Crowding squeezes Ward 3 schools

**Education**: Wilson High facing particular pressure

By GRACE BIRD
Current Staff Writer

When Kimberly Martin became principal of Wilson High three years ago, she frequently took phone calls from lottery hopefuls across the city, fielding questions about their prospects for landing a place at the sought-after school. Martin no longer takes those calls herself, delegating to staff the task of explaining the absence of open seats through the lottery.

“I wish I could have everyone, but I just can’t,” she told The Current on Monday during Ward 3 C.C. Council member Mary Cheh’s annual school readiness tour, which evaluates schools each summer across her ward. Wilson High, located at 3950 Chesapeake St. NW, is bursting at the seams. Martin expects 1,900 students to walk through the doors next week, although the campus was built for 1,200. In recent years, Wilson’s population has steadily grown from the 1,633 students enrolled in 2011. Meanwhile, the school has endured three consecutive years of budget cuts and more than 30 layoffs.

Now, with one guidance counselor

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Builder seeks landmark for Fannie Mae

By GRACE BIRD
Current Staff Writer

Amid plans to redevelop the Fannie Mae headquarters into a mixed-use complex, the project team received positive reception for its proposal to secure a landmark designation for the 1958 building at 3900 Wisconsin Ave. NW.

Richard Lake, co-founder of Roadside Development, said he hopes that landmark status — which would regulate and restrict alterations to the building — would go a long way toward putting residents at ease with the large-scale development.

The Roadside team lauded praise on the red-brick building, graciously set back from the street behind an open lawn, citing the quiet elegance of its architecture and its resemblance to Colonial Williamsburg. The company’s plan includes renovating but generally maintaining the main 1958 building and replacing subsequent additions that sit behind it.

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Northwest parks secure centennial grant funds

By GRACE BIRD
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The National Park Service is celebrating its 100th birthday by awarding centennial challenge grants to six parks across Northwest D.C., the U.S. secretary of the interior announced last month.

This year, Congress gave $20 million to national parks across the U.S., and park partners added another $33 million. “Many of the national parks that Americans treasure today would simply not exist without the strong partnerships and philanthropy that have benefited the national park idea for over a century,” acting National Park Service director Michael Reynolds said in a news release.

Locally, the Northwest locations receiving funds are Chevy Chase Circle, a section of Rock Creek Park near Massachusetts Avenue, Dumbarton Oaks

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Tenleytown mural project advances with city funding

**Art**: Local painter hopes to begin work later this month

By ALEXA PERLMUTTER
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A new mural is coming to Tenleytown as early as this month, dressing up the Han Cleaners building with a depiction of the neighborhood’s rich history.

The project at 4425 Wisconsin Ave. NW comes from a $36,760 grant from the D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities. Local residents Stephen and Charlene Voss successfully requested the city grant and commissioned mural artist Jarrett Ferrier to paint the building’s south wall. Work can begin as soon as permits from the city are approved.

The project’s origins date back to April 2016, according to Stephen Voss. “We had seen some murals go up in D.C. We’d always known D.C. as a city full of murals,” he said.

After he and his wife found out about the individual grant opportunities from the commission, they asked Ferrier to create the piece. Ferrier’s D.C. work is also featured at Rocklands Barbeque, Jet

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The D.C. Department of Transportation is evaluating possible traffic-calming measures in Friendship Heights in response to community concerns about vehicular and pedestrian safety in the area. As part of the initiative, the agency is conducting a neighborhood traffic safety study and collecting data before submitting specific recommendations this fall for traffic-calming infrastructure, signage and streetancements.

“Traffic-calming studies are usually a block-by-block assessment, specifically on local roadways,” said Transportation Department engineer Emily Dalphy. “Usually they look at traffic very piecemeal, but we’re trying to do a neighborhood traffic safety study and collecting data at the intersection of Military Road and 41st St. as well as at Fessenden and 42nd streets.”

The study follows years of lobbying from Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3E (Friendship Heights, Tenleytown, American University Park). In 2012, ANC 3E called on the Transportation Department to evaluate speeding and traffic volume along 2012, ANC 3E called on the Transportation Department to evaluate speeding and traffic volume along 2012, ANC 3E called on the Transportation Department to evaluate speeding and traffic volume along 41st and 42nd streets NW, as well as limited north-south traffic flow through the intersection of 42nd Street and Military Road and along 41st Street between Western Avenue and Davenport Street. On July 25, Dalphy and Daniel Marvin, a consultant from Kimley-Horn — a planning and design consulting group — presented analysis from the first phase of traffic data collection. Notable observations from the study, Marvin said, included numerous crashes at the intersection of Military Road and 42nd Street, as well as at Fessenden and 42nd streets.

The study also included reports on high traffic along 41st and 42nd streets, which are designated as “local” streets that aren’t intended for significant through traffic. The report also concluded that the intersection of 41st and Military Road has heavy congestion and limited time for vehicles to pass during rush hour. In addition, Marvin noted that restrictions on left turns at the intersection of Western and Wisconsin avenues results in significant neighborhood traffic congestion during rush hour.

However, many in attendance spoke about high traffic volume and speeds on streets adjacent to the study area.

“We are presenting what we have gathered at the study and outlining what we are trying to study,” Dalphy replied. “We haven’t made any recommendations yet, and we are trying to get as much community input as possible so this fall, when we try to make recommendations, we can move towards implementation without more concerns or complaints from residents.”

### The week ahead

**Thursday, Aug. 10**

D.C. Attorney General Karl Racine will host the third annual Right Direction Awards ceremony from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Old Council Chambers, One Judiciary Square, 441 4th St. NW. The event will honor D.C. youth who have overcome significant challenges and are showing self-improvement to put themselves on a successful life path, as well as youth who show commitment to effecting positive change in their communities.

**Sunday, Aug. 20**

The National Park Service, the National Zoo and the Rock Creek Conservancy will host a “no cars allowed” Beach Drive Block Party to celebrate the reconstruction of the first segment of Beach Drive NW on the day before the road opens to traffic. Activities will take place from 1 to 4 p.m. near the National Zoo’s entrance on Beach Drive, with limited free parking available in the Zoo’s Parking Lot E beginning at noon.

**Friday, Aug. 25**

Major Muriel Bowser and the D.C. Department of Parks and Recreation will host a Family Fun Day from 4 to 8 p.m. to celebrate the completion of renovations and new facilities at Friendship Recreation Center/Turtle Park, 45th and Van Ness streets NW. Activities will include popcorn, a moon bounce, face painting and more, with a screening of “Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles” set to begin as soon as it gets dark at around 8 p.m.

**Wednesday, Aug. 30**

The Ward 3 Wilson Feeder Education Network will meet at 7 p.m. at the Tenley-Friendship Library, 4450 Wisconsin Ave. NW.
Tenley school hosts free pre-K spaces

CommunKids, a Spanish immersion preschool in Tenleytown, announced on Monday that it will offer dozens of free pre-kindergarten seats in Ward 3 for children ages 3 and 4 through a city program to increase local pre-K capacity.

Spaces for the 2017-2018 school year are limited, and applications — available online at communkids.com/free-dc-pre-k — are due by Aug. 14. If the school receives more applications than spots, students will be entered into a lottery, according to a release from the school.

Located at 4719 Wisconsin Ave. NW, the school runs from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. from early September to mid-June and is a full Spanish immersion curriculum. Children must be either 3 or 4 years old by Sept. 30 and D.C. residents to be eligible for the program, which is part of the Pre-Kindergarten Enhancement and Expansion Funding program of the D.C. Office of the State Superintendent of Education.

