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Elrich reveals CIP budget in State of County address

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ROCKVILLE – In his first State of the County address on Jan. 15, Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich called Montgomery County “the economic engine in the state of Maryland” and the envy of jurisdictions throughout the nation.

He praised its school system, an educated population that is engaged and good government services. However, Elrich says the county's quality of life is not something that all of its residents share.

Moving into 2020, the county's seventh county executive calls for major improvements to schools and affordable housing through his proposed \$5 billion FY 2021-2026 Capital Budget and Capital Improvements Program (CIP) budget. Along with tackling climate change and transportation, Montgomery County will continue being “a model of success” in the state.

In his address, Elrich recapped his first year in office and thanked the Montgomery County Council, for working together with his office during the first year and passed legis-

lation to make the county a more “equitable and inclusive place” to live. He also praised their willingness to join him in supporting the Promoting Trust Executive Order and passed the Racial Equality and Social Justice Act.

“As leaders, we often talk about diversity and how it makes our county special, but last year, we truly embraced our diversity,” Elrich said. “... Few jurisdictions in the country have done this; it requires not just policy changes, but it requires introspection.”

Coming into the role, Elrich stated that his office set seven goals to complete every year, which include topics of improving quality of life, growing the economy, becoming a greener community, creating more accessible transportation, and making the area more affordable.

The county passed an early childcare initiative to add more pre-K programs, and through its inspection enforcement surge, more violations have been cleaned up by apartment landlords.

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County Council resolves several topics in first meeting of 2020

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ROCKVILLE – In the first meeting from the holiday break on Jan. 14, the Montgomery County Council covered a series of proclamations, bills and resolutions involving many different topics.

The meeting started with a proclamation recognizing January as National Radon Action Month.

That proclamation listed out statistics that are prevalent both at the state, county, and country-level that influence citizens to test for radon

and make any necessary changes to prevent it.

“Radon claims the lives of 20,000 Americans each year, and one in every 15 homes has radon levels above the recommended guidelines,” the proclamation pointed out.

“Radon gas is a colorless, odorless gas that can cause cancer,” said Councilmember Craig Rice. “It's the second leading cause of cancer in the United States behind smoking.”

“Radon does not discriminate,” said Jeff Ganz from the Greater Capital Area Association of Realtors. “It doesn't matter where in the county

you live. It's such an easy fix; there is no reason not to get tested and for repairs to get done.”

Radon is highly prevalent in this region. According to tests done by radon resources, Maryland has 20 counties and eight have been assigned Zone 1 counties by the United States Environmental protection Agency (EPA). Zone 1 counties have the highest potential to have homes test with higher levels of radon. Montgomery County is one of them.

Despite the negative results of these tests, Montgomery County was the first jurisdiction within the Unit-

ed States to enact a law requiring single-family homes to be tested for radon before being sold.

“We continue to do a great job in Montgomery County, promoting the safety of our residents,” Rice said.

The next proclamation of the day honored heroic first-responders. Montgomery County Police (MCP) officer Scott Brooks and Montgomery County Fire & Rescue (MCFRS) Lt. firefighter Wesley Owens, for saving two people from a

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REFLECTIONS

October 22, 1987: 'Rum and Coke' ridicules covert actions of CIA

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

One of the first things I remember seeing on TV when I was growing up was the refugees returning from the Bay of Pigs fiasco. Even at a young age I thought what a stupid name that was, the Bay of Pigs.

There were no pigs there, just a bunch of disillusioned freedom fighters. As I grew up I learned just how large a debacle that event turned out to be.

Now at Round House Theatre is a hilarious play, "Rum and Coke," that reminds us how ineptly planned that whole affair was.

The CIA has gone on to larger disasters like Watergate and Iran Scam, but none of these have been as thoroughly manhandled as this business was.

Keith Reddin's play is deliriously funny, systematically destroying the myth of Kennedy's Camelot as surely as Monty Python destroyed Arthur's Camelot in "Holy Grail."

Ace patriot Jake Steward is recruited by the CIA for a propaganda war against Fidel Castro's Cuba that quickly becomes a training session for insurgents.

Nothing is planned correctly from the beginning. The Cuban refugees are more interested in liberating Kim Novac than Cuba.

The CIA gives the invaders-to-be a refrigerator for beer and a roll of toilet paper, but the remainder of their supplies are non-existent. Once the invasion begins, support is sadly lacking.

Reddin has his sarcastic wit aimed squarely at one of our nation's less noble deeds, being both

historically true and outrageously funny at the same time.

There are some classic set pieces here. Vice President Richard Nixon talks about sweating while being pelted by rocks in Venezuela.

Businessman Cartwell proves to be one of the most obnoxious and swaggering Texans ever to hit the stage, and there have been quite a few. Jake must avoid a stampeding desk whenever he's in the CIA office.

And, in one extraordinary scene, Castro plays catch with a young boy and shows how he succeeded in winning over the people while the CIA failed miserably.

The acting overall is excellent. Christopher Hurt portrays Jake as a typical early 1960's optimist who becomes disillusioned as the plan progresses. Kathy Yarman portrays his sister, who begins an investiga-

tive journalist and then sells out to the establishment.

There are many memorable cameo characterizations, Gregory Procaccione as Castro, Lawrence Redmond as a daffy Nixon, and Ralph Marrero, who played in Romero's "Day of the Dead" of all films, as a religious Cuban invader who does a hysterical monologue on sex that is totally unprintable.

There are serious moments at the end of the play, as the true nature of the fiasco becomes apparent, and Jake becomes almost noble as he tries to warn the nation of the impending debacle.

Otherwise, what a marvelous discovery "Rum and Coke" turns out to be, as intoxicating as the drink its named after.

The play runs until Nov. 8 at the Round House Theatre in Silver Spring.

NEWS

Church reaches out to needy and influential

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SILVER SPRING – When Rocky Twyman of Rockville heard that Converted Heart CME Church of Silver Spring was celebrating its fifth anniversary, he knew what he had to do.

The church, which assembles in the Silver Spring Civic Center on Fridays and Sundays, is known for caring about the less fortunate. Last year, church members warmed the feet of the homeless by handing out 500 pairs of socks. It coordinates with Manna Food Center to distribute food to the hungry.

So before attending the Jan. 11 celebration, he prepared two oversized folded white cards – one he entitled Book of Prayers for peace in Iran and the other Book of Prayers and Healing of John Lewis, who recently was diagnosed with stage four pancreatic cancer.

Twyman moved from table to table, urging the churchgoers to sign the cards.

"We really do need a prayer, because our country is really, really a mess," he said.

Twyman respects Lewis so much due to his work as a civil rights icon that he now is working on getting Lewis nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.

He calls Lewis "my dear friend," noting that as he grew up in Atlanta, he had a strong personal connection.

"Certainly, I know of his heroics, his commitment," Twyman said.

But the pianist also knew Lewis



PHOTO BY GEORGE SMITH

Antoinette Colbert of Columbia signs card for Congressman John Lewis (D-5) Congressional District of GA at the Converted Heart Christian Methodist Episcopal (CME) Church in Silver Spring.

personally.

"He and his wife (Lillian) just took me under their wings. I played piano at many of his VIP events. His wife had this fabulous piano in his house, and I would go over and play. They always looked out for me."

Lillian Lewis made sure Twyman got a job where she worked, at the then-Atlanta University Library. The couple also assisted him in obtaining musical bookings.

Besides his music career, Lewis "inspired me to get involved in the civil rights movement," Twyman said.

The congressman encouraged Twyman to picket at stores that kept Blacks out but did not allow him to join in when arrests were imminent, he said.

"John's activism in Atlanta in-

spired me to picket a Kroger store in my community. I could not go to jail because they said 13 was too young."

All those memories are what push Twyman to "keep his memory alive."

He intends to picket at former President Barack Obama's house and possibly former President Jimmy Carter's, both who have received the Noble Peace Prize, so are eligible to nominate Lewis.

Ethel Panda of Silver Spring signed the card for Lewis. "He's not feeling well, and he needs some prayers. I wish him the best and a speedy recovery," she said.

Gerri Barnes of Ellicott City worked with Lewis when she was a federal employee with the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

"He was personable and seemed very sincere in his mission, and he seemed able to make time for anyone," Panda said.

Antoinette Colbert of Columbia signed both cards, noting, "I want peace for them."

Converted Heart is the first and only Christian Methodist Episcopal church in Montgomery County. It began meeting in Silver Spring five years ago.

"Our church focus is really helping the homeless in our community, God's people who are in the outskirts," said Pastor Darryl A. Burton.

"We go put socks on people's feet. We really want to make an impact," he said.

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NEWS

Residents pleased but concerned on boundaries during MCPS meeting

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ROCKVILLE – The Montgomery County Board of Education met on Jan. 9 to speak about the growing and current issues with Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) as residents approve of Boundary Analysis despite shortcomings.

The meeting opened up with the board unanimously approving a resolution to acknowledge February as African American History Month as well as National School counseling week from Feb. 3 to Feb. 7. But from there, the meeting was mainly about the Districtwide Boundary Analysis.

According to MCPS, The Districtwide Boundary Analysis is an initiative designed to provide a comprehensive assessment of MCPS boundaries by analyzing various data points such as school facility utilization and capacity, student demographics, school assignment and travel patterns.

The initiative builds on MCPS' engagement efforts from Spring 2019. It will continue to involve community members from all back-

grounds through a variety of forums to fully understand the spectrum of challenges towards creating more meaningfully integrated and culturally responsive schools within Montgomery County.

The overcapacity of many schools, paired with their continued focus on equity and excellence, prompted MCPS to initiate an assessment of current school boundaries.

More residents seem pleased with the analysis during the public comments portion of the meeting.

Lisa Spain, a parent of two daughters who have recently matriculated through MCPS, supported the Districtwide Boundary Analysis citing the benefits students will have going to a diverse school.

"I am in favor of a boundary analysis because I firmly believe that all students will benefit from being surrounded by kids from different ethnic and class backgrounds, a belief supported by solid data," said Spain. "By making good friends across cultures and races in their highly diverse elementary school, both of my children learned skills that have allowed them to

thrive in an increasingly multicultural world."

Fred Azcarate, a parent of three children currently enrolled in Montgomery County schools, also approves of the Districtwide Boundary Analysis.

"The alignment of policy FAA with policy ACD was a crucial step to make sure our values of a quality integrated education are manifest in the choices we make with our school infrastructure," said Azcarate. "Doing the right thing is often not easy, and in this case, you are doing the right thing."

Azcarate also spoke about a group of parents, students and community members that came together to support educational equity, data-informed policy and fiscal responsibility in MCPS called One Montgomery. Eight hundred and eighty-eight community members have signed up as of now, and they plan to send the document to Superintendent Smith.

One speaker provided a middle ground to the analysis.

Brian Kramer, a recent MCPS graduate of Northwood High School, is a member of One Montgomery and supports what the

boundary analysis is attempting to do. Still, he gave some suggestions to make it even more useful.

"The boundary analysis should be providing recommendations to counteract issues, not just data," said Kramer. "The board ultimately gets the say on what goes, but the data experts at WXY should be empowered to detail their findings and suggest ways for MCPS to stop overcrowding and to desegregate schools, all while limiting commutes and ensuring community involvement all the way through."

Resident Yiwei Li did not choose a side but commented on MCPS' decision-making process.

"Citizen participation must go beyond the hearings and town hall meetings," said Li. "It must be incorporated into MCPS' formal decision-making mechanism, especially those concerning the management of schools. We, the parents, the residents, the teachers, are the ones fully invested in the well-being of our children and MCPS. For that reason, we are the best equipped to face the challenges."

Despite most of the support, there were still few who opposed it.

