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Anne Arundel County

Downs Park

8311 John Downs Loop

Pasadena, MD 21122

Note: Fireworks on July 3rd at 9:15 p.m.

Baltimore City

Inner Harbor

Baltimore, MD

Note: Able to watch fireworks from Canton, Fell's Point and Federal Hill

Baltimore County

Baltimore Country Club

11500 Mays Chapel Road

Lutherville, MD

The Berge

2330 Seneca Road

Middle River, MD

Note: Rain date is on July 5th.

Catonsville High School

421 Bloomsbury Avenue

Catonsville, MD

Note: Rain date is on July 5th.

Fullerton Elementary School

4208 Fullerton Avenue

Fullerton, MD

Note: Rain date is on July 5th.

Grange Elementary School

2000 Church Road

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Dundalk, MD

Note: Rain date is on July 5th.

Loch Raven Academy

8101 LaSalle Road

Towson, MD

Note: Rain date is on July 5th.

Oregon Ridge Park

13401 Beaver Dam Road

Cockeysville, MD

Note: Fireworks on July 3rd and July 4th.

The Suburban Club

7600 Park Heights Avenue

Baltimore, MD

Note: Fireworks on July 3rd. Rain date is on July 5th.

Woodholme Country Club

300 Woodholme Avenue

Pikesville, MD

Note: Fireworks on July 3rd. Rain date is on July 5th.

Calvert County

Chesapeake Beach Fireworks

In front of Rod-N-Reel

4160 Mears Avenue

Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732

Note: Fireworks on July 3rd at dusk.

Solomons Fireworks

Solomans Riverwalk, Solomans

Note: Fireworks at dusk.

Fireworks Cruise

Calvert Marine Museum

14200 Solomans Island Road

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Note: Fireworks at 8 p.m.

Carroll County

Carroll County Farm Museum

500 South Center Street

Westminster, MD

Note: Fireworks at 9:30 p.m.

Cecil County

Fourth of July Fireworks

Meadow Park, Delaware Avenue, Elkton

Note: Fireworks from 7 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Charles County

Charles County Independence Day Fireworks Display

Charles County Fairgrounds

8440 Fairground Road

La Plata, MD

Indian Head Annual 4th of July Celebration

Village Green Park

100 Walter Thomas Road

Indian Head, MD 20640

Frederick County

Baker Park

Second and Bentz Streets

Frederick, MD

Harford County

Bel Air High School

100 Heighe Street

Bel Air, MD

Howard County

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10221 Wincopin Circle

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Columbia, MD

Montgomery County

Montgomery County Fairgrounds

16 Chesnut Street

Gaithersburg, MD

Montgomery College, Rockville Campus

51 Mannakee Street

Rockville, MD

Note: Fireworks at 9:30 p.m.

Albert Einstein High School

11135 Newport Mill Road

Kensington, MD

Note: Fireworks at 9:15 p.m.

Takoma Park Middle School

7611 Piney Branch Road

Takoma Park, MD

Note: Fireworks at 9:30 p.m.

Prince George's (PG) County

College Park

Fireworks at 9 p.m.

Six Flags America

Mitchellville, MD

Allen Pond Park

Bowie, MD

P.G. County Stadium

4101 NE Crain Highway

Bowie, MD

Buddy Attick Park

555 Crescent Road

Greenbelt, MD

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Granville Gude Park

Laurel Lake

8300 Mulberry Street

Laurel, MD

St. Mary's County

Freedom Fest 2009

St. Mary's County Fairgrounds

42455 Fairgrounds Road

Leonardtown, MD 20650

River Concert and Fireworks

St. Mary's College of MD

MD Route 5

St. Mary's City, MD 20686

Note: Fireworks on July 3rd at 7 p.m.

Washington D.C.

National Mall

Washington D.D., MD

Fireworks at 9:15 p.m.

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Two artists share MAC galleries Chronicle, The

06/26/2009

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Sudduth is a longtime resident of Marion and began painting seriously in the last 13 years. She is a member of the Providence Art Club and the Westport Art Group. She has studied at RISD and has taken workshops with Paul George and Charles Reid. She enjoys going to workshops in other towns in the United States and Europe. 'It is fun to settle in and get to know the town where I'm painting, the people, the food, the early morning walks are all part of the fun as well as other painters I meet,' Sudduth says. Her paintings reflect the joy and beauty she sees all around her and works in both watercolors and oils. Sudduth keeps art supplies in her car, enabling her to paint year-round in all kinds of weather. Her work may be seen at her Web site, cpsudduth@comcast.net.

Hirons grew up in Mattapoisett and lived in Marion after graduating from college. While she has lived in the Washington, D.C., area for more than 30 years, she returns every summer and at Christmas, painting outside in the summer and taking photos in the winter.

Hirons' pastel landscapes, thus are a combination of observation and memory, of literal and figurative reflections. Her subject matter is what she considers to be the essence of the SouthCoast of Massachusetts the gentle coastline with its cedars and marshes, as well as the homes and towns of the area that retain integrity and charm. Hirons particularly values the 'old' Mattapoisett the few remaining farms, the working pier, and the older, unadorned houses. The artist also loves the rolling hills of Dartmouth and Westport along the Slocum and Westport Rivers.

Hirons creates her landscapes in pastel, a medium that enables a more intimate, tactile approach to painting. Because pastel is the purest of artist's materials, the colors are more brilliant than any other medium. The small crystals of pastel capture the light, creating a sensation unlike that of oil or watercolor. Her preferred surface is a lightweight board on which she brushes a pumice gel. The irregular brush strokes and texture of the surface create a dynamic base that facilitates stronger compositions.

Hirons is a signature member of the Pastel Society of America and the current president of the Maryland Pastel Society. She is an adjunct professor at Montgomery College in Rockville, Md., where she resides. She has a BFA from Marietta College in Ohio, and a master's in library science from the University of Rhode Island. Before retiring, Hirons worked at the Library of Congress. She was a librarian for 30 years, beginning her career at UMass Dartmouth (then SMU). Her work is represented by the Waverly Street Gallery in Bethesda, Md., and Collyer's Gallery in Mattapoisett and can be viewed on her Web site at www.jeanhirons.com.

The exhibition will be on display in both galleries at Main and Pleasant streets through July 22. Summer gallery hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays, and noon to 4 p.m. Sundays. Admission is free.

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BlackRock Center Offers Free Summer Concerts

Charlotte Sommers, artistic director of the BlackRock Center for the Arts, recently announced the lineup for BlackRock's free summer concert series.

The performances will be at 7 p.m. Saturdays through Aug. 15, except for the July 4 performance, which will start at 6 p.m. All will be on the center's outdoor stage.

Several BlackRock favorites will return for the summer season, including the Hawaiian-flavored swing band the Hula Monsters; blues artist Cathy Ponton King; the popular oldies band the U.S. Navy Cruisers; and the D.C. roots-rock band the Nighthawks, as well as several newcomers.

On Aug. 15, the final summer date, BlackRock will launch its 2009-10 season with the BlackRock Blast-Off! It's a day of sample classes, exhibitions and arts activities, culminating with a family performance by the Grammy Award-winning folk duo Cathy Fink and Marcy Marxer. The classes will be from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.; the concert will begin at 7 p.m.

