General of the Thai Fine Arts Department, a division of the Royal Thai Government, suddenly accused Jim Thompson of “looting the patrimony of the country.”

Thompson responded that he was buying the best of the available art and antiques, holding those items, and was leaving them in his will to the royal-sponsored Siam Society, and thus to the people of Thailand. This was different from many corrupt dealers who were illegally smuggling ancient Thai art out of the country.

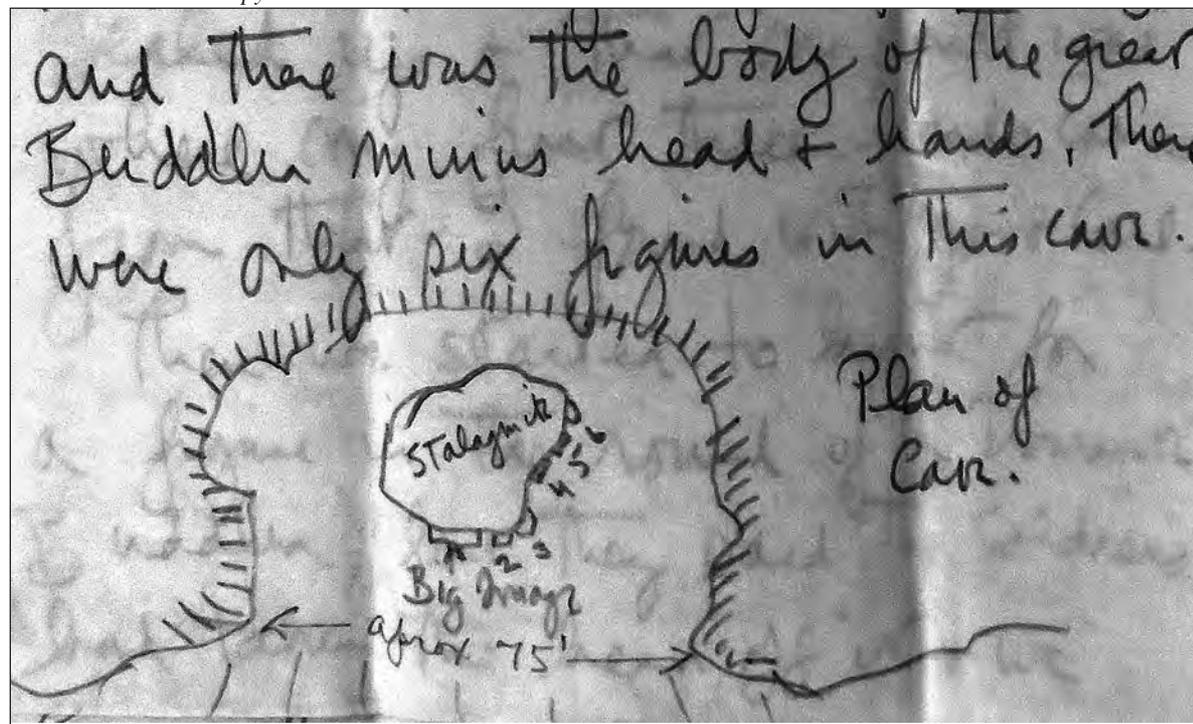
But the Director-General insisted on seizing the Buddha limestone heads that Thompson owned. Perhaps the D-G was peeved by Jim’s recent royal award, or was prodded

by a shadowy, crooked art dealer named Thada who was in cahoots with corrupt police officers. The D-G even created a public spectacle, in which “crowds of police invaded” Thompson’s house/museum to seize the heads, along with a “pack of local news reporters and photographers.”

This incident so angered Jim that he sold off most of his remaining Thai Buddha art collection, focused on collecting other items, and never returned to the Si Thep area. Jim was also angered that the Siam Society was not helping him, so he changed his will and left all his holdings to his nephew in America, instead of to the Society.

Fortunately, after Jim’s mysterious disappearance in 1967, his nephew and others created the Jim Thompson Foundation, which now administers the Bangkok house-museum and retains its many art objects and antiques. It is one of the top tourist attractions in Bangkok. Perhaps one day the second cave will be found, and it too will become a top tourist attraction.

Lew Toulmin grew up in Thailand from 1959 to 1965. He has lectured on the Jim Thompson case before the Siam Society, the Foreign Correspondents Club of Thailand, and the International Spy Museum.



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At top: The entrance to the Tha Morat cave, dynamited by Thai police and army personnel, to gain easy access for looting, according to letters of Jim Thompson.

Directly above: Part of a 1962 unpublished letter from Jim Thompson gives a sketch plan of the sacred, 1000-year-old Buddha temple cave.

At left: Jim Thompson, the “Silk King of Thailand,” later in life. He built the Jim Thompson Thai Silk company and the entire silk industry of Thailand.

CALENDAR

What's happening this week in Montgomery County

BLACKROCK CENTER FOR THE ARTS

• AMP: HEY FRASE! A LIVE PODCAST TAPING FRIDAY, AUGUST 3, 2018, 8:00 PM | AMP

• LIVE FROM THE LAWN: ERIN & THE WILDFIRE WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2018, 7:00 PM | GUDELSKY GAZEBO

• AMP COMEDY: JASON WEEMS & MELISSA DOUTY THURSDAY, AUGUST 9, 2018, 8:00 PM | AMP

• DIANA ROSS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, & WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 8:00 PM | THE MUSIC CENTER

THE FILLMORE

• STRANGELOVE - THE DEPECHE MODE EXPERIENCE WITH CALIGULA BLUSHED SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, 2018, 8:00 PM

• INCUBUS WITH SPIRIT ANIMAL SUNDAY, AUGUST 5, 2018, 8:00 PM

WOLF TRAP

• BRYAN ADAMS SUNDAY, AUGUST 05, 2018, 8:00 PM | FILENE CENTER

• LYLE LOVETT & HIS LARGE BAND FRIDAY, AUGUST 10, 2018, 8:00 PM | FILENE CENTER

• MARY CHAPIN CARPENTER SATURDAY, AUGUST 11, 2018, 7:30 PM | FILENE CENTER

• GLADYS KNIGHT & THE OJAYS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15 AT 8:00 PM | FILENE CENTER

AUG 3 - 4

UNUM, OR "OUT OF MANY, ONE"

Opening: Friday, August 3, 7-9pm. Exhibit at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria. Details: www.DelRayArtisans.org/event/ancestry/

TRAVELING PLAYERS PERFORMS A FESTIVAL OF SHAKESPEARE AND MYTHOLOGY

Aug. 3. After weeks of learning classical theatre, practicing movement and vocalizing, and roasting s'mores over the fire, Traveling Players' youth ensembles will present a festival of three plays. The schedule for the full day is: 4:30 - 6:15 Ariadne's Thread & The Monkey King; 6:15 - 7:00 Break for Dinner (picnicking is welcome); 7:00 - 9:30 Merry Wives of Windsor. The performances will be held in Madeira's Chapel Auditorium.

BINGO AT AMERICAN LEGION POST 86

Aug. 3. 6:00 - 10:00 P.M. Support the local American Legion and have a chance to win a \$500 JACKPOT!! Early bird games begin at 7 pm and start at just \$1.50 for 3 cards. Regular and special games to follow include 50/50 and Winner Take All. Pull tab games will also be played throughout the night.