Night work to close Key Bridge sidewalks

Sidewalks on Key Bridge will periodically close over the next several months for maintenance and repairs, with overnight closures alternating between southbound and northbound, according to a release from the D.C. Department of Transportation.

The agency was due to begin closing sidewalks this past Sunday, and the closures will continue through Oct. 6, weather permitting, from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. on Sundays, Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. Tuesday and Wednesday nights are reserved as alternate workdays.

A sidewalk will always remain available on at least one side of the bridge, and pedestrians and bicyclists will be detoured there during the closures. Closing the sidewalks will allow for railings to be repaired and repainted as part of the ongoing Key Bridge Rehabilitation Project.

Injunction issued over SunTrust plaza

Plans to redevelop the Adams Morgan SunTrust may be in legal jeopardy, after a judge granted opponents’ request for a preliminary injunction on Friday.

Karl Edelman of the D.C. Office of the State Superintendent of Education hopes to construct a condo building at the corner of 18th Street and Columbia Road NW, replacing the small bank building and much of the site’s plaza space. Though some community members welcomed the modern architecture and the promise of fresh vitality, others opposed the plans’ scale and the loss of the plaza.

After various design revisions, the project won Historic Preservation Review Board approval earlier this year. But the plaza remains an issue. Although it’s privately owned, opponents contend that the space was set aside for community functions when the bank building was constructed — a form of penance from the previous owner, Perpetual Bank, for discriminatory practices.

Superior Court Judge Todd Edelman has not yet decided the case, but his injunction freezes construction on the project until a verdict can be reached, according to a report by WAMU.

The project team argues that the opponents are simply grasping at all possible straws to prevent the legitimate redevelopment of private property. The developer and SunTrust further contend that there was no formal guarantee that the plaza space — currently used for the community’s farmers market and other events — would be available in perpetuity.

Olli expands lineup for 2017 fall session

The Osher Lifetime Learning Institute at American University will offer 94 study groups in the fall 2017 semester, the most in the institute’s 35-year history.

New classes at the institute, known as OLLI, will include astrophysics, the history of the Amazon, a discussion of Henry Fielding’s novel “Tom Jones,” Russian ballet after the revolution, and “Lincoln as Statesman.” Some popular past courses will also be repeated, including one on lesser-known D.C. landmarks.

Each course is eight to 10 weeks long, with weekly 90-minute sessions. Classes begin Sept. 25 and are held at 4801 Massachusetts Ave. NW. Membership is $300 per semester and includes up to three courses.

To learn more, visit olli-dc.org or call 202-895-4860.

Corrections

Monday afternoon as part of her readiness tour. Eleven years ago, when Cheh began visiting every public school in her ward as a newly elected legislator, she’d uncover scores of startling deficiencies. These days, D.C. public schools have improved, and Cheh’s tours are sometimes more ceremonial than a dire necessity. But this year, with Wilson’s budget cuts and amid overcrowding concerns throughout Ward 3 schools, Cheh’s visit held a particular weight.

As Cheh walked through Wilson, she noticed many defects six years after the completion of extensive renovations at the Tenleytown school: Ceiling leaks, faded walls, missing railings and broken emergency call buttons. In some cases, problems had lingered for two or three years. But it’s not all bad news for Wilson. Despite dealing with adversities, the school’s results are relatively strong, with many graduates going on to attend some of the country’s prestigious colleges and universities. Rising senior Derek Stevens, who grew up in Northeast and recently moved to Tenleytown, spoke of Wilson in glowing terms.

“I love it. The teachers care about you,” Stevens said in an interview. He intends to leave D.C. for college next year, hopefully with a football scholarship. However, Stevens agreed that lunchtimes at Wilson are raucous. He rarely joins the endless cafeteria line. “No way. It gets crazy,” he said.

Overcrowding isn’t unique to Wilson. Most schools in Ward 3 are at or over capacity and converting extra-curricular spaces to classrooms and installing playground trailers are short-term solutions. The city is looking into the situation.

“D.C. Public Schools has taken important steps to evaluate and address rising enrollment in Ward 3 schools,” spokesperson Janice Hinson wrote in an email. “Starting in the fall, DCPS leadership will use all feedback gathered to identify next steps and possible solutions to pursue.”

At some schools there are few options left. Janney Elementary School at 4130 Albemarle St. NW, for example, has doubled in capacity over the past decade, and yet this year 730 students have enrolled — 80 more than it was built for. To accommodate five classes per grade, Janney recently eliminated one of its three pre-K classes.

According to Janney’s director of strategy and logistics, Ann Beumel, when the school was renovated and expanded, administrators hoped it would welcome a larger out-of-boundary population. However, the renovations attracted so many nearby families that students from elsewhere in the city were largely squeezed out.

“Right now, there’s not as much diversity,” Beumel said. According to a 2015-16 audit, three-quarters of Janney’s students are white, and 93 percent are in-boundary. While enrollment at Janney has somewhat stabilized, the neighborhood has a number of developments underway, the city continues to swell, and land is at a premium. “I mean, you don’t know where you would build,” Beumel said.

About six years ago, Key Elementary at 5001 Dana Place NW installed two trailers on the lawn for its fifth-graders. While in previous years, each trailer accommodated between 18 and 20 children, this year, the fifth-grade classes are expected to have 23 students each.

“And 20 would’ve been big,” principal David Landeryou told Cheh at her inspection last week. “When you walk in, you can just feel it’s a lot smaller,” Landeryou said of the trailers. Cheh was similarly dismayed by the prospect of overcrowded trailers.

“Well, they’ll manage, but it’s not a sustainable situation,” Cheh told Landeryou. Given that Key Elementary’s two incoming kindergarten classes have 27 students apiece, Landeryou said, it’s likely that enrollment will continue to swell.

To address overcrowding issues, Cheh said she plans to send a letter to Bowser detailing the situation facing Ward 3 public schools, and requesting an additional $1 million for Wilson.

“Whether it eventuates into anything real, I don’t know,” Cheh said.

After his February appointment, Wilson convened a community working group to address issues faced by Ward 3 public schools. The group plans to give recommendations to the city in November for consideration in the 2019 fiscal year budget, according to member Brian Doyle, co-chair of the Ward 3-Wilson Feeder Education Network.

“The situation is not sustainable,” Doyle said in an interview. “We’re going to have to get creative.”
Big changes — tough new restrictions and enforcement — could be coming to curbside parking in the District.

For all your casual drivers, a lot of curbside parking may disappear, especially downtown. Oh, it may not be expensive if it’ll force private cars like yours into parking garages. Delivery trucks that now park most anywhere and at any time could face higher, prohibitive fines if they fail to use loading zones.

Illegal parking in rush-hour lanes by anyone — morning and night — could be met with tougher fines and quicker towing. (Your Notebook has regularly complained about the absence of rush-hour enforcement.)

Ride-hailing services like Uber, Lyft and even conventional taxicab drivers may get pickup and drop-off spots rather than the Wild West system now in place where anyone can park anywhere with impunity. Commuter and tourist buses may find they can’t just park in any lane at any time.

Even the city’s laugable non-enforcement of illegal curb parking could be changing. All this is from D.C. Department of Transportation director Leif Dormsjo — whose last day on the job is this Friday. He disclosed the broad outline of these coming changes on Kojo Nnamdi’s WAMU Politics Hour.

The plan is “already underway in terms of development,” Dormsjo said in response to our well-worn complaints that the city has given up on traffic enforcement, especially during morning and evening rush hours. Dormsjo said, “There’s going to be a proposal this fall that focuses not just on [changes in the law] but … opportunities to really dedicate city personnel to that traffic enforcement function.”

