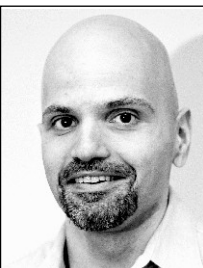


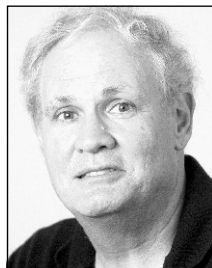
Keeping in Touch

Montgomery County Neighbors

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Things to Do

Special Events

Creating Keepsakes Scrapbook Convention

Workshops, demonstrations, lectures, vendor faires, contests & more. Valley Forge Convention Center, 1160 First Ave., King of Prussia; 801-330-2434. www.ckscrapbookevents.com. \$9; classes & activities sold separately. 7/31 9 am. 8/1-8/2 8:30 am.

Derek Lee's Almost Famous Up & coming acts from ABC, HBO & Comedy Central. Keswick Theatre, 291 Keswick Ave., Glenside; 215-572-7650.

Gallagher Sellersville Theater 1894, Main St. & Temple Ave., Sellersville; 215-257-5808. www.gallaghersmash.com. \$35. 8/9 6 pm.

Million Dollar 9 Ball Shootout Top pros compete. Also features amateur competition. Valley Forge Convention Center, 1160 1st Ave., King of Prussia; 609-652-6116, 910-616-5665. www.MillionDollar9Ball.com. \$10. 8/6-8/10 11 am-11 pm.

Pennsylvania State Hog Rally Welcome wagon, registration, parties, bike games & more. Valley Forge Convention Center, 1160 1st Ave., King of Prussia; RSVP required: 877-RALLY-PA. www.pastatehogrally.com. \$40. 8/7-8/9 8 am.

Taste the Harvest Sponsored by Maple Acres Farm & Trax Cafe. Chef Steve Waxman prepares & cooks the day's harvest. Maple Acres Farm, 2656 Narcissa Rd., Plymouth Meeting; 610-828-7395; 215-591-9777. www.mapleacresfarmmarket.com. 8/2 noon-2:30 pm.

Unity Picnic Picnic event for those interested in freethought & humanist philosophies. Grilled items, children's activities. Fort Washington State Park, 500 S. Bethlehem Pike, Fort Washington; 877-994-8626; www.fsgrp.org. www.phillycor.org. Donation suggested: \$5. 7/27 1-5 pm.

Trips

Bristol Township Senior Center 2501 Bath Rd., Bristol; 215-785-6322. www.btscenter.com. Trip to Wildwood - Four days/five nights incl. four breakfasts, two dinners + a show, lunch at Renault Winery, visit to Smithville & sightseeing. \$335-\$415. 9/7-9/11.

Lancaster's American Music Theatre. 579. 9/17 8:45 am.

Prudential Retirees Assn. Canadian Rockies - 8-day trip including 2 days aboard the Rocky Mountaineer Train, Icefields Parkway, Vancouver & more. Hotels include Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise. Open to all. 215-657-0179. \$2,549. 10/5-10/12.

Sacred Heart Social Club 105 Wilson Ave., Havertown; 610-355-7513. New Hampshire - Fall foliage in the Scenic White Mountains & Lake Winnepesaukee area. 9/30-10/4. Day Trip to Hunterdon Hills Dinner Theater - Christmas revue. 12/1.

St. James Catholic High School Alumni Association-Sponsored Trips 610-566-1080. Cruise Ireland, Northern Ireland, Holland & Norway. Celebrity's "msCentury" incl. air & ins. From \$2989. pp dbl. occ. 8/20-8/31. Bermuda Cruise from Phila., "NCL Majesty", ins. From \$859. pp. dbl. occ. 9/6-9/13. San Francisco, Yosemite Nat'l Park & Napa Valley, ins. \$1479. pp. dbl. occ. 9/14-9/19. World War 11 European Guided tour, incl. air, hotels, tours, ins. \$4129. pp. dbl. occ. 9/17-9/25. Italy, Guided Tour, incl air from Phila., 1st class hotels, tours, ins. \$3489. pp. dbl. occ. 9/19-9/27. New England/Canada Cruise from Phila., ins., From \$879. pp. dbl. occ. 10/18-10/25. Hawaii, non-stop air/land, hotel oceanview, meals, ins. \$1785. pp. dbl. occ. 10/17-10/25. Cruise from Phila. to Caribbean & return by train to Charleston, S.C. \$1799. pp. dbl. occ. 11/1-11/15. South American Cruise, aboard NCL Sun, visit Chile, Argentina, Falkland Islands, Uruguay & cruise Cape Horn. From \$3645. pp. dbl. occ. 11/22-12/7.