The following artists will perform during the free summer concert series:

- July 4, 6 p.m. -- the Olney Big Band, a traditional big band that performs American swing, dance and jazz music.
- July 11, 7 p.m. -- Hula Monsters. Sponsored by Whole Foods Kentlands, this performance will feature swing music with a Hawaiian flavor and a repertoire that includes Hawaiian, rockabilly, blues, country and jazz standards.
- July 18, 7 p.m. -- Soul in Motion. This dance and drumming ensemble explores the richness of African culture.
- July 25, 7 p.m. -- blues singer Cathy Ponton King.
- Aug. 1, 7 p.m. -- the U. S. Navy Cruisers, in a performance sponsored by Navy Federal Credit Union Real Estate Lending and Business Account Services, will perform oldies from the '50s and '60s, classic rock, rhythm and blues and Motown favorites, as well as current Top 40 hits.
- Aug. 8, 7 p.m. -- the Nighthawks, one of the Washington region's original roots-rock bands, will perform blues, rock and soul, with some rockabilly and swing mixed in.
- Aug. 15, 7 p.m. -- fourth annual BlackRock Blast-Off! Fink and Marxer will perform family, folk and pop songs. The sample class portion of the Blast-Off runs from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Audience members are encouraged to bring chairs or blankets; seats are not provided on the outdoor stage lawn. Picnic dinners are welcome. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted.

For information, call the center at 301-528-2260 or go to <http://www.blackrockcenter.org>. BlackRock Center for the Arts is at 12901 Town Commons Dr. in Germantown, near Middlebrook Road and Route 118.

Imagination Stage, the Bethesda-based theater dedicated to children, announced its six-show 2009-10 season last week.

The professional plays for family audiences will include two world premieres commissioned and developed by Imagination Stage. Another special feature is a swashbuckling summer first -- a pirate repertory: 'How I Became a Pirate,' for the very youngest theatergoers, and 'Pirates! A Boy at Sea,' for age 7 and older.

The 2009-10 season marks the 30th anniversary of Imagination Stage, which began as a small arts education organization in 1979 and has grown with community support. Special celebratory events will be held throughout the season. The 2009-10 season shows are: -- 'Ferdinand the Bull' -- Sept. 26 to Nov. 1. This musical was commissioned and premiered by Imagination Stage in 2001. -- Disney's 'Mulan' -- Nov. 25 to Jan. 10. This musical is based on the 1998

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Disney film of the same name and the story 'Fa Mulan' by Robert D. San Souci. -- 'Peter and the Wolf' -- Feb. 6 to March 21. This familiar musical story, based on the tale by Sergei Prokofiev, is expanded for the stage, with theatrical movement and original songs. -- 'The Dancing Princesses' -- April 17 to May 30. Imagination Stage commissioned this world premiere, a fresh take on a Grimm fairy tale. Set in the Roaring '20s, the story reveals what happens when a grief-stricken king bans dancing and his daughters discover a magical world where jazz music, the Charleston and the departed mother's spirit are alive and well. -- 'How I Became a Pirate' -- June 23 to Aug. 15, 2010. The story of little Jeremy Jacobs's encounter on the beach with a motley crew of pirates. -- 'Pirates! A Boy at Sea' -- July 6 to Aug. 15, 2010. Imagination Stage commissioned this comic drama, set in 1718 on the high seas, in which Capt. McGovern is pursuing a famous female pirate and treasure hunter. Jim, a modern boy, magically finds himself in the middle of the conflict.

Shows run about 90 minutes, with one intermission. Performance times are 1:30 and 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. There also will be some 11 a.m. Saturday performances.

The shows are all performed in the Annette M. and Theodore N. Lerner Family Theatre. Single-ticket prices range from \$10 to \$21. Details on discount ticket packages are at <http://www.imaginationstage.org>.

Gaithersburg's Cultural Arts Advisory Committee is inviting artists and art organizations to submit applications for an exhibition at one of four art galleries: the Arts Barn, Kentlands Mansion, the Activity Center at Bohrer Park and the City Hall Gallery.

Applications are available for the 2010 exhibition season. Artists' work will be selected by a jury committee, and group and individual shows may be exhibited.

The application deadline is 5 p.m. July 10. Application forms and information can be downloaded from the city's Web site, <http://www.gaithersburgmd.gov/artsbarn>, or can be obtained by contacting gallery curator Natalya Parris at 301-258-6364, 301-258-6350 or ornparris@gaithersburgmd.gov.

The Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County last week honored Elena Hutchinson, a senior at Richard Montgomery High School, with the 2009 Ida F. Haimovicz Visual Arts Award.

Hutchinson received a \$3,000 cash award during a reception June 9 for her solo exhibition at the Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation Arts Center at Montgomery College's Takoma Park-Silver Spring campus.

Hutchinson's work is inspired by mythology and antiquity. Her work attempts to find ways to represent age-old themes through unexpected mediums or styles and to mix the old and new, the traditional and unconventional. Hutchinson's extracurricular activities during high school included four years on the 'It's Academic' team and one year as its publicity member.

The Ida F. Haimovicz Visual Arts Award is in its 12th year and was established by the family of the late Ida F. Haimovicz to support a Montgomery County high school senior who intends to pursue a career in visual arts.

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Calendar

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To have community events listed free in The Potomac Almanac, send e-mail to almanac@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday at noon for the following weeks paper. Photos and artwork encouraged. Unless otherwise noted, all events are in Potomac. For more information, call 703-917-6407.

Ongoing

The Bethesda Farmers Market will be open Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Veterans Park, corner of Norfolk and Woodmont Avenues, through Oct. 31. Visit www.bethesda.org or 301-215-6660.

GlasScene, An Exhibition of Fine Art Glass, June 6 to July 5. Popcorn Gallery at Glen Echo, 7300 Mac Arthur Blvd., Glen Echo, Maryland. Opening Reception: June 6 from 4 to 6 p.m. Gallery Hours: 12 to 6 PM Saturdays and Sundays and by appointment - 301-634-2273.

Potomac River Ramble. Four-day paddling event, canoeing and kayaking expedition featuring riverside camping, catered meals, live music, restoration projects and environmental education. Experienced river guides will lead participants along the Monocacy Scenic River, under the Monocacy Aqueduct and down the Potomac River, ending at McKee-Beshers Wildlife Management Area near Potomac Falls, Va. Sponsored by the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin and by River and Trail Outfitters of Knoxville, Md. Visit www.potomacriver.org or call 301-984-1908.

June 26-28

'Don't Dress for Dinner.' A delicious, side-splitting farce presented by the Potomac Theatre Company. Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. At Bullis School, Flair Family Center for the Arts, 10601 Falls Road, Potomac. Adults \$20, seniors/students \$18. Pre-paid groups of 10 or more: 20% off. Reservations: 301 299-8571.

Friday/June 26

Diggin' the Bone Pit. 10-11 a.m. Death is part of the cycle of life. But what happens to dead things? Come explore our 'bone pit' to find out. For ages 5-16. Cost is \$4. At Locust Grove Nature Center, 7777 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda. Register for programs at www.ParkPASS.org or call 301-765-8660.

Explore Wild Montgomery County. 9:30 a.m. to noon. Discover beautiful public places close to home. Learn fascinating natural history from our experts. All programs are free but require registration. For ages 18-up. At Locust Grove Nature Center, 7777 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda. Register for programs at www.ParkPASS.org or call 301-765-8660.

'You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown' will open Friday, June 26 and continue through Saturday, Aug. 8 at Adventure Theatre, 7300 MacArthur Blvd, Glen Echo, Md. An American Sign Language (ASL) interpreted performance is Saturday, Aug. 8 at 4 p.m. \$12 for children, \$15 for adults, group discounts available. For tickets: Visit us online at www.adventuretheatre.org, or call the box office at 301-634-2270.

Starring in this production is 2008 Helen Hayes Award Nominee for Lead Actor in a Musical Andrew Sonntag (Charlie Brown), 2004 and 2008 Helen Hayes Award Nominee for Featured Actress in a Musical Lauren Williams (Sally), and DC (and Adventure Theatre) favorites Kurt Boehm (Snoopy), and Emily Levey (Lucy).