Dormsjo said Mayor Muriel Bowser asked him and other department heads to come up with a plan to attack traffic problems. Dormsjo said he didn’t want to get ahead of Bowser’s final decisions and announcement later this fall, but he acknowledged that the level of enforcement — which is the responsibility of the Department of Public Works — depends behind his own agency’s successful efforts to change signal-timing on hundreds of traffic lights, to restrripe lanes for better flow, and to reconstruct intersections and bike lanes. The current administration does not want to weaken public safety and safety concerns.

Private car parking in curb lanes could face dramatic change. This growing city can’t let hundreds of thousands of cars just park like it’s Sunday afternoon.

“I think the whole way we envision the use of the curbside is going to change,” Dormsjo said. “And I frankly think that, whether it’s ride-hailing services or trucks making deliveries or postal carriers, we’re probably going to use our curbside spaces for those types of users — and people who are just driving in and out of the city are really going to have to park in a garage.”

To make that happen, the pricing and regulation of those spaces have to evolve to meet the modern transportation that we have. There should be a shift … that you’ll see in the character of our curbsides.”

He suggested that some changes could be immediate, but the ultimate makeover of the city’s street space could take several years.

• Redskin vs. Ravens. The first pre-season game is Thursday night in Baltimore. It’s a new season for the ‘Skins, the fifth-most-valuable team in the NFL. Whatever lies ahead, the team begins the 2017 season out of the legal shadows over its name. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled this year that trademark names can’t be taken away, or denied, just because they’re seen as offensive to some.

That legal case is over, but the name controversy is expected to linger. Owner Dan Snyder is trying to figure out where he might build a new stadium. Mayor Bowser and other city leaders want Snyder to build at the old RFK site. Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe is lobbying for the team to head to his state. He’d like to have its season opener in FedEx Field — at least announced — before he leaves office in January.

McAuliffe says the team name is not an issue in Virginia. But District officials and D.C. Council members could hammer any move to D.C. because of the name.

But Snyder holds an ace in the Trump administration. The RFK site is near the federal government. Under President Obama, the Interior Department indicated it wasn’t interested in dealing with the team given the name controversy.

That likely won’t be a problem under Trump.

• And finally … A nice moment here in the District last Saturday night. Former D.C. Council member and mayoral candidate David Catania wed his longtime partner, William “Billy” Enright. The two exchanged vows at the National Museum of Women in the Arts downtown. Ward 3 Council member Mary Cheh officiated. A large crowd toasted the couple and wished them well.

As an at-large council member in 2009, Cata- nia authored the bill to establish same-sex mar- riage in the District. Despite strong opposition from the Catholic Church and other groups, the bill easily passed in December that year and became law in early 2010. Only a few states had yet legalized equal marriage by that time. Congress might intervene and block the city law, but it did not. In 2015, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled 5-4 in favor of same-sex marriage, nullifying state laws and constitutional amendments against it.

“No union is more profound than marriage, for it embodies the highest ideals of love, fidelity, devotion, sacrifice and family,” Justice Anthony M. Kennedy wrote in the majority opinion.

Congrats to Billy and David.

Tom Sherwood, a Southwest resident, is a political reporter for News 4.
By BRIAN KAPUR
Current Staff Writer

At Saturday’s Pro Football Hall of Fame enshrinement, honoree Kurt Warner discussed his unlikely path to immortality — stacking grocery shelves as he failed to make the cut with several teams, then becoming a star quarterback.

While his story is one that most Hollywood directors would throw out as too improbable, the narrative of fringe roster players clawing for a coveted spot on the team is one that happens every day.

For former Gonzaga Eagles star defensive lineman A.J. Francis, it’s a battle that he has fought since he went undrafted in 2013.

“Right now, there are 53 spots on the active roster. Twenty-five guys have a guaranteed locked-in job,” Francis said. “The other guys could be gone tomorrow. It’s no different for me than the other guys. You just have to come in and put your best foot forward. You can’t stress it, if you do, it could eat you alive.”

For the former Eagle, the path to the NFL has been a long journey. Undrafted in 2013, Francis was picked up by the Miami Dolphins as a free agent that year but was cut at the end of training camp. The former Gonzaga star was then picked up by the Patriots and added to the team’s practice squad at the start of the 2013 season.

Later that year, the Dolphins signed him off the Patriots practice squad — NFL teams are free to sign players with that designation as long as they are added to the active roster. After being cut once again by Miami, Francis was picked up by the Seattle Seahawks in 2015 and later added to the team’s practice squad. He eventually made it to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 2016, where he spent training camp and was once again a late cut before the start of the year.

That’s when his hometown Redskins came calling and added him to their squad on Oct. 12 last year. Francis has bounced between the two teams and active rosters, but has relished the chance to be close to his family during the season.

“It’s been good; I get to see my family a lot more,” Francis said. “I travel to battles the Baltimore Ravens on Saturdays. Last year I went to Thanksgiving with my family for the first time since I started in the NFL.”

The two lessons Francis has learned during his time in the NFL are that you can’t dwell on mistakes and you have to find ways to show up on film when the coaches review practices and games.

“A lot of rookies have trouble with it — myself included, when I was a rookie. You get too worried about being perfect every day, not realizing tomorrow you are doing the same thing,” he said. “Sometimes you have to take a shot. If you have an idea and you think something might work, don’t be afraid to do it. You could lose your job tomorrow anyway because four people at a different position got injured. There is nothing wrong with going out and balls on every day.”

Since Francis first joined the Dolphins, he has seen action in just three regular-season games. With the Redskins, who struggled along the defensive line last year, Francis has a strong chance to join a position that is very much in flux. The Redskins made several moves up front this offseason, including letting their best lineman Chris Baker leave in free agency and cutting Ricky Jean Francois. The team drafted Jonathan Allen in the first round and picked up Terrell McClain in free agency.

On Aug. 6, the Redskins released their first unofficial depth chart of the preseason and Francis was listed as the backup tackle.

“I’ve had a really good camp. I’ve been making a lot of plays,” Francis said. “The D-line in general has had a really good camp and a lot of guys have shown up on film. We are really adapting and molding into what coach Jim Tomsula wants us to be. He’s a hell of a coach. He has gotten the best out of everyone in the room. He has been one of my favorite coaches that I have played for. I appreciate all of the opportunities he’s given me and all of the other guys in the room.”

Francis is one of four former Gonzaga stars in the NFL. At one point, the Gonzaga quartet — Francis, quarterback Kevin Hogan (Cleveland Browns), defensive back Johnson Bademosi (Detroit Lions) and linebacker Cam Johnson (Cleveland Browns) — were all teammates on I Street NW.

While Gonzaga is well-represented, the University of Maryland, has overall has produced a slew of NFL players, including three of his current Redskins teammates: defensive backs Lou Young and Kendall Fuller, who played at Good Counsel, and former DeMatha star offensive lineman Arie Kouandjio.

“We talk about it sometimes and the WCAC. They bring up that I never beat Good Counsel or DeMatha,” said Francis. “I always bring up the fact that I always kicked their O-line’s ass. I might not have won the game, but I won the position battle.”

Francis, who carved out a name for himself in the D.C. area after playing at Gonzaga and the University of Maryland, has also established a brand for himself by being informed and involved in things he is passionate about — politics, professional wrestling and music. His debut hip-hop album, “O.T.A.,” is already available for preorder on iTunes under the name Francis410.