Chris Loft cited his enjoyment of living in a melting pot of cultures but was angered by the chances since he purposely moved to his particular neighborhood so his kids could go to specific schools.

"When you entertain drastic changes to this system, when you make arbitrary decisions to upend communities, when you employ flawed methodologies that have failed everywhere they have ever been attempted, then the message we receive is loud and clear: that our carefully made life-choices don't matter," said Loft.

"As stated by numerous studies, including the most comprehensive study on this topic by Stanford University, redistricting based on race and socioeconomic can bring much pain and controversy for little or no educational gains."

After the public made their comments, the board had the opportunity to respond. MCPS Superintendent Jack Smith defended the analysis stating, "it's exactly what it says it is, an analysis. We are not relocating any students." He also cited that this is not the first time MCPS has done this.



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OPINIONS & VIEWS

Are you better off today?

By Paul K. Schwartz
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Presidential candidate Ronald Reagan famously asked America during a presidential debate with President Jimmy Carter in 1980, "Are you better off today than you were four years ago?"

Paul's View

By
Paul K. Schwartz

Good question, and a question that has since been posed in every subsequent presidential election and sure to be asked in the 2020 election.

However, that is not the only question that must be asked in the upcoming election. The more than three years during which the United States and its allies have been subjected to the Trump administration has generated a treasure trove of essential issues about which the American people must be asked as they head to the polls in November.

Are we better off today than four years ago concerning addressing the impact of climate change on

our planet?

Clearly not, as under the Trump administration and the United States have become the only, repeat, only nation to withdraw from the Paris Climate Accord.

Similarly, is our water safer to drink and our air safer to breathe than they were four years ago in light of all of the deregulation instituted by the Trump administration and the orchestrated dismantling of the EPA? Quite unlikely at best.

How about our place on the world stage as the leader of the free world? Is that role stronger today than it was four years ago? Just ask Canada's Justin Trudeau, Great Britain's Boris Johnson, and France's Emmanuel Macron if you can get their attention. At the same time, they are visibly laughing and rightfully, so at our president. Maybe a better question to ask is how our adversaries consider America's importance on the world stage.

To that question, there is rousing applause from Russian President Vladimir Putin, who succeeded in undermining America in a manner in which no previous Russian leader was able to achieve, namely, pit Americans against each other.

There is overwhelming evidence from our intelligence community that he succeeded in inter-

fering in our 2016 election, and he did so without facing any penalties from the Trump administration and is, accordingly, poised to do so again in 2020.

Is North Korea less of a nuclear threat today than it was four years ago despite the love letters from Leader of North Korea Kim Jong-un? No.

Is Iran less of a nuclear threat today than they were just a year or so ago before Trump walked away from the Iran Nuclear Agreement negotiated under the Obama Administration as well as our allies, including France, Great Britain, and Germany, as well as our adversaries including Russia and China?

Also clearly not. Would our nation and our allies in the Pacific, such as Japan and South Korea, be better off, make that a great deal better off if we had an agreement with North Korea like the one from which Trump walked away with Iran? Definitely.

Is Israel better off and peace in the Middle East closer at hand today than four years ago? No, and the recent Trump actions against Iran only increased the threat from Iran against Israel.

Did moving the American embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem bring us any closer to Middle East

peace or make an effort for Middle East peace all the more challenging? The answer is obvious. No.

Is the rise of hate crimes in America over just the last four years attributable in any way to the rhetoric espoused by this president?

Only someone with their head in the sand fails to see the connection. From the slaughter of Jews in a synagogue in Squirrel Hill outside of Pittsburgh to the slaughter of Hispanic back to school shoppers at a Walmart in El Paso, Texas, the rhetoric of this president feeds the hatred of those who commit these cowardly murders.

No, Mr. President, those chanting in Charlottesville, Virginia "The Jews will not replace us" did not have "some very fine people on both sides, on both sides."

Are the soybean farmers in the Midwest better off today than they were before Trump's ill-advised trade war?

Well that, I guess, depends on whether they will ever get back their customers. They won't; the answer is no. That goes for all of our domestic industry and domestic importers severely hurt by the retaliatory actions taken by the countries brought into the trade war by Trump. No, Mr. President, China didn't pay for the tariffs you im-

posed on their imported goods; the American consumer did as that tax is passed on to the consumer right here in America.

Are we closer to universal background checks on guns today than four years ago? No. Are we closer to campaign finance reform today than four years ago to give a greater voice to people than big-money donors? No.

Are we closer to ensuring voting rights for all citizens and eliminating ongoing voter suppression efforts today than four years ago? No.

Are we closer to implementing universal health coverage and bringing down healthcare premiums and pharmaceutical prices and protecting those with pre-existing conditions today than we were four years ago? Not even close with Trump's elimination of the individual mandate, which was an essential mechanism to bring down premiums.

So, while you listen to the various candidates attack each other, always keep in mind that regardless of who goes up against Trump on Nov. 3 of this year, 2020, the year of good vision for America, keep in mind the issues that are important to you and ask yourself, as Reagan once did some forty years ago, "Are we better off today than we were four years ago?"

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The equivalent of interrogation



**THE
COURT
REPORT**

By Tom Ryan

Under the famous Supreme Court Miranda case, persons who have been arrested must be advised of their rights, including the right to consult with an attorney and to have their lawyer present during police questioning. Once a suspect requests an attorney, the extent to which the police may further interact with the suspect was explored in an unreported opinion last week from Maryland's Court of Special Appeals in a case called Bryan Javier Aquice v. State of Maryland.

Aquice was charged with first degree murder, robbery and other offenses arising from the home invasion and murder of a victim by four men. After his ar-

rest, the police recorded an interview with this defendant, which began with a detective reading him his rights, including the right not to say anything to the police. When the detective advised Aquice of his right to have an attorney present during questioning, the defendant said "yes, and that's who I would like here." After the detective finished reading the defendant his rights, Aquice said he "would listen" to the detective who proceeded to outline their case to him, whereupon Aquice said that he and his cousin "are probably the most innocent ones in the whole thing."

Two of this defendant's accomplices pled guilty to murder and robbery, and testified at Aquice's trial that they recruited him and his cousin to participate in the crime. Prior to trial, defense counsel moved to suppress the statement that Aquice gave to the police after his arrest, which was denied by the trial judge, and statement was played for the jury which convicted him. The appel-

late Court reversed, holding that the police were required once Aquice requested an attorney to stop questioning him.

The Court of Special Appeals noted that once a suspect requests counsel, police interrogation "and its equivalent" must cease. Aside from questioning, conduct or words which the police should know are likely to elicit incrimination statements are also improper.

The Court found that this defendant did not initiate further conversation with the police, or volunteer or "blurt" out statements that incriminate him, and his statement should not have been admitted in evidence.

The appellate court did find sufficient evidence in the record to corroborate the testimony of defendant's two accomplices to warrant a new trial.

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More than words



**REAL
ESTATE
SOLUTIONS**

By Dan Krell

It's common knowledge that your home sale must have multiple high-quality photos. If you don't, then be prepared for a long disappointing sale. Multiple high-quality pictures have not only become a home sale must, but it seems as if photos and tours have become the central feature of many real estate agents' marketing plans. Not to downplay the importance of photos, however, there is new research that suggests that photos and virtual tours are only part of the marketing puzzle. Home sellers and agents who emphasize photos and tours as a way to appeal to home buyer sensibilities, may not be giving their listing full attention.

It's 2020, and there's no reason your agent shouldn't have professional high-definition pictures included in the multiple listing service (MLS) listing. Of course, the purpose of photos and tours is to help home buyers get an idea of the home before visiting. There is a truth that listings without pictures are often skipped over.

Statistics reported by the National Association of Realtors reveals the power of MLS listing photos (How Photos Help Sell Homes; Realtor Magazine; April 2, 2008). Not only does having more photos decrease time on market, but may also help the sale price. Even though these stats were from 2008, you can imagine that the effects are probably greater today. The reported stats suggested that MLS listings with only one photo was on the MLS for an average of 70 days. Days on market (DOM) dramatically dropped when multiple photos were included. When a listing had six pictures, the average DOM was 40. If there were sixteen to nineteen photos, then the average DOM dropped to 36. If there were twenty or more pictures, the average DOM was 32.

The article also discussed the potential for a higher sales price. The average sale price of MLS listings with only one photo was 91.2 percent of the list price. However, when there were six or more quality photos in the MLS listing, the average sale price was 95 percent of the list price.

It was statistics such as this, along with rapid technological improvements that made many agents become reliant on home photos and associated tours to attract home buyers. As a result, it seems as if the use of meaningful MLS descriptions is becoming a lost art.

A recently published study by

Luchtenberg, Seiler & Sun suggests that you can have a better response from your MLS listings when photos and meaningful descriptions are combined (Listing Agent Signals: Does a Picture Paint a Thousand Words?; The Journal of Real Estate Finance and Economics; November 2019; v59, p617-648). The study relates how the application of signaling theory can boost your home sale. Signaling theory suggests that consumers will more likely consider an advertiser's product when the descriptions honestly match consumers' needs.

The study looked at how words and images influenced homebuyers to visit homes for sale. The authors determined that when descriptions were used, the agent's perceptions of the home were typically understood by homebuyers. They concluded that "using only positive words has a significantly higher impact on likelihood to visit a property than a high-quality picture" and brief house description.

However, you should be careful that your MLS listing is not exaggerated or contain altered photos. Attempts in using deception to get homebuyer visits could reduce your credibility and actually repel home buyers.

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NEWS

Jawando presents bill to establish a reserve program for small businesses

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ROCKVILLE – In a press conference on Jan. 14, Councilmember Will Jawando discussed Bill 39-19, the Local Small Business Reserve Program (LSBRP), and Direct Purchase Enhancement Act and how it will directly affect the community.

According to a press release sent out by the county, Bill 39-19 would increase the percentage of eligible procurements to certified local for-profit small businesses from 20% to 25% and allow nonprofit entities to participate in the program.

In addition, Bill 39-19 further defines direct purchases as those purchases and contracts that are less than \$10,000 and creates a goal of 50% of such purchases by county departments procured from local small businesses.

The bill also establishes a report card for agencies, to be produced by the Office of Procurement, to track progress toward this goal and amplify awareness of expenditures of less than \$10,000.

It would also alter the definition of a “local small business” to include any for-profit business or nonprofit entity that: has its principal place of business or operations in the County, in the case of a for-profit business, is independently owned and operated and is not a subsidiary of another business or entity.

The main purpose of this bill is to reward and support small businesses in the county.

“Small businesses are the backbone of our local economy,” said Jawando. “This is increasing the opportunities for them.”

The other integral part of this bill is to acknowledge the nonprofit’s effects on the county’s economy.”

At the introduction of this bill in December, Jawando spoke about how the county was already aware of small businesses and did not do



FILE PHOTO

Councilmember Will Jawando recently discussed Bill 39-19, the Local Small Business Reserve Program (LSBRP), and Direct Purchase Enhancement Act and how it will directly affect the community.

anything to support them.

“We often all cite the facts that 90% of our businesses in the county are less than 50 people, and 80% are less than 15 people,” said Jawando. “It would be an understatement to say those small businesses are the backbone of our local economy.”

Jawando built on that during his press conference.

“It’s time that we acknowledge that we have been and continue to be an integral part of our local economy,” said Jawando. “Nonprofits provide 10% of our county workforce and put hundreds and millions of dollars back into our economy. We need to treat our nonprofit as businesses and find ways in this bill and other places to support their work.”

As Jawando spoke, two charts were displayed beside him, showing the effects of nonprofits and small businesses. One chart listed a goal for 50% of companies in the county to be small local businesses. Another chart stated that nonprofits generate economic growth, citing the \$630 million in wages with less

than 6,000 nonprofits.