Bring cash to play. All BINGO supplies available for sale (variety of games, dabbers, etc). The American Legion also offers plate dinners on Friday nights and a full bar, although alcohol is not allowed in the BINGO area. Every Friday through September 14, 2018. Where: American Legion Post 86 2013 Veirs Mill Rd, Rockville, MD 20851

RIO SUMMER CONCERTS

Aug. 3 - 4. 6:00 - 9:00 P.M. Live music every Friday and Saturday night on RIO Patio near the

paddle boats and Union Jack's! Address: RIO Washingtonian Center, 209 Boardwalk Place, Gaithersburg, MD 20878.

AUG 4

FREE BEER TASTING

Aug. 4. 5:00 - 7:00 P.M. Stop in and sample some favorite local beers. Saturdays through December 29, 2018. Where: Dawson's Market, 225 N Washington St, Rockville, MD 20850.

FOOD ADDICTS ANONYMOUS

Aug. 04. 9:30 - 10:30 A.M. Food Addicts Anonymous meets every Saturday at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 100 Welsh Park Drive, Building #4, Rockville, MD 20850. We welcome new members. For questions, please visit www.foodaddictsanonymous.org or call Valerie @ 240-543-3090.

WALTZ DANCE

Aug. 04. Join us for a Waltz Dance in the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park on Sunday, August 5, 2018 featuring the ensemble Green Light Karma. This versatile band will provide a lively mix of folk waltzes with a few other couple dances, including Hambro, Schottische, Swing, Tango, and Polka.

The 45-minute dance lesson begins at 2:45 p.m. with a half-hour introductory Waltz workshop and a more advanced move presented the last 15 minutes. Social dancing follows until 6 pm. Admission is \$13. No partner required. For more information, call Joan Koury at 202-238-0230 or Glen Echo Park at 301-634-2222, go to www.WaltzTimeDances.org or e-mail info@WaltzTimeDances.org. The Glen Echo National Park is located at 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo, MD 20812.

AUG 8

SQUARE DANCE LESSONS AND DANCING

Aug. 08. Square dance lessons and dancing at North Chevy Chase Christian Church, 8814 Kensington Parkway (in Parish House). Wednesdays: 7:30 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. \$7 per person. Contact phone number: 301-598-2574. <http://www.gerrymanders.info/>

SHADY GROVE FARMERS MARKET

Aug. 08. 11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. Farmers, food trucks and more! Shady Grove Farmers' Market, nationally recognized as one of the 100 Best Markets in America by the Daily Meal. Featuring weekly farmers, food trucks, artisans and local spirit every Wednesday through September 12. Where: Johns Hopkins University Key West Ave and Brochart Rd, Rockville, MD 20850

SKIN-CARE FOR WOMEN

Aug. 8. 6:30 - 8:00 P.M. A breast cancer survivor, Carol Ranney will share with other women that what we put ON our body is just as important as what we put in our body! Held at Hope Connections for Cancer Support, Beaumont House at FASEB, 9650 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD. RSVP at 301-634-7500.

UPCOMING

COMMUNITY DRUM CIRCLE WITH KATY GAUGHAN

Aug. 10. 1:30 - 2:30 P.M. Katy will get everyone drumming and making music together. No experience necessary. Family Fun! Drums provided or bring your own. Registration required. Register online at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library. Click Branches, select Quince Orchard Library, then Upcoming Events. Open to all ages. Attendance is limited. Address: 15831 Quince Orchard Road / Gaithersburg. Call the library at 240-777-0200 for



COURTESY PHOTO

Grammy-winning artist Bryan Adams is the main attraction at the Filene Center at Wolf Trap on Sunday, August 5 at 8:00 pm. painting, henna art and many family-friendly activities.

more information

TOUCH, CARING & CANCER

Aug. 13. 6:30 - 8:00 P.M. Massage Associates will empower family and friends to be active participants in a loved one's care, enjoy new satisfaction in caregiving, and achieve a deepened sense of connection. Participants will have the opportunity to practice simple massage techniques for relaxation and stress relief. Held at Hope Connections for Cancer Support, Beaumont House at FASEB, 9650 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD. RSVP at 301-634-7500.

LYMPHEDEMA

Aug. 14. 6:30 - 8 P.M. Marcella Bassora from GWU Hospital Outpatient Rehabilitation will provide information on what lymphedema is, how to prevent it and available treatment options. Held at Hope Connections for Cancer Support, 8401 Corporate Drive, Suite 100, Landover, MD. RSVP at 240-714-4744.

ASK THE NUTRITIONIST

Aug. 15. 2:00 - 3:30 P.M. Ask nutritionist Leslie Jefferson from Giant Foods questions about nutrition to help you on your journey. Held at Hope Connections for Cancer Support, MetroPlex I, 8401 Corporate Drive, Suite 100, Landover, MD. RSVP at 240-714-4744.

WALTZ DANCE

Aug. 19. Join us for a Waltz Dance in the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park on Sunday, August 19, 2018 featuring the ensemble Waverly Station Trio. This versatile band will provide a lively mix of folk waltzes with a few other couple dances, including Hambro, Schottische, Swing, Tango, and Polka. The 45-minute dance lesson begins at 2:45 p.m. with a half-hour introductory Waltz workshop and a more advanced move presented the last 15 minutes. Social dancing follows until 6 pm. Admission is \$13. No partner required. The Glen Echo National Park is located at 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo, MD 20812.

PARK AFTER DARK AT THE C&O CANAL

Sep. 15. 6:00 - 10:00 P.M. Celebrate the C&O Canal at Park After Dark! Park After Dark is the C&O Canal Trust's annual gala fundraiser, held under the stars at Historic Great Falls Tavern. This year, guests will enjoy great food, libations, a campfire, unique auction items, music and dancing with The 19th Street Band, and more...all to benefit the C&O Canal National Historical Park! This year, we will be holding a paddle raise to raise money to help resurface the towpath. After years of use and heavy flood waters this spring, the towpath needs our help! Tickets are \$250 per person. All but \$50 of the ticket price is a tax-deductible donation to the C&O Canal Trust. This event has sold out in previous years so order your tickets now at www.ParkAfterDark.org. Please contact Director of Development Patricia Barber, at (301)745-8880, for information about becoming a sponsor of Park After Dark. Address: 11710 MacArthur Blvd, Potomac, MD 20854

9TH ANNUAL MONTGOMERY COUNTY VISIONWALK

Sep. 23. 9:00 A.M. Registration. 10:00 A.M. Walk. Come out and join the fight against blindness at the Foundation Fighting Blindness' 9th Annual Montgomery County VisionWalk! This fundraiser 5k will take you around Rockville Town Square as you walk in support of the visually impaired community in Montgomery County. This event has no entry fee - simply bring an open heart and your walking shoes! And, bring your friends and your family too! Light refreshments will be provided throughout the day. Location: Rockville Town Square Plaza (30 Maryland Avenue, Rockville)

EVENINGS IN OLDE TOWNE

Sep. 6. 6:00 P.M. Wind down the workday with great music in a casual, outdoor setting at the City Hall Concert Pavilion. Grab some local carryout to enjoy during the concert or enjoy the music before dining in Olde Towne afterwards. All concerts begin at 6 p.m. Bring a blanket or low-back chair for lawn seating. Additional dates: September 6, 13, 20, 27, 2018. Where: City of Gaithersburg Concert Pavilion 31 S Summit Ave, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877.