“I’m just me,” he said when asked about his off-the-field successes. “People ask me why I make music — my album comes out Sept. 8. I’ve been making music since I was 11. I’ve been playing football since I was 13.”

Francis is also unabashed when it comes to taking political stances on his Twitter page, @AJFrancis410, which boasts more than 11,000 followers. Francis has shown support for embattled quarterback Colin Kaepernick, who protested by kneeling during the national anthem last season and has yet to sign with a team. The Redskins lineman has also shown favor to Trump critics, and he described former President Barack Obama as an idol in a happy birthday tweet on Aug. 4.

“My undergraduate is in undergrad politics and my master’s is in international security and economic policies,” Francis said. “I’m not just someone on the internet talking because I have a voice. I’m an informed person that goes out and researches everything they say and doesn’t put their foot in their mouth.”

While he does speak out, he knows he must pick his words well, which is why he prides himself on being in the know.

“I understand that one false statement can cost you your career,” Francis said. “It’s not just football players. It’s basketball players, it’s politicians — well, not really anymore; it used to be politicians. There is a lot of people that go on the internet and say foolish things and it gets them in trouble.”

Francis also gets his pro wrestling fix by co-hosting “Jobbing Out,” a podcast available on iTunes. On that show, he talks about news from the wrestling world and predicts the outcome of matches, such as the upcoming WWE Summerslam pay-per-view on Aug. 20. He already has scenarios in mind for the main event, which features former Ultimate Fighting Championship stalwart and current World Wrestling Entertainment champion Brock Lesnar, who is rumored to be leaving the wrestling ring for the mixed martial arts octagon.

As Francis tells it: “One of two things happens — if Brock Lesnar is going to do the joint UFC and WWE thing again, he wins. If he is going to UFC, I think Braun Strowman wins.”

Francis will continue his own fight to make the Redskins roster this week, when he puts on the No. 69 jersey and the team travels to battle the Baltimore Ravens on Thursday at 7:30 p.m.
This is a listing of incidents reported to the Metropolitan Police Department from July 31 through Aug. 6 in local police service areas, sorted by their report dates.

**Police Report**

**PSA 101**

**DOWNTOWN**

Motor vehicle theft
- 900-999 block, H St.; 11:01 p.m. Aug. 1.
- 900-999 block, F St.; 2:51 p.m. Aug. 6.

Theft
- 1300-1399 block, G St.; 6:39 a.m. Aug. 2.
- 1100-1199 block, G St.; 9:18 a.m. Aug. 2.
- 1000-1099 block, H St.; 3:01 a.m. Aug. 2.
- 1200-1299 block, K St.; 6:55 p.m. Aug. 1.
- 900-999 block, F St.; 8:25 p.m. Aug. 1.
- 1300-1399 block, G St.; 6:39 p.m. Aug. 6.

**PSA 202**

**FRIENDSHIP HEIGHTS / CLEVELAND PARK**

Motor vehicle theft
- 4000-4099 block, 14th St.; 2:10 a.m. Aug. 1.
- 4100-4199 block, Georgia Ave.; 4:06 p.m. July 31.
- 4200-4299 block, 16th St.; 1:17 p.m. Aug. 5.

Theft
- 4000-4099 block, Georgia Ave.; 4:06 p.m. July 31.
- 4100-4199 block, Georgia Ave.; 9:09 p.m. Aug. 3.
- 4001-4199 block, Georgia Ave.; 4:04 p.m. Aug. 4.
- 3801-3899 block, Georgia Ave.; 12:50 p.m. Aug. 5.
- 4200-4299 block, 16th St.; 1:17 p.m. Aug. 5.

**PSA 204**

**MARYLAND AVENUE HEIGHTS / CLEVELAND PARK**

Motor vehicle theft
- 4911-4999 block, Massachusetts Ave.; 6:08 p.m. Aug. 2.
- 3700-3799 block, Windom Place; 10:31 a.m. Aug. 4.
- 5000-5009 block, 44th St.; 6:01 p.m. Aug. 4.

Theft
- 5300-5399 block, Wisconsin Ave.; 8:25 p.m. Aug. 2.
- 4500-4599 block, Fort Drive; 9:29 p.m. Aug. 5.
- 5300-5399 block, Wisconsin Ave.; 7:41 a.m. Aug. 6.

**PSA 203**

**FOREST HILLS / VAN NESS CLEVELAND PARK**

Motor vehicle theft
- 3100-3199 block, Fessenden Road; 8:13 p.m. Aug. 6.

Theft
- 3319-3499 block, Connecticut Ave.; 1:43 p.m. Aug. 1.

**PSA 401**

**COLONIAL VILLAGE SHEPHERD PARK / TAKOMA**

Assault with a dangerous weapon
- 1400-1499 block, Primrose Road; 1:19 p.m. Aug. 1.

Theft
- 7500-7599 block, 8th St.; 1:41 a.m. Aug. 3.

**PSA 402**

**BRIGHTWOOD / MANOR PARK**

Sexual abuse
- 5910-5999 block, Pinney Branch Road; 5:26 a.m. Aug. 2.

Motor vehicle theft
- 3300-3399 block, Wisconsin Ave.; 5:41 a.m. Aug. 3.

Theft
- 2731-2899 block, Connecticut Ave.; 10:02 p.m. Aug. 1.
- 4100-4199 block, W St.; 2:21 p.m. Aug. 4.
- 3200-3212 block, Wisconsin Ave.; 12:03 a.m. Aug. 5.

**PSA 403**

**BRIGHTWOOD / PETWORTH**

Robbery
- 4100-4199 block, Georgia Ave.; 10:21 a.m. Aug. 1.
- 4000-4099 block, 14th St.; 9:27 a.m. Aug. 1 (with gun).

Theft from auto
- 500-699 block, Quintana Ave.; 10:09 p.m. Aug. 3.
- 5000-5009 block, 44th St.; 10:38 p.m. Aug. 2.
- 5600-5699 block, 3rd St.; 1:17 p.m. Aug. 5.
- 1300-1399 block, Randolph St.; 3:26 a.m. Aug. 6.

**PSA 404**

**14TH STREET HEIGHTS**

Assault with a dangerous weapon
- 3800-3899 block, 20th St.; 5:39 p.m. July 31.
- 1332-1399 block, Missouri Ave.; 9:39 p.m. Aug. 3.

Theft from auto
- 500-699 block, Georgia Ave.; 10:42 a.m. July 31.

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I hope everyone is enjoying the summer, it's definitely my favorite time of year. There's something about the season that brings back memories of my childhood, including the time my grandpa lived with us. He was a carpenter, and my dad and my brothers are very handy. We say sometimes that we get things done the Newland way—meaning it's not always pretty, it's probably not conventional, and it's certainly not perfect, but it's functional and done.

Growing up on a small farm, I was ready to be done with all the things that required getting my hands dirty. On the time I got to college. I can still look at a hay field and get flashes of pieces of hay poking everywhere, sweating in the high summer heat, and then sweating some more in barns with little air circulation.

So I moved to one city and then another, building a life where I spent most of my summers in buildings that have the air conditioning on too cold. One day looking for a coffee table I thought to myself, maybe I could make something nicer than what I can afford to buy. And the thought alone made me think of my grandpa who could make anything (or it seemed like it anyway). My grandpa passed away, but he seemed to be with me when I made my first coffee table (the first one, of course).