Saturday/June 27

Heritage Days Celebration. Noon to 4 p.m. As part of Montgomery County's Heritage Days celebration, the Spanish Ballroom will feature a display of panels that tell the story of Glen Echo Parks history from the late 1800s to 1960. Listen to a brief talk on the history of the ballroom, take a free dance lesson, and tour the entire park with a National Park Service ranger. The Parks historic Dentzel carousel will be open. Call 301-634-2222 or visit www.glenechopark.org.

Zydeco Dance Party. Introductory Zydeco Dance lesson from 8-9 p.m. Dancing from 9 p.m. to midnight. With the band Yankee Zydeco Company. At the Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo Park. \$15 admission. Call Michael Hart at 301-762-

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6730 or Glen Echo Park at 301-634-2222, or go to www.DancingbytheBayou.com. Glen Echo Park is located at 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo, Md.

Sunday/June 28

Thrift Shop Half Price Sales. Noon to 4 p.m. The Montgomery County Thrift Shop, 7125-27 Wisconsin Ave., in Bethesda, will hold two half price sale days on two Sundays June 14 and June 28, from noon to 4 p.m. Everything in the shop, with the exception of consignment merchandise, will be half price. Go to www.MoCoThrift.org.

Slow Blues and Swing Dance. Slow Blues lesson from 7-8:30 p.m. Dancing from 8:30-11 p.m. At the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, Md. Big Boy Little Band. \$17 for workshop and dance; \$12 for dance only. Call Donna Barker at 301-634-2231 or Glen Echo Park at 301-634-2222; send e-mail to dbarker@glenechopark.org or visit www.DanceDC.com. The Glen Echo National Park is located at 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo, MD 20812.

June 30

Tuesday in the Park. 11a.m.-noon. Join a park Naturalist at the Cabin John Regional Park playground to explore what's happening outside. For ages 1-12. At Locust Grove Nature Center, 7777 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda. Register for programs at www.ParkPASS.org or call 301-765-8660.

Thursday/July 2

Slow Blues and Swing Dance. Lesson 8:30-9 p.m. and Dancing from 9-11:30 p.m. Capital Blues hosts Slow Blues and Swing Dancing in the Back Room (East Addition) at Glen Echo Park. With DJ Mike Marcotte and Guests. Call Donna Barker at 301-634-2231 or go to info@CapitalBlues.org or www.CapitalBlues.org. The Back Room entrance is located on the far left side of the Spanish Ballroom. The Glen Echo National Park is at 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo, MD 20812.

Saturday, July 4

Potomac 5K Run. 8 a.m. The ninth annual Autism Speaks Potomac 5K Run, 1-Mile Walk will benefit Autism Speaks. Last year, 104 teams helped raise \$250,000. Specifics: 7:30 a.m. Pre-race warm-up (with professional trainer Fred Foster); 8 a.m. 5K road race; 8:05 a.m. 1 mile walk. Starts at Potomac Library at the intersection of River and Falls Roads in Potomac, Md. Entry fee is \$30 in advance, \$40 on the day. Children ages 14 and under is \$15. Packet Pick-Up will take place on Friday July 3 from 4 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at the Potomac United Methodist Church (intersection of Falls and South Glen Road). Online registration and fund-raising tools are available at: www.potomac5K.org.

Fireworks Display. Germantown Glory will be held at the SoccerPlex in the South Germantown Recreational Park, 18041 Central Park Circle. A concert by Bobby and the Believers will begin at 7 p.m., with fireworks at approximately 9:30 p.m. Call 240-777-6820.

Fireworks Display. Mid-County Sparkles will be held at Albert Einstein High School, 11135 Newport Road, Kensington. Call 240-777-8115.

Sunday/July 5

Waltz Dance. 3:30-6 p.m. At the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park. Introductory Waltz Workshop 3-3:30 p.m. Dance from 3:30-6 p.m. The band Rhapsody will perform. Call Joan Koury at 202-238-0230 or Glen Echo Park at 301-634-2222, go to www.WaltzTimeDances.org or e-mail info@WaltzTimeDances.org. The Glen Echo National Park is located at 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo.

Medicinal Plant Walk. 10-11:30 a.m. At River Center at Lockhouse 8, C&O Canal National Historical Park, 7906 Riverside Ave. Cabin John, Md.

July 6 to Aug. 15

'Pirates! A Boy at Sea.' At Imagination Stage. Performances on Saturdays and Sundays at 1:30 p.m. 4 p.m. Some Saturday 11 a.m. performances as well. Tickets from \$10-\$21. Visit <http://www.imaginationstage.org>.

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'Magic Toy Shop.' 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. At the Puppet Co. Playhouse. \$5/adults and children. Running time is 30 minutes. At Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Call 301-634-5380.

Northwest Boychoir of Seattle. Forty singers ages 9-14. At 7:30 p.m. A 90-minute concert featuring sacred favorites as well as secular and patriotic songs. There is a free-will offering to benefit Community Ministries of Rockville. Under the direction of Joseph Crnko. At Christ Episcopal Church, 107 South Washington St., Rockville. Go to www.nwchoirs.org/

Saturday/July 11

Pianist Michael Adcock. 3 p.m. Presented by the Washington Conservatory of Music as part of the grand opening celebration and open house of The Washington Conservatory at Glen Echo Park. Adcock will perform music by Spanish, South American, and Spanish-influenced composers. Glen Echo Park is located at 7300 MacArthur Boulevard in Bethesda, near the intersection of MacArthur Blvd. and Goldsboro Rd. The Washington Conservatory at Glen Echo Park is in the South Arcade of the Park (by Adventure Theatre.) Call 301-320-2770 and www.washingtonconservatory.org

Artist's Reception. 4-6 p.m. New Photographs and Paintings by Ruth Neubauer and Karen Van Allen. At the Yellow Barn Gallery, Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Show runs July 10-12, noon to 5 p.m.

Sing-Along Celebration. 8 p.m. Join song leader Elise Kress and guitarist Lawrence Brand for a fun evening singing along to your favorite songs from the 50s, 60s, 70s and 80s, from pop, folk, country, and rock & roll classics. The Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. Go to www.SingAlongCelebration.com Tickets: \$20. Call 301-639-7608.

Potomac Conservancy picnic. 4-7 p.m. At Carderock Pavilion, Carderock, Md . Admission is free, but bring a potluck dish. If your last name ends in: A-E, bring an appetizer; F-J, bring a main dish; K-P, bring a dessert; Q-Z, bring an salad. The Potomac River Ramblers will fill the air with bluegrass and country music. Call Monica Lyman at lyman@potomac.org; 301-608-1188, x205.

The Bethesda Artist Market. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event will feature fine art and craft for sale by local and regional artists including painting, photography, jewelry, wood, glass and ceramics. Held in the Bethesda Place Plaza, at the elevated plaza at the corner of Old Georgetown Road and Woodmont Avenue.

Free Practice Tests. 9 a.m. For SAT and ACT. By Summit Educational Group. At Quince Orchard High School in Gaithersburg. Visit www.mytutor.com or call a Summit Program Director at 1-800-MYTUTOR (800-698-8867).

Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad Appreciation Night at Bethesda Big Train Baseball. 7 p.m. Meet firefighters and rescuers and explore fire and rescue trucks while enjoying a baseball game. Free kids' fire hats. \$2-\$7; kids 5 and under free. Gates open at 6 p.m. Shirley Povich Field, Cabin John Regional Park, 10600 Westlake Drive, Bethesda. Call 301-983-1006 or www.bigtrain.org for tickets.

July 11-12

'All shook Up.' July 11-12, 17-19 and 24-26. At Montgomery College Summer Dinner Theatre. Tickets \$37/adults and \$27/ children 12 and under. Prices include the performance and a dinner buffet. At Friday and Saturday performances, the doors will open at 6:30 p.m., with a show time of 8:15 p.m. On Sunday, the buffet will open at 12:30 p.m., with a 2:15 p.m. show time. At Theatre Arts Arena on the Colleges Rockville Campus, located at 51 Mannakee Street, Rockville. Go to www.montgomerycollege.edu/sdt or call 240-567-7676.