“Nonprofits are an important part of the local economy,” said Leslie MacDonald, executive director of Nonprofit Montgomery. “Nonprofits supply jobs, buy supplies, rent office space, have accounts at local banks and use county insurance.”

While Jawando is the lead sponsor of Bill 39-19, Councilmembers Craig Rice, Nancy Navarro, Hans Riemer, Gabe Albornoz, Evan Glass, Council Vice President Tom Hucker and Council President Sidney Katz are all cosponsors.

Despite the progress, the council wants the county to know that they are “making strides” to redress the balance at the local level.

“There are so many businesses in Montgomery County that have been born and raised here that don’t do business with our county,” said Rice.

“This is something that is front and center for us,” said Navarro. “Our economic platform is clear that this is a priority for our council, and I think bills like these really keep the momentum going and be a great asset.”



FILE PHOTO

Montgomery County Councilmember Nancy Navarro.

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NEWS

HHS proposed rule could lead to discrimination

By Suzanne Pollak
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SILVER SPRING – Amanda Barry-Moilanen of Wheaton is scared that a Department of Health and Human Services’ (HHS) proposed rule allowing its grant recipients to discriminate, would result in fewer children ever being adopted.

On Nov. 1, the Trump administration published a notice that it intends only to comply with explicitly spelled out U.S. Supreme Court rulings and congressional decisions concerning discrimination and not enforce other rulings that it believes violate the freedoms of speech and religion.

Due to “several complaints, requests for exceptions and lawsuits” against certain HHS antidiscrimination rules, the department intends to loosen requirements on its grant recipients, according to an HHS press office.

According to the department, HHS is concerned that some grantees will refuse funds based on religious grounds and thereby cease providing services rather than comply.

The department believes that such an outcome would likely reduce the effectiveness of some of the programs it funds by reducing the number of organizations willing to provide services.

However, Family Equality Chief Policy Officer Denise Brogan-Kator believes the rule change would make it okay to discriminate when using HHS grant money. It would enable welfare agencies to become “free to discriminate” unless the law specifically prohibits discrimination, she said.

Therefore, sexual identity would no longer be a protected class, she said.

At the same time, as it publicized the new rule and called for public comment, the Trump administration issued a notice of intent of non-enforcement of the current rule, thereby allowing HHS the right stop enforcing the existing rule now, she explained.

“The effect is, the proposed rule went into effect immediately,” she

said.

However, in announcing the change, the federal government noted that “merely because a regulation is not being enforced does not mean that it has been repealed or replaced.”

Like, Barry-Moilanen, she too is concerned about youth in foster care.

If nonprofit agencies that receive federal dollars are legally permitted to refuse to allow children in their program to be adopted by LGBTQ parents, the number of available foster parents “will be severely limited,” and some children will never be adopted, Brogan-Kator said.

“The youth are going to see that the acceptable type of family to the United States government is a straight family. That’s the optics they will see,” said Barry-Moilanen, who grew up with “two moms. I was born into that. I’ve had two moms my entire life.”

“You are reducing the pool of families,” she said.

There are more than 440,000 children in the foster care system, and this rule change would “reduce the number of qualified foster parents because they are gay or non-Christian,” according to Family Equity, which is located in New York.

It’s not just foster care or adoption, said Barry-Moilanen, an American University graduate student.

Gay parents who want to send their child to the early education program Head Start may be turned down under this proposal.

A gay family may not receive necessary temporary assistance, like food or clothing, she added.

Those supporting this change are calling it a religious rights issue, she noted, but it greatly affects the children of gay parents who may not be gay themselves.

Do The Most Good, an activist organization in Montgomery County, called for its members to oppose the proposed restrictions that it says would allow HHS grant recipients to refuse services based on sexual orientation, gender, and religion.

Nancy Navarro, who is active with Do the Most Good, said the rule change is just another example of the



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federal government “chipping away at our rights.”

She added, “All this stuff is going on, and hardly anyone notices.”

Navarro, who is not related to County Councilmember Nancy Navarro, said, “There are hundreds, thousands of grantees” who could now have the right to discriminate.

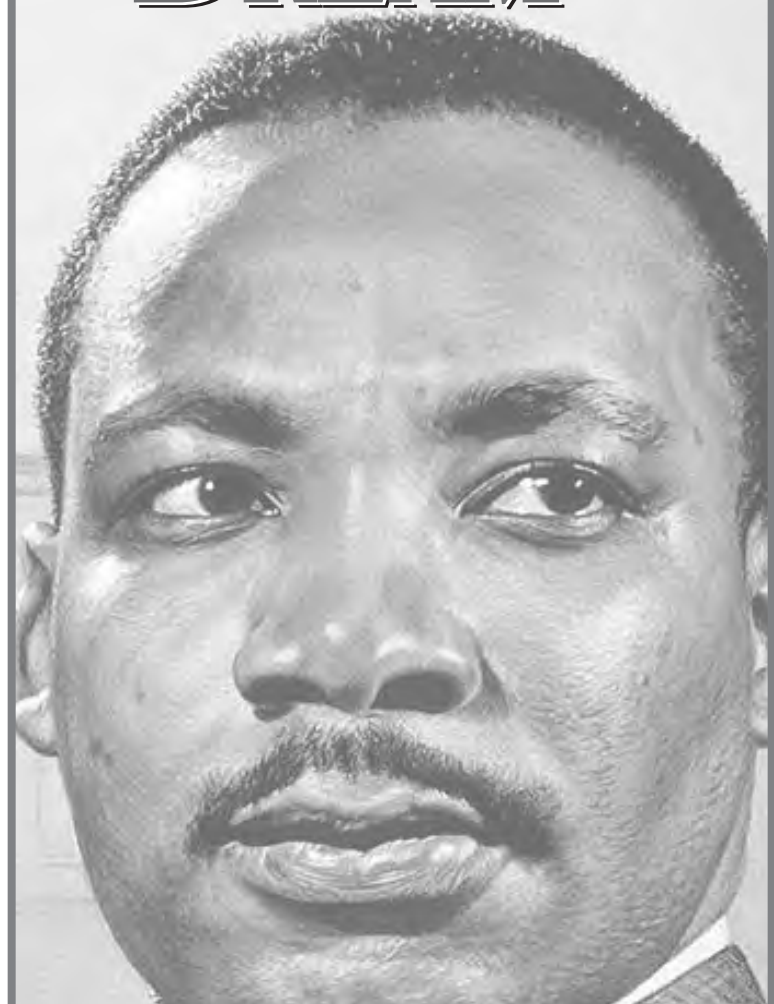
“It could be homeless shelters. It could be virtually anything. It’s a really broad brush,” said the Rockville resident.

Also, according to the Center for American Progress, if the proposed paragraph change goes into effect, “A Jewish couple could be rejected from adopting a child on the basis of their religion” and “a same-sex couple could be denied childcare assistance if the grantee did not recognize the validity of their marriage.”

According to the ACLU, Meals on Wheels could refuse to deliver means to members of the LGBTQ community.

Other examples where discrimination could occur according to the The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) include gay seniors who could be refused services needed to be able to stay in their homes and an unaccompanied immigrant who is transgender girl could be housed in a boy’s shelter or isolation.

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COVER STORIES/NEWS

Elrich reveals CIP budget in State of County address

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While the county achieved most of its goals last year, Elrich said it needs to do more in several areas, mainly in education and affordable housing. The county executive cited county data that states that residents making up to \$30,000 or less to live in the jurisdiction spend up to 50% of their income to stay in the area.

"Our prosperity is not evenly distributed," Elrich said. "So in the years to come, our challenge is to sustain and improve our quality of life while growing our economy in an equitable and inclusive way...Everyone needs to share what is good about Montgomery County."

In presenting his CIP budget, Elrich announced that 40% of it, making up \$1.7 billion, will go to the construction and renovations of Montgomery County Public Schools. The funds will also go to improving the heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) units as well as improving school security features.

The amount does not include additional funds that may be added by state legislation. Currently, lawmakers are proposing the Build to Learn Act that would set aside \$2.2 billion for school construction projects around the state. To assure that the county receives the money it needs from the state, Elrich said he is ready to go "two-to-three times" to the statehouse to fight for it.

The CIP also including funding for enhancements at all three Montgomery College campuses as well as helping with the construction of The Catherine and Isiah Leggett Math and Science Building in Takoma Park, set to open in 2022.

The money will also go to renovating existing childcare facilities as well as making sure they are ADA compliant.

Elrich turned his attention to affordable housing, calling the proposed \$132 million for the next six years "a record amount" proposed in a CIP budget. The funds will be used by the Affordable Housing Acquisition and Preservation project to facilitate efforts to increase the number of affordable housing units through renovations and expansions of current units.

"Preserving the existing stock is the most cost-effective way with dealing with affordable housing, and if we let it continue to evaporate," Elrich said. "You will not build enough housing to replace it or have the dollars to address it."



FILE PHOTO

Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich.

Before his address, Elrich agreed with a Purple Line survey that the county continued adding funds for affordable housing and addressed his belief that the council did not do enough in addressing the issue in 2019. His budget proposal also includes the creation of a new Affordable Housing Opportunity Fund that would receive \$20 million from the county and leverage \$80 million in financing from public and private partners to make \$100 million available for the funding for new housing.

The CIP also includes over \$266.6 million for projects relate to the Vision Zero Initiative to reduce deaths and severe injuries on the county road to zero by 2030. This includes pedestrian safety initiatives, switching 25,000 street lights to LED lamps, complete the Amherst Avenue Bikeway in the Wheaton Central Business District and other sideway safety programs.

Any money for projects in the CIP or operating budgets moving forward that receives state funds or no longer in service would be reallocated to a different section of the county in need, Elrich said. Concerns about the county spending too much money and possibly raising taxes are valid, but the funding is available and should be used before it reaches that level, he added.

"Our first obligation to taxpayers is to let them know we have liberated their funds from things that are inefficient or inactive, and if we need more, we can talk about needing more," Elrich said. "But people need to know that this government is committed to using their dollars in the best possible way."

These goals are ambitious, Elrich said, but essential to complete to eliminate to current status quo, one he deems currently unacceptable.

"I think we sent a message to the region and the world that Montgomery County is and will continue to be a safe and welcoming place," Elrich said.

Montgomery County Council resolves several topics, mulls over bills in first meeting of 2020

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fire on their way to work.

Owens commented on the rescue by acknowledging the heroism of Brooks, who arrived at the scene first.

"It's truly incredible that someone that has never received training in the fire department like I have, stepped across, and did a role that he has no experience," said Owens. "I'm impressed, and that's what a true hero is."

They moved on to the approval of the consent calendar where both Councilmembers Nancy Navarro and Evan Glass spoke about Item G, which was a resolution to reappoint Christopher Cihlar as the director of the Office of Legislative Oversight.

"The reports his office makes not only help us make informed decisions but the public as well," said Navarro.

"The office services an important function in our county government as an independent, non-partisan research arm of the county, Glass said. "I want to thank him for his leadership."

The council voted in a unanimous decision to reappoint Cihlar.

The council also voted on Bill 18-19, which is Landlord Tenant Relations - Relocation Expenses.

The bill would require a landlord to pay a tenant a relocation pay-



FILE PHOTO

Montgomery County Councilmember Evan Glass.

ment if the tenant's housing is condemned as unfit for human habitation under certain circumstances.

It would also require a landlord to provide a tenant with a right of first refusal to reoccupy rental housing under certain circumstances. The council used a role-call vote and unanimously voted to approve the bill.

"The proposal is intended to help residents that are displaced at no fault of their own when a property owner fails to keep the building in a livable condition, said Councilmember Hans Riemer. "This is a tool for our department of housing and community affairs to talk to property owners after tenants submit complaints."