I decided to make the chairs for my parents although I had not touched my tools in a very long time. It was as much a gift to them as anything else. And I think I wanted to remind them, and myself, that my toolbox is not empty, I can still carry the same tools I grew up with. I carry their gifts, and their parents' gifts with me. I'm still discovering what my grandparents mean to me, years after they passed away. Just their presence in my life and their conversation with their friends and neighbors or teachers. I talk a lot about what makes a community, how can government support community. We know that supporting seniors is key to ensuring that our communities are strong and resilient. That's why the District of Columbia Office on Aging is so focused on programs that support our older residents as they continue living in their own homes and communities. Our network of 20 community-based organizations, including Lead Agencies in every ward are driven by the same common goal of keeping our seniors active, healthy and engaged in their communities. For as long as we can provide services that will help you remain at home, we know the entire community benefits and we are doing our part in improving the quality of life for all ages.

It's your lifetime experience, your presence, and your values that are the cornerstones of community. This summer, I encourage you to spend more time building these bonds and connecting with our younger generations. And give us a call at 202-724-5626 to learn more about DCOA programs.

Be well and remember—aging is living!
ANC 3E
AMERICAN UNIVERSITY PARK
FRIENDSHIP HILLS / TENLEYTOWN

The commission does not have a regular meeting scheduled in August. The commission will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14, at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Chevy Chase Pavilion, 4300 Military Road NW.

For details, visit anc3e.org.

ANC 3F
FOREST HILLS / NORTH CLEVELAND PARK

The commission does not have a regular meeting scheduled in August. The commission will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 19, in Room A-03, Building Hotel, Chevy Chase Pavilion, 4300 Connecticut Ave. NW.

For details, call 202-670-7262 or visit anc3f.com.

ANC 3/4G
CHEVY CHASE

The commission will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 14, at the Chevy Chase Community Center, Connecticut Avenue and McKinley Street NW.

Agenda items include:
• commissioner and community announcements.
• review of the results of the pilot survey on the future of the Chevy Chase Community Center and adoption of a plan for conducting a comprehensive survey in September.
• discussion and possible vote on whether to purchase microphones and a video camera to permit video recordings of ANC meetings beginning in September.
• discussion and possible vote on whether to purchase a copier rather than continuing to lease the equipment. For details, call 202-363-5803, email chevychaseanc3@verizon.net or visit anc3g.org.

ANC 4A
COLONIAL VILLAGE / CRESTWOOD
SHEPHERD PARK / CHEVY CHASE

Chevy Chase Citizens Association

Organized “villages” in D.C. help meet the needs of a growing population of seniors so they can successfully live in their own homes. In addition to the services we discussed in last week’s column, Northwest Neighbors Village runs a medical note-taking program for its members, funded by a grant from Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3/4G (Chevy Chase) and operated in conjunction with IONA Senior Services. Volunteers accompany members to medical appointments, take notes and provide a writeup of the visit. For details, visit wvn.org or call 202-777-3435.

There are also a number of places in our area where seniors can live in an apartment setting. These include Sunrise on Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase House; Forest Hills of DC; Forest Side, for people with memory loss; Ingsleise at Rock Creek; Knollwood, for military families; and Regency House (public housing).

The D.C. government offers some programs to help seniors make their homes more accessible and safer through projects such as installation of bathroom grab bars and stair railings; the D.C. Office on Aging will cover the cost for people with annual incomes under $67,000. As long as the proper paperwork is filed with the Office of Tax and Revenue, property taxes are cut in half for seniors with annual household incomes under $128,000, while those with incomes under $60,000 can defer their property taxes without interest until they sell their homes.

The District also operates several wellness centers offering seniors a wide range of activities, such as classes in nutrition, exercise and health. In Ward 4, the Hattey Holmes Senior Wellness Center is at 324 Kennedy St. NW. There is no such center in Ward 3, but efforts are underway to increase senior programs at the Chevy Chase Community Center at Connecticut Avenue and McKinley Street NW. The D.C. Department of Parks and Recreation has been working with seniors and will hire a senior program manager there with funds added to the city’s budget by Ward 3 Council member Mary Cheh.

The center will be one of five D.C. sites for the YMCA’s Fit and Well Seniors Program. Yoga classes, a meditation class and low-intensity exercise classes are among those being considered. Other suggestions include more classes in art and technology for seniors, as well as a better senior activities room than the one that now adjoins the center’s kitchen.

— Ted Gest and Janeen Mann

Shepherd Park Citizens Association

On Aug. 2, Shepherd Park lost Rosemary Eloise Reed Miller, one of its longtime community residents and activists. Many in D.C. knew her as the owner of the former Toast of the Town, a fried chicken business at Georgia Ave. and Stroudberries, a fashion boutique in the Dupont Circle neighborhood, which attracted famous customers like Aretha Franklin and faithful buyers from the surrounding community. Others knew her as the author of “Threads of Time: The Fabric of History.” She shared stories from the book, which highlights black designers from the 1850s to the present, on NPR and in other media. Still others met her through the Historical Society of Washington, D.C., where she directed the book and literary series in the years after she closed her shop in 2005. And black businesswoman in D.C. knew her as a strong advocate.

But for those of us who live in Shepherd Park, we knew Rosemary as a neighbor, a mother, a grandmother, a hardworking neighborhood activist and a fundraiser for community efforts. She belonged to Concerned Neighbors Inc. and served a term as its president. She loved the organization’s Valentine dance and often made an entrance in an item from her boutique. She also belonged to the Shepard Park Citizens Association and represented the organization at citywide citizen congresses.

When her two children and her grandson were attending Shepherd Elementary School, Rosemary supported them with their studies, and the school’s PTA with donations to the school’s annual auction. She was proud of her children, Sabrina and Patrick, as they found their places in business and the arts. She loved to share news of their accomplishments like her daughter’s love of music or book productions or his artist residency at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.

Rosemary was passionate about her efforts — business, community and personal. Sometimes feisty, she was a presence and she’ll be missed.

— June Confer

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Classic Northwest home features a storied past

No, George Washington did not sleep here. But Count Sergei Tolstoy — great-grandson of Leo — was a frequent overnight guest at 3201 Garfield St. NW, allegedly invited by one of the young ladies who lived there at the time. The home, built in 1922, also served as one of the original sites for NATO before it was relocated to Brussels. The property was built in 1922, also served as one of the original sites for NATO.

The property provided both office space and housing for the institution’s mission organizations. Set up on a rise and surrounded by appealingly lush and naturalistic landscaping, the elegant brick home offers three levels of living space and includes four bedrooms, four-and-a-half baths, a wood-burning fireplace, two spacious flagstone patios — one with a pergola — and a two-car garage (located right on Garfield). Unique architectural details throughout the home include archways, recessed display spaces, whimsical garden sculpture and custom cabinetry.

The property is on the market for $1,795,000. A flagstone path leads to the front door where a lanette window nicely balances out the circular steps at the entry. Inside, a marble-floored foyer opens into a circular floor plan with the formal living room to the left, the formal dining room to the right — a perfect flow for entertaining. Both rooms feature large built-in cabinets, walls of oversize windows and unique half-mirrored V-shaped bay windows that extend the space and enhance the view. The living room also includes an immense recessed brick hearth housing the wood-burning fireplace and white picture rail.

Off the dining room is a mudroom that leads into a bright and sophisticated eat-in kitchen featuring blanched white cabinets and brass hardware, a center island/breakfast bar, granite counters, extensive built-ins and a radiant-heated floor. Stainless appliances include an LG microwave, Sub-Zero refrigerator/freezer, professional oven and four-burner gas range with griddle.

Adjacent to the kitchen is a cozy, family-like room with a wall of oversized windows and built-in shelving, bookcases and cabinetry. It overlooks an outdoor dining/entertaining space, topped by a pergola and edged by elevated beds planted with trees and evergreen shrubbery.