Sunday/July 12

Zydeco Dance Party. 3:30-6 p.m. At the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park. Introductory Zydeco Dance Lesson from 3-3:30 p.m. dancing from 3:30-6 p.m. with the band Johnny Ace and Sidewalk Zydeco. Admission is \$15. Call Michael Hart at 301-762-6730 or Glen Echo Park at 301-634-2222, or go to www.DancingbytheBayou.com. The Glen Echo National Park is located at 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo, MD 20812.

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New Post columnist suggests circumferential Metro
<http://greatergreaterwashington.org/>

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Photo by dionhinchcliffe. Washington Post Metro editor Robert McCartney is the paper's newest Metro columnist, replacing Marc Fisher. In his inaugural column , McCartney recommends (among other things) a circumferential Metro line around the region. In a live chat , McCartney expands upon the reasons to make big investments in transit: 1) We've got to link up the spokes of the existing Metrorail line, to make commuting by transit more attractive and get cars off the road. It's absurd that

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Boy learns birthdays can bring great gifts for others Gazette, The

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Jake Hoffpauir didn't ask for cool stuff for his eighth birthday on June 15. He asked his friends to help make a difference.

'With all the families in need we talked and decided it was best to help others,' his mom, Kathryn Hoffpauir, wrote in an e-mail to The Gazette.

Jake and 24 of his generous friends donated more than \$500 to a charity that Jake chose because it helps children and families in his community: Germantown Help.

'It was his choice though. He could have chosen two friends and I would have taken him out on the town or he could have done this,' Kathryn said Friday.

On June 17, Jake, his sister Laura, 10, and his mom brought the donation to Germantown Help's Executive Director Cindy Majane.

'It made me feel good because I was helping out people who needed things,' Jake said Friday. Jake saw Germantown Help's pantry and noted that 'There was a lot of food. The most I saw was baked beans.'

Jake's friends helped him celebrate his birthday with a punt/pass/kick party and then some kickball. Way to go, Jake!

For more information about Germantown Help, visit www.germantownhelp.org, e-mail info@germantownhelp.org or call 301-482-1320.

Denim-overload

The generosity continues in Germantown. Students at Great Seneca Creek Elementary School donated more than 740 pair of denim jeans that will be recycled and turned into insulation through Cotton Inc.'s Cotton. From Blue to Green drive, according to Rachelle Roth, who organized the event with the school's PTA. Cotton Inc. set out to collect enough pairs of jeans and set a record in the Guinness Book of World Records for the largest collection of clothes to be recycled.

As of June 15, more than 20,443 pieces of denim had been collected, according to National Geographic Kids, which partnered on the project with Cotton Inc.

There is still time to get involved. Send denim attire by June 30 to: NG Kids / Set a Guinness World Record, P.O. Box 98001, Washington, D.C. 20090-8001. Send shipments that cannot be delivered to a P.O. box to: NG Kids / Set a Guinness World Record, 1145 17th St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20036.

A happy tune

Students at Roberto Clemente Middle School raised more than \$9,000 for their fellow classmates at a musical fundraiser this month.

Music students from the Germantown school performed popular songs 'unplugged' at BlackRock Center for the Arts in Germantown on June 12 to kick-off the school's charity. Roberto Clemente Community Services will supply students in need in the Clemente cluster with items to help them express themselves such as musical instruments, sports equipment and art supplies.

Over 200 people attended, and the students raised more than \$9,000 through ticket sales and a silent auction, according to music teacher Randi Levy. The school will have over \$8,000 after expenses to help homeless or needy students in the fall, she said.

'All in all it was a wonderful night with over 60 donated items auctioned,' Levy wrote in an e-mail to The Gazette. 'A little over 200 people were able to raise that kind of money in one evening. It was truly inspiring!'

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Campus Congratulations

Melanie E. Heida of Dickerson received high honors for the spring semester at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

Nurse recognized for work

Claude 'Skip' Margot of Germantown is a regional finalist for the 2009 Nursing Excellence Awards, which honors nurses from Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C.

Several nursing leaders at Shady Grove nominated Margot in the 'Advancing and Leading the Profession category,' which recognizes nurses who have made contributions that advance and strengthen the nursing profession or the delivery of patient care, according to a statement from the hospital.

Margot, who has nearly 30 years of nursing experience, has been the chief nursing executive at Shady Grove since March 2008. Prior to joining Shady Grove, he was the chief nursing officer at Bon Secours Hospital in Baltimore.

Music by the river

Sugarloaf Regional Trails, a nonprofit for people interested in preserving the Potomac River, Sugarloaf Mountain, and the rural way of life, will host Songs of the Civil War on Saturday.

Come out to Edwards Ferry from 2-4 p.m. where Doug Jimerson, opera vocalist, accompanied by a classically trained banjo and fiddle, will offer selections from his CDs, 'The Civil War Collection' and 'Jimerson Live at the Kennedy Center.'

The event is part of Montgomery Heritage Days. Members of Sugarloaf Regional Trails will be at Edwards Ferry noon to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday to answer questions about the historic site. For more information, contact President Peg Coleman at PleasantSS@aol.com or 301-972-3452.

To get to Edwards Ferry, at River and Edwards Ferry roads, Poolesville, take Fisher Avenue, which becomes Whites Ferry Road. Take the road toward Whites Ferry and turn left onto Edwards Ferry Road. Follow the Heritage Days signs.

Volunteer at golf tournament

The AT&T National Golf Tournament comes next week to the Congressional Country Club in Bethesda and organizers are looking for volunteers. Those who give their time get free admission the day they work, free parking and a free meal, as well as a chance to see their favorite golfers.

The tournament is Tuesday through July 5 at Congressional, 8500 River Road. Volunteers may work a shift at food concessions that earn money for nonprofits.

Shifts run from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. or from noon to close. Volunteer hours are certified for student service credits at Montgomery County Public Schools, he said. To sign up, go to www.traveltelevision.org and click on the 'Sign up for golf' icon.

A picnic to celebrate 20 years

The Greater Goshen Civic Association will mark its 20th year with a picnic from 4-7 p.m. Saturday.

The group was formed to preserve the history and quality of life in Goshen, according to a statement from the association. It represents homes and neighborhoods around the Goshen Branch of Great Seneca Creek.

The picnic is at Church of the Nazarene, 8921 Warfield Road. All former and current association members are invited. Reservations are required. Call 301-926-5008 or 301-670-0610 or email OurGGCA@hotmail.com.

Happy day

Waters Landing Elementary School's PTA celebrated the school's 20th anniversary with a spring fair last month.

Students and families enjoyed moon bounces, face painting, balloon animals and games, according to a statement from the PTA.

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The Germantown school's PTA would also like to congratulate the school's Maryland PTA Reflection Art Program winners. Vedant Jog received the Award of Excellence in Literature and Visual Arts, while Birgitt O'Connor received the Award of Merit in Photography. The Maryland PTA Lifetime Membership winners are parent Pam Wilson, parent Jeff Wilson and staff member Beth Glad.

Radio field day at MC

'Ham' radio operators will host a training field day where they will set up stations in obscure locations to see how many other stations around the world they can talk with.

There is a 24-hour period in which to make these contacts using emergency power generators, solar power, wind power or other forms of energy, according to a statement from the Montgomery Amateur Radio Club. Operators will use certain frequencies using HF, VHF, UHF radio signals to talk to others stations, satellites and the possible contact with the International Space Station and space shuttle.

Amateur radio operators and the public are invited to attend the Montgomery field day. The field day is 2 p.m. June 27 to 2 p.m. June 28 at Montgomery College-Germantown, 20200 Observation Drive.