ONGOING

ART EXHIBIT: TRANSIENT IDENTITY: FIGURE & FORM

Through Aug. 11. Curated by University of Maryland art students, under the direction of Professor Jason Kuo, in collaboration with the Brentwood Arts Exchange, this exhibition features the work of Lorenzo Cardim, Victor Ekpuk, and Wilfredo Valadares. These artists, drawing upon their own complex cultural identities, create works that challenge our perception of identity as singular and unchanging. Where: Brentwood Arts Exchange, 3901 Rhode Island Ave., Brentwood, MD 20722. For more information call 301-277-2863 or go to arts.pgparks.com.

ATOMIC DOG AND CONSEQUENTIAL CAT ART EXHIBIT AT VCA ALEXANDRIA ANIMAL HOSPITAL

Through Sep. 30. Del Ray Artisans and VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital present a Gallery Without Walls Exhibit, "Atomic Dog and Consequential Cat", inspired by our furry friends. This show features a selection of artwork by Del Ray Artisans members. The show can be viewed during regular business hours at the VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital (2660 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314) now through September 30. Details: www.DelRayArtisans.org/event/dog-and-cat/

NEW COUNTY PROGRAM SEEKS SKILLED VOLUNTEERS 50+

The Montgomery County Volunteer Center's new 50+ Volunteer Network connects skilled volunteers with nonprofit and government agencies that need assistance. This unique program is perfect for those who are age 50+ and want to make a significant contribution of time and talent to the community, while still retaining flexibility. Through personal consultations, trained advisors help find volunteer opportunities that match particular areas of interests, skills, and availability. Options may include ongoing program management and support, short-term consulting projects using professional skills, and direct services to clients. For more information, email 50plus@montgomerycountymd.gov or visit www.montgomeryserves.org.

VIDEO PRODUCTION CLASSES FOR HS STUDENTS (FREE)-GANDHI BRIGADE

Mondays. 3:30 P.M. High school students will learn fundamentals of video production and work together to create short films about topics of their choosing...and earn SSL hours! This program starts January 24th and classes are held from 3:30 to 5:30 pm. Must be a high school student. Registration is required at bit.ly/mocovideoclass. For more information, please call the Gandhi Brigade at 301-592-1900. Visit www.gandhibrigade.org for more information. Where: Marilyn J. Praisner Library, 14910 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUPS

Hope Connections offers weekly groups for people with all types of cancer, caregivers, people with advanced cancer and a bereavement group. Support groups are held at both of Hope Connections for Cancer Support's two locations: Beaumont House at FASEB, 9650 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD and 8401 Corporate Drive, Suite 100, Landover, MD. Orientation sessions are held every Monday at 11 a.m. at the Beaumont House in Rockville, and every Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Landover. Additional orientation sessions are held on the 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. in Bethesda. Orientations are Free - RSVP required at 301-634-7500

CALENDAR

What's happening this week in Montgomery County

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GUIDED TOUR OF WOODLAWN MANOR HOUSE AND GROUNDS

Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays. 11:00 – 11:30 A.M. or 2:00 – 2:30 P.M. Take a guided tour of Woodlawn Manor, a 19th-century Federal-style manor house, and learn about Dr. William Palmer, his family and other residents. Tour will include interior and exterior spaces, including some that are not ADA-accessible. www.woodlawnmanor.org or call 301-563-7519. \$3 fee

WOODLAWN MUSEUM

Fridays & Saturdays 10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. and Sundays 12:00 – 4:00 P.M. The Woodlawn Museum featuring multimedia exhibits throughout the 19th century stone barn. Interactive exhibits highlight the area's agricultural landscape, the Underground Railroad, local free black communities and the Quaker experience in Montgomery County, revealed through the lives of the Woodlawn's residents and enslaved laborers. www.woodlawnmanor.org. Adults \$5 Children (6-17) \$4. Through November 2018.

GUIDED HIKE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD EXPERIENCE TRAIL

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Bethesda Ave. and Wisconsin Ave. Open Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays 7:00am-4:00pm. Our historic Market Building (circa 1932) is open year-round (Jan – Dec).

THE WIDOWED PERSONS SERVICE OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Weekly support groups for newly widowed persons at three locations: at Margaret Schweinhaut Center 1000 Forest Glen Rd. Silver Spring on Mondays, at Holiday park Senior Center, 3950 Ferrara Drive, Wheaton, on Thursdays and at Jane Lawton (Leland) Center, 4301 Willow Lane, Chevy Chase on Thursdays. These support groups are open, free of charge, to all widowed persons who have suffered a loss within the past two years. Those preferring an evening group are encouraged to call the WPS office. The groups are facilitated by trained volunteers. For more information or to register, please call: 301-949-7398 to register. The Widowed Persons Service is a non-profit volunteer organization sponsored by AARP, the Montgomery County Mental Health Association, and other community organizations.

FOX HILL WEEKLY OPEN HOUSE

Wednesdays, 2:00 – 4:00 P.M. The public is invited every Wednesday for refreshments and tours at Fox Hill Retirement Community in Bethesda. A free

while you meet other parents. Children will explore, learn and socialize in a calm, nurturing classroom community with our Preschool faculty. Activities include playtime, snack time and an art project. All sessions take place on Fridays in the Preschool House from 9:00-10:00am. There is NO COST, but space is limited. Contact Janet Gerber (301-424-8702 or jgerber@cesrockville.org) for more information.

VISARTS COCKTAILS AND CANVAS CLASS

Canvas Class in the VisArts Painting and Drawing Studio. 155 Gibbs Street, Rockville. Price \$40. Visit www.visartsatrockville.org/cocktails-and-canvas for more information.

SENIOR FIT

Mondays & Wednesdays, 9:15 A.M. & 2:15 P.M. This 45-minute, multi-component exercise program is for people age 55+. Ongoing classes are offered at 23 locations in partnership with Kaiser Permanente. Call 301-754-8800 to request a physician's consent form to register and for a class schedule. Where: Holy Cross Hospital Senior Source, 8580 Second Avenue, Silver Spring. For more information call 301-754-8800. Cost: Free.

CHESS CLUB

Tuesdays. 6:30 P.M. Join us every Tuesday year around to practice and improve your game. All levels are invited. Ages 6 and up.

AFTERNOON GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Tuesdays 1:30 – 3:00 P.M. For anyone grieving the death of a love one. Registration required at (301) 921-4400. North Bethesda United Methodist Church, 10100 Old Georgetown Rd., Bethesda, MD 20814.

SALSA NIGHT

Tuesdays 7:30 – 12:30 P.M. Come to the Barking Dog every Tuesday night for their sizzling Salsa Night. Take lessons with salsa instructor Michelle Reyes from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. for only \$10. Learn to shake those hips, and then show off your new skills to the music of a live salsa band during the open dance after class. Visit salsawild.com or call (301) 654-0022 for more information. 4723 Elm St., Bethesda, MD 20814.