Also on the main level is the master bedroom, which is an especially pretty half-bath with scalloped sink and commode and dark marble tile flooring. Upraisons on the second floor are three bedrooms — a master with dressing room and two guest rooms linked by a Jack-and-Jill bathroom. All the rooms feature extensive closet space and custom-built cabinetry, often with such thoughtful touches as lined jewelry drawers. There are also two offices (one with a 13-foot vaulted ceiling and clerestory windows) and a sweet little playroom with a Juliet balcony.

By far the most interesting rooms on this level are two connected master baths. One is literally a water closet, containing a totally open shower with a huge rain head showerhead, subway tile back splash, frosted skylight and floating white vanity. A pocket door reveals the second master bath, which is furnished with a Jacuzzi tub and wood-paneled surround, floating vanity and high-end chrome finishes.

The basement level includes a bedroom and three-piece en-suite bathroom, a laundry area with an Amana washer and dryer, and access to the garage. Currently one of the spaces is closed off and used as a gym and storage area.

The other space is used for parking and features an electric door. Located at the intersection of the Woodley Park, Massachusetts Avenue Heights and Cleveland Park neighborhoods, the home is convenient to the Red Line Metro stations in Cleveland Park or Woodley Park, and also convenient to the National Zoo, Washington National Cathedral, and shops and restaurants on Wisconsin and Connecticut avenues.

The home at 3201 Garfield St. NW is listed for $1,795,000 with W&C & A.N Miller Realtors, a Long & Foster Co. For more information, contact Marjorie Dick Stuart at 240-731-8079 or marjorie@marjoriedickstuart.com. For a virtual tour, visit 3201garfield.com.
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Thursday August 10

Tours
• “Visit Dupont Underground” will offer a chance to explore the city’s new-est art space — a former trolley station with 75,000 square feet of underground platforms and tunnels. 6, 7, and 8 p.m. $16. Dupont Under-ground, 1500 39th St. NW. dupontunderground.org. The tour will also be offered Thursday and Friday at 6, 7, and 8 p.m.

• A slide show and outdoor tour will focus on the Washington National Cathe-dral’s whimsical stone gargoyles and grotesques (for ages 10 and older). 6:30 p.m. $18 to $22; reservations suggest-ed. Washington National Cathedral, Mas-sachusetts and Wisconsin avenues NW. cathedral.org. The tour will also be offered Saturday at 2 p.m.

• Saxophonist, band leader and composer Sharel Cassaty will perform a blend of soul, jazz, rock, gospel, hip-hop and electronica as part of her latest project, Elektra. 6 p.m. Free. Millennium Stage, Kennedy Center. 202-467-4600.

• The U.S. Army Jazz Orchestra will perform as part of the “Sunsets With a Soundtrack” series. 8 p.m. Free. West Side, U.S. Capitol. usarmyband.com.

• “How Down Show"
down will feature the American/country band Gills & Gun (shown) (as well as The Hightellers and Sun Carra). 8:30 p.m. $12 to $14. Gypsy Sally’s, 3401 K St. NW. gypsysallys.com.

Discussions and lectures
• Emily Schutz Parsons, director and curator of the Anderson House, will discuss Ralph Ear’s portrait of Maj. James Fairlie, depicting the Revolutionary War officer in his military uniform and East winga of the Society of the Cincinnati. 12:30 p.m. Free. Anderson House, Society of the Cincinnati, 2118 Massachusetts Ave. NW. societyofthecincinnati.org.

• Paul Kingsnorth, former deputy editor of The Ecologist and co-founder of The Dark Mountain Project, will discuss his books “Confessions of a Recovering Environmentalist and Other Essays” and “Beast”. 7 p.m. Free. Politics and Prose, 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW. 202-364-1919.

Films
• “Cinéma de la révolution: America’s 1914–1919” will feature William Dieterle’s 1934 movie “Madame Du Barry,” starring Dolores del Rio as the erstwhile courtesan and Louis XI consort. 12:30 p.m. Free. East Build-ing Auditorium, National Gallery of Art, 4th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue NW. 202-842-0100.

• “Uno, Dos, Tres con Andrés!” will feature “Los Tres Amigos,” a documentary that reflects the painful reality of Yemen’s “I Am Nojoom, Age 10 and Divorced,” a true story of underage mar-riage that reflects the painful reality of Yemen’s tribal culture and the vulnerabil-ity of girls, at 7:45 p.m.; and Poland’s “Przerobił,” about the life of the pas-sionate artist Władysław Strzemiński, at 8:30 p.m. $13.50 per screening. s.si.edu/CookHistory.

• Labyrinth Games & Puzzles will present a “First-Time Homebuyer’s Credit Seminar” (in English and Spanish). Noon. Miller Jeanne Minor and the Urban League, 2901 14th St. NW. 202-265-8200.

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Saturday August 12

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Performances

• Words Beats and Life will present “Footsteps in the Dark: Journey of Hip-Hop Movement,” an original dance production showcasing the work of African-American and international dancers of Muslim backgrounds. 2 and 7 p.m. $10 to $12. Sprenger Theatre, Atlas Performing Arts Center, 1333 H St. NE. 202-399-7993.

• Stand-up comedian, writer and actor Joe Mande will perform. 8 p.m. $15 to $18. Sixth & I Historic Synagogue, 600 I St. NW. 877-987-6487.

Special events

• The Silver and Linen Guild, whose members help keep the Washington National Cathedral’s altar and worship pieces bright and beautiful, will hold a training and workshop for prospective volunteers to learn about the group’s behind-the-scenes work. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free; reservations required. Washington National Cathedral, Massachusetts and Wisconsin avenues NW. worshipoffice@cathedral.org.

• The group An Officer and Gentlewoman will host the sixth annual “Toast With the Queens,” celebrating the accomplishments of three reigning beauty queens in the Mrs. America pageant system — Mrs. DC America, Julie Ganglaff; Mrs. Pennsylvania America, Valerie Ross; and Mrs. Delaware America, Ivana Hamilton. 2 to 4 p.m. $25 to $100; reservations required. Morrison Clark Inn and Restaurant, 1011 L St. NW. tinylurl.com/ylctctf5.

• The National Capital Astronomers will present “Exploring the Sky,” featuring a night of star-gazing through the lens of a telescope. 8:30 p.m. Free. Military Field near the Picnic Grove 13 parking lot, Glover Road near Military Road NW. 202-895-6070.

Sporting event

• D.C. United will play Real Salt Lake, 7 p.m. $20 to $200. RFK Stadium, 2400 East Capitol St. SE, 800-745-3000.

• The Washington Mystics will play the Indiana Fever. 7:30 p.m. $15 to $99. Verizon Center, 601 F St. NW. 800-745-3000.

Tours

• The University of the District of Columbia will host a tour of a green roof on campus used by students as a living laboratory for rooftop urban farming and green infrastructure. 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Free; reservations required. Building 44, University of the District of Columbia, 4200 Connecticut Ave. NW. tinylurl.com/y7mvfxnt. The tour will also be offered on Sept. 23.

• Washington Walks “Get Local!” series will feature “Renewing Urban Renewal,” about development in Southwest since the 1960s. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. $15 to $20. Meet outside the Waterfront Metrorail station, washingtonwalks.com.

The Current’s Pet of the Week

From Treasure Houses of Britain to Dahigthe, 2 p.m. Free. East Building Auditorium, National Gallery of Art, 4th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue NW. 202-737-4215.