Summer flicks

Poolesville has announced the line-up for its annual summer music series.

All concerts will be held at 7 p.m. at Whalen Commons, 19701 Fisher Ave. Picnics, blankets and lawn chairs welcome. Free. For more information, visit www.poolesville.com.

The schedule is: June 28: The Poolesville Band Project; July 5: Bill Euler; July 12: Doug Bell; July 26: Brian Gross; Aug. 2: Right On & Far Out; Aug. 9: Bill Euler; Aug. 16: Speed & Thro; Aug. 23: Ernie Bradley and the Grassy Ridge Band; Aug. 30: Off the Wall; Sept. 6: Doug Bell; Sept. 13: The Poolesville Band Project; Sept. 20: The Back Pages Band; and Sept. 27: Brian Gross.

Gone fishin'

Seneca Creek State Park, 11950 Clopper Road, Gaithersburg, is offering fishing lessons for parents and children.

The one day clinic, called 'Take Me Fishing' will be held at the park's boat center Saturday, July 11 and 25. The 2 1/2 hour program starts at 8:30 a.m and will go over fishing basics, such as knot tying, how to cast, and baiting your hook. The program will be guided by Seneca Creek State Park's boat center supervisor, Ted Manley.

This program is free, but requires reservations. Rods and reels are available for participants. All other fishing supplies will be provided by the park.

To register, call 301-963-8788.

Share your good news! Send submissions to Melissa A. Chadwick via e-mail at mchadwick@gazette.net, fax at 301-670-7183 or mail to The Germantown-Boyd-Poolesville Gazette, 9030 Comprint Court, Gaithersburg, MD 20877. Photos will be considered.

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Rockville loses All American City competition Gazette, The

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'It was an experience of a lifetime,' said Rockville spokeswoman Marylou Berg. 'Through the competition all of us sort of fell in love with Rockville all over again.'

Of the 32 finalists in the National Civic League's competition, 10 were declared winners.

'Unfortunately we weren't one of those 10,' Berg said. 'We came pretty close.'

The Denver, Colo.-based group awards cities for outstanding civic accomplishments, including creating jobs, revitalizing downtowns and reducing crime.

City officials submitted their application for the award based on their work with the Rockville Town Center revitalization, Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park in the King Farm neighborhood and the Youth Recreation Fund, which offers financial assistance for Rockville's youth to participate in recreation programs.

The award is considered the oldest and 'most prestigious community recognition award' in the country, according to the league's Web site.

Berg said it was too early to tell yet if the city will compete again next year.

'It's really contingent on the budget,' she said.

The trip cost the city \$38,500, which was approved by City Manager Scott Ullery and the Mayor and Council.

The city's delegation of 28 included 15 community members and city officials, including Mayor Susan R. Hoffmann and Councilwoman Anne M. Robbins, city officials said.

The city has won the award four times, most recently in 1978. Rockville was last a finalist in 1990.

City works to solve Montgomery College fence dispute

Rockville Mayor and Council instructed the city attorney Monday night to redraft a memorandum of understanding between Rockville and Montgomery College that would allow the school to use city land as part of a designated smoking area on campus.

The Council stopped short of telling city attorney Debra Yerg Daniel to re-engage Montgomery College in negotiations over the smoking area, but it was eager to take these first steps toward resolving the dispute.

The Mayor and Council members will e-mail Daniel in the next few days with their comments on the memorandum, taking into account their desire to tie the designation of a small patch of city land for college use to opening the fence at Princeton Place.

The college instituted a no smoking on school property policy in August 2008.

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Smokers began congregating on Princeton Place, a residential cul-de-sac adjacent to the college, after the college banned tobacco products. When residents complained of loitering smokers causing a nuisance, the college erected a six-foot-high fence.

Negotiations between the city, residents and college have been on hold for 10 weeks while divided community members try to agree on what kind of access they want at Princeton Place. Some want the fence to remain while others want it removed.

Mike Phillips, president of the College Gardens Civic Association, one of the neighborhood groups affected by the fence, said the city's action gives him hope.

'It's an opportunity to have some movement forward that we haven't had in the last 10 weeks,' he said.

Elise Gussow, president of the Plymouth Woods Condominium Association, agreed.

'The initiative seems to be moving in the right direction,' she said.

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'If she can be hired in the private sector, why can't she be hired in the system that trained her to be employable?' Holly Thompson said. 'They taught these kids to be educable and employable. Well, back it up a little bit and realize that they are young adults now and deserve to have a chance.'

Support for 20 years

After a child is diagnosed with autism or another developmental disability, federal law requires supporting services until graduation or age 21.

But families find a shock when that 20-year period ends.

'They just don't feel prepared,' Shawn Lattanzio, the county's program manager of a state initiative to help autistic students transition to adulthood.

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'You blink your eyes and it's there. You're used to the schools, where you have these new shiny things, and you go in some of the adult providers and maybe things aren't so shiny. School services and adult services are two different worlds,' Lattanzio said.

Students end high school either with a diploma or when they reach the maximum age of 21. Those students are awarded a 'certificate of attendance.' At graduation, they become eligible for fewer state programs.

The outlook can be grim, advocates and officials say. The waiting list for housing and other state services can be decades long. Doctors oftentimes balk at accepting Medicaid. Jobs are scarcer than for non-disabled people.

Several county and state agencies partner to make that transition as seamless as possible for the more than 5,500 students in Montgomery County between the ages of 14 and 21. The state gives priority to people in their first year out of school. The state's 'New Directions' program, launched in 2005, lets parents decide how to spend their children's funding.

Eighty-one of this year's special needs graduates eligible for long-term state funding will in the coming days find out what programs the Maryland Developmental Disabilities Administration will pay for, and what agency will provide the services.

All but a few will receive day service and possibly supported employment, Lattanzio said. The state pays for a fraction of the therapies, behavioral management and family supports that most had while in school.

The anchor that can steady the transition most is finding meaningful employment, advocates and parents say. But less than half of developmentally disabled adults in Maryland had jobs last year, according to a November report by Cornell University.

The economic downturn has reduced those opportunities further, Lattanzio said, as companies cut budgets and non-disabled workers take jobs that they might not have considered before.

Others are precluded from some or all jobs by the severity of their disability. Others still do not have reliable transportation to would-be job sites.

Systemic Shortfall

Ashley Thompson's case comes as MCPS is being buffeted with criticisms on a different front.

An April report from the county's Office of Legislative Oversight found that the school system's transitioning efforts boil down to two tracks: a 'work track' for certificate-bound students and a 'pass the HSA track' that focuses diploma-bound students on the state's High School Assessment test.

That comes at the expense of work-readiness for diploma-bound students, said Karen Leggett, chairwoman of the county's Transitioning Work Group, a panel of parents, advocates and providers and school, county and state officials.

'We like to think we're reaching a higher standard, and in theory, that's fine,' said Leggett, whose special needs daughter has struggled to find work since getting her certificate from Silver Spring's Blake High School in 2005. 'But in the process, we may be causing more dropouts or graduating a lot of students who are prepared for neither a post-secondary education nor a career.'

Nonetheless, advocates and parents are seeing cause for optimism.

Because developmentally disabled children are being diagnosed earlier and have more access to better therapies, future generations will be more functional and better prepared.

More and more, Lattanzio is seeing people far exceed the stereotypes that people with developmental disabilities are fit only for menial work.

'We do have a lot of folks at Giant doing the carts,' she said, but what people don't hear or see are the people she has placed in the National Institutes of Health mail room, or tagging inventory for busy commercial enterprises, or doing database entry for major corporations.

'We like to think that our people aren't pigeonholed anymore,' she said. 'I think we're changing attitudes.'

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Leggett points to several career-training programs at Montgomery College, a four-year program at George Mason University and a county program that has given government internships to 36 disabled people.