In Concert

ABBA: The Music Keswick Theatre, 291 Keswick Ave., Glenside; 215-572-7650. www.arrival.se. \$37.50. 7/29 8 pm.

Alex DeGrassi, Guitarist/Tim Farrell Sellersville Theater 1894, Main St. & Temple Ave., Sellersville; 215-257-5808. www.st94.com. \$25. 8/2 8 pm.

Appetite for Destruction Keswick Theatre, 291 Keswick Ave., Glenside; 215-572-7650. www.notquitegrn.com. \$25. 8/7 8 pm.

Asylum Street Spankers/The Wiyos Sellersville Theater 1894, Main St. & Temple Ave., Sellersville; 215-257-5808. www.st94.com. \$25. 8/2 8 pm.

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News

Local News in Brief

Animal-rights group lauds turtle's young protector

Seven-year-old Ashraya Ananthanarayanan has been honored by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) for persuading the parents of two boys who captured a protected turtle to return the animal to the wild.

The Collegeville resident received the Compassion Kid Award for her efforts.

According to Ashraya, a small turtle that had been living in a nest in her friend's backyard had ventured out into the open. Her friend's brother captured the turtle and confined it to a small box.

Ashraya knew that keeping wild animals as pets without a permit violates state law, so she pleaded with the boy's parents to let the animal go. Ashraya informed them of the state law, and the parents had their son release the turtle back into the wild.

"Thanks to Ashraya's compassion — not to mention her considerable powers of persuasion — this little turtle's ordeal had a happy ending," PETA vice president Daphna Nachminovitch said in a statement.

"At the young age of 7, she knows that all animals treasure their freedom, and she has set a great example for kids and adults alike to take the time to help an animal in distress," Nachminovitch said.

Ashraya will receive a framed certificate and thank-you card signed by PETA staffers.

Schuylkill River Trail receives an addition

The Schuylkill River Heritage Area this month dedicated a new, 0.68-mile addition to the Schuylkill River Trail's Thun section in Birdsboro.

The addition completes the trail's Pottstown-to-Reading section.

The trail, which begins at Riverfront Park in Pottstown, now includes a Birdsboro section with a link along Armorcast Road. From there, directional signs have been erected along a four-mile, on-road piece linking Birdsboro to Gibraltar.

The trail then runs an



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additional 6.75 miles to Reading Area Community College. The completion of the new Birdsboro piece and the installation of on-road signs make it much easier for hikers and bikers to follow the trail 19 miles from Pottstown to Reading.

Greg Flynn, owner of the former Armorcast property, on Armorcast Road, agreed to allow the nonprofit Schuylkill River Heritage Area to build the trail on his property and to access it from the privately owned Armorcast Road.

The addition consists of about 0.28 miles of new crushed stone trail and 0.40 miles along Armorcast Road. Construction was done by Barwis Construction of Limekiln for \$28,000.

North Penn foundation awards health grants

The North Penn Community Health Foundation recently awarded 16 grants totaling \$406,000 to local nonprofit organizations that aid at-risk populations.

The grants will support health-related programs in the North Penn community. The largest awards were:

- A total of \$94,500 over one year to the Greater North Penn Collaborative for Health and Human Services to identify teaching and supportive learning strategies that can expand the impact of the North Penn Nonprofit Academy leadership programs; also, to assess the impact Academy programs have made on local nonprofit organizations over the

- last four years.
- A total of \$61,000 over two years to Generations of Indian Valley to pilot an innovative dining and nutrition program for boys and girls participating at the Indian Valley Boys & Girls Club in Souderton.
- A total of \$40,600 over one year to the Indian Creek Foundation in Souderton to support a pilot adaptive communications project.
- A total of \$40,000 over one year to Schwenckfeld Manor in Lansdale to support partially a partnership with Community Home Services in which a full-time home health aide will be stationed at the Manor.
- A total of \$34,900 over one year to the Harleysville Senior Center in support of the development of a communications, branding and marketing strategy.
- A total of \$27,500 over one year to the Montgomery County Community College Foundation in continued support of the Eliminating Dental Caries across the Lifespan project.
- A total of \$23,200 over two years to New Life Youth and Family Services in Schwenksville to bolster a gardening project designed to help residents experience what is involved with growing, harvesting and eating fresh vegetables.
- A total of \$20,000 over one year to Contact of Greater Philadelphia to support the needs of 72 North Penn clients and to design and implement a plan to ensure their continued care and support.

— Gene D'Alessandro