Riemer also stated that if a property owner did not respond to the committee's bill, that property owner would be responsible for payment of two months' worth of rent.

"Property owners who do not maintain their rental properties and allow them to become unsafe or hazardous should bear the responsibility of their actions," said Councilmember Will Jawando.

If the tenant caused the damage to the property, they would be held responsible, the bill states.

The last thing on the agenda was the resolution to adopt Bill 1-20, Health and Sanitation - Bodyworks Establishments - Licensing as a Board of Health Regulation.

This bill would require every individual performing bodyworks services to be a certified massage therapist or registered massage practitioner, require compliance with all county licensing requirements as a condition of building permits, allow the revocation of use and occupancy permits for zoning and licensing violations and generally amend the provisions for bodyworks establishments.

"The nice part about this legislation is that it would go a little farther in terms of promoting the safety of Montgomery County residents," Rice said.

The public hearing for this bill is scheduled for Feb. 4 at 1:30 pm.

Take Him Down To The Mat!



PHOTO BY MIKE CLARK

Xavier Kresslein of host Poolesville High School takes down William Garner of Richard Montgomery for the 170-pound weight class win at the 2020 Dorsey Duals on Jan. 11. Story on Page 19.

Montgomery County, Maryland
Department of Environmental Protection

PUBLIC NOTICE
Application for Temporary Noise Waivers

The Department of Environmental Protection is currently reviewing applications for Temporary Noise Waivers as allowed under the Montgomery County Noise Control Ordinance, Chapter 31B, Section 11(a).

The First Temporary Noise Waiver is being requested by Cuddy and Associates LLC, 1100 Batavia Farm Rd., Rosedale, Maryland, for the purpose of performing nighttime work to install new Verizon fiber service at 4641 Montgomery Ave., Bethesda. The work is being performed at night to alleviate traffic congestion and impacts to businesses and pedestrians. The scheduled work hours are 7:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. and work will begin in early February.

The second Temporary Noise Waiver is being requested by NPL Construction, 6100 Columbia Park Road, Hyattsville, Maryland, for the purpose of replacing a natural gas pipeline at the intersection of Old Georgetown Road and Executive Boulevard, North Bethesda. The work is being performed at night to alleviate traffic congestion and impacts to businesses and pedestrians. The scheduled work hours are from 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. This is the sixth request for a Temporary Noise Waiver due to the ongoing work.

The applications and related documents are available for public inspection and may be viewed on the Department's website by visiting the Noise Waivers & Suppression Plans page at: <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DEP/contact/noise-documents.html#wavers>. The Department will receive comments on the application for a minimum of ten (10) days after publication of this notice.

Comments, questions, or requests to examine documents related to the first waiver application may be directed to Steve Martin, DEP/DEPC, 255 Rockville Pike, Suite 120, Rockville, MD, 20850. Telephone 240-777-7746, Fax 240-777-7715 or email steve.martin@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Comments, questions, or requests to examine documents for the NPL waiver application may be directed to Gretchen Ekstrom, DEP/DEPC, 255 Rockville Pike, Suite 120, Rockville, MD, 20850. Telephone 240-777-7750, Fax 240-777-7715 or email gretchen.ekstrom@montgomerycountymd.gov.

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Upscale family-friendly crossovers

By Brady Holt
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The most family-friendly crossovers are essentially big boxes on wheels. They focus on maximum interior space for the money, the smoothest possible ride, and tons of safety features. Most best-selling seven-passenger crossovers — like the Honda Pilot, Toyota Highlander and Chevrolet Traverse — are functional and thoroughly unexciting.

If you're looking for something with a bit more spice, we recently tried out two slightly pricier models that trade some functionality and value for a higher dose of luxury.

The newly updated 2020 GMC Acadia combines more flavor of a traditional truck-based SUV while still delivering everyday comfort, quietness and fuel economy. And the 2020 Acura MDX brings high-end features and sportier handling. And while both cost more than the most popular seven-passenger crossovers, they still undercut a similarly equipped BMW X5 or Audi Q7 by \$10,000 or more.

While Acura is a luxury brand (the upscale sister to Honda), GMC is best known for its trucks. And the Acadia's base price doesn't immediately suggest that it's a relatively premium option in its segment.

At \$30,995, the base Acadia SL undercuts the base price of a Pilot or Highlander. But the base Acadia has a smaller engine and few available safety features compared to the class leaders, so most buyers pay thousands extra to get a vehicle with now-common features like automatic emergency braking, all-wheel-drive or more than 200 horsepower. Getting all that costs a minimum of \$45,000 (though you get other excellent features by the time you've spent that much, too).

The Acadia's handsomely blocky styling — newly updated this year — helps it stand out from the crossover crowd. If you're drawn to crossovers because you like how SUVs used to look, its looks alone could win you over. And GMC backs that up with a pleasant driving experience and a comfortable cabin, with an improved infotainment system, more storage space and a better overall ambience this year.

The 2020 Acadia also gets better gas mileage than last year's model. A new nine-speed automatic transmission improves mileage on both the base four-cylinder engine and the up-level V6. Best of all, a new turbocharged four-cylinder is quicker and quieter than the base engine, yet also more efficient. At up to 24 mpg in mixed driving, it's one of the more efficient seven-passenger crossovers. Even the least-efficient Acadia configuration, the all-wheel-drive V6, has an EPA rating of 21 mpg in mixed driving. Our favorite engine is the new turbo unless you need to tow; it can



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The 2020 Acura MDX (top), priced from \$45,525, brings a powerful V6 engine and provides sporty handling. Meanwhile, the 2020 GMC Acadia (bottom) looks more like a traditional SUV than most seven-passenger crossovers.



manage a skimpy 1,500 pounds, versus a more respectable 4,000 pounds for the V6.

For pure functionality, the Acadia can't even beat its own Chevrolet Traverse cousin — a more roomier vehicle that shares many of the Acadia's mechanical components. But the GMC's more distinctive style will win more hearts. And some buyers will also appreciate that the Acadia feels (and is) smaller than the big Chevy.

Acadia fans should be aware that other models offer more space and safety features for similar or lower prices. The Kia Telluride offers perhaps an even better "luxury crossover disguised as an SUV" experience.

The Acura MDX, meanwhile, was the first seven-passenger luxury crossover on the market. The original 2001 MDX, derived from the Honda Odyssey minivan, provided the driving experience of a minivan, some of a van's functionality, and a posh interior. But ever since the second-generation MDX debuted in 2007, a powerful V6 engine and agile handling have been part of the MDX experience.

Not everyone will prefer the MDX's light, agile character over the

more vault-like feel of a more expensive BMW or Audi. Nor does the Acura match those models for interior opulence or cutting-edge technology. And like the Acadia, it has less room than models like the Pilot and Traverse, particularly in the third-row seat.

The 2020 model starts at \$45,525, with even the base version coming loaded with luxury features; there's no stripped-down base model like the Acadia or other competitors that aren't from traditional luxury brands.

The MDX's closest competitor is the similarly spacious but less sporty Infiniti QX60. Buyers interested in the MDX for its luxury-on-a-budget flavor could also consider the less spacious Lexus RX 350L or even the five-passenger Lincoln Nautilus. However, neither is as sporty as the MDX. For fun-to-drive character, the Mazda CX-9 is another great option, and it's fancier-feeling than you'd likely expect from a non-luxury brand.

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ENTERTAINMENT

This 'Unforgettable' Nat King Cole tribute brings star back to life

By Mark Dreisonstok
Special to The Sentinel

Visitors of the Kentlands Mansion and Arts Barn in Gaithersburg currently have an opportunity to celebrate a famous phenomenal singer of the mid-twentieth century: the great Nat King Cole.

Cole was not only a suave romantic balladeer but also a jazz pianist of renown.

Both sides of Cole are on display in a enthralling performance put together by singer Don Dillingham, who sings staples of Cole's repertoire in a one-man show, which is nonetheless very reliant on a live jazz backing by the five-piece North Metro Jazz Collective. In the words of one of Cole's best remembered songs, the performance is "Unforgettable."

Dillingham begins his tribute with "Welcome to the Club," a vibrant Cole classic performed initially in front of the Count Basie Orchestra for his album of the same name, "Welcome to the Club."

Hollingsworth does two important things with this number. First, Don welcomes the audience to his virtual Nat King Cole jazz club. Second, Dillingham gives notice that his performance will not merely be exclusively devoted to Cole's hits, but will include rare material such as "Welcome to the Club." This first piece has a piano solo by Don Wolcott.

Calling Cole the "Sultan of Swag," Dillingham exhibits a strong stage presence as he begins a tribute to the original Nat King Cole Trio with "Got a Penny, Benny," featuring a jazzy saxophone solo by Terry Koger. The band plays and Dillingham sings "Nature Boy," beginning with a few classical touches in the opening and suddenly switching to a rhythmic bossa nova.

Some of the most substantial parts of the show are when Dillingham and the North Metro Jazz Collective eschew the exact Cole versions for new, somewhat different arrangements such as this.

Dillingham regales the audience with his stories, and there is even a quote by Cole in the playbill, to wit: "I'm an interpreter of stories. When I perform, it's like sitting down at my piano and telling fairy stories." Even if apocryphal, Dillingham notes stories behind the songs are essential. He shocks the audience with the anecdote that Cole actually did not like "Mona Lisa," the song which became one of Cole's signature hits! Here it is sung by Dillingham and played with a romantic guitar backing by Wolcott, who surprises with this talent after many pieces in which he imitates the King Cole style effectively on piano.



COURTESY PHOTO

This "Unforgettable" Nat King Cole tribute runs through Jan. 19 at the Kentland's Mansion and Arts Barn in Gaithersburg. As Nat would say, "Welcome to the Club!" It is an enthralling performance put together by singer Don Dillingham, (pictured above) sings staples of Cole's repertoire in a one-man show.

A mid-1950s Cole release called "After Midnight," in which Nat augmented his jazz trio with instruments such as saxophone and trumpet, is returned to for many numbers, including "Don't Let It Go to Your Head" and "You're Looking at Me." Both feature progressive sax solos by Koger, but not so progressive that they bring the listener out of the Nat King Cole era.

In the second part of the program, the band performs an instrumental version of "Orange Colored Sky."

This instrumental jazz approach is appropriate, as this is the piece that Cole performed with the Stan Kenton Jazz Orchestra. Drummer Darrell Taylor takes the place of the

brass brass from the original recording. Dillingham then imitates Cole's voice well in a soulful rendition of Charlie Chaplin's "Smile." One of Nat King Cole's wilder, more outré albums is "Wild in Love," and Dillingham sings the title track from the collection, emulating Cole's vocal rhythm well.

Cole took a dim view of rock-and-roll and would often perform a song live called "Mr. Cole Won't Rock and Roll," ending humorously with, "but I could if I wanted to!"

As if to prove the point, Cole released a rock-and-roll-style song called "Send for Me." Dillingham performs this song with panache as jazz pianist Wolcott takes the occasion to sample the "serious" side of

the Gershwin of "American in Paris" and "Rhapsody in Blue."

Performers and bands during the 1960s such as Johnny Cash, Brenda Lee, Petula Clark and, yes, even The Beatles would often record a few of their hits in German, Spanish and other languages.

Cole was no exception, singing in French, German and even Japanese. Cole made an entire album in Spanish called "Cole Español" and followed it up with two Spanish-language albums as a sequel. Dillingham culled from "Cole Español" the song "Quizás, Quizás, Quizás," which he (and the audience!) sang in Spanish.

"Walking my Baby Back Home" was sung as well as, for an

encore, "When I Fall In Love."

Needless to say, "Unforgettable" was represented in a highly effective performance, even paying tribute to Cole's 1991 "virtual duel" with his daughter Natalie Cole. It was to Cole's credit that, unlike many other famous singers of his day, he took on obscure songs which he felt deserved a second listen.