'Gradually we're seeing that change,' she said. 'It's pockets of change, though.'

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For Gryphons' Brusoe, pitching success is all about attitude Gazette, The

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For Gryphons' Brusoe, pitching success is all about attitude

by James Peters | Staff Writer

When asked to explain the success of left-handed pitcher Brian Brusoe this past spring, Montgomery College-Germantown coaches Dan Rascher and John Silk talked about the Magruder High graduate's biggest attribute.

It is not a blazing fastball that leaves catchers' hands bruised. Nor is it a wicked curveball that drops down quicker than a hitter can blink.

It's all about attitude.

"He's one of those guys who likes the pressure situation," Silk said. "He seemed to do very well when there was a pressure situation. He's an unflappable kind of kid and you really can't coach that."

Rascher added: "He always wants the ball. In big situations, Brian wants the ball. He wants to compete. Not everybody is like that."

For proof, check out Brusoe's performance at the National Junior College Athletic Conference Division III World Series, where the Gryphons placed a best-ever second. They fell, 7-5, to the Richland (Texas) Thunderducks in the final.

Brusoe's left arm was a big reason Montgomery College reached such heights.

Normally the team's No. 3 starter behind recent Kansas City Royals signee Jose Sanchez and Damascus High graduate Kevin Story, Brusoe worked 10 2/3 innings of shutout relief while earning a victory and a save. In the team's World Series opener, a 7-6 win against the Manchester (Conn.) Cougars, Brusoe allowed just a single hit with four strikeouts in 4 2/3 innings to earn the win.

He came back in the team's second game and threw four more shutout innings in relief of Sanchez in a 13-7 win against New Jersey's Brookdale Community College, scattering five hits and striking out five. Facing Brookdale again for a spot in the championship game, Brusoe picked up a save with two shutout innings that included two strikeouts. The Gryphons won, 7-4.

"He doesn't look flashy and he kind of grew all season long for us," Rascher said. "He ended up being probably our most reliable pitcher. He has great control and command of three pitches [fastball, curveball, and change-up]. He keeps batters off balance and he has a plan, a different plan for every batter. ... He's a very smart pitcher."

For the season, Brusoe compiled a 7-4 record with two saves and a 2.92 earned-run average in 71 innings. He also earned All-Region XX and NJCAA World Series all-tournament honors.

"That was amazing," said Brusoe, an All-Gazette first-team selection in 2008, when he went 5-2 with a 1.79 ERA. "Since the beginning of the year, we thought we would be good but we never thought we'd get that far in the tournament. A lot of the sophomores thought it was amazing after going two and out [the year before]."

Brusoe credits this past spring's success on the mound on his ability to change speeds.

"It was a combination of my change-up and curveball," he said. "My change-up I used more and more. A lot of guys sit on the fastball. The change-up looks like the fastball but then it drops down. It was probably my most effective pitch."

Brusoe's strong work ethic and love of the game — he routinely shows up first and exits last at practices and enjoys performing field maintenance — have also played key roles in the pitcher's performance.

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"I wasn't really sure when he first came," Silk said. "He kept getting the ball up a lot and we harped on him to follow through. If you keep it up too much, you're going to get hit fairly hard. He worked on that really well."

Attitude has been the backbone of Brusoe's performance this summer, as well. Playing for the Gaithersburg Giants of the Maryland Collegiate Baseball League, Brusoe had compiled a 2-0 record through Sunday, with a save and 3.00 ERA in five appearances.

The Giants are 7-3-2, a half-game out of first place.

"Brian is a true competitor," Giants coach Jeff Rabberman said. "He always wants the ball and has tremendous confidence in himself. He spots the ball well and can throw all three pitches for a strike at any time in the count."

Brusoe is the favorite to replace Sanchez as Germantown's ace next spring.

And after that?

"Continue wherever I can go from here."

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Local Arts: Movie Star for a Day Examiner, The

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Last Sunday I had a rare opportunity to return to my first love: acting.

The occasion was the annual American Film Institute Digital Moviemaking Workshop that is presented every summer at the Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus of Montgomery College. It is an opportunity for aspiring filmmakers to write, direct and edit an original five-minute work over the course of three weekends aided by the professional supervision and expertise of the very talented Coordinator of AFI Workshops Professor Perry Schwartz and his equally talented and charming assistant Aerial Longmire. The participants also take turns acting as the tech crews for their fellow students.

I have had the pleasure of acting in several films produced by the summer workshops. This year, I played two very different parts: a rather unctuous women's shoes salesman and a slovenly slacker of a roommate whose idea of cultural enlightenment was to look at pictures of topless natives in National Geographic. In these films, I had the privilege of working with three gifted and versatile actors: Bill Gordon, Lewis Feemster and Kristen Egermeier. (There were two other actors participating in the Saturday shoot I did not have the honor of working with: Caroline Harrison and Stephanie Kent.)

As usual, it was an extremely enjoyable experience. I got paid to do something I love and had a catered lunch to boot. So what's not to like?

For info about the AFI workshops at Montgomery College, call 240-567-1407 or visit www.afi.com/education/montgomery.aspx.

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\$11M in grants to help to fight nurse shortage in Maryland.

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Maryland health care industry leaders began combating an expected nursing shortage Monday with \$11 million in grants to area schools to expand their nursing programs.

A shortage of 10,000 nurses is expected to hit the state in 2016, according to the Maryland Hospital Association, but the first round of grants from the campaign will pump millions of dollars into 17 Maryland nursing schools, allowing for more faculty, students and technology.

I think this is the first effort I have seen in the time I've been a nurse that's really going to work at addressing the nursing shortage because it is a combined effort of all the stakeholders, said Judith Feustle, Stevenson University's associate dean of nursing education.

Stevenson received a grant to accept 24 transfer students into its clinical nursing program this fall. The grant will also allow the school to add a five-bed nursing laboratory.

The grants are expected to increase the number of graduating nurses by 300 and put an additional 20 faculty positions into the schools over the next two to three years.

Maryland does not lack for prospective nursing students, but the state's schools have not been able to admit more students because of space and faculty limits. In 2006, 1,850 qualified applicants to Maryland's nursing programs were turned away because programs were full.

Hershaw Davis, president of the Maryland Association of Nursing Students, said despite good grades, he was turned away from nursing school twice before finally gaining acceptance. Davis will graduate this year and he urged a continued effort to expand capacities at nursing schools.

Area businesses and hospitals have pledged \$15.5 million in donations to the Who Will Care? campaign over the next five years. The pledges are shy of the \$20 million goal that the campaign hopes will increase the total number of nursing school graduates over the next five years to 1,500.

The campaign is also seeking \$40 million from state, local and federal governments to fully implement its initiative. Carmela Coyle, president and CEO of the Maryland Hospital Association, said the campaign has not yet approached the government for help.

We thought we would show our commitment to really making a difference and then reach out for assistance from the government, she said. This is a very real, concrete way to show that this is a problem we can tackle.

CareFirst BlueCross President and CEO Chet Burrell helped chair the campaign, and the insurer has pledged a significant amount to the program, he said.

Burrell said nurses are essential to care giving and coordinating care for those patients with multiple illnesses. Bringing on more nurses will not decrease health care costs, but he said it will lower the rate of increase and improve the quality of care.

In the end, the greatest enemy of access to care is cost and that cost is driven a lot by use and high levels of use caused by chronic disease, he said. We support this campaign because we are worried about a shortage that would make access to care more difficult. Grantees: Allegany College of Maryland Anne Arundel Community College Bowie State University Carroll Community College Community College of Baltimore County College of Southern Maryland Columbia Union College Coppin State University Frederick Community College Hagerstown Community College Howard Community College Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing Montgomery College Prince George's Community College Stevenson University Towson University Wor-Wic Community College

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by Tierney Plumb Staff Reporter

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As white-hot nursing market cools, a job is no longer a sure thing

The contrarians: Amid big layoffs, some still hiring

Md. colleges given \$11M to combat nursing shortage

A slew of donors pledged \$15.5 million over five years to help Maryland nursing schools expand enrollment, according to an announcement made Monday at the Maryland Hospital Association.