Films

• The Washington Jewish Film Festival’s series “For Your Consideration,” a sampling of recent Oscar submissions in the Best Foreign Language Film category, will feature Nepal’s “The Black Hen,” about growing up in a segregated village in northern Nepal during the Maoist insurgency, at 10:30 a.m., New Zealand’s “A Flickering Truth,” a documentary about cinematic gems of the Afghan film archives that were ignored, burned and banned by Taliban interrogation, at 3:30 p.m., Australia’s “Fanjaa” (shown), about young lovers caught between the traditions and taboos of their tribe and following their desires, at 5:30 p.m.; and Yemen’s “1 Am Najoom, Age 10 and Divorced,” a true story of underage marriage that reflects the painful reality of Yemeni tribal culture and the vulnerability of girls, at 7:45 p.m. $13 per screening. Edlavitch DC Jewish Community Center, 1529 18th St. NW. wff.org.

• The National Museum will host a “step show” performance by participants in the “Summer Steps With Step Afrika!” camp as part of its summer concert series. 2 to 3 p.m. Free. National Building Museum, 401 F St. NW. 202-272-2448.

• Poet and educator Matt Gallant will host a Jazz & Verse Open Mic event. 5 to 7 p.m. $5. Busboys and Poets Takoma, 235 Carroll St. NW. 202-726-0856.

Walk

• A park ranger will lead a walk through Georgetown Waterfront Park and discuss Georgetown’s evolution from an active port town (for ages 7 and older). 11 a.m. Free. Meet at the fountain in the Georgetown Waterfront Park, Wisconsin Avenue and K Street NW. 202-895-6070.

Monday AUGUST 14

Concerts and workshops

• The weekly “Yoga Mondays” program will feature a gentle yoga class. 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. Free. Tickets distributed at the second-floor reference desk beginning at 10:15 a.m. to the first 30 people who arrive. Tenley-Friendship Library, 235 Carroll St. NW. 202-726-0856.

• The “Marvelous Movie Monday” series will present the 2017 film “Pies.” See Events/Page 14.

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**Children’s programs**
- **Pacific Rhythm** will feature traditional dances from Hawaii, Tahiti, New Zealand, Fiji, Cook Islands and Samoa performed with authentic costumes. 10 a.m. Free. West End Interim Library, 5222 Connecticut Ave. NW. 202-282-0021.
- Alliance Française de Washington will present “Doiréns les amis,” a musical storytime featuring traditional songs and dancing. 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Free; reservations required. Alliance Française de Washington, 2142 Wyoming Ave. NW. francedc.org.

**Concerts**
- **Young Potters** presents a pottery class for ages 55 and older. 10 a.m. Free. George-town Library, 3260 R St. NW. 202-727-0232.
- **Megan Mamanu** of Yoga District will present a yoga class. 1 p.m. Free. Wattha T, Daniel/Shaw Library, 3630 7th St. NW. 202-727-1288.

**Classes and workshops**
- A certified yoga instructor will lead a beginner yoga class targeted to ages 55 and older. 10 a.m. Free. Georgetown Library, 3260 R St. NW. 202-727-0232.
- The Georgetown Library will present a walk-in yoga class practicing intro- duction to yoga techniques. 11:30 a.m. Free. Georgetown Library, 3260 R St. NW. 202-727-0232.
- **Kyle Gonzalez** of Yoga District will present a yoga class. 1 p.m. Free. Wattha T, Daniel/Shaw Library, 3630 7th St. NW. 202-727-1288.

**Discussions and lectures**
- **NASA scientist Lori Glaze** will discuss “Venus — the Forgotten, Mysterious Planet,” about what we know about Venus, what mysteries we need to solve, and what future spaceflight and instrument technologies could help us answer our questions. 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free. Pickard Theater, Madison Building, Library of Congress, 101 Independence Ave. SE. 202-707-5639.
- Raya Schwarz, beekeeper at the George Washington University Undergraduate Honey Bee Research Lab, will discuss the design evolution of modern man-made beehives. 6:30 to 8 p.m. $10 to $20. National Building Museum, 401 F St. NW. 202-272-2448.

**Performances and readings**
- A 20th anniversary celebration of “Does Your Mama Know?: An Anthology of Black Lesbian Coming Out Stories” will feature Lisa C. Moore, founder and editor of RedBone Press; Michelle Prince, black queer feminist sex and gender scholar; and Michelle Sewell, publisher of RedBone Press; Michelé Prince, editor of RedBone Press; and Michelle Sewell, publisher of RedBone Press. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. $5 to $15. Cullen Room, Busboys and Poets 5th & K, 1025 5th St. NW. 202-789-3427.

**Film**
- “Gargoyle Tower Climb” will feature a close-up look at various gargoyles and grotesques while visiting the open-air walkway wrapping around the two western towers. 6 p.m. $50; reservations required. Washington National Cathedral, 225-8333.

**Sports event**
- The Washington Nationals will play the Los Angeles Angels. 7:05 p.m. $12 to $370. Nationals Park, 1500 South Capitol St. SE. 202-633-2227. The series will continue Wednesday at 1:05 p.m.

**Tours and walks**
- U.S. Botanic Garden executive director Arl Nooy will lead a tour through the garden’s collections and share stories about his favorite plants and the institution’s history. 10:30 a.m. to noon. Free; reservations required. Meet in the Conservatory Garden Court, U.S. Botanic Garden, 105 Maryland Ave. NW. 202-225-8333.
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By ANDRIA MOORE
Current Correspondent

“Top Chef” star Brian Hill is bringing his talent for cooking back to his hometown with Chef Brian’s Comfort Kitchen due to open Thursday. Located downtown in the Golden Triangle, the restaurant will offer classic American cuisine with Caribbean and Asian influences.

Hill grew up in Petworth but has lived in Los Angeles for the past 15 years. Hill, a contestant in the first season of Bravo’s “Top Chef,” also appeared on “Bar Rescue” on Spike and was a regular on “Private Chefs of Beverly Hills” on the Food Network.

The “culinary Kanye,” as Hill calls himself, said he wants to bring his cuisine to D.C. because it is important for him to offer his community the comforts he did not have as a child. He said he wants those with lower incomes to be able to afford his food. He plans to serve dishes such as tequila-lime, oven-roasted chicken with oven-roasted mashed yams for around $12.

“I grew up poor,” Hill said. “I couldn’t graduate from college, because I couldn’t afford to pay for my books. I knew people that couldn’t afford fast casual places.”

Growing up in poverty, it was hard for Hill to imagine a life of success.

“When you come from where I come from — where they shoot at night on your block, where you used to eat Tootsie Rolls for dinner, where your mother tells you you won’t ever be anything, and you graduate from high school and are homeless — but where people kept telling me, ‘There’s something special about you,’” Hill said. “I looked around and thought, there’s something more.”

Hill’s family, including his five brothers and sisters, were evicted from their home in 2002 and began receiving welfare assistance after their father left. As an impressionable 9-year-old, Hill was left with a skewed understanding of family.

Hill started cooking around age 13. He learned how to grill and sauté, and to make meals that his younger sister would enjoy. He didn’t view cooking as a career until his “cheat day” he made her favorite meals that his younger sister would enjoy.

But Hill was skeptical, assuming the offer wasn’t concrete, but decided to show up at the address she gave him to meet the potential client. It turned out to be actor and comedian Eddie Murphy, and Hill immediately got the job.

“I cooked for him and his kids for a year,” Hill said. “I made him everything he loved and the only thing he didn’t like was cilantro.”

But Hill said it was cooking for music star Mary J. Blige that made him who he is today. Not only did she love his food, but “she taught me the art of conversation. Mary J. Blige is the reason I’m Chef Brian,” Hill said.