One of the aspects which makes this show such a compelling tribute is that Dillingham does the same by choosing challenging, obscure songs from the Cole oeuvre. This "Unforgettable" Nat King Cole tribute runs through Jan. 19 at the Kentland's Mansion and Arts Barn. As Nat would say, "Welcome to the Club!"

CALENDAR

What's happening this week in Montgomery County

January 16, 2020 – January 22, 2020

BLACK ROCK CENTER FOR THE ARTS

• CHARLIE BARNETT THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2020, 7:30 PM - 10:00 PM

• UPCOUNTY THEATRE: NOW AND THEN FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2020, 8:00 PM

STRATHMORE

• BUMPER JACKSONS FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2020, 8:00 PM | AMP

• NATIONAL PHILHARMONIC: JUPITER SYMPHONY SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2020, 8:00 PM | THE MUSIC CENTER

• ANNUAL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY TRIBUTE & CELEBRATION MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2020, 4:00 PM | THE MUSIC CENTER

THE FILLMORE

• SNOOP DOGG: I WANNA THANK ME TOUR SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2020, 8:00 PM

• 94.7 THE DRIVE PRESENTS: ULTIMATE 80'S PARTY FEATURING TIFFANY W. THE REFLEX FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2020, 8:00 PM

WOLF TRAP

• BAILEN FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2020, 8:00 PM

• MASTERS OF HAWAIIAN MUSIC FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2020, 8:00 PM

JAN 16

SPY CHAT WITH CHRIS COSTA

Jan. 16. | 12:00 P.M. Are you having trouble getting a handle on world events? Join Spy Museum Executive Director Chris Costa for a discussion of the latest intelligence, national security, and terrorism issues in the news. Costa, a former intelligence officer of 34 years with 25 of those in active duty in hot spots such as Panama, Bosnia, Afghanistan, and Iraq is also a past Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Counterterrorism on the National Security Council. Event located at the International Spy Museum.

BOSSA FEVER BY VERONNEAU

Jan. 16. | 6:00 – 9:00 P.M. Come celebrate 60 years of Bossa Nova, the songs and stories of the Brazilian Music that charmed the world, with an original cabaret featuring special guest percussionist, Bruno Lucini! Located at The Tabard Inn 1739 N Street Northwest, Washington, DC 20036.

FREE EXERCISE EQUALITY: WHAT IT MEANS FOR INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Jan. 16. | 6:30 – 8:30 P.M. Come to the Pure Flix World Stage Theater to hear a distinguished panel field questions and discuss the belief that religious freedom is rightly understood as a source of individual human dignity, political stability, economic development and international security. Moderated by Dr. Tom Farr, president of the Religious Freedom Institute, the panel will consist of individuals from both the scholarly and public policy arenas. Admission is free. For more information contact customerservice@mbible.org.

AMERICAN AUTHORS AND MAGIC GIANT WITH PUBLIC

Jan. 16. | 7:00 P.M. American Authors and Mag-

ic Giant performing with Public at 9:30 Club on January 16th! This is a combined show that includes songs from each band as well as collaborations. Tickets are available today at 930.com.

JAN 17

PREVIEW EXHIBIT "DIPLOMACY IS OUR MISSION"

January 17. | 10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. This November, the United States Diplomacy Center opens Diplomacy Is Our Mission, a preview exhibit featuring stories and artifacts of American diplomacy. This exhibit is about a shared commitment to service. It is about the people who have dedicated their lives to protect American citizens and strengthen our country by pursuing our national interests of security, prosperity, democracy, and development. Using storytelling, artifacts, and multimedia, this exhibit is a preview of the coming fully completed museum. This event will be located at the U.S. Diplomacy Center. For more information contact diplomacy-center@state.gov.

JUSTIN TRAWICK AND THE COMMON GOOD W/ THE JUDY CHOPS

Jan. 17. | 8:00 – 11:00 P.M. Justin Trawick and The Common Good's debut record, "The Riverwash EP", exemplifies the raw emotional live sound Trawick and the band have cultivated over the years playing in clubs and festivals up and down the East Coast. With instrumentation consisting of acoustic guitar, upright bass, fiddle, mandolin, and pedal steel, the band's live performance plays fast and loose with the "Americana" genre, performing heartfelt ballads followed by raucous bluegrass melodies and even moments of hip hop verses. Please join Pearl Street Warehouse as we welcome back two amazing Va. based bands. This event will be located at the Pearl Street Warehouse. For more information contact info@pearlstreetwarehouse.com.

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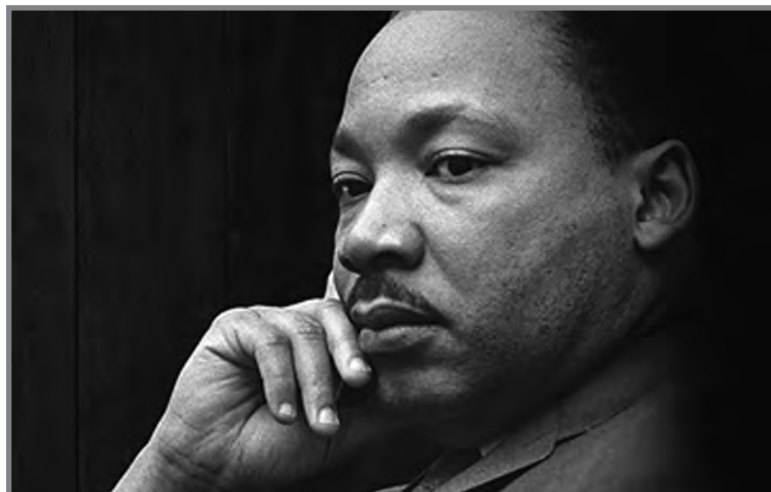
Jan. 17. | 8:00 P.M. From the sounds of New Orleans to Appalachian hollers, the Bumper Jacksons elegantly balance paying homage to traditions while fashioning their own unique, playful style of music. They have been honored multiple times as the Mid-Atlantic's Artist of the Year and Best Traditional Band at the Washington Area Music Awards. Event located at 11810 Grand Park Ave. North Bethesda, MD 20852. For more information contact Strathmore@strathmore.org.

CHEF MEETS CURATOR: THE RENAISSANCE, FOOD & ART

Jan. 17. | 6:00 P.M. Join us for an amazing evening of delicious food and discussion of the symbolic meaning of food in art! Chef Todd Gray draws inspiration from "Euriol's Culinary Journal" to bring dishes of the Renaissance and Age of Discovery to life. During this period, art was an important tool for conveying biblical stories and religious instruction. The color of clothing or the objects held by an individual could convey deeper themes and meanings to the viewer. Food also played an important symbolic role in these Old Master paintings. Curator Amy Van Dyke will give a special gallery talk of the exhibit 'Picture Books of the Past: Reading an Old Master Painting' where guests will learn even more about the forgotten language of these masterpieces of the Renaissance. Event will be held at Manna at 6 p.m. Register today! For more information contact customerservice@mbible.org.

VANESSA COLLIER WITH JOSE RAMIREZ

Jan. 17. | 6:30 P.M. If you haven't been fortunate enough to meet Vanessa Collier and witness one of



COURTESY PHOTO

Celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. this Monday at Strathmore for their Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Tribute and Celebration.

her head-turning, fiery, and passionate performances, you should definitely make sure you do. As a master musician and multi-instrumentalist, Vanessa weaves funk, soul, rock, and blues into every powerful performance and she is downright impressive. Event located at The Hamilton Live. For more information contact info@thehamiltondc.com.

JAN 18

OL' BLUE EYES: FRANK SINATRA

Jan. 18. Signature Theatre toasts the iconic crooner in a stylish, suave and sophisticated evening flush with all of Sinatra's famous tunes, including "Fly Me to the Moon," "Strangers in the Night," "The Way You Look Tonight" and more. Called the Voice of the Century, there was no one else like Ol' Blue Eyes—a legendary entertainer who always did it "My Way." Dates and times vary. Get your tickets now.

LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

Jan. 18. | 11:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. Kensington Library will host Lunar New Year celebration by programs from CCACC, Maryland's largest and oldest Chinese volunteers organization. There will be American, Chinese, Eastern Europe folk songs singing, Classical, modern, ethnic group dances. Paper cutting, calligraphy and craft for children will last half hour longer. Kensington Library: 4201 Knowles Ave., Kensington, MD 20895. Contact: Joy (301) 820-7200 x 8114.

VISARTS 2020 UNNAUGURAL CONCERT

Jan. 18. | 7:30 P.M. VisArts is pleased to announce that VisAbility Art Lab has been selected as one of the five beneficiaries of the 4th annual Un-Naugural Concert featuring performances by Tom Chapin, David Roth, Crys Matthews, Rod MacDonald, and Cynthia Kaplan. The event, which was created by State Senator Cheryl Kagan, will take place on Saturday, January 18th at 7:30pm at Montgomery College.

CHRIS MANN

Jan. 18. | 8:00 P.M. Chris Mann has been enjoying a meteoric rise since his jaw-dropping duet with superstar Christina Aguilera on NBC's The Voice. He has lit up Broadway as The Phantom in Phantom of the Opera's 25th Anniversary Tour, performed with the National Symphony Orchestra for President Obama, headlined at the Kennedy Center and made appearances on Conan, The Tonight Show, Ellen, and more. Tonight, this gifted performer pays tribute to the long and diverse career of living legend Tony

Bennett. Event located at 11810 Grand Park Ave. North Bethesda, MD 20854.

THE BUDOS BAND W/ PAUL AND THE TALL TREES

Jan. 18. | 10:00 P.M. The Budos Band with Paul and the Tall Trees at 9:30 Club! Doors at 10 PM. Tickets available today at 930.com. For more information call 202-265-0930 or email Iwannabeainitem@930.com.

JAN 19

DIY NATURAL COSMETICS WORKSHOP

Jan. 19. | 3:30 – 5:15 P.M. Join us for a clean beauty workshop to create your own personal care products with natural ingredients. The cost includes all the high-quality ingredients to make a personalized collagen serum and lip moisturizer. It also includes utensils, containers, labels, and the price of the class. Everything is included so you can come, make, and then take your 2 natural products home! Event located at 5512 23rd Street N. Arlington, VA 22205. For more information contact elodie@elodienaturals.com.

36TH SAW MASC AWARDS SHOW AND CONCERT

Jan. 19. | 6:00 – 11:00 P.M. No great song escapes the attention of The Songwriters' Association of Washington (SAW). SAW proudly presents the 36th Annual Mid-Atlantic Song Contest (MASC) to help songwriters receive recognition for their work.

The best songs from over 1300 entries in 13 categories, including Blues, Americana, Folk, Jazz, Rock, Hip Hop, Pop, Alternative and more, will be performed and honored at this awards show. Event located at the Pearl Street Warehouse.

MY FAIR LADY

Jan. 19. | 7:30 P.M. From Lincoln Center Theater comes "a sumptuous new production of the most perfect musical of all time" (Entertainment Weekly), Lerner & Loewe's My Fair Lady. Director Bartlett Sher's glowing production is "thrilling, glorious and better than it ever was" (The New York Times). Boasting such classic songs as "I Could Have Danced All Night," "The Rain in Spain," and "Wouldn't It Be Lovely," My Fair Lady tells the story of Eliza Doolittle, a young Cockney flower seller, and Henry Higgins, a linguistics professor who is determined to transform her into his idea of a "proper lady." But who is really being transformed? Event located at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

SNOOP DOGG: I WANNA THANK ME TOUR

Jan. 19. | 8:00 P.M. Legendary rapper Snoop Dogg comes to The Fillmore Silver Spring for his upcoming tour. Tickets available at fillmoresilver-spring.com.