Seventeen Maryland schools of nursing -- which locally include Montgomery College and Prince George's Community College -- will use the additional operating dollars to add faculty, students, and clinical technology.

Maryland hospitals and nursing education leaders first announced the initiative to double the number of nurses taught in Maryland in November 2007. The first round of grants will boost the number of nurses graduating by 300 students and add 20 faculty positions.

"Less than two years ago we predicted that unless we increased the number of nurses being educated in Maryland we would be short 10,000 nurses by 2016," said Maryland Hospital Association President and CEO Carmela Coyle. "Today we are thrilled to announce real progress and are committed to maintaining the momentum we need to reach our goal of adding 1,500 students."

The fundraising campaign has so far attracted a wide range of hospitals, insurance, business, and academic leaders, and as well as nurses, long-term care providers, and private citizens.

The largest givers on the list so far are Adventist HealthCare, Mary Catherine Bunting, CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield, Johns Hopkins Health System, LifeBridge Health and MedStar Health.

A total of \$60 million from the public and private sector is needed to fully fund the initiative.

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Financial help for adult learners in college News Journal - Online

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As the labor market becomes increasingly competitive, millions of Americans who are out of work or worried about their jobs are trying to learn marketable skills. But when money is tight, going back to school may seem like an unaffordable luxury.

The good news: Financial aid isn't just for the young. Even if you use Facebook to share pictures of your grandkids, there's a good chance you qualify for direct grants or low-interest loans.

Here's a look at what's available for adult learners:

Federal grants: Federal Pell grants are available for undergraduate students of all ages who can demonstrate economic need. For the 2009-10 academic year, the maximum Pell grant is \$5,350. Pell grants also are available for part-time students on a pro-rated basis, says Melissa Gregory, director of student financial aid for Montgomery College, a community college based in Rockville, Md.

To qualify for a Pell grant, you must fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA. You can find an online version of the application at www.fafsa.ed.gov. If you plan to attend college this fall, Gregory says, complete the application as quickly as possible.

This year, the FAFSA includes a question asking the student if he or she is a dislocated worker -- for example, laid-off workers who are unlikely to find new jobs in their field. If you answer in the affirmative, you may qualify for more aid, Gregory says.

Talk to your school's financial aid office if your economic circumstances have deteriorated since last year. The FAFSA is based on the previous year's income -- a problem if you recently lost your job. Financial aid administrators have the discretion to consider major changes, such as job loss or a reduction in your hours, and recalculate your eligibility for aid, Gregory says.

The Obama administration is also encouraging states to change their rules so that laid-off workers can enroll in college without giving up unemployment benefits. Ordinarily, states require individuals who are collecting unemployment to look for a new job, which is difficult to do if you're attending college.

Institutional grants: Some scholarships are specifically targeted at older students. For example, the Osher Re-entry Scholarship offers \$2,500 for students who dropped out of college at least five years ago and want to finish their degrees, says Saskia Knight, vice chancellor for enrollment at Chapman University College, an Orange, Calif.-based college that focuses on adult education. Columbus State Community College in Ohio is offering scholarships of up to \$1,000 for students 25 or older.

The best way to find out about such programs is through the financial aid office of the schools you're interested in attending, Chapman says.

Student loans: Most adult learners can't rely on Mom and Dad to pay their tuition. The upside to this is you're eligible to borrow a larger amount of federal student loans than dependent students, says Kevin Walker, chief executive officer of SimpleTuition, a loan comparison Web site.

Undergraduate independent students can borrow up to \$9,500 in Stafford loans during their freshman year, \$10,500 during their sophomore year, and \$12,500 for each of their junior and senior years. That compares with maximums of \$5,500 to \$7,500 a year for dependent students. Limits are higher for graduate students.

For the academic year beginning July 1, the interest rate for unsubsidized Stafford loans is 6.8 percent. For the 2009-10 academic year, the rate for subsidized Stafford loans, which are available to students who can demonstrate economic need, is 5.6 percent.

While unsubsidized Stafford loans are available to all students, regardless of income, you must fill out a FAFSA to qualify,

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Walker says.

You'll also have to fill out some paperwork to demonstrate to the Department of Education that you're an independent student, he says.

If you must borrow, it's worth the effort, because federal student loans carry lower interest rates and more favorable repayment terms than most private loans. In addition, he says, private lenders have tightened their lending standards considerably in recent months. If you're out of work, you probably won't get a loan unless you have a co-signer with good credit, Walker says.

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Hochevar looks to give bullpen more rest Minor League Baseball

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KANSAS CITY -- Luke Hochevar really started something.

When he dominated the Cincinnati Reds last Friday night, 4-1, he not only launched a four-game winning streak but a period of long outings by Royals starters.

Hochevar pitched a complete game and Brian Bannister went eight innings in the series finale against the Reds. Then Gil Meche went the distance to beat the D-backs in Tuesday's series opener. Only in Kyle Davies' five-inning start did the bullpen get any significant work

What's a reliever to do? The bullpen's been a very quiet place. Reliever Jamey Wright mused on that before Tuesday night's game.

'I don't even know why I'm walking out there,' Wright said. 'I might as well go out there with my shower shoes on.'

Wright and his bullpen pals certainly weren't needed in Hochevar's last outing, a dazzling three-hitter in which he needed only 80 pitches. How can he hope to match that this time against the D-backs?

'Obviously the outcome and the results are out of my control, but I'm going to go out with the same approach -- be aggressive and attack the strike zone,' Hochevar said. 'Attack every hitter with every pitch and stay within my thought process and my approach and my play and my aggressiveness. That's what I've been doing and that's where I want to stay.'

It was an immaculate performance that Hochevar can only hope to replicate.

'We talked about the same things for Zack Greinke for about five or six starts in a row,' Royals manager Trey Hillman said. 'I'll use my own company line: he's a human being. I mean, I'd love to see him be as efficient as he was the last time but that's a difficult thing to do.'

Greinke certainly was human in Wednesday night's 12-5 loss to the D-backs. He wasn't at his best, though he lasted 6 2/3 innings. The Royals' winning streak ended at four games.

Now it's up to Hochevar to get another one started.

KC: RHP Luke Hochevar (2-2, 5.60 ERA)

Hochevar was masterful in his last start, throwing a complete game while allowing just one run against the Reds. Hochevar needed just 80 pitches to throw the first complete game of his professional career. He also lowered his ERA from 7.85 to 5.60. He struck out just three, but kept the ball down and kept Cincinnati off balance all night. It all added up to a great night for Hochevar, who started the season in Triple-A Omaha. The former No. 1 Draft choice made his 2009 debut on June 12 against Oakland and gave up eight runs in two innings. But after a rocky beginning, Hochevar has come on strong. He's 2-0 in his last two starts, allowing just three runs in 15 2/3 innings.

ARI: RHP Dan Haren (5-4, 2.20 ERA)

It's hard to pitch much better than Haren did in his last start. The right-hander threw a two-hit complete game in the 8-1 win against the Astros. Haren was in complete command of his pitches and only walked two batters. He struck out seven. His only blemish was a solo home run by Carlos Lee. The victory marked Haren's second complete game of the season and the eighth of his career. It was his first two-hit complete game.