LOSS OF A CHILD SUPPORT GROUP

Wednesdays, 6:30 – 8:00 P.M. For parents grieving the death of a child of any age. Registration required at (301) 921-4400. Montgomery Hospice, 1355 Piccard Dr., Suite 100, Rockville, MD 20850.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME (AGES 3-5)

Wednesdays. 10:30 A.M. Join us for stories, songs, rhymes, stretches and flannel board stories. Where: Marilyn J. Praisner Library, 14910 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring.

CORPORATE BARTENDING FOR CHARITY

Wednesdays 4:00 – 7:00 P.M. Send your CEO or VP to Tommy Joe's to bartend for charity! Can't bartend? No problem, the on-staff bartenders are there to help for a good cause (no experience necessary). Represent your company during happy hour, and a portion of the proceeds will go to the charity of your choice. Maybe you can even pull off some flair behind the bar and make Tom Cruise proud. Visit tommyjoes.com or call (301) 654-3801 for more information. 4714 Montgomery Ln., Bethesda, MD 20814.

EVENING GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Thursdays 6:30 – 8:00 P.M. For anyone grieving the death of a loved one. Registration required at (301) 921-4400. Hughes United Methodist Church, 10700 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20918.



COURTESY PHOTO

Renowned singer, songwriter, and performer Mary Chapin Carpenter returns to Wolf Trap for a special performance on Saturday, August 11th. Over the years, Carpenter has won five Grammy Awards and is a 2012 Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame inductee.



COURTESY PHOTO

Alt-metal band Incubus bring their unique sound to the Fillmore Silver Spring stage on Sunday, August 8. Show also features Spirit Animal.

August 9:30 am) | 1st Sunday of month 10 am <https://www.montgomeryparks.org/parks-and-trails/woodlawn-manor-cultural-park/underground-railroad-experience-trail-hikes> /Call 301-563-7519. \$8 fee (7 and up).

BETHESDA FARMERS MARKET

Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. 7:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. The Farm Women's Market is a unique, intimate, quirky and festive shopping experience in Downtown Bethesda. The Market features great food, drink and music with artisans, crafts and boutique businesses from around the Mid-Atlantic region. Local vineyards and breweries provide tastings and food trucks offer a quick meal. We are a ten-minute walk south on Wisconsin Ave from the Bethesda Metro Station at the intersection of

to the public open house will be held on a weekly basis. Visitors are welcome to see the one, two and three-bedroom model condominiums with a wide range of floorplans offered in a maintenance-free, cosmopolitan environment. Reservations for the Open House events can be made at foxhillresidences.com/rsvp or at 301-968-1850; walk-ins are welcome as well. Fox Hill is located at 8300 Burdette Road, Bethesda, MD; 20817. For more information, call Julie Sabag at 301-968-1850 or visit www.foxhillresidences.com.

ONE-ON-ONE FRIDAY FUN

Fridays. 9:00 – 10:00 A.M. Christ Episcopal School welcomes you and your 1-year-old to our One-on-One Friday Fun. Our monthly playgroups are the perfect way for your child to have a first school experience in a warm, toddler friendly setting

PARENT LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

Thursdays 6:30 – 8:00 P.M. For adults who have experienced the death of one or both parents. Registration required at (301) 921-4400. Mt. Calvary Baptist church, 608 North Homer's Lane, Rockville, chrisMD 20850.

THURSDAY MORNING BOOK DISCUSSION

Thursdays. 10:30 P.M. Join us every fourth Thursday of the month as we discuss notable books. This month's book is *The Snow Child* by Eowyn Ivey. Where: Marilyn J. Praisner Library, 14910 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS MEETING

Thursdays, 7:15 – 8:30 P.M. Overeaters Anonymous meeting at the Rockville Church of Christ, 1450 Montgomery Ave., Rockville (in Parish House). For further information, <http://www.oa-dcmetro.org/> or Linda S at 301-641-9508.

ZUMBA GOLD DROP IN CLASS

Thursdays. 12:00 – 1:00 P.M. Have fun every Thursday and get a great workout at the same time. Where: Long Branch Senior Center, 8700 Piney Branch Road, Silver Spring, MD 20901.

COUNTRY THURSDAYS

Thursdays, 9:00 P.M. Union Jack's traditionally British pub in Bethesda heads to the South for their all new Country Night every Thursday. Live country/rock bands, free cowboy hats for the cowgirls, bandanas for the cowboys, drink specials, including \$2 PBR cans, \$2 Budweiser bottles, \$4 Jack Daniels drinks, food specials including 50 cent hot wings. Best of all, there's no cover to get in! And be sure to get there early for Union Jack's famous Beat. 4915 Saint Elmo Ave., Bethesda, MD 20814.

HEY MR. DJ

Fridays 9:00 – 2:00 A.M. It's time to dance! Grab your friends and come to The Barking Dog for a good time on the dance floor. Every Friday and Saturday night the Dog brings in a DJ to play the

Top 40 and your favorite songs. Make sure you check out their great drink specials before you show us what you got! The Barking Dog, Elm Street Bethesda, MD 20814. Free admission.

SUNDAY NIGHT WINE SPECIALS

Join Us For A Selection of Wines, Chosen From Our Unique List & Cellar. A great opportunity to try that wine you've had your eye on, or one that you would not normally sample. Priced Half Off. Visit <http://www.blacksbarandkitchen.com> or call (301) 652-5525. Black's Bar and Kitchen, 7750 Woodmont Ave., Bethesda, MD 20814.

LAUGH RIOT AT THE HYATT

Saturdays 8:00 – 10:00 P.M. Check out a live standup comedy show by local standup comics every weekend at the Positano Italian Restaurant, Bethesda. There's a \$25 cash prize joke contest for non-comedian audience members after the show. Check it out every Saturday night! Comedians can sign up to perform by emailing curtshackelford@verizon.net. Cost: \$10 at the door. Visit <http://www.StandupComedyToGo.com> or ePositano.com for more information. Address: Positano Italian restaurant located at 4948 Fairmont Ave. Bethesda, MD 20814. No Show June 23.

SPAGNVOLA CHOCOLOATE FACTORY TOUR

Saturdays and Sundays: 2:00 – 6:00 P.M. Meet the owners, learn about the origin of chocolate, and see how it is grown and processed. Experience how chocolate is made from the actual cacao seed to the final chocolate during this "sweet" educational tour, from chocolate bars to truffles to bonbons. Each tour also includes a FREE chocolate tasting! 360 Main Street Suite 101 Gaithersburg, Maryland 20878. Visit <http://www.spagnvola.com> or call (240) 654-6972.

FOOD ADDICTS ANONYMOUS

Saturdays. 9:30 – 10:30 A.M. Food Addicts

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Anonymous meets at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 100 Welsh Park Drive, Building #4, Rockville, MD 20850. We welcome new members. For questions, please visit www.foodaddictsanonymous.org or call Valerie @ 240-543-3090.

WORLD SERIES OF POKER
Every Tuesday and Sunday night Flanagan's hosts Poker in the rear from 8-10 p.m. it's Bethesda's own version of The World Series of poker. Call (301) 951-0115 for more. Flanagan's Harp and Fiddle, 4844 Cordell Ave., Bethesda, MD 20814.