JAN 20

MLK JR. DAY CELEBRATION TO PRESENT 'LIGHT IN THE MIDST OF DARKNESS'

Jan. 20. | 11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. Diverse performances, awards and a keynote speech focused on the theme of "Light in the Midst of Darkness" will highlight Rockville's 48th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 20 at Richard Montgomery High School, 250 Richard Montgomery Drive. To register to volunteer or learn more about the celebration, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/mlk or contact Janet Kelly at jkelly@rockvillemd.gov

ANNUAL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY TRIBUTE & CELEBRATION

Jan. 20. | 4:00 P.M. Montgomery County celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King's life through dramatic readings, musical and dance performances. The theme for this year's program is "Children of the Dream." In addition there will be the presentation of the Humanitarian Award, Children of the Dream Awards. In addition there will be a Visual Arts Display honoring Dr. King. Free tickets are required for this event and will be distributed on-site on the day of the performance starting at 3pm. More information available at Strathmore.org/events.

LIVE DANGEROUSLY

Jan. 20. Live Dangerously reveals the bold and dynamic ways in which female bodies inhabit and activate the natural world. Twelve groundbreaking photographers, including Louise Dahl-Wolfe, Kirsten Justesen, Xaviera Simmons, and Rania Matar, use humor, drama, ambiguity, and innovative storytelling to illuminate the landscape as means of self-empowerment and personal expression. This presentation is drawn from NMWA's collection of modern and contemporary photography and enhanced by key loans that feature women connected to nature through the lens of the female gaze. Event located at the National Museum of Women in the Arts.

TEMPLES WITH ART D'ECCHO

Jan. 20. | 7:00 P.M. Temples will be performing with Art d'Eccho at U Street Music Hall on January 20 at U Street Music Hall. This event is for all ages. For tickets and more information visit, ustreetmusic-hall.com.

JAN 21

PROFS & PINTS: REFLECTING ON NARCISSISTS

Jan. 21. | 6:00 – 8:30 P.M. Profs and Pints presents: "Reflecting on Narcissists," a look at the myth, reality, and treatment of narcissistic personality disorder, with Brian A. Sharpless. Sharpless is a licensed clinical psychologist, visiting research fellow at Goldsmiths, University of London, and author of Psychodynamic Therapy Techniques. He will discuss the idea of narcissism throughout history and across cultures, define what "narcissistic personality disorder" means to psychologists and psychiatrists, and summarize what the field knows

CALENDAR

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about this condition and its treatment. Event located at 1070 Wisconsin Ave. NW, Washington DC 20007.

FORTAS CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERTS: PATRICIA KOPATCHINSKAJA AND JAY CAMPBELL

Jan. 21. 7:30 P.M. Violinist Patricia Kopatchinskaja has established herself as a risk-taker in the classical music world with her lively stage presence and penchant for playing barefoot. The "elusive, unpredictable, and wonderfully imaginative" (The Times, UK) Grammy® winner makes her long-awaited Kennedy Center debut alongside her frequent collaborator, cellist Jay Campbell. An equally "electrifying" (The New York Times) performer, his dynamic style pairs perfectly with hers and together they tackle a wide range of works for an intriguing evening of music. Event located at John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. For more information contact 202-467-4600.

JAN 22

GALLERY TALK: COLLECTION SAMPLER

Jan. 22. 12:00 – 12:30 P.M. Break free from your lunch routine! Express lunchtime talks—30 minutes or fewer—are offered most Wednesdays. Facilitated by museum staff members, these conversation driven thematic talks highlight three to six works on view. This week, NMWA Director of Education and Interpretation Deborah Gaston discusses a sampling of works in the museum's collection. Located at the National Museum of Women in the Arts 1250 New York Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20005.



COURTESY PHOTO

This folk-rock and pop infused sibling trio is coming to the Wolf Trap. Catch Bailen this Friday at 8:00 PM.

MYKAL KILGORE

Jan. 22. 18:00 P.M. Mykal Kilgore's artistry cuts through traditional barriers and represents the hope of gospel, the soul of R&B, and the vulnerability of country. His debut release, *A Man Born Black*, is an exploration of faith, loss, the stumble and spills on the way to maturity, and the beauty of hope and love. Get tickets to see Kilgore at Rams Head On Stage on Wednesday, January 22, 2020.

UPCOMING

ASIAN NEW YEAR: YEAR OF THE RAT: MUSICAL CELEBRATION

Jan. 25. 13:00 – 4:30 P.M. Description Chinese pianist Li-Ly Chang with friends will perform music from China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Canton, Macau and more! This is a family- children- and community-friendly concert. Music performances, storytelling, audience participation with gongs, cymbals, and bells to serenade the Lunar New Year. Free. All ages are welcome, and a reception will follow with Asian goodies and treats. Located at the Twinbrook Library. For more information visit <https://mcpl.libnet.info/event/3338870>.

THE NOYES CHILDREN'S LIBRARY FOUNDATION WINTER WONDERLAND BALL

Jan. 26. 13:00 – 5:00 P.M. On Jan. 26, 2020, the Noyes Children's Library Foundation will host The Winter Wonderland Ball, a family dance party celebrating imagination, fun and—of course—books. Kensington Town Hall will be transformed into a fairy tale palace, with children invited to march in a Royal Procession before joining the A-Squad DJ on the dance floor. There will be crafts, photo-ops and a special Royal Reading Room with stories and songs. Costumes (of any kind) are encouraged for children and parents. Space is limited, so purchasing tickets in advance is recommended. The Winter Wonderland Ball is open to children of all ages, but the activities are geared to kids from 2 to 8 years old

Location: Kensington Town Hall, 3710 Mitchell St., Kensington, MD 20895. Buy tickets on Facebook: [facebook.com/MakeMoreNoyes](https://www.facebook.com/MakeMoreNoyes) or [facebook.com/events/2795346953882416](https://www.facebook.com/events/2795346953882416)

ART RETREAT AT VISARTS

Feb. 2. 10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. Celebrate the beginning of a new year with an Art Retreat at Vis-Arts. Connect, engage, and reflect through meditation, restorative yoga, and mindful exercises for

the day will focus on important topics such as 'Wedding Planning 101,' 'How to Choose a Photographer,' and 'Tips For Your Picture Perfect Wedding Day,' with

accompanied breakout sessions. Tickets available online at Washingtonian.com/unveiled.

MOVE ME FESTIVAL

Feb. 29. 12:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. Bowen McCauley Dance Company produces the annual MOVE ME Festival which is FREE for students, parents and community residents. The Kenmore Middle School hosts the Festival and there is ample parking for attendees. Festival goers can expect interactive workshops, face painters, musicians, dancers, prizes and local artists performing on two-stages. Expect a culminating performance of the Kenmore dance residency students along-side the professional Company.

ONGOING

BETHESDA RESTAURANT WEEK

Through Jan. 19. Enjoy delicious lunch, dinner (or brunch at select restaurants!) during Bethesda Magazine Restaurant Week, January 10 – 19! Participating restaurants choose how many courses to offer and the price for their prix fixe menus. You choose the restaurants you want to visit based on what fits your budget and your taste buds. More information on participating restaurants available at bethesdamagazine.com.

"CREATURE COMFORTS" ART EXHIBIT AT VCA ALEXANDRIA ANIMAL HOSPITAL

Through Jan. 26. The "Creature Comforts" art exhibit (September 30, 2019 – January 26, 2020) at VCA Alexandria through the Gallery Without Walls program features artwork of the animals in our lives by Del Ray Artisans members. Showcasing animals that lift and fill our hearts is a popular theme at VCA Alexandria and coincides with the winter holiday season in which creature comforts of all types are appreciated. 2660 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. Details: DelRayArtisans.org/exhibits/gww

IN THE GALLERY: METRO WASHINGTON CHAPTER OF THE COLORED PENCIL SOCIETY OF AMERICA

Through Jan. 27. Juried exhibit. The Colored Pencil Society of America (CPSA) is a national, non-profit organization founded in 1990 exclusively dedicated to artists working with colored pencil. Representing several countries around the world, and with about 1600 members in 2011, CPSA provides two annual exhibitions (one online and one in conjunction with the annual convention), product research information, workshops and seminars, a newsletter, a networking directory, and district chapters across the United States. Artist Reception: Thurs., Dec 5 – 7 to 8:30 p.m. FREE. Where: Arts Barn, Gaithersburg.

THE ELEPHANT SHOP SALE

Through Feb. 27. The Elephant Shop at the Friends House Retirement Community (17320 Quaker Lane in Sandy Spring MD) will be open in February on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. Featured this month will be warm weather clothing and household items. All sale proceeds benefit seniors in the Sandy Spring/Ashton area. For more information contact Jean at friendcommunity2017@gmail.com

GALLERY B JANUARY EXHIBIT

Through Feb. 1. Stop by Gallery B from Jan. 9 – Feb. 1, 2020 to see "Viewpoint" featuring the work of artists Jen Howard and Kathleen Bymes. Gallery Hours are 12 – 6 P.M., Wed. – Sat. Located at 7700

January 16, 2020 – January 22, 2020



COURTESY PHOTO

One of Hip Hop's most legendary artists of all time is coming to town. All the way from sunny California, the Dogfather Snoop Dogg is performing this Sunday at the Fillmore.

Wisconsin Ave., Suite E.

BRIAN CURRY: THE GOOD LIAR

Through March 21. Join Mentalist Brian Curry Saturday's while he reads your thoughts, predicts your future and blows your mind. Simple. Brian Curry has a secret. He's a mind reader and a LIAR. After reading your mind, he pulls back the curtain to show you some of the techniques used to be a good liar. Our lies often reveal more than the truth. This is a show that will keep you talking long after the curtain closes. Take the stress out of planning your night out and come get lied to. Dates and times vary. Event located at Capital Hilton.

CONVERSATION CIRCLES

Fridays morning conversations begin January 17, 2020 through January 31, 2020. On Friday mornings, 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. stop by the National Portrait Gallery to practice English in small groups while learning more about U.S. history through portraiture. Admission is free.

HAPPY HOUR LOW YOGA

First Friday every month. 6:00 – 7:00 P.M. Happy Hour Flow Yoga with Thrive Yoga instructor Allie Newsom is back at True Respite in 2019! Classes are the first Friday of each month from 6-7 pm. Join us for a one-hour yoga class then follow up your shavasana with one of True Respite's refreshing brews! Your \$15 ticket includes both the class and one full pour of beer. Beer can be drank before, after, or during class. Props to anyone who can balance their beer during the practice! Space is limited so be sure to grab your ticket before the event sells out! True Respite Brewing Company 7301 Calhoun Place, Suite #600, Rockville, Maryland, 20855. Through February 2020.

OPEN LIFE DRAWING SESSIONS – 2019

Looking for a chance to hone your figure drawing skills? Del Ray Artisans offers a range of open life drawing sessions for just this purpose. Just drop in for the session and bring your supplies to draw or paint our live models. Fee ranges from \$8-\$12. All skill levels are welcome. Del Ray Artisans is located at 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria VA. See our calendar for dates and times: DelRayArtisans.org/life-drawing

TRIVIA NIGHTS & TRUE RESPITE BREWING CO.

Thursday night trivia continues at True Respite Brewing! Trivia starts at 7 pm every Thursday night

and is hosted by District Trivia. It is free to compete. Come by yourself or with your friends and play for your chance to win! At the end of each season four teams from each District Trivia location play in the playoffs for large cash prizes! Where: True Respite Brewing Company 7301 Calhoun Pl, Suite 600 Rockville, Maryland 20855.