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Pitcher Sidney Ponson, out with a right elbow strain, started his injury rehabilitation assignment with Triple-A Omaha on Wednesday, taking the hill in Omaha's 4-3 win at New Orleans. He pitched two shutout innings, giving up one hit and getting two strikeouts. He threw 28 pitches, 18 strikes. ... Third baseman Alex Gordon, who underwent hip surgery, is accelerating his batting and fielding routine in Arizona as he aims for a return around the All-Star break. ... Catcher John Buck, out with a back problem, has started a throwing program in Kansas City. ... The fitness program PLAY, which stands for Promoting a Lifetime Activity for Youth, will hold a program for 125 Kansas City kids on Thursday morning at Kauffman Stadium. Royals head athletic trainer Nick Swartz, team nutritionist Mitzi Dulan and strength and conditioning coordinator Ty Hill will participate along with players Luis Hernandez and Mitch Maier. The program emphasizes the awareness and dangers of performance-enhancing drugs. ... The Royals signed their eighth-round Draft choice, right-handed reliever Dusty Odenbach from the University of Connecticut. They also signed a non-drafted left-handed pitcher, Jose Sanchez of Montgomery College in Maryland. ... Janet Oleson of Lenexa, Kan., was in the Buck O'Neil Legacy Seat on Wednesday night. She and her late husband Dean opened their home to more than 100 foster children from the area. ... All the Fountain Seats, offered in a special pre-sale, have been sold for this weekend's Cardinals series at Kauffman Stadium. A few scattered single tickets and \$10 standing-room tickets are available for the Friday and Saturday games. Fans can still purchase reserved-seat tickets for the Sunday game.

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ROCKVILLE INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION JULY 4 Federal News Service

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ROCKVILLE, Md., June 19 -- The city of Rockville issued the following press release:

Live music, plenty of food and a spectacular fireworks display await residents and visitors at the Rockville Independence Day Celebration held on the grounds of Montgomery College, Rockville Campus on Saturday, July 4, from 7-10 p.m. Bring your friends and family to come and celebrate the long holiday weekend with a boom. Starting at 7 p.m., concerts will entertain the crowd while food vendors will offer a variety of the summer's best bites throughout the evening. This year's entertainment lineup features the band Redline at 7 p.m. on the campus stage, the Fugitive Brass Quintet at 7 p.m., and the Rockville Concert Band at 8 p.m. Both the Fugitive Brass Quintet and the Rockville Concert Band will be performing at the football stadium stage. At 8:45 p.m. we will hear from Mayor Hoffmann and the City Council as they welcome us and help kick-off Rockville's Census 2010 outreach efforts. The fireworks show will start at 9:30 p.m. Guests are encouraged to bring a blanket or lawn chairs, as bleacher seating is limited, to watch the fireworks show. Fireworks can be seen from all locations of the Montgomery College Campus. Montgomery College is located at 51 Mannakee Street. Parking is available in the campus parking lots and the parking spaces on the corner of Mannakee Street and Route 355. Please note that it could take up to approximately one hour to exit the parking lots at the conclusion of the show. If the celebration is canceled due to rain, the rain date is the next night; Sunday, July 5th. Please remember that no barbecuing, open flames or alcohol are permitted at the event site. First aid stations will be available on site. For more information, or to view a map of the event site, please visit <http://www.rockvillemd.gov/events/independence-day.htm>. For more information please contact: Sarabjit Jagirdar, Email:- htsyndication@hindustantimes.com.

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The Jefferson School Graduation Four Simple Rules For Succeeding In Life WTOP-FM - Online

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There are four simple rules for succeeding in life, according to advice given The Jefferson School's Class of 2009 at graduation Friday.

Dr. Steve Sharfstein, president and CEO of Sheppard Pratt Health System, told the nine graduates that 'actions speak louder than words.' He advised students that, to succeed in life, they need to show up, work hard, ask for help when they need it and be there for others when they need help. 'Be where you need to be and be there on time,' he told graduates. He referenced Cal Ripken as an example of someone who showed up for work every day.

The students will spend more time at their jobs than anywhere else, so it is important to pick a job that is fulfilling. 'You should love what you do,' Sharfstein said. 'It is more important to love what you do than what you want to be.' He told graduates of an old saying that it takes a village to raise a child. He reminded them that they are where they are today because of the efforts of parents and other family members, teachers and even strangers in addition to their own hard work. Don't be afraid to ask for help, he said.

It is also important to be generous and give back when someone else needs help along the way.

A highlight of the graduation ceremony was a slide show that principal Andrew Jahnke called his favorite part of the celebration. A photo essay featuring each graduate documented their years at Jefferson, a school for students with emotional and behavioral disabilities. 'Many of these students have been with us a long time,' Jahnke said after the ceremony. He said the class established unusually strong bonds. 'They certainly did distinguish themselves as a class,' said Michael Priester, director of education and the residential treatment center.

Each student graduated with a Maryland State High School Diploma from their respective home schools, Jahnke said. Students in the residential program come from all over the state, while day students are from Frederick, Washington, Montgomery and Carroll counties.

Graduate John Whitson, who is headed to Montgomery College, received the Peter Anthony Lapera Memorial Scholarship just before diplomas were awarded.

Because the school is small, with about 100 students, there isn't a defined differentiation between the classes, according to Jahnke. 'Freshmen are in classes with seniors,' he said. 'So throughout the year, we had senior activities that helped the students bond as a class.' The nine students -- eight boys and one girl -- enjoyed special outings like a river canoeing trip and tested their physical prowess on an outdoor challenge course. Leading up to graduation, there were even some senior pranks.

Seniors broke into Jahnke's office and commandeered his chair and coffee mug, among other items. They were held as 'ransom' and only returned after the principal financed a trip to McDonald's.

The Class of 2009 is the fourth-largest and the 13th graduating class in the school's history.

Priester said the class experienced a great deal of individual growth and displayed a flair for the dramatic and expressed independence and generosity. 'I'm going to miss our graduating seniors,' he said during the ceremony.

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Nine seniors in the Class of 2009 at The Jefferson School graduated during commencement ceremonies Friday morning at the school. Waiting to march into the gym are, from left, Brendon Peck, Brandon Raum and Katrina Sevich.

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'You should love what you do,' Sharfstein said. 'It is more important to love what you do than what you want to be.'

He told graduates of an old saying that it takes a village to raise a child. He reminded them that they are where they are today because of the efforts of parents and other family members, teachers and even strangers in addition to their own hard work. Don't be afraid to ask for help, he said.

It is also important to be generous and give back when someone else needs help along the way.

A highlight of the graduation ceremony was a slide show that principal Andrew Jahnke called his favorite part of the celebration. A photo essay featuring each graduate documented their years at Jefferson , a school for students with emotional and behavioral disabilities.

'Many of these students have been with us a long time,' Jahnke said after the ceremony. He said the class established unusually strong bonds.

'They certainly did distinguish themselves as a class,' said Michael Priester, director of education and the residential treatment center.

Each student graduated with a Maryland State High School Diploma from their respective home schools, Jahnke said. Students in the residential program come from all over the state, while day students are from Frederick , Washington, Montgomery and Carroll counties.

Graduate John Whitson, who is headed to Montgomery College, received the Peter Anthony Lapera Memorial Scholarship just before diplomas were awarded.

Because the school is small, with about 100 students, there isn't a defined differentiation between the classes, according to Jahnke.

'Freshmen are in classes with seniors,' he said. 'So throughout the year, we had senior activities that helped the students bond as a class.'

The nine students -- eight boys and one girl -- enjoyed special outings like a river canoeing trip and tested their physical prowess on an outdoor challenge course. Leading up to graduation, there were even some senior pranks.

Seniors broke into Jahnke's office and commandeered his chair and coffee mug, among other items.

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They were held as 'ransom' and only returned after the principal financed a trip to McDonald's.

The Class of 2009 is the fourth-largest and the 13th graduating class in the school's history.

Priester said the class experienced a great deal of individual growth and displayed a flair for the dramatic and expressed independence and generosity.

'I'm going to miss our graduating seniors,' he said during the ceremony.

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