NEED A SITTER? IT'S LEGO TIME AT VISARTS!

Saturdays, 12:00 – 5:00 P.M. Go on a date, get some shopping done, or just relax for a few hours while your kids get to play with more than 15 pounds of LEGO bricks! Children can play on our LEGO race track, build a car, a tall tower, a city or free build. They can even take part in a LEGO craft project! Our top-notch staff are LEGO enthusiasts and ready to entertain your kids while you get some "me" time. Register at birthdays@visartscenter.org. At VisArts in Rockville.

GAITHERSBURG ROTARY CLUB WEEKLY MEETING

Every Tuesday, 12:15 – 1:15 P.M. Hilton Hotel, 620 Perry Parkway, Gaithersburg. For more information, please visit www.gaithersburgrotary.org.

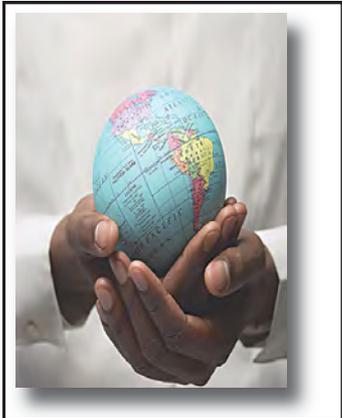
DROP-IN YOGA IN BETHESDA

Fridays, 6:00 – 7:00 P.M. Community classes are mixed level, one-hour asana classes taught by a rotating selection of Unity Woods teachers. Just drop in – no registration required! Unity Woods Yoga Center, 4853 Cordell Ave. Bethesda. Ages 18+. Cost: \$8. Cash Only. For more information, call 301-656-8992.

TEEN SK8 AT WHEATON ICE

Most Friday evenings 8:00 – 10:00 P.M. The Wheaton Ice Arena is the place to be on Friday nights! Play along with our theme to get the 'Cheap-skate' rate of \$6.50 for admission and skates. Wheaton Regional Park, 11717 Orebaugh Ave in Wheaton, MD. For more information, call: 301-905-3000 or visit: montgomeryparks.org.

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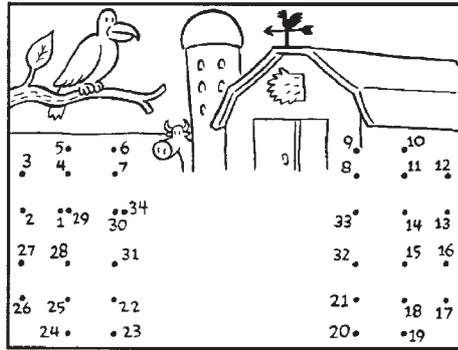
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Some Fun



ON A FARM, what runs all around the yard but never moves? Connect the dots to find out!

Answer: A fence.

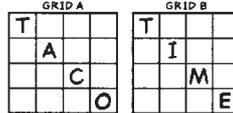
THIS PUZZLE IS "TWO MUCH"! Using seven 2's, try writing a math expression that is equal to 2!

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Answer: 2 + 2/2 - 2/2 = 2.

THE "OTHER" FAST FOOD! Below are two puzzle grids for you to fill in. Hints are given for each word. The words in Grid B contain the same letters as the corresponding words in Grid A.

1. A protective covering.
2. Placed down.
3. Medieval war club.
4. Show how to use.

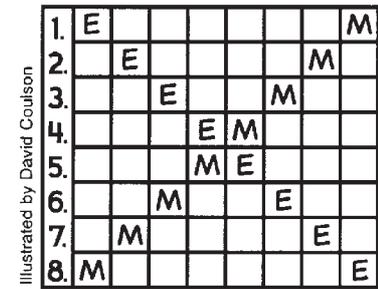


1. Catches things.
2. Part of a clock.
3. To have arrived.
4. Current fashion.

Answers: 1. Tarp-trap, 2. Laid-dial, 3. Mace-club, 4. Demo-mode.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



FIND THE BIG WORDS

Using the definitions and the anagrams below, find the eight eight-letter words that fit into the framework pictured on the left. For each definition, the letters in the two anagram words must be unscrambled and used to form the word asked for.

DEFINITIONS:

1. A large retail store.
2. A French policeman.
3. Needed for board game.
4. Some houses have one.
5. Records distance traveled.
6. Used by bodybuilders.
7. Kissed for a while.
8. A very small particle.

ANAGRAM:

- mime + pour
- dean + germ
- hens + cams
- beam + tens
- tome + rode
- bulb + meld
- shod + come
- clue + mole

Answers: 1. Emporium, 2. Gendarme, 3. Chessman, 4. Basement, 5. Odometer, 6. Dumbbell, 7. Smooched, 8. Molecule.

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Big Train shares Ripken League title with Redbirds

Rain causes final game to be canceled in best of three series - leaving both teams sharing league title

By Harry Lichtman
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BETHESDA — After the Bethesda Big Train's victory of Game One of the Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League Championship Series on Saturday, and the Baltimore Redbirds won Game Two on Sunday, Game Three between the two teams was to be played at Shirley Povich Field Monday night to determine the winners of the League Championship Series.

Unfortunately, Mother Nature had other plans, as rain forced Game Three to be canceled, and the Redbirds and Big Train were named 2018 LCS co-champions.

It's the first time since the league's inaugural season in 2005 where two teams have been named co-champions, the same two teams who have met in the Championship Series 10 years in a row.

"They played for the championship," said Bethesda manager Sal Colangelo on his opponents. "They deserve it as much as we deserve it. They're a quality organization. They play hard."

The Big Train won the last two titles in 2016 and 2017, but Colangelo doesn't think of it as "two-and-a-half" consecutive titles.

"What matters is these kids got better on both teams," he said. "What matters is that they met friends and friendships that are going to last forever, and that's really the most important thing."

Bethesda's Alec Burleson and Baltimore's Carl Gindl settled the LCS Most Valuable Player award with a little game of Rock-Paper-Scissors, which Burleson won and was awarded the 2018 MVP trophy.

"Just put a little fun into it," Burleson chuckled. "Had one good game to help the team win in Game

One. I wish we could've played Game Three. It would've been a dogfight. Would've been fun, but it is what it is. Just take it how it is."

In Game One, Burleson went 4-for-5 at the plate. One of those four hits was the go-ahead RBI single in the bottom of the eighth to lift the Big Train to a 9-8 victory.

Burleson finished this season with a .400 batting average in the LCS. In the regular season, he batted .383 and hit 44 RBIs, 10 home runs, and 12 doubles.

"It was fun doing it," Burleson said. "I did it for my teammates. They helped me relax and just go up to the plate. Knowing that they could do it when I was off, that just helped me a lot throughout the season."

"His ability on the field speaks for itself," Colangelo said, "and most importantly comes from a great university, he comes from a great family, and he's a great kid. You put all those things together, equals success."

Meanwhile, Gindl came through for the Redbirds with a bases-clearing triple in the second inning of Game Two, which turned out to be the difference in the LCS considering Game Three had to be canceled.

"This team has been just a blast to be around," Gindl said. "The guys have been great. I'll remember this for the rest of my life."

First-year manager Tom Eller led the Redbirds to yet another LCS, but also wishes the winner-take-all game had been played.