STITCH AND PLAY

Tuesdays 1:00 – 3:00 P.M. We are adults who enjoy mah-jongg, board & card games, and needlework. Come join us. We will provide mah-jongg sets and board & card games or bring your own. Also, if you stitch, bring your needlework. Space is limited. Please register online. Go to www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library. Click Branches, select Quince Orchard Library, then Upcoming events. For more information, call 240-777-0200. This event reoccurs every 1st and 3rd Tuesday.

ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLUB

Tuesdays, 10:00 A.M. and 7:00 – 8:45 P.M. An informal conversation club for anyone looking to practice and improve his/her English conversational skills. Volunteer facilitators are patient, friendly and talkative. All levels are welcome. Come join us. Registration is not required. Please call 240-777-0200 for more information. Free. Where: Quince Orchard Library / 15831 Quince Orchard Road / Gaithersburg.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS MEETING

Thursdays. 7:15 – 8:30 P.M. Overeaters Anonymous meeting Thursdays 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.

ROCKVILLE FARMERS MARKET

Saturdays. 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. Every week the Farmers Market transforms itself as different fruits and vegetables become available throughout the season. Your pick of farm-fresh fruits and vegetables, bedding plants, cut flowers, preserves, honey, herbs, baked goods, and more. All items offered are picked fresh daily and available as supplies last. Where: Jury Parking Lot on the corner of Rt. 28 and Monroe St. Rockville, MD 20850.

FOX HILL WEEKLY OPEN HOUSE

Wednesdays, 2:00 – 4:00 P.M. To share the exceptional lifestyle, amenities and services at Fox

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Hill Retirement Community in Bethesda, a free to the public open house will be held on a weekly basis. Every Wednesday from 2 - 4 p.m. staff and owner/residents invite people to enjoy refreshments and tours of Fox Hill. 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. 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.

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.

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

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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.woodlawn-museum.org. Adults \$5 Children (6-17) \$4.

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 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.

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 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. 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.

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.

Compiled by Tazeen Ahmad

The Montgomery County Sentinel regrets to inform organizations that only Montgomery County groups or events located within the county will be published on a space-available basis.

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or call 301.838.0788

Some Fun

PUZZLE CARD

CARD A
BIDE
HOP
MINE
PORT

CARD B
PLANE
BOLT
PET
GRASS

One of the words in card B really belongs in card A. Can you figure out which one it is? The illustration is a hint.

Junior Whirl
by Charles Barry Townsend

LET'S GO FISHING!

Pictured above is a crossword puzzle grid. Below is a list of fishing-related words that you'll need to complete the puzzle, using the trial-and-error method.

4-letter words **5-letter words**

CRAB BONES
EELS BROIL
LINE CHART
REEL CHEST
SHIP CLEAN
 SCALE
 SONAR
 TROUT

Answers: (Across) 1. Scale, 8. Chart, 9. Reel, 10. Line, 11. Ship, 12. Bones, 13. Trout (Down) 2. Clean, 3. Eels, 4. Sonar, 5. Chest, 6. Broil, 7. Crab.

A CUTTING PROBLEM! Can you come up with a word that can be divided into five separate words? Hint: The word we came up with concerns the villain's actions toward the hero in literature.

The word is ANTAGONISTIC; AN TAG ON IS TIC.

LINKUPS! Here's a list of 12 one-syllable words, divided into two columns. Turn them into six longer words by linking them. To do this, draw a line from one word in the left column to one word in the right.

Garbage, fobbed, haddock, kindled, leeward, impeach.

1. GARB	LED
2. FOB	WARD
3. HAD	EACH
4. KIND	BED
5. LEE	AGE
6. IMP	DOCK

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Lamp is different. 2. Curtain is shorter. 3. Rattle is moved. 4. Foot is showing. 5. Sleeve is longer. 6. Tissue is higher.

TIGER by BUD BLAKE

Panel 1: "I'll play the winner" / "Just a minute"

Panel 2: "I'll play the winner" / "Okay—that's me!"

Panel 3: "My game. I beat you too, punkinhead"

Panel 4: "I'll play the winner" / "Okay—you play me, punkinhead"

Panel 5: "Triple jump—I win, punkin!"

Panel 6: "I'll play the loser!"

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Clarksburg High School shooting guard Kaleah Boykin (left) shoots a one-handed jumper while her fellow teammate Miki Howson (right) drives past the defense during a high school girls basketball game on Jan. 13 in Rockville. The Coyotes earned a 78-66 victory over the Rockets.

Clarksburg mounts second-half comeback to stay undefeated

By Eva Paspalis Case
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ROCKVILLE — Clarksburg High School's undefeated season was in jeopardy on Jan. 13 when the Coyotes faced off against 6-3 Richard Montgomery High School. Clarksburg had found itself in a 13 point hole at halftime with only 16 minutes of playing time left to try to come back and maintain that perfect season.

The Coyotes needed a spark to push past the Rockets, and that spark materialized at the start of the second half. The Clarksburg team that took the court to start the third quarter displayed a markedly different demeanor than the team that had exited the gym just 10 minutes beforehand.

That timely burst of extra energy carried Clarksburg to its tenth straight win by a final score of 78-66.

The Coyotes came alive after a

lackluster first half. They generated turnovers, they rebounded their own shots, and they passed to their teammates for layups.

Richard Montgomery's 13-point lead was extinguished in a matter of minutes as Clarksburg strung together a 11-2 run.

There was one Clarksburg player, though, whose energy level had skyrocketed past the energy of her teammates. Junior guard Kaleah Boykin had managed just one bucket in the entire first half, but the Rockets couldn't seem to stop Boykin in the third quarter. The junior tallied 13 points as she drove to the basket again and again and even provided the go-ahead layup that brought the Clarksburg bench to its feet.

The motivation behind Boykin's performance was simple.

"I wasn't ready to lose," she said. "I wasn't ready to mess up our clean record, so I came in and I said, 'we're going to win this.' And I hyped up our team, and that hyped

up everybody else, and so we won."

Before the Coyotes could win, though, they had to contend with Richard Montgomery guard Anujin Dashdorj. The senior contributed a game-high 36 points, including an unprecedented nine three pointers; both are records for the Rockets over the past eight seasons.

In fact, Dashdorj was the driving force behind Richard Montgomery's strong start, and she continued to land buckets from behind the arc even when the Coyotes were running away with the lead.

Clarksburg sophomore guard Mia Smith (24 points) said that part of her team's halftime adjustments included trying to find a way to contain Dashdorj.

"I feel like we didn't really realize our competition at first," said Smith. "We realized we had to get on (Dashdorj) and play better defense, play together as a team and move the ball around to get the best shot. We made it a team game in the second

half."

That renewed focus on teamwork and passing the ball helped Clarksburg fight through Richard Montgomery's tight defense. The Rockets forced the Coyotes to use up the entire shot clock on several occasions and the seconds ticked down to single digits as Clarksburg searched for the open shot.

After the Coyotes overcame Richard Montgomery's lead, the score seesawed for several minutes before another go-ahead layup by Boykin. Clarksburg appeared ready to head into the fourth quarter with the lead, but Dashdorj's buzzer-beating 3-pointer tipped the score back in the Rockets' favor. Dashdorj celebrated by slapping the ground with her hands as the home crowd rejoiced.

Clarksburg's onslaught continued into the fourth quarter. Both Smith and Gettysburg College commit Miki Howson led the charge as both players pulled fouls and deliv-

ered at the free throw line.

Meanwhile, the Rockets offense sputtered as Clarksburg embarked on an unanswered 14-0 scoring run.

The Coyotes led by double-digit points, but Dashdorj appeared unfazed as she knocked down another pair of 3-pointers in the final quarter. However, even the senior's hot hand wasn't enough to push Richard Montgomery past Clarksburg.

"I think we just got complacent, you know, but we have to learn from that," said Dashdorj. "I did good, but we didn't come out with the win. This is fuel, all of this is fuel. We're going to learn from our mistakes and keep going."

The Coyotes have a chance to continue their undefeated streak when Sherwood High School comes to Clarksburg on Jan. 17. The Rockets, on the other hand, will play against Quince Orchard High School on Jan. 21 before clashing again with the Coyotes on Jan. 24.

SPORTS

Montgomery Blair ends B-CC's undefeated run, 54-43

By Eva Paspalis Case
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SILVER SPRING – When Montgomery Blair High school played against Bethesda–Chevy Chase High School (B-CC) last season, Blair power forward Peyton Martin was not in uniform. The junior was nursing an injury and watched from the bench as the Blazers lost to their rivals.

Ever since that loss, Martin had been looking forward to Blair's next game against B-CC. That matchup was scheduled for Jan. 10 on Blair's home court, and this time, Martin was ready. The Barons entered the game with a 5-0 record in Montgomery County play, but the Blazers defense held firm and handed the Barons their first non-tournament loss of the season by a score of 54-43.

"I know that B-CC has a reputation for being really good, and every year it's a game that we don't do too well in," said Martin. "Last year, it was really rough sitting on the bench and seeing my teammates play without me, so winning this year is a really good feeling."

Last season it may have been Martin who wasn't able to suit up, but this time around, it was the Barons who were missing one of their key players. Junior guard Caroline Orza is B-CC's top scorer, but she was also forced to watch from the sidelines after suffering an undis-

closed injury against Whitman three days before the Barons faced Blair.

While Barons Head Coach Ryan Ingalls stated that Orza should be good to go for B-CC's next game against Einstein High School on Jan. 13, Ingalls acknowledged the effect that Orza's absence had on her team.

"She's a force, and having her on the court is a huge advantage, but I wasn't really worried about it at all necessarily," said Ingalls. "I know what we have and the depth that we have and the talent that we have on the team. It was really frustrating for us...I just felt that we were somewhat timid and just not playing our game tonight."

A defensive showdown resulted in a low-scoring affair for both sides as players created multiple turnovers. Whenever the Barons took the lead and threatened to pull away, the Blazers were never far behind. Martin (18 points) and junior guard Kate Hildebrandt (16 points) led the offensive charge with the tried-and-true formula of pushing through the B-CC defense for a layup.

Muscling through the Barons defense wasn't always as easy as Hildebrandt and Martin made it seem, though. B-CC forced Blair to use up all of the shot clock on several occasions as the Blazers tried in vain to get a good look and find the open shot.

Both offenses stalled in the second quarter as players from both teams intercepted errant passes and

generated turnovers. That defensive focus resulted in just seven total points in the second quarter, and the Barons entered halftime with a three-point lead.

B-CC maintained that lead through the third quarter as sophomore forward Nora Fairbanks-Lee waited for a pass in the paint before going up for a layup. Fairbanks-Lee led her team with 14 points, and senior guard Jessica Katz wasn't far behind with 11 points.

The Barons gave up the lead in the final quarter after Martin drove through the lane for the go-ahead layup. Blair hadn't been in the lead since the beginning of the game. Something about those numbers changing on the scoreboard seemed to reenergize the Blazers. Blair orchestrated an unanswered 7-0 scoring run and started to pull away.

Katz landed back to back 3-pointers to pull the Barons closer, but it wasn't enough. Blair committed a shot clock violation late in the game, but even that wasn't enough to keep the Blazers from clicking on all cylinders.

A hook shot by Hildebrandt drew cheers from the crowd, and soon the home team was ahead by the biggest lead either squad had seen all day.

The sound of the buzzer meant that the Blazers had improved to 9-1, a feat that is in line with Blair Head Coach Amy Ferguson's goals for the season.



PHOTO BY GEORGE SMITH

Montgomery Blair High School guard Kate Hildebrandt attempts a layup during a high school girls basketball game against Bethesda-Chevy Chase (B-CC) High School on Jan. 10 on Silver Spring.

"We're just not intimidated by anyone. We knew they were going to play man-to-man against us, and we just ask any team to come to play man-to-man against us," said Fergu-

son. "We're just going to continue to push and make our name. We didn't really have a good season last year, so we're just making a name for ourselves in the county."