Hill grilled and roasted for Blige, but on her “cheat day” he would make her favorite dish: golden-fried chicken sliders with paprika and tarragon mayo, a fan favorite he plans to offer in his new restaurant.

Hill plans to do a soft-open, letting customers come in and sample his food before purchasing, saying that he hopes to offer a higher focus on customer service than other restaurants. “Is the customer always right? No, but you have to fix problems for the customer,” he said.

Hill isn’t too worried about people enjoying his food, however.

“You can’t get what I make anywhere else,” Hill said. “I’m giving what I’m giving, and you’re going to love it.”

Chef Brian’s Comfort Kitchen is scheduled to open Aug. 10 at 1020 19th St. NW.

Local Restaurant Week deals start Aug. 14
Summer Restaurant Week will return Aug. 14 through 20, with 250 restaurants in the greater Washington area offering fixed-price, multi-course meals. Participating eateries will offer $35 dinner and $22 lunch and brunch menus.

This year, Restaurant Association Metropolitan Washington, which organizes the event, is partnering with Capital Area Food Bank and participating restaurants to raise funds for area residents in need, according to a news release. Some of the restaurants involved in Summer Restaurant Week have opted to donate part of their proceeds from the week to the food bank, which helps more than 500,000 people annually get access to food through a network of 44 nonprofit partners across the region.

A list of participating restaurants and menus is available at rwdmv.com. The site also provides an option to make reservations and identifies restaurants that are partnering with the food bank.

Massage Envy launches new Tenleytown location
The Massage Envy chain opened its first D.C. franchise location last month in Tenleytown, in a 3,000-square-foot space at 4926 Wisconsin Ave. NW.

The Arizona-based franchise network is the largest employer of massage therapists and estheticians in the U.S., with over 35,000 wellness professionals and more than 1,65 million members, according to a release. After starting in 2002, the chain has now spread to 1,165 locations in 49 states. The new Tenleytown location will include Massage Envy’s new proprietary assisted stretching service, called Total Body Stretch.

The Towson, Md.-based real estate firm KLNB helped the chain find its new Tenleytown spot, according to the release.

“The neighborhood is an up-and-coming area that is growing very fast, and the new condo developments are bringing in a lot of young professional people,” said Brian Becker, a principal with KLNB.

LaCivita’s contributions to the offerings at the 1525 Wisconsin Ave. NW store include fresh doughnuts on the weekends, as well as breads and cheeses made in-house. He and his pastry team have added cannoli, sfogliatelle and other fresh Italian pastries to the store’s cafe, and they have revised the store’s a la carte menus.

New dishes include an Umbrian sausage sandwich with Taleggio, baby greens and fig jam on a multigrain roll; octopus salad cooked in its own juices with Targgiasca olives, black and white ceci beans, orange oil, arugula, red onion and tomatoes; and antipasti salad with house-made giardinere, hand-sliced meats and cheeses, and a wild Calabrese oregano vinaigrette.

LaCivita, a graduate of the New England Culinary Institute, started in the restaurant business at age 15. In addition to launching Bar Civita, he opened two Arlington eateries: The Liberty Tavern in 2007 and Lyon Hall in 2010.
Events & Entertainment

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Thornton/Sheridan Park Library, 7420 Georgia Ave NW. 202-543-6100.

Concerts
■ The Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs will host an outdoor screening of "Lilo." 8 to 10 p.m. Free. Chinatown Park, 5th Street and Massachusetts Avenue NW. 202-727-3210.
■ The French Cinematheque series will present Stéphane Brizé's film "A Woman's Life," a tale of the mentored love embodied in the restrictive social and moral codes of marriage and family in 19th-century Norway. 8 p.m. $8 to $12. 5:30. Avalon Theatres, 5612 Connecticut Ave NW. 202-969-6000.
■ The Take 5! Jazz Series will feature Gingerbread, a collaboration between saxophonist Brad Linde and trumpeter Carol Morgan with Kris Monson on bass, Derick Dickerson on drums and special guest Carla Davis on alto saxophone and flute. 5 to 7 p.m. Free. Foggy Bottom/Wyoming Ave NW. 202-724-8707.
■ The Takoma Park Library's Adult Book Club will discuss "The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo" by Stieg Larsson. 7 p.m. Free. Takoma Park Library, 416 Cedar St NW. 202-576-7252.
■ The Takoma Park Library's Adult Book Club will discuss "This Island Earth," starring Robert Mitchum, Fred MacMurray and Jane Greer, with Grgich Hills wine offerings. 6 p.m. $30 plus tax and gratuity; reservations required. Cafe du Paris, The West End Intercontinental, 1401 Pennsylvania Ave NW. 202-942-7100.

Discussions and lectures
■ The Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs will host a tai chi class. 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Free. Chinatown Park, 5th Street and Massachusetts Avenue NW. 202-727-3210.
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■ The Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs will host a tai chi class. 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Free. Courtyard Marriott, 5th Street and Massachusetts Avenue NW. 202-727-3210.

Special events
■ The mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs will host a tai chi class. Noon to 1 p.m. Free. Woodrow Wilson Plaza, Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave NW. 202-312-1300.

Children's programs
■ "An American Indian Experience" will have participants make a clay pot, practice safety archery and listen to a Piscataway story (for ages 8 and older), 10 a.m. Free. West End Intercontinental, 1401 Pennsylvania Ave NW. 202-942-7100.

Sports events
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■ The guitar and vocal duo Max Hatt/Edda Gjas (shown), grand prize winners of the 2014 NewSong Music competition, will share the stage with the musician JB3 Shogren, a finalist in the 2016 NewSong competition. 6:30 p.m. Free. Millennium Stage, Kennedy Center. 202-467-4600.
■ The 19th Street Band will perform at a concert benefiting the Buy the Lady a Drink campaign to help provide clean drinking water to women in Uganda. 6 to 9 p.m. Free admission; $20 donation covers a chalice and a Stella Artois, $60 donation covers unlimited food and drink, 201 Bar, 201 Massachusetts Ave NE. Tickets: concerts.atpontonline.com. 202-546-8412.

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■ "The President’s Own" U.S. Marine Band will perform. 8 p.m. Free. Foggy Bottom/Wyoming Ave NW. 202-724-8707.

Fermentation Nation” will look at the influence of fermentation in American culinary history from beer and wine to pickling and preserving, 6:30 to 9 p.m. $40, which includes two drinks, and a plate of garden-fresh food. Second/Rownt West Terrace, National Museum of American History, Constitution Avenue between 12th and 14th streets NW. americahistory.si.edu/events/food/garden.

Tour
■ U.S. Botanic Garden facility manager Ian Donegan will lead a behind-the-scenes tour of the operations of the U.S. Botanic Garden. 10:45 to 11:45 a.m.; free; registration required. Meet in the Conservatory Garden Court, U.S. Botanic Garden, 200 Maryland Ave SW. 202-225-8333.

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Films
■ "Two Film Guys From the Hill" will feature Joseph Sargent’s 1974 film "The Taking of Pelham 123," about an audacious hijacking of a New York City subway train. A Q&A with Mike Cappello and Tom Zaniello will follow. 7 to 9 p.m. Free. reservations suggested. Hill Center at the Old Naval Hospital, 291 Pennsylvania Ave NW. Hillcenterdc.org.

Special events
■ The Library of Congress' summer film series will feature the 1984 version of "Ghostbusters." 8 p.m.; free; reservations suggested. North Lawn, Jefferson Building, 1st and State St. loc.gov.
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