"I would've rather played a good game and lost, than be a co-champ," he said. "But it gives credit where credit's due. The players played a great season, a great series. Bethesda had a great year as well, obviously. It's bittersweet."



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At top Jacob Westerman swings and misses while Redbird catcher Wil Harless lets one get away. Directly above, Carlos Lomeli pitches for the Big Train.

Big Train catcher Ben Martz chases down a loose ball later in the game.



SPORTS

Redbirds force third game by beating Big Train

By Justin Fitzgerald
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TOWSON — After suffering defeat Saturday in Game One of the Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League Championship Series, the Baltimore Redbirds bounced back in Game Two Sunday at Calvert Hall College High School to beat the Bethesda Big Train 3-1, setting up a winner-take-all Game Three on Monday at Shirley Povich Field in Bethesda.

For most of the game, Baltimore Redbirds pitcher William Fleming had kept the Bethesda Big Train's offense at bay. With his pitch count climbing and Fox Semones stealing second after a leadoff single in the top of the seventh inning, the Big Train had another golden chance to rally from a 3-1 deficit.

Only once again, Fleming avoided the jam, this time with some help from his defense. The Big Train's Tyler Villaroman fouled off a 2-2 pitch to the right of first base, causing Redbirds first baseman Joe Zirolli to drift further and further into foul territory. Zirolli made an over-the-shoulder catch, and Semones decided to tag up and try to advance to third. Zirolli fired a strike to third base, throwing out Semones to preserve the lead.

"We know there's no quit in those guys, they're going to fight until the last out," Big Train assistant coach Galvin Morris said of Baltimore. "Tomorrow is all for the marbles."

While the two teams combined for 39 runs in the previous two games, the Redbirds needed just one hit to get all the offense they needed.

With two outs and the bases loaded in the bottom of the second, Carl Gindl's slapped a hard-hit groundball was just out of the reach of first baseman Alec Burleson. The ball skidded down the right-field line, and all three runs scored before Gindl dove headfirst into third with a triple.

It was one of Gindl's game-high four hits, but the leftfielder made a contribution just as important with his arm. In the top of the fourth inning, the Big Train scored their first run of the game on a Jacob Westerman sacrifice fly and had runners on first and second with two outs. Bethesda shortstop AJ Lee hit a single into shallow left field, and Justin Wylie was rounding third and heading home as Gindl stepped into his throw, a laser from leftfield that beat Wylie by a step.

"The guy made a good throw," Morris said. "It's early in the ball game you just have to take those chances. That's baseball."

Defense like that as well as good pitches in high-leverage situations allowed Fleming to pitch out of jams, which meant missed opportunities for the Big Train. Bethesda recorded 11 hits and left 11 runners on base. The Big Train had one last chance at a rally in the top of the ninth after a one-out double by Lee, but the following two batters couldn't capitalize with the tying run at the plate.

"Our approach is fine, we're not going to change anything there," Morris said about his team's hitting. "These guys are seeing it well. We just have to clean up a few things as far as on the base paths, being a little over aggressive."

Fleming scattered 10 hits across seven innings of work, and Bethesda pitcher Carlos Lomeli had a similar performance allowing seven hits over six innings with seven strikeouts. However, Fleming allowed all singles, while Lomeli allowed the triple in the second that proved to be the difference.

"The big thing is he threw strikes," Redbirds head coach Tom Eller said of Fleming. "I think a lot of guys kind of nip the corners, but he just went right at them."

With a win tomorrow, the Big Train would win their third straight Ripken League title and seventh overall, while the Redbirds would win their fifth Ripken League title with the same result.

"It's going to be a roller coaster of emotions, but it's going to be fun," Lomeli said.

Big Train takes first game of finals against Redbirds 9-8

By Harry Lichtman
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BETHESDA — For the ninth straight year in the Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League, the Championship Series features the same two opponents: the Bethesda Big Train and Baltimore Redbirds. Saturday night's Game One at Shirley Povich Field showed this to be a true championship rivalry, as the Big Train came from behind in the eighth to beat the Redbirds 9-8.

The first score came from Baltimore in the top of the second when designated hitter Christian Hlinka hit an RBI single to drive in third baseman Tim Elko for a 1-0 lead.

However, in the next frame, Bethesda responded with a two-RBI single from catcher Ben Martz. The

Big Train put up two more runs in the third and fourth innings thanks to an RBI double from third baseman Carson Taylor and a sacrifice double play from outfielder Jacob Westerman that sent home first baseman Alec Burleson. At that point, the Big Train led 4-1.

But the Redbirds didn't back down, because in the top of the fifth, Elko hit an RBI single to left field that drove in outfielder Carl Gindl. Then Hlinka tied it up at 4-4 with a two-RBI double that scored Elko and first baseman Joe Zirolli.

The next inning, shortstop Anthony Servideo gave the Redbirds their first lead at 5-4 with a home run to deep right field. Catcher Will Harless extended Baltimore's lead to 6-4 one inning later when he singled to right field and sent home

second baseman Michael Richardson.

However, Bethesda once again showed their resilience in the bottom of the seventh. Burleson, the best player in the Ripken League, hit an RBI double that drove in shortstop AJ Lee. Then Baltimore pitcher Austin Love walked Big Train designated hitter Jacob Southern with the bases loaded and outfielder Tyler Villaroman scored to tie the game at 6-6.

But the Redbirds responded in the top of the eighth with back-to-back homers from Servideo and outfielder Alex Tappen. It looked like they would come into Bethesda and take Game One.

Or so they thought.

In the bottom half of the eighth inning, Love had allowed three

Bethesda batters on base. This led to Villaroman hitting a sacrifice groundout that sent home Martz and cut the deficit to 8-7. Love was then taken out in favor of Aaron McGeorge.

It didn't get any better for the Redbirds, though, because Taylor gave the Big Train another sacrifice groundout that drove in Lee as the game-tying run.

Then, the next at-bat came, as Burleson came through with an RBI single that drove in second baseman Fox Semones for the 9-8 lead.

"We worked hard for this moment," Burleson said. "We worked hard all summer, we deserve it, and I'm glad that I was the guy in the situation, and we needed to get the hit and I'm glad I'd be the guy to do it."

Gavin Hinchcliffe secured the

save for Bethesda.

"It is what it is," said Redbirds manager Tom Eller. "It's not that big of a deal. We haven't lost that many games this year."

Burleson continued to play like an MVP as he went an impressive 4-for-5 at the plate with an RBI and a run. He also felt confident about Game Two in Baltimore.

"We won't need Game Three," Burleson said. "But it'll be awesome when we win tomorrow. We've earned it. We know we're the better team."

This game was very similar to the regular season meeting between the two on July 7, where Bethesda also came from behind in the eighth to beat the Redbirds.

"It's just another game," said Big Train manager Sal Colangelo.

Big Train advances to Ripken League finals with 14-8 victory

By Brandy L. Simms
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BETHESDA — The Bethesda Big Train advanced to the Cal Ripken League championship series last week by virtue of their 14-8 victory over the Silver Spring-Takoma Thunderbolts at Shirley Povich Field.

Bethesda outfielders Tyler Villaroman and Jacob Westerman helped the Big Train's cause by posting some gaudy statistics.