Margarites' late layup leads Wootton to road win over Wildcats

By Harry Lichtman
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BETHESDA – Junior Will Margarites' go-ahead layup late in the fourth quarter was enough to help lead the Wootton High School boys basketball team to a 64-63 win over Walter Johnson High School on Jan. 13.

Margarite's game-winner gave the Patriots their second win in three games. Defeating Walter Johnson was extra motivating as both teams played a tight affair, thrilling fans in attendance. The junior hit his clutch layup with under 15 seconds to go and with Wootton down by one point. Following the victory, Margarites expressed joy about the win and hopes it will push them forward for more success in the season.

"It felt good," said Margarites. "I got a good pass from Jack Moskowitz, and it was just cool. I'm just happy for all of us."

Early in the first quarter, Wootton burst through with a 9-2 lead that increased to 15-8 thanks in large part to six different Patriots scoring a single bucket. However, in the second half, the Wildcats began to catch up,



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Wootton High School junior Will Margarites attempts a shot during a boys basketball game on Jan. 13 in Bethesda.

as they stayed aggressive on defense while nailing their shots behind the arc. Senior Kai Holloway made three 3-pointers, while fellow senior Bealu

Bezaben sunk in two more as Walter Johnson scored 22 points in the second quarter alone.

Wootton held on to a seven-point lead heading into halftime, as Margarites was already the team's leading scorer with 10 first-half points.

"It was stressful," said Margarites. "It was fun to play out there. I'm just proud of all our guys pulling out the win."

The intense tempo from both teams continued onto the third quarter, as Bezaben and his junior teammate Phil Stubin went off for Walter Johnson, bringing them closer to tying the game. By the end of the contest, Stubin led the way with 19 points, while Bezaben put up 15 points.

"They've been our two top scorers the whole year," said Wildcats Head Coach Kevin Parrish. "They just continue to do what they always do. They bring it every game, they played well tonight, and they gave us a chance to win."

However, Wootton still got some strong offensive production, especially from Margarites, who added eight more points in the third

quarter. The Patriots led 54-46, heading into the fourth.

The final quarter was when the Wildcats truly showed their resilience by nailing a few clutch 3-pointers, reducing their deficit to three points.

The final 90 seconds brought on a wild sequence after Walter Johnson missed multiple shots until junior Charlie Newman nailed a 3-pointer to put his team ahead 63-62 with 1:08 to go.

"We hadn't had the lead the whole game," said Parrish. "So when he gave us that, there was still way too much time."

Walter Johnson believed it had gotten a clutch defensive rebound after a Wootton missed attempt, but game officials made a jump ball call, leading to the Patriots retaining possession. This led to Margarites' layup that gave the lead back to the Patriots. Wildcats quickly racing down the court as Stubin attempted a potential game-winning shot. However, the ball rattling in and out of the hoop as time expired, giving the visitors the win.

"It definitely hurts," said Stubin. "We had them at the end. Couple bad

calls. Couple unlucky bounces. If things went another way, we would be celebrating, but unfortunately, that's not the situation."

According to Wootton Head Coach Erick Graves, the game could have gone either way and gave credit to Walter Johnson, who was missing several players for illnesses and injuries. However, earning a close road win was essential for their season going forward. Margarites scored a team-high 23 points, earning praise from Graves after the game as well.

"That's always a good feeling," Graves said. "You've got a lot of trust in him. He's been a leader for us coming in. He's got the ability to make his teammates better at the same time to go ahead and make the big shot when needed."

Despite the loss, Parrish was proud of how his depleted team played through the adversity of missing players. They will look to bounce back when they face Bethesda-Chevy Chase on Jan. 17.

"Obviously disappointed that we lost," said Parrish. "We were a little shorthanded tonight. We've got three guys with the flu. I think it showed on rebounding and defense."

SPORTS

Poolesville, Bullis excel at the Dorsey Duals, B-CC wins tri-meet

By Lem Satterfield
Special to The Sentinel

Last season, Poolesville High School junior wrestler Colin Savage seemed destined to win a Class 2A-1A state title.

Savage won his first-county tournament became a regional runner-up and third at states as a sophomore. As a freshman, Savage was finished third at counties, a regional champ and placed fifth at states.

He followed those performances by pinned all four of his county tournament opponents, including Class 4A-3A West Region champion Nicholas McCarthy of Richard Montgomery High School in 3:21 of their semifinal bout. He also defeated Bethesda-Chevy Chase (B-CC) High School's Jeo Martinez of in 1:22 of their title bout.

But Savage suffered a season-ending leg injury during his regional semifinal bout, relegating him to the role of spectator at states.

"That was such a disappointment not to be able to finish the season and to be in the state tournament," said Savage, who went 42-4 and earned First-Team All-County honors. "I've been taking it one match at a time, but my mindset right now is to get back to the states and finish off strong."

Now, as a junior, Savage certainly looked a champion at the Jan. 10-11 Dorsey Duals Tournament at Poolesville High School, where the 160-pounder went 10-0, earned Outstanding Upperweight Wrestler and led his squad to a runner-up finish to Middletown of Frederick County.

Savage improved 31-1 for the season and 157-17 for his career, with junior teammate Kevin Fultz (138) and senior Xavier Kresslein (170) also finishing at 10-0 to improve to 28-3 and 32-0.

The Bullis School went 7-2 and finished third at the Duals, with freshmen Enzo Bell (106), junior NaSir Wilkinson (120), freshman Meyer Shapiro (126), junior Gene Quodala (145) and senior Austin Brown (182) all going undefeated in



PHOTO BY MIKE CLARK

Poolesville High School wrestler Xavier Kresslein takes down Richard Montgomery High School's William Garner during a 170-pound weight class match on Jan. 11 at the 2020 Dorsey Duals in Poolesville.

their bouts.

Bell had eight falls and was named Outstanding Lowerweight, improving his overall record to 29-1. Wilkinson is 28-5, Shapiro, 34-3. Quodala, 24-4, and Brown, 26-5. Brown pinned eight opponents for the "Most Pins in the Least Time" award; his total mat time was 2 minutes, 55 seconds.

In other news, B-CC swept the host Churchill High School, 48-18, and Damascus, 43-31, in a tri-meet on Jan. 11. Barons senior Christian Simpson had never experienced a victory against a Damascus High wrestler, nor had his head coach, Nick Arnone, done so either.

Simpson's first-period fall tied both team scores at 31-all with two bouts remaining. It was the start of a come-from-behind, three-pin rally, and being followed by freshman and sophomore teammates Sam Moffitt (113) and Ike Guttentag (120) to seal the victory.

"My coaches told me not to

play around and to go out and pin him. I took him down, got on top, and slammed on a crossface for the cradle, but he got out the first time. (The) second time I got him and was able to finish him," said Simpson, who earned a major decision against the Bulldogs.

"When I got up and looked over at the bench, everybody on my team was going crazy. I've placed second at counties the past two years and fourth and third at regions the past two years. But I think this is my first match I've won against a Damascus wrestler. I've lost twice to (Hornets' wrestlers) Silas Patton, and once to Michael Emerick, so this feels pretty special."

Also registering falls for the Barons were senior Jeo Martinez (145), junior Drew Guttentag (152) and senior Evan Wasserman (160), with Martinez securing his 100th victory. The Barons rose to 20-2 on the year by beating the Hornets, who defeated the Bulldogs, 40-31.

"Over the last decade, B-CC has had some really good teams, but we've always been second fiddle to Damascus," Arnone said. "All week, we talked about how it's 'our turn,' and that we needed to capitalize on our opportunities. They made us work for it, but it was nice for this team to finally get the 'monkey off our back' and notch a win over the Hornets."

The "Swarmin' Hornets," 17-time defending county champions, went 26-0 last year to win their seventh straight state duals crown – the Class 2A version – following two consecutive 25-0 seasons.

However, the invincibility went away as Damascus was 4-0 before losing twice in one day on Dec. 14. The loss ended the nation's longest winning streak at 182 and was the first victory over a Damascus squad by a Maryland team since Wootton in 2012.

Meanwhile, on the same day, the Barons ended the defending

Class 4A state duals champion Springbrook' 19-match winning streak, a year after the Blue Devils had gone 25-1.

"I've got nothing but respect and admiration for the Damascus wrestling program. The run they've had over the last eight years is a direct result of Coach (John) Furgerson, (Ed) Obendorfer and (Troy) Lawrence and the work they've put into that program," said Arnone.

"The dynasty they've created, in my opinion, started years ago when they put in the time with their youth programs. Year in and year out, they're a top team in the state, and that's because they reload instead of rebuild."

The Guttentags also pinned against the Bulldogs as did Wasserman and Jeo Martinez, with Jeo's twin, Fabio Martinez (132), earning a pair of major decisions on the day. The Barons' Alhassane Kouyate (220) made a critical 8-6 decision, which tied the overall match with the Hornets at 25-all with four bouts remaining.

Jeo Martinez improved to 21-0, Drew Guttentag, to 13-0, Ike Guttentag to 21-1, and Fabio Martinez to 19-3.

"This weekend was hyped up to be an epic weekend of wrestling, and I don't think it disappointed. We obviously had a big showdown with Damascus, but it was important that we didn't overlook Churchill," said Arnone. "Wrestling Churchill in the region finals the last two years, we knew they were a team that we couldn't look past."

Winning twice for the Hornets were senior state champion Timothy Furgerson (285) and junior Sam O'Brian (285) with a pair of pins apiece, third-place state finishers junior Michael Emmerick (138) and senior Aiden Beall (182) each with a pin and a technical fall, and junior Colton DelValle (126) with a pin and a major decision.

The Bulldogs' lone double-winner for the Bulldogs was Vincent Barnaba, who registered a fall at 170 versus the Hornets and a decision at 182 against the Barons.

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SPORTS

Rockets hold off Gaithersburg in gutsy performance



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By Harry Lichtman
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ROCKVILLE – Two Montgomery County high school basketball powerhouses faced off on Jan. 10 as Richard Montgomery hosted Gaithersburg.

The game lived up to the hype as Trojans junior Jao Ituka (bottom left) tied the game with a 3-pointer late, but Rockets junior Jabrill Robinson hit one of two free throws to lead Richard Montgomery to a thrilling 74-73 victory.

“I knew I had to hit it,” Robinson said. “Game was close. In the back of my mind, I knew I had to make it, so I tried to keep my composure and knock it down.”

Richard Montgomery (9-2) took control early, taking a 12-7 lead in the first quarter thanks to its defense stepping up and containing Ituka to only two points. However, the Trojans got their groove going in the second quarter, thanks to five points from the junior, followed by eight points by senior Jahdel Darego.

While Gaithersburg (6-3) took over the lead, Richard Montgomery’s offense was on fire from behind the arc. Together with the increased pres-

sure by their defense, the Rockets regained the lead and entered halftime with a 34-28 advantage.

“They are physical, strong,” said Robinson. “We had to try to muscle our way to the rim, box out. We pulled through Ituka at the end.”

Gaithersburg junior Mandela Tarke emerged in the second half and, together along with Ituka, kept the Trojans in the contest. With his imposing presence on offense, Tarke finished with a team-high 26 points.

Late in the fourth quarter and down by three points, Gaithersburg tied the game at 73-all when Ituka nailed a 3-pointer. On the ensuing possession, Robinson drove to the hoop going for the go-ahead layup but got fouled with four seconds remaining.

Robinson hit the second of two free throws to put the Rockets ahead by one point. Ituka, who scored 17 points, attempted a last-second, game-winning shot before time expired. However, the ball bounced off the rim, causing a celebration on the Richard Montgomery bench.

Robinson and his fellow junior teammate Kordell Lewis finished the night with 13 and 15 points, respectively.