Villaroman went 3-for-5 and scored three runs and registered four RBI's while Westerman batted 3-for-3 with an RBI and scored a run.

Big Train catcher Carson Taylor added two hits and four RBI's to help Bethesda move into the cham-

pionship round.

Bethesda took a 2-0 lead early in the game thanks to Fox Semones, Villaroman and Alec Burleson.

Semones and Villaroman both scored in the top of the first inning. Semones doubled on the game's first pitch and Villaroman doubled on the game's second pitch, allowing Semones to cross the plate, giving the Big Train a 1-0 lead. Villaroman later scored on Burleson's sacrifice fly.

However, the Thunderbolts got on the board in the bottom of the inning when Corey Rosier scored off Jack Schroeder's hit.

The Big Train added two runs in the second inning as John Glenn and Jacob Southern both scored but the Thunderbolts scored six runs in the fifth inning to take a 7-4 lead.

Silver Spring's Devon Jeffreys and Raven Beeman scored runs before Nicholas Atkinson belted a grand slam homerun that enabled Hunter Pearre, Rosier and Schroeder to cross the plate.

Justin Wylie's homerun in the top of the sixth inning enabled Burleson to score and cut the Thunderbolts lead to 7-6.

The Big Train added three runs in the eighth inning courtesy of AJ Lee who scored off a hit from Villaroman. Taylor later smashed a single that enabled both Semones and Villaroman to score.

"We hit in the sixth, we got within one and then in the eighth we came back and scored three and that was huge," said Burleson, who leads the Big Train in several statis-

tical categories.

Burleson, who leads the Big Train in RBI's, home runs and slugging percentage, was satisfied with his team's performance against the Thunderbolts, especially going into the ninth inning.

"As hitters it's always nice to put up 14 and for the pitchers," said Burleson. "Me being a pitcher as well it's always nice to have a — what we have a seven-run lead going into that inning so it's always nice."

Meanwhile, the Thunderbolts finished the 2018 campaign with an overall 18-22 record, good enough for a third-place tie with the Rockville Express in the North Division.

"I'm very proud of you guys

for sticking through and playing hard," Thunderbolts head coach Doug Remer told the team in the huddle afterward. "You made me look good."

The Thunderbolts were led this season by Hunter Pearre, a Poolesville native, and Corey Rosier along with Turner Davis who belted a team-high three home runs.

Ace Felder, a standout from Grambling State University, also contributed to the Thunderbolts' cause during the season.

"He learned a lot this summer," said Remer. "He got injured which is why he couldn't play towards the end. He's got more fire than anybody else so he's a kid that, he should be getting picked up after the year. I'd be surprised if he didn't."

SPORTS

R.M. defeats Good Counsel for championship

By Harry Lichtman
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NORTH BETHESDA — The 2018 Maryland Elite Summer Basketball League season came to a close Wednesday night as the No. 3-seeded Richard Montgomery Rockets came through when Ryan Cornish made a key steal and hit the game-winning layup to help the Rockets beat the No. 5-seeded Good Counsel Falcons 31-29 and win the championship.

“As a team, we did it all together,” Cornish said. “Not one of us

took it over. It was all as one team.”

There wasn't much scoring in this game. After all, the final score was only 31-29. Both teams failed to score within the first minute. Missed shots and turnovers were key in the championship game.

Nonetheless, the game was still close throughout, as RM led 16-14 at halftime behind eight points from Cornish. He added five more points in the second half to finish with 13.

With Good Counsel leading 29-28 with under 15 seconds to go, Cornish stole a pass from GC's Daysjuan Waters and hit the go-

ahead layup to give the Rockets the 30-28 lead.

“I was freaking out, honestly,” Cornish said. “I needed to be more in control in that tough situation, but luckily I got it to fall. I just felt like it was a place to steal the inbounds play, and it actually worked, and then I went up right for the layup, and luckily it went in.”

The Falcons then drove down the court and tried to take back the lead, but an offensive foul was called on Bez Mbeng, which resulted in RM's possession. Cornish was fouled with six seconds left, and

made one of two free throws.

Despite the loss, Mbeng was the Falcons' leading scorer with 14 points.

“I thought the guys worked hard,” said Good Counsel head coach Anthony Guy. “We got some tough calls down the stretch. Obviously we weren't as sharp as we need to be in crunch time. Those are growing pains. They come along with being young.”

Not only did the Falcons participate in the Maryland Elite Summer League, they also participated in the Capitol Hoops Summer League at

DeMatha High School.

“Both leagues are a little bit different,” Guy said. “DeMatha's a little bit more athletic and fast-paced, but then you come here and it's a lot more set-oriented. It's been a great experience, all-around for us.”

According to Guy, Mbeng and Waters will also be participating in 25-plus AAU games in Atlantic City to close out the summer.

“The boys have gotten plenty of games,” Guy said. “We've got plenty of game experience. It's been a learning experience.”

Churchill lacrosse team sets record for college recruits

By Harry Lichtman
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For the past decade, Winston Churchill High School in Potomac has had a remarkable boys lacrosse program filled with many college commits and regional titles. This year was no different.

This past year, Churchill's boys lacrosse program saw five of its seniors commit to playing in college: Brady Altobello, Ryan Leonard, Jack Taylor, Reed Moshyedi, and Jimmy Rubino.

According to head coach Jeff Fritz, they are the most recruits Churchill has had in one season, as no other public Montgomery County school has ever had more than two Division I recruits in a single year.

“These five were great gentlemen both on and off the field and I

have no doubt in my mind that they will be successful in life,” Fritz said. “They were great leaders both on and off the field, in the classroom, and in the community!”

Altobello, 18, will play at Christopher Newport University in Newport News, Virginia. One of his goals is winning a conference championship.

“My whole life I've been playing lacrosse,” Brady said, “and it's basically everything I know.”

Brady is the younger brother of twins Derek and Michael, who graduated from Churchill in 2015 and also played for the program, though Brady only tried to emulate one of them.

“Mostly Derek because I tried to beat his stats,” Brady explained.

Altobello was one of these recent graduates who started at junior

varsity and moved up to varsity beginning in the 2015 postseason.

Leonard, 18, moved up to varsity behind future University of Maryland champion Louis Dubick.

“It was a good chance to develop,” Leonard said. “Playing with my bros I've been friends with since third grade. Getting to see how everyone was doing along the way and getting closer each year.”

Ryan will continue lacrosse at Towson University, where his older brother Matt, a Churchill class of 2013 graduate, also played. Ryan hopes to win a national championship with the Towson Tigers one day.

“He was able to set an example for me,” said Ryan on his older brother. “I kept the game of lacrosse for Churchill in the family, and was able to keep that name on the board.”

Taylor, 18, spent all four seasons on varsity, and will take his talents to Brown University, alongside Moshyedi, his teammate and friend.

“It's awesome,” Taylor said, “just because we were already good friends, and the lacrosse part just added to it.”

Reed is yet another commit with older brothers with Churchill lacrosse experience, as Matt, a Class of '14 grad, and Cameron, a Class of '12 grad, both played under Coach Fritz as well.

Finally, Rubino has had a number of accomplishments, including playing in the Epoch IL Committed Academy in 2017. He will spend his college lacrosse tenure at the Naval Academy.

For the past four seasons, all five of these men were part of the team's Maryland 4A West Region-

al Title wins, and for three of the past four, got a taste of the 4A State Championship Game.

Though they were able to reach the finals, they were unsuccessful in claiming the title, losing to Howard in 2015, and Severna Park in 2017 and 2018, and Fritz has also been through it all.

“It was an absolute honor working with this senior class of '18,” Fritz said. “I'm just sorry we were unable to win a state championship for them. They deserved it!”

Taylor described the championship runs as a growth experience. “They did so much to prepare us,” he said. “Even though we didn't win, we put up a hell of a fight. The amount of brotherhood we built as a team with the coaches and with each other, that kind of experience makes it all worth it. It's great to stick with each other.”



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SPORTS

2018 All-Sentinel boys basketball team named

Coach of the Year – Ryan Eskow, Georgetown Prep

Eskow guided the Little Hoyas to the 2018 IAC Tournament championship. “This group is so special,” he said. “I can’t even describe how special this group is.”

Co-Player of the Year – Jared Bynum, Georgetown Prep, Sr.

The St. Joseph’s recruit led the Little Hoyas to a 20-5 record, averaging a team-high 17.8 points per game.

Co-Player of the Year – Mikey Parker, Sandy Spring Friends School, Sr.

Parker, the school’s all-time leading scorer, averaged 21.8 points, 4.4 assists, 2.8 rebounds and 1.8 steals per game and was named the Potomac Valley Athletic Conference’s regular season and championship game MVP.

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Jared Bynum.

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Wootton’s Lewis hopes to follow in his father’s NFL footsteps

The Sporting View

by

Brandy L. Simms

Former Baltimore Ravens linebacker Ray Lewis is scheduled to be enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame this weekend.

Lewis, a Florida native, spent 17 years in the NFL and the fruits of his labor will be rewarded on Saturday with the ultimate prize.

Ralin Lewis, a rising Wootton High School senior, is among those who plan to be in attendance at his father’s induction ceremony in Canton, Ohio.

“I’m proud to see that my father finally made it after all his years of hard work,” said the 17-

year-old. “It’s just great.”

Ralin Lewis, a defensive back, spent the past week and a half in Boca Raton, Florida training for the upcoming season with his father “in the sand just running every day and [working out in] the weight room.”

“It was very intense,” said Ralin Lewis. “It wasn’t easy at all.”

Ralin said he will join his five siblings including brothers Ray, Rahsaan and Rayshad along with sisters Diamond and Raven at the ceremony in Canton.

“It’s just going to be great,” he said. “We always have a great time together. There’s never really a down moment. We always have fun.”

Former Good Counsel standout Stefon Diggs has signed a five-year extension with the Minnesota Vikings.

Diggs, who once played youth football for the Montgomery Village Sports Association, has inked a deal that will keep him in Minnesota through the 2023 campaign.

The new deal is valued at \$72 million plus an additional \$9 million in incentives according to a source. Diggs, who won an ESPY Award for his role in the “Minneapolis Miracle,” is scheduled to make \$1.9 million this season and received a \$15 million signing bonus.

Diggs, a former University of Maryland wide receiver, is now one of the NFL’s Top 10 highest-paid players at his position.

“What I most like is he loves football and loves to come and work,” said new Vikings signal-caller Kirk Cousins, “because as a quarterback it can be miserable if you’re out here with someone who is here to just get a paycheck and

leave. He wants to work.”

Diggs, a fifth-round selection by the Vikings in the 2015 NFL Draft, became the fastest Viking player to register 200 receptions, surpassing a mark set by Percy Harvin who recorded 218 receptions from 2009-11.

It took Harvin 42 games to reach 200 receptions but Diggs has amassed that total in just 40 regular season contests.

The Minnesota Twins have traded former Bethesda Big Train shortstop Brian Dozier to the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Dozier, a Mississippi native, was swapped in exchange for Logan Forsythe and two minor leaguers. In 2006, Dozier batted .258 with 31 hits in 33 games as a shortstop for the Big Train. He made his major league debut with the Twins in 2012 and three years later became the first Big Train

player to appear in a major league All-Star Game.

Former Montrose Christian standout Justin Anderson has been traded from the Philadelphia 76ers to the Atlanta Hawks. Anderson, a 6-foot-6 swingman, was part of a three-team trade that also involved the Oklahoma City Thunder. Anderson, who was selected 21st overall by the Dallas Mavericks in the 2015 NBA Draft, will join a Hawks franchise that’s on the rise.

“I think it will give Justin a really nice opportunity to play with a team that’s young and rebuilding,” said former Montrose Christian head coach Stu Vetter. “I think Justin will look forward to it and have that opportunity to be part of a young and athletic team.”

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Springbrook's Timitrius Hawkins looks down the rim after a dunk, at left. At right Nate Lacey dribbles upcourt, and at right, below, the all-star team.

Ituka scores game-high 25 in Summer League All Star Game

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ROCKVILLE — The stars came out to shine Tuesday in the Maryland Elite Basketball All-Star Game at Jewish Day School.

Team 495, wearing black shirts, featured Gaithersburg's Jao Ituka and Jordan Hawkins, Richard Montgomery's Djordje Orcev and Miles Gally along with Rockville big man Jimmy Sorunke.

Ituka, a highly-regarded Division I prospect, scored a game-high 25 points to lead Team 495 to a 92-89 victory over Team 270, who wore

white shirts.

"It was fun," said Ituka. "It was a good game. Good competition. Everybody here is pretty good and I'm happy I was able to be part of the Maryland Elite All-Star Game."

Sorunke, who guided Rockville to a 14-10 record last season including an appearance in the region final, scored 11 points for the victors.

Hawkins, Orcev and Magruder rising senior Ebby Asamoah each finished with 10 points for Team 495.

Meanwhile, Sherwood's Nate Lacey scored a team-high 24 points to lead Team 270. Watkins Mill's Papi-

to Kalabu finished with 17 points and Springbrook's Timitrius Hawkins added 10 points for the white squad.

Ituka scored in a variety of ways and helped Team 495 rally from a late deficit en route to the win.

In the second half, Gally rocked with the rim to give Team 270 a 67-61 advantage, but the black squad began to mount a comeback led by Ituka.

Orcev found Ituka underneath the basket and fed the 6-foot-1, 195-pound guard, who outmuscled a defender and scored with ease to put

the black team ahead, 79-78.

"He was good, he just needs to pass the ball more" Ituka joked about Orcev, shouting in his direction. "It's okay, Richard Montgomery's going to get it this year."

The second half was highlighted by Einstein guard Camren Ashby who made a move that wowed the crowd; he jukeed a defender and scored a layup that tied the game at 80-80 with 3:47 remaining in the contest.

"It was great playing with him," said Ituka. "He's a very good player. He's funny. He's cool. I like playing with him."

Einstein, who finished 11-10 last season, could be a force to be reckoned with during the upcoming campaign.

The Titans are optimistic heading into the 2018-19 season with Ashby leading the way along with his senior classmates.

Ashby finished last season as Einstein's second-leading scorer at 11.3 points per game but will be looked upon to provide senior leadership this season.

"I'm looking forward to the regular season," said Ashby. "I can't wait until the basketball season